



MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT

Be My Valentine

39/12

February 2014

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440

E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com

St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Phone 446-2161

Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu Ph. 228-3451

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707

Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391

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

Sat 1st **Freedom Day ~ President Lincoln approves 13th Amendment abolishing slavery 1865**

Sun 2nd **Groundhog Day**

5th Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station
 Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library
 Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym
 Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym

7th **Bobcat Hunting Ends**

Sat 8th **Boy Scouts Founded 1910**

Sun 9th **Red & Gray Fox Hunting Season Ends**

10th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building
 Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont
 Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford
 Selectmen's meeting, Town Office **Thomas Alva Edison Founder General Electric 1847**

12th Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station
 Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station
 Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library
 ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **Abraham Lincoln 1809**

13th Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations Mt. Holly & Belmont **Boston Latin School 1635**

14th **St. Valentine's Day ~ League of Women Voters Formed 1920**

Sat 15th **Susan B. Anthony Women's Rights Leader 1820**

17th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office **Presidents' Day**

18th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont

20th Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations

Two Rivers SU Meeting, TRSU Conference Room **1st American to orbit Earth John Glenn on Friendship 7, 1962**

Sat 22nd **George Washington 1732**

Sun 23rd **Battle of Iwo Jima 1945**

24th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

BR Middle High School Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym

25th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Station **Levi Strauss 1829**

26th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

BR Middle High School Meeting, BRMHS Library

27th **US Supreme Court Upholds 19th Amendment Women's' Right To Vote 1922**

28th **Otter Trapping Season Ends**

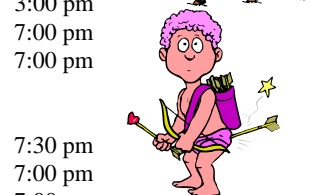
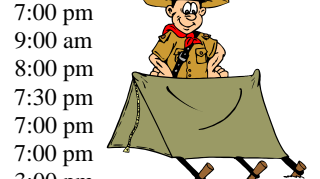
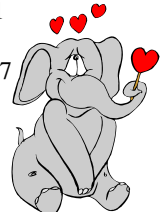
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Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Dana Joval	259-2460 802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	802-245-4452	802-786-4404	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly mhconstable@yahoo.com	802-786-4404		Vermont State Police	773-9101

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

Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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February Birthdays: 2nd -Justin Bussino (2004) 4th -Chris Charuk 5th -Pat Marro 6th -Candance Bussino 8th -Alyssa Collins * Debbie Pearce 9th -Emma Coldwell 10th -Amy Perrino * Jack Koponen 11th -Mary Desautels 16th -Michele Tattoli Colm 18th -Andy Bolalek * Peggy Taylor 19th -Dennis Turco * Denise Turco 20th -Barbara Palotta 21st -Ben Veysey 22nd -Susan Horsman 23rd -Jerome Brown 25th -Meghan Garrow 27th -Mary Crawford * Steven Radonis



February Anniversaries: 17th -Lisa & Todd Bussino (1990) 23rd -Raymond & Clarise Dana 65 Yr 27th -John & Carol Delaney 28th -Andy & Teresa Bolalek

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

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Post Master:

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Post Master: Jane Hill

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Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

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Sat 8:00 am – 10:30 am

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Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am



Congratulations to Robert Schieble

He will be Retiring On January 31st from his many years of service as Postal Carrier for East Wallingford, Belmont and Mount Holly

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E-mail or mail articles on Town news, events, and issues; op-eds and essays; poems, jokes, recipes, nature observations, reviews, obituaries, remembrances. Include name, address, and phone number. Anonymous articles will not be accepted. Mailed copies should be camera-ready, i.e., ready to be scanned into the paper. Contact the editor for further information. Contact the editor for inclusion in the coming month's announcements of birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, retirements, and other milestones.

PHOTOS: Color photos of events are welcome as they look great on the Chit Chat web edition

LETTERS to the EDITOR: email; suggested 300 word limit; include name, address, and phone number. Letters are subject to editing for reasons of space and clarity. Requests for anonymity will be considered by the Editor.

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INTERNET: Each month's edition is published on the Mount Holly Town website: www.mounthollyvt.org

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

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

ORGANIZATION SUPPORT: The Mount Holly Chit Chat has been published each month since 1974 and has been supported solely by donations until 2006 when readership was expanded as a public service to all who reside, vote, or own property in Mount Holly. The Chit Chat is supported by donations, advertisements, and a grant from the Town

Happy 40th Birthday
Mount Holly Chit Chat
From
Mount Holly Chit Chat
Staff

Happy 40th Anniversary
Mount Holly Chit Chat

From
Mount Holly Chit Chat Staff
3379 Shunpike Road
Mount Holly, VT 05758
802-259-2314

Mount Holly Chit Chat 40th Celebration
Deadline February 22nd For The March Issue

It's Coming in March ... The Big "4-0"!!!! In celebration of the Mount Holly Chit Chat's 40th Birthday, the March 2014 issue of the Chit Chat will be a commemorative, full color edition celebrating

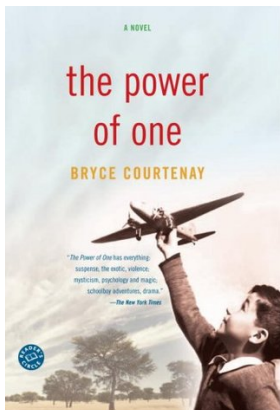
this milestone! It will include highlights from the very first issues and from past issues spanning all 4 decades. The 40th Birthday Chit Chat will truly be a keepsake in **FULL COLOR!**

The Chit Chat will be selling advertising Congratulation Spots as shown here. The business card size will be \$40, the smaller size \$20 and a listing similar as the Business Roster listing for \$10. Your family, business or organization can join in the celebration by wishing the

Chit Chat a Happy Birthday in the March edition. Whatever you choose to do. The proceeds will go toward the production of this commemorative issue as well as production upgrades to the Chit Chat each and every month.

The Chit Chat has provided monthly issues since its beginning on March 10th, 1974 and is proud to be one of the oldest town publications in the State of Vermont. Come and be an important part of this 40th celebration. Reserve your Congratulation Spot now by sending your tax deductible donation along with your special tag to: Mount Holly Chit Chat 40th Celebration, 3379 Shunpike Road, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Email chitchat@vermontel.net or call 802-259-2314.

Mount Holly Library Reading Group



Cabin Fever? Come join the Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group on February 12th at Minga's on 1040 Straight Road, Belmont. We are reading *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay for our February 12th meeting. Copies of the books are available from Jane at the post office. Call Minga at 259-2471

with any questions.

A Message from Constable Faenza

I would like to thank all residents for keeping a watchful eye this past year. Many of you called either myself or the State Police to report suspicious activity. Whether it be a suspicious vehicle or person, an open door, or providing information on illegal drugs, possible fraud or illegal dumping. All your calls are important, and I will respect your confidentiality. If something or someone doesn't look right to you, make the call, it's essential to keeping our families and community safe. I look forward to serving you in the future. To report suspicious activity call VSP 773-9101, and/or Constable Faenza 786-4404 (24hr pager) or 245-4452. I can also be contacted via email at mhconstable@yahoo.com

POLITICAL FORUM SET FOR
Saturday JANUARY 25th, AT 2 P.M.
Mount Holly Town Office

A political forum on the issues in Montpelier will be held at the Mount Holly Town Clerk's Office on Saturday, January 25 at 2 p.m. In attendance will be our **Senator Alice Nitka from Ludlow** and **Representative Dennis Devereux from Mount Holly**. They will discuss their understanding of bills that will likely have serious consideration, and some other important issues. We invite the public to join us with your questions for the Senator and the Representative, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. It will be hosted by the Mount Holly Republican Committee. Refreshments will be provided.



George C. Covalla Jr.



George C. Covalla Jr., 66, of Mount Holly, VT, died Saturday, December 21, 2013, at Rutland Regional Medical Center, surrounded by family after a brief illness.

He was born August 2, 1947, in Clearfield, PA, to George C. Covalla Sr. and Elizabeth (Waterworth) Covalla.

He graduated from Bryant College with a B.A. in Business, and was the owner and operator of the Belmont General Store from 1980 to 1986.

He was a member of several Mount Holly organizations, including the Odd Fellows, Volunteer Fire Department, Planning Commission, and Cemetery Commission, and was an employee of Bennington Furniture in Rutland, VT, at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Coldwell Covalla, and his sons, George C. Covalla III of Los Angeles, CA, Derek M. Covalla of Middletown, NY, Kristopher A. Covalla of Mount Holly, VT, and Sean F. Covalla, his wife Laura Covalla, and their son Samuel Covalla of Thetford, VT. He is also survived by his brother, Thomas Covalla and his sister-in-law, Susan Covalla of Durham, NC, as well as six nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, George C. Covalla Sr. and Elizabeth (Waterworth) Covalla, and by his brothers, William Covalla and John Covalla.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held at the Mount Holly Community Center (below the library) in Belmont, VT, Sunday, December 29, 2013, from 1 to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of the following organizations: Mount Holly Library, Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Mount Holly Ladies Auxiliary, Mount Holly Community Center, or the Mount Holly Odd Fellows. Please make checks payable to the organization of your choice and send either directly to the organization or to Susan Covalla at P.O. Box 162, Belmont, VT 05730.



Thank You!

My family and I would like to thank all the people that came to the Celebration of Life for my husband George. It was really a wonderful turnout, especially since it was during the holidays when everyone has so much else to do! The baked goods were delicious, and again so many of you brought something - I don't know all the people that did, but we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts - truly again much more than we could have imagined! The support from everybody is overwhelming too! We have received many cards from so many people close and far away that had kind words or remembrances of George. Truly I live in a wonderful place! Sorry this is a little late in coming, but I am still sorting things out. Sue Covalla and family - Kristopher, George III, Derek, Sean, Laura & Samuel



BE MORE TECH SAVVY!

Can you answer these questions?

What is **SnapChat** and why has it led to an increase of Teen Sexting?

Why are many teens using **Kik** as a new messaging app?

How can you set your **home modem** to restrict when your child is online?

Do you know the signs and symptoms of **Internet Addiction**?



LEARN HOW TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR TEENAGER'S LIFE ONLINE.

Parent Night at Black River School

Sessions in:

- ❖ Tech Tips for Parents ❖ Internet Addiction
- ❖ Teenage Trends in Social Media ❖ Education & Technology

Monday, January 27, 2014

Free dinner at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Center followed by the programs at the high school at 5:45 p.m. Come early! Dinner limited, first come, first served.

All attendees will have a
Chance to win a gas card!

Food provided by an Okemo
Mountain Challenge Grant

Childcare provided



Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, December 4 at the Black River High School Library with the LES and U39 boards. The boards discussed the Two Rivers SU meetings and professional development and technology initiatives that the SU schools are looking into. The board also discussed the town informational meeting regarding the proposed property for the new town garage. The board discussed their options regarding subscribing to Foundation Search, a tool to help the school earn grant money.

The board also began budget discussions. The business manager, Mr. Adams, noted that not all of the figures have been finalized at this point, but most of his estimates are pretty close to the anticipated final numbers. Mr. Adams also reported on some changes in the SU budget that will affect Mt. Holly's budget. Mr. Hutt Vater recognized BRHS senior Morgan Kathan for her work on Coats for Kids, a community service project in which she raised a significant amount of money and was able to purchase new winter coats for 45 students.

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Ludlow Elementary School. Mr. Williams also presented Mr. Dave Venter with a certificate from the VT School Boards Association commending him for his many years of dedicated service to the students in Mount Holly.

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, January 8 at the Ludlow Elementary School Multipurpose Room with the LES and U39 boards. The boards discussed the recent school cancellations and the issues they are working to resolve with School Reach to make sure that families are notified of school closings and delays. The board heard a presentation from Colin McKaig, English teacher at Black River High School, regarding his work with the Rowland Foundation. He is looking to further integrate mobile technology into the curriculum.

The board heard from Jeff Teter regarding the purchase/lease of the property for the new town garage. They thanked him for his well-thought-out words. The school board voted unanimously to sell the town the piece of property in discussion for the purpose of building a new town garage. The property would be sold for the sum of \$15,000 plus another \$35,000 to be paid toward the installation of a mutually beneficial solar panel array to be located near the town office and for the town to help rebuild the outdoor classroom. The article will be presented to the voters at the annual meeting for them to decide.

The board set the announced tuition rate for FY15 and finalized the budget that they will present to the voters at the annual meeting. Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the grant writing program that they are raising money for. He also reported on the new security door progress.

The next meeting will be on February 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Holly Elementary School.

Mount Holly Art Group

The Mount Holly Art group is planning a reception to show the work that we do in our class. It will be from 7-9 pm on Friday February 28th at the Mount Holly Community Center. Five artists will contribute their work. We continue to meet every Saturday 10:30 to 12:30 in the community room and we welcome new members. No experience is necessary. The only requirement is a desire to see and learn. The sessions are free of charge. Madeleine Fay



DARE Program In Mount Holly School

The DARE program has started in Mount Holly School's 6th grade class, thanks to the cooperative efforts of The Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) and Chief Jeffrey Billings of the Ludlow Police Department. Our Constable, Paul Faenza, who works part time for Ludlow PD, and BRACC, was recently certified as a DARE instructor, after completing a two week training in New Hampshire. He will take over as DARE Instructor in Ludlow Elementary School, a position that Chief Billings has fulfilled for the past twenty years. DARE will also be implemented in the 7th Grade at Black River Middle School at the beginning of February.

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) was first implemented in 1983. It is now taught in all 50 states and 49 other countries. All curricula are science-based, age appropriate, and written by a national panel of curriculum and prevention experts. The D.A.R.E. curricula meets the core educational standards of health, language arts, and math. For more information please visit www.dare.org.

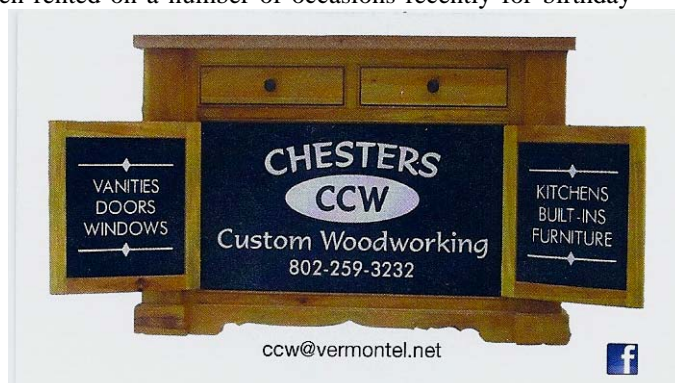
Have you ever wished you felt more confident pruning your apple trees? If your answer is yes, then consider signing up for a **PRUNING WORKSHOP**, being offered in Shrewsbury. The **Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education** is sponsoring two 1 ½ hour sessions with orchardist Scott Bolotin, co-owner of Morning Star Nursery and Perennials and in Rockingham. The workshop date is Sunday February 23rd (rain date Sunday March 2nd). The first session will run from 10:30-12:00 am., the second from 12:30-2:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person, space is limited to 15 people per session, please register early to ensure a place. Meeting location to be announced. Call 492-3550 or email sagevermont@gmail.com to sign up and for more details. Watch the March Chit Chat for information about our upcoming grafting workshop and scion wood swap!!!

Mount Holly Community Association

New Year's Eve at Star Lake, sponsored jointly by the Sno*Drifters and the Mount Holly Community Association, was an outstanding success! Although there was a smaller crowd than last year due to the frigid temperatures, the 100+ people who came thoroughly enjoyed the hot cocoa and mulled wine, provided by the MHCA, and the bon fire and incredible fire works display, complements of the Sno*Drifters. We would like to extend many thanks to all of the Sno*Drifters, who made the spectacular fireworks display possible. Also, many thanks to Robin Nelson, Jess Alberty, and Mike Smelser of the MHCA for providing the refreshments and the magically lit backdrop for the celebration. Although the ice was too thin for skating this year, it didn't dim the celebratory spirits of the many people, who welcomed in the New Year as part of the Mount Holly community!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake was the last MHCA event of the year until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring, but we hope that the entire community will make use of the beautifully renovated Community Room on the lower level of the Library & Community Center Building. Currently, it is used on a weekly basis by the Play Group, the Yoga group, the Mount Holly Folk Group, Bone Builders, and the art classes. It has also been rented on a number of occasions recently for birthday parties, showers, and other events. If you are interested in using the room, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562) or the librarian, Lynne Herbst (259-3707) to check on the schedule.

This will be our last call for membership in the MHCA for the 2013 – 2014 year. Reminder letters were recently sent out to a number of people who were members last year, but had not signed up for this year as yet. The MHCA is *your* community association and it needs your support to carry on its work sponsoring events for the entire town and to maintain the beautiful, historic building that houses the library and community room. Membership forms are available in the general store and the library. Thank you for your support!



SUPPORT THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

The building that houses the library is owned by the Town of Mount Holly and for many years was the Mount Holly Town Hall and Library. For 18 years the Mount Holly Community Association has taken responsibility for the repair and upkeep of the building. Not only have community members worked tirelessly to keep the building functioning but have also twice raised money and accomplished major renovations to create an amazing Community Center. Each year the MHCA saves the town over \$9,000 for heat, electricity, maintenance and upkeep so that you, the taxpayers, are only asked to pay \$8,000 to have a full service library. Your library board of trustees asks that you support our request for funds by voting YES on article #7. Thank you. Board of Directors: President Susan Presson, Vice President Joan Bradley, Secretary Minga Dana, Treasurer Paul Tesik, Members at large: Nancy Connor, Joan McCallum, Candace Neary, Stephanie Smith and Emma Vastola



Mount Holly Town Library



**Good Books, Good Times
And A Good Deal More**

Voters in Mt. Holly recognized the value of their library and supported it since 1914. \$8,000 is a very small price to pay for one of Mount Holly's greatest resources. We urge voters to continue that support and vote yes for the many services the Library provides.

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Computer Intern Makes A Difference: Every Sunday from 1 to 4 Karen Steever has been helping Mount Hollyites with computer questions. This is a free service that we will have until June. Most people have been making appointments that last an hour. Each Sunday she has had students for the full 3 hours. Some folks have chosen to come back to work on particular projects. This is a fabulous opportunity for you to figure out those frustrating tech questions. She can help you with ipads, ipods, ebooks, tablets, iphones and laptops. Some questions have easy answers and simply know where to look for the answer. Don't let lack of know-how keep you from getting the most out of your tech device. All levels of ability are invited, even people who aren't sure how to turn their computer on. If you have further questions about the program email Lynne at lherbst@vermontel.net or call 259-2823.

New Volunteer: Welcome to new volunteer Susan Hamilton. Susan has long been a home owner in Mount Holly but moved here permanently six months ago. Susan is an avid reader and supporter of the library. We thank her for joining our staff of volunteers. We are happy to have new volunteers. We have a wonderful system for signing up for hours on line and learning the new automation system has been easy. We encourage folks that may have two hours a month they can devote to working at the desk checking books in and out to join us. It's a great way to meet new people and keep abreast of all the new books.

Universal Class: Last month I talked about how patrons have been able to download audio books through the library for the last 2 years. I would also like to tell you again about Universal Class that has been available for 2 years. Universal Class offers patrons a unique

**May I Always Remember
To:**

- Encourage youth.
- Find the time.
- Keep a promise.
- Forego a grudge.
- Forgive an enemy.
- Listen.
- Think first of someone else.
- Laugh a little.
- Gladden the heart of a child.
- Take pleasure in the beauty
And wonder of the earth.
- Speak your love.
- Speak it once again.

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computer and your assigned numbers provided by the Mt. Holly Library. Stop by the library for the details on Universal Class.

- **Playgroup – Every Tuesday 10 am - Birth to 5 year olds**
- **Folk Club – Every Monday – 7 pm**
- **Middle East Study Group – Second Thursday of the Month – 6 pm**
- **Library Board Meeting – Third Wednesday of the month – 7 pm**



Hello Snowmobilers,

Unfortunately our trails are closed and we are patiently waiting for a big storm in the near future. On the positive side remember February and March are usually our snow months, so it's not over yet. Have you seen our T-shirts yet? T-Shirt are being sold at the Belmont Store for \$20.00, don't delay they are going fast. Weather permitting we are still planning on our Annual Poker Run on February 15th. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with the last sled out at 11:00 AM. All Poker Run Players must be back at the Odd Fellows Hall in



Belmont by 3:30 PM, and winners will be announced around that time. We will also have a BBQ during this event and will provide beverages and sell our T-shirts.

Our next meeting has changed to this Sunday, January 26th at the Belmont Fire Station, 8:00 AM instead of next Sunday. Next Sunday is the tri-state ride where you can ride VT, NH and Maine with your VAST TMA (see your VAST news for more details). Feel free to call or e-mail me for more information. Mary Alberty, Secretary 802-259-2900

DO YOU HAVE A DIGITAL CAMERA YOU ARE NO LONGER USING?

**Then please consider donating your
old digital camera to the
Mount Holly Elementary School!!**

The Mount Holly Elementary School
is seeking donations of
DIGITAL CAMERAS
in good working condition
for a new after school program in photography

Students will learn about the techniques of photography
and through photography will also learn
how to capture and appreciate the world around them

This new program is in conjunction with the
Parent Teacher Student Association and The Mount Holly Community
Association

Students will also be encouraged to enter their photos in the
Mount Holly Photo Contest

Donations of memory cards will also be appreciated
Please also include your camera's battery charger
Donations of a zoom lens or a wide-angle lens
would be a fabulous bonus!!

For more information or to make a donation please contact
Karen Leonard at karen@karenleonardphotography.com (259-6045)
or Janet Warren at janetwarren72@hotmail.com (259-2007)

Many thanks in advance for your help with this special new program!



Mount Holly 2015 Calendar

Congratulations to the photographers whose photos will be in the 2015 Mount Holly Calendar. You can see their photos here in the Chit Chat and soon on the Mount Holly website in color.

It's not too early to start taking photos for the 2014 Photo Contest! Should be some great winter photos now – we always need three to five winter photos for the calendar so a winter photo has a good chance of getting in the calendar. We love having vertical photos too but remember only two usually get in the calendar each year - there are sometimes exceptions, but horizontal photos do have a better chance of getting in the calendar.

Again, congratulations to the 2015 Mount Holly calendar photographers.

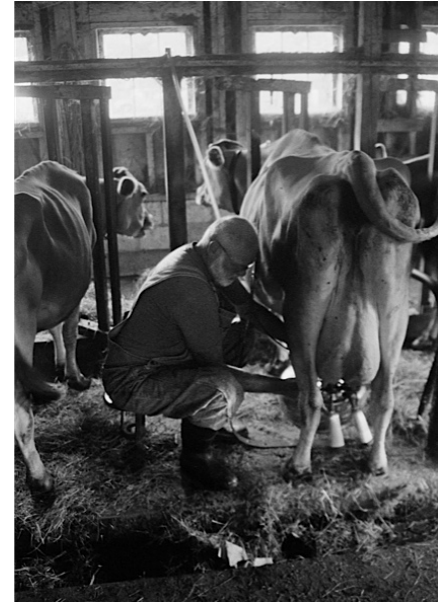
Cover: Autumn Splendor, Janet Warren



Page 1: Mystic, Klaus Steinhauer



Page 2: Priscilla & Phoebe, Tyler Lyon



January: Winter Feast, Angelo Centini



February: Blow Ye Winds Blow, Susan Presson



March: Maple Moon, Jacob Mailhiot



April: Spring Cardinal, Aisy Kelley



May: Spring on the Farm, Marcy Tanger



June: Verdant Vision, Mary Leonard



July: Summer Garden, Matthias Weiter



Aug: Sea of Susans, Sean Covalla



Sept: Mother Nature's Rainbow, Beth Chase



Oct: Tractor in the Cornfield, Josh Cohen



Nov: Change is Going to Come, John McClure



Dec: Holiday Homecoming, Karen Leonard



Back Page: Waterfall, Linda Weltner



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New Neighbors and Old Stone *by Linda Lampert*

I see black windows from the roadside,
a strange car parked beside the road.

A new house looms in the rear, unlike your own,
the roof so high only a bird can see the hill behind it.

I try to reconcile the past, and tell the neighbors all about you,
our friendship, who was here, the history of our neighborhood.

They nod but don't really seem to care.
They're here now, that's all that counts.

Later, inside the town museum, I come across a photograph
of the old farm back in the heyday of the dairy farms,
of a house situated on a dirt road.

Instantly I recognize the homestead,
despite the altered landscape and lack of woods
there's the farmhouse flanked by rolling hills
and scattered tree clusters.

How hard these farmers worked to cultivate the land,
piles of old stone walls attest to it, and rusty pieces
of lingering barbed wire. And when we came here

We harvested the land all over again, pried up the buried stone,
loosed it from beneath the brush, we tilled the soil, tended it
and constructed new stone walls beside the old.

time, the Community Association has not asked for a single dollar from the town, so the extensive renovations that have been on-going for the past 17 years have been completed without taxing the people of Mount Holly.

In that time, the old slate roof was replaced, the library was completely renovated and, most recently the lower level was renovated and a bathroom installed in the building for the first time. All of this work was accomplished through the extensive fund raising efforts of the MHCA, the financial contributions and in-kind donations of many members of the Mount Holly community, and through generous foundation grants, which were sought by the Board members of the Community Association. It was a real community effort, driven by the MHCA that made this work possible.

Major capital projects are one thing, but on-going maintenance is another responsibility that the MHCA has taken on. As anyone who owns a property knows, the bills just keep coming in! That is why support for the MHCA through membership and active response to its fund raising events is so crucial. We have gratefully received generous support from many members of this community, but truthfully, we need the support of *everyone*, if we are to thrive.

One of the things that the Community Association is most proud of is that it provides a venue for one of the town's most crucial resources...the library. Without the support of the MHCA, the library would not have a home and the town would not have its library. As an entity independent of the MHCA, the library needs to request funding through the town each year in order to continue its operation. The MHCA, as the library's major sponsor, trusts that this request will be granted again this year.

When funds were being raised for the most recent renovation, some of the donors were asked to imagine the crossroads *without* the Library & Community Center building. What an image! Hopefully, through the generous support of the people of Mount Holly, we will never have to face the possibility that the building would fall into such disrepair that it would disappear from our town. It is the responsibility of each of us to insure that this will not occur. We look forward to your on-going support!

The Vermont Writers' Prize

The Vermont Writers' Prize, in honor of Ralph Nading Hill, Jr. is an annual competition that provides an opportunity for Vermont writers to showcase their talent. It is considered by Vermont writers to be one of the state's premier literary prizes. Hill, a Vermont historian and writer who published numerous books and magazine articles on the subject of Vermont, was a long-time member of Green Mountain Power's Board of Directors.

Among the hundreds of entries submitted by Vermont writers, Linda Lampert's poem, "New Neighbors and Old Stone" was among one of only three entries selected for publication in the March/April issue of Vermont Magazine. To the left is a copy of the poem:

The Library & Community Center Building...How Much Do You Know?!

The historic building, housing the library and the community room that sits at the crossroads in the village of Belmont has been a fixture in the town of Mount Holly since 1884. It was originally built as a Methodist church, but in 1923 the church donated it to the town of Mount Holly and it served as the town hall for 65 years until 1988. At that time, the town leased the building to the Mount Holly Community Association for \$1 a year, the price that continues to this day.

Many people are unaware that the *town* actually owns this building, but that the MHCA agreed to take on the responsibility to care for and maintain it 26 years ago. The MHCA took that responsibility seriously and commenced a thoughtful plan for repair and renovation in 1997. During that



NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

The 2014 Legislative Session began on January 7th and 146 new Senate bills appeared on our desks. In the wings are 169 carrying over from last year. The House of Representatives had at the time of this writing 622 bills pending with many more to come as their deadline for introduction of new bills occurs on January 13th whereas the Senate deadline for introduction was in December.

Some Senate bills which stand out a little more than the "usual suspects" are as follows with their number and the first words for all are "An Act Relating to: S172 Motorcycle Helmets (not required for persons over 21); S176 Identifying Electric Vehicles; S180 Criminal Threatening; S182 Isolation Distances for Water Supplies and Wastewater Systems; S183 Precursor Drugs of Methamphetamine; S190 Tax Sales of Blighted Properties; S226 Service of Malt and Vinous Beverages by Libraries (I guess the role of libraries is changing?); S248 A Single License for Barbers and Cosmetologists; S249 Lowering Ed Property Tax Rates for Low Spending towns; S255 Paid Absence from Work for Health Care; S265 Application of Foreign Law in Vermont; S272 Detention of Public Inebriates (passed the Senate already on 1/16); S285 Furlough of Prisoners Age 65 and Older (presently there are some prisoners in their eighties) and S301 Raising the Minimum Wage. A bill garnering much attention is H112 Labeling of Food Produced with Genetic Engineering (aka, the GMO labeling bill). There were several rallies last year in support of the bill and one already since the start of this session. This bill has already passed the House and awaits action in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Last week the Governor's State of the State Address centered on the Opioid and Heroin addiction problem in our state. With regard to the problem, some new initiatives are being considered in S295. This bill has wide ranging support from the medical community to the States Attorneys. It is on a fast track. A related bill, S216 speaks to enhanced penalties for possession of a weapon or use of force or threat in commission of a burglary. Other bills in this arena are S280 re bail conditions, S280 re out of

state narcotics prescriptions, S236 re prescription refill synchronization and S308 re regulating precious metal dealers.

A budget adjustment bill is in the works addressing changes from the balanced budget we passed last May. The budget for Fiscal Year 2015 will be worked on once the adjustment bill is done. The new proposals that are likely to become laws will need study of the policies as well as the funding before they pass.

Contact me at home at 228-8432, the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us or PO Box 136, Ludlow, VT 05149. Find schedules and bills at www.leg.state.vt.us

An All Knowing God

By Joseph F. Hammond

There is a God who knows every thought that you have ever had.
He knows every move you make, be it good or bad.
You can fool the world and you can rationalize your wrongs,
But you cannot fool the Being to which your Soul belongs.

If you believe that God knows all that's ever been, is now and what's to be
And that His will shall prevail throughout eternity,
It will affect the way you see the world and the values you embrace.
It will shape the way you treat your neighbor and deal with the problems that you face.

Those who believe in such a God still repeatedly will sin.
If not for forgiveness, none of us would win.
If we accept the gift of the Man who died upon the cross 2000 years ago,
Salvation still will be our fate when from this world we go.

Dear Editor,



My name is Nicole Griffin and I am running for position of Lister. I currently serve the town as Administrative Assistant for the Planning Commission. Having lived here in beautiful Mount Holly for most of my life I am passionate about our Town and its continued well being. I left Mount Holly in 2003 to join the United States Navy serving aboard the USS Ronald Reagan where I met my husband Josh Griffin. He and I moved back to Mount Holly in 2010, after seven years living abroad we decided we would plant our roots right where I had always wanted. I have 3 handsome boys Cody, Chase and Carter who are the center of my universe. I am connected to family and community believing that we must preserve our Vermont way of life for our children. I believe in fiscal responsibility and moral integrity. As Lister I would serve to protect the interests of the town and above all the law. My family (The Turco's and Garrows) has lived and served the town for decades and I am looking to carry that torch into the next generation.

Cabin Fever? Join Us At MeetUp.com The Belmont Blasters

Mary Alberty and Wanda Trinci want to let folks know that they have started www.meetup.com for Belmont/Mount Holly and surrounding towns. We will meet twice a month, the first being Feb 6 at Wanda Trinci's home on 97 Frost Hill Rd, Belmont at 7 pm. We Plan to do lots of crafts, pot luck dinners etc. our first meeting will be like a meet and greet and make plans. To sign up, go to www.Meetup.com and look for Belmont or Belmont Blasters which is what our group will be called. Basically it's for adults to get out of the house (no children) and meet others and learn a craft or even teach us your craft!

MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

Legislative Report from Rep. Dennis Devereux For Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury

After the first few weeks of the legislative session we now understand the priorities of the governor and the legislature. They include our opiate problems and maintaining our many state-run programs. And a high priority for me is addressing the forecasted increase of at least 5 to 7 cents in the education property tax rate.

One of the bills left over from last spring that several of you have contacted me about is the final version of the campaign finance bill. While I understand your disappointment with the increase in contributions from parties and political action committees to candidates, the feeling was that we needed to pass some kind of campaign finance law. It is clear that the compromised legislation was to keep us from losing another lawsuit. It is also evident that more serious adjustments will be proposed in the next session.

It is my understanding that a shoreline protection bill must pass, otherwise we will be forced to adopt the even more restrictive federal guidelines. This bill addresses building addition setbacks, limits hard surface areas like driveways, and foliage growth and mowing near the shores of our lakes. The Senate is trying to improve the House-passed version, and add more protections for the property owner's rights. It seems likely that there may be some lawsuits either way.

Our education funding is a two-part system that has numerous moving parts that affect local property taxes even if your spending does not increase. I know there are a couple committees looking at our income sensitivity program that insulates some people from feeling the full impact of their education spending decisions. My hope is that any changes would help people better understand the connection between their spending decisions and their tax bills.

Personally I anxiously await the proposed teacher pension plan changes that my committee will undertake. Many companies now enroll new employees in a defined contribution plan, which works like a 401k. This is one of the most important pieces of legislation that must pass this year. There is more to come as we try to address this under funded plan, and the retiree health care costs that are further reducing it.

Please contact me at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us or 800-322-5616 with a message, and at home at 802-259-2460.



BRACC Update January 22, 2014

Most of you heard or read about the Governor's State of the State address that focused on the growing opiate epidemic in Vermont. BRACC has been involved in addressing this issue through several programs over the years particularly as it affects our teens and young adults. Access to prescription drugs is a major part of this issue. Don't wait for Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 26 to get rid of expired or unneeded prescriptions. The Ludlow Police Department reminds community members to take unused and expired pills and gel caps only, to the Ludlow Police Department, on West Hill Rd. to the permanent Take Back Box (provided thanks to an Okemo Community Challenge Grant). The box is located in the lobby, and operates similar to a mailbox. Just open the slot and dump in your pills. No questions asked. It is available 7 days a week from 8am to 4pm.

In March a similar Take Back Box will be available at the Sheriff's office in Rutland as well. Watch for the announcement of its opening. For more information on the proper disposal of liquids or sharps, please call the BRACC office at 228-7878. Keep your active prescriptions at home in a locked cabinet or unusual place (other than the medicine cabinet) so you do not become the unwitting supplier for children, grandchildren or others who visit you.

In our ongoing effort to **reduce availability of alcohol to minors** we remind all adults not to buy for youth. There are penalties of up to \$10,000 in fines and 5 years in jail for providing alcohol to minors. If a death or injury results, felony charges can also be pressed. We continue to educate youth about the dangers of using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drugs as well as providing community education on internet safety issues. We are working with Black River High School/Middle School on a school wide wellness day and bringing in an artist and a counselor to talk with students about making healthy choices for their lives (again, thanks to an Okemo Community Challenge Grant). We are also working with other Towns in Windsor and Rutland Counties to send a consistent message about preventing drug and alcohol abuse across the area, as our youth have many friends in these areas.

Help your children navigate the risks they face by talking to them early and often about your expectations of them.

BRACC--promoting a healthy involved community, supporting all youth in safe environments.

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Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting February 11th, 2014. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvt.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION - January 9, 2014 ~ Jim Heald,

Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Jim Heald, Raymond Tarbell, and Tim

Martin, Select Board members, met with David Johnson, Town Treasurer, to prepare a FY 2015 budget. Also present were Susan Covalla, Rhonda Rivers and Don Richardson.

1. The Board reviewed a line item worksheet prepared by David Johnson showing the FY12-13 budget and actuals and the FY13-14 budget, and developed a proposed budget for FY14-15.

2. A decision on carryover to a General Fund revenue item was deferred.

3. Social Service requests were reviewed.

4. Jim Heald presented an email he had received following the School Board meeting last night, which outlined a proposal for purchase of the 5.6 acres for the proposed new garage. There was no further discussion on the email.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm. Rhonda Rivers

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 245-4452.

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 mhconstable@yahoo.com.

SELECT BOARD - January 14, 2014 ~ Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers identify themselves and keep remarks civil and short.

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2013 and the special meeting of January 09, 2014 were reviewed. There were no changes or additions. Upon motions made and seconded and with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To approve the minutes of December 10 and January 09.

At this time, the Board agreed to move up two items on the agenda to accommodate Fred Nicholson, from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC).

2. Emergency Management Coordinator - Jim received a letter from Paul Faenza giving his resignation as the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). Paul also noted that he had spoken to Anna McGee as a possible replacement and recommended her to the Board. Anna was present, confirmed her interest, and the Board agreed to name her as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

3. Planning Commission - Fred Nicholson, from RRPC, was present to speak with the Board regarding representatives from the Town to work with RRPC staff to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. An updated plan will allow the town to obtain assistance from FEMA, and a larger payment from the State ERAF funds. Representatives from the town are Jim Seward (Fire Dept. and Planning Commission), Jeff Teter (Road Foreman), Sue Covalla (Town Clerk), Anna McGee (Rescue and EMC), and Fra Devine and Don Richardson (citizens who expressed interest in the project). Fred will be in contact to set up a meeting.

4. Highways

- * The Board reviewed and signed the annual Certificate of Highway Mileage to be filed with the State.
- * The Board made no changes to the annual Highway and Bridge Restrictions, which must be filed with the State by February 10, 2014. The restrictions on Cole Road and the closure of the bridge between Station Road and Healdville Road remain in place.
- * Healdville Road – Question regarding the 1970's curve relocation - Paul Greineder presented information regarding a survey he is doing for a property owner with a boundary along Healdville Road, specifically the old Healdville Road. About 1970, the town was given some land by Clyde Flanders to relocate the road slightly, around what is now the big curve on the road. His question concerns the land between the old and new roads. At the time, one landowner demanded that the town deed over to her the land up to the new road, which was eventually done. There were two other land owners affected by the move, but there was likely no concern from them at the time and nothing was done. Paul needs to know the status of this land to complete the survey. During the discussion, Ray Tarbell noted that the land is owned by the town, and the property owners have a ROW over it to the town road either way, but there's probably no reason not to transfer it to Herbst and Johnson. It is not beneficial to the town to own it. The Board agreed to think about it as well as look into the process that would be required to transfer the land.
- * New Garage: Jim Heald reported that one Selectman and one townsperson were present at last week's School Board meeting, where a proposal was made to sell the town the 5.6 acres for the garage and the School Board had approved it. The proposal was for a cash payment of \$15,000 and additionally the town would commit \$35,000 for a joint solar system, to be completed within two years. The School Board would also have the right of first refusal to buy the land back for the original \$15,000. Jim had contacted Jim Carroll, but he is not available to represent the town in this matter. Upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To hire Attorney Martin Nitka of Ludlow for the town in this matter, so as to move forward toward the vote at Town Meeting in March.

Further, upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To accept the School Board's proposal for the purchase of the 5.6 acres.

- * Ted Crawford asked if the Board was aware of a petition being circulated regarding the donation of land for the garage made by Carol Ballou. The Board stated they had heard about it, but have not seen the petition, and has no firm knowledge regarding the offer. Ted stated he hoped that the land would be perked and have a subdivision permit at the owner's expense before the town would consider accepting it. Jeff Teter noted that the property is not really appropriate for the garage, as it has wetlands and is also mostly hillside.

5. Treasurer's Report

- * David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated December 31, 2013 showing cash balances of \$2,701,389, which he felt was reasonable given we are halfway through the fiscal year. He pointed out that the property and casualty and worker's comp insurances were paid, and together were slightly over budget. Solid waste (SW) haul and disposal charges were a little over where we should be, but overall SW expenses remain under budget. The repairs to the 2007 Truck came in under the \$10,000 that had been authorized. Jim noted this major motor repair needed to be made before plow season started and the purchase of a new truck was not an option at that time. The warranted repair will be a positive when the truck is replaced. Lester Lampert asked about the interest costs on a \$600,000 bond issue. David noted that the Municipal Bond Bank had provided an estimated schedule, with an overall interest rate of 3.75%, which would be \$244,000 over the 20 years. What about the cost of the land, the septic and well costs? These are all included in the \$600,000
- * VT Division of Property Valuation and Review: The annual report was received, showing a Coefficient of Dispersion (measures valuation equity within the town) increased to 18%. At a value of over 20% the state may require a reappraisal. The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) (measures valuation equity across the state) has increased to 114%. A value over 120% could trigger a reappraisal. CLA values over 100% help to lower the school tax rate. Ron Unterman asked if the state allows a town to have an inflationary increase, or anyway to prevent the reappraisal? Not really. Peter Smith noted that Vernon has a settlement with Entergy and Rutland Town has a 1% tax; that is, they have a way to raise additional taxes other than property tax. Mount Holly does not have those options, has a lot of open land which the state says they value and yet we are getting taxed heavily on it. He plans to speak with Dennis Devereux.
- * External Audit: David noted that the Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad books are ready for the auditor to pick up, hopefully Thursday morning. The Board asked David to push the auditor, so that reports are ready for the town report book. Fra Devine asked if it's normal for a town to be six months past fiscal year end and still have the audit open. This varies from town to town; others are still open as well. Fra suggested if the auditor is putting the town on the back burner, the town should ask for a discount.

6. Fiscal Year 2015 Budget:

- * David presented the proposed FY2015 budget, showing an increase in the amount to be raised by taxes of \$17,710 or 1.9%. He noted that \$10,000 of the increase is for the remaining costs to upgrade Packer Road. Upon motion made and seconded, and with no further discussion from the floor, it was

VOTED: To approve the proposed FY2015 budget, as presented.

7. Town Meeting Warning

Upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To set the date and time for the review and approval of the Town Meeting Warrant for Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:30pm.

8. Transfer Station: Jeff reported that the motor on the ZeroSort compactor broke down. We have been using the two containers that the town owns and kept as backups for the recycling collection. Both containers fill up over one weekend, which confirms that the compactor packs 6 containers into one, and lasts three weeks. Casella will not charge for the processing, but will charge for the hauls. We rent the compactor, so the repair should not be any cost for us. It was suggested to review the rental contract and see if it addresses charges when there is a breakdown of the rental equipment.

9. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Plan: Ron Unterman reported on three projects. First, the dam project is at 60% design stage, meaning that 60% of the design is completed. This means that the State will now get involved to review the design and the permit process begins. The project is a little behind schedule, but should still be able to meet this summer's construction season. The second project is the Aquatic Nuisance and grant funding, which will not be done this year, as the dam project is expected to be underway. The third project, Goose Depredation, will be done again this year.

Lester Lampert asked how much it would cost to replace the drain pipe (the culvert under the road). Ray suggested it would likely be similar to the dam project, as the State construction requirements would make it very expensive. Ron Unterman noted that the dam is privately funded (Thank You, Pat Nye) and that there are state monies to help with the cost of culverts.

10. Bond Proposal: The Board reviewed several documents prepared by the bond attorney that must be voted by the Board in order to meet the legal requirements of a bond proposal for the new garage. Each of the documents was read before the vote was taken, and copies of the signed documents are attached to these minutes. Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Resolution regarding funding for the new garage, as read at this meeting, and attached to these minutes.

VOTED: To approve the Declaration of Intent (which allows reimbursement from the Bond proceeds for expenses the town occurs up to 60 days before the Bond is issued), as read at this meeting and attached to these minutes.

VOTED: To approve the Warning for the Bond, as read at this meeting and attached to these minutes.

VOTED: To approve the Ballot Article for the Bond, as read at this meeting and attached to these minutes.

The Warning for the Bond will be published in the Town Report, posted in five places around town and published in the Rutland Herald on February 11, February 18, and February 25, 2014 as required. The meeting on the Bond proposal will be held on

Monday March 03, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Mount Holly School gym. (This is the same night as the school meeting and town meeting.) The Ballot for the bond may be on the same ballot as all other articles, or it may be on a separate ballot.

The other document provided by the bond attorney is a Certification of the process, which is not voted on by the Board, but will be attested by the Town Clerk at the end of the process.

11. Select Board Expansion: At last month's meeting it was voted to put a proposal to expand the Select Board from the current 3 to 5 members, although no term was mentioned. The terms for additional members may be for either one or two years, and must both be the same. A school board member present noted that the additional terms on that board are one-year terms. Upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: That the term for additional Select Board members shall be for one year.

Further, upon motion made and seconded and with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To put the following article on the ballot for March 2014:

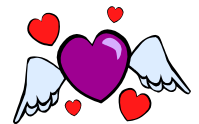
Article __. Shall the town elect two additional selectboard members for terms of one year each, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2650(b)?

12. Other Business

- * Tarbelville Cemetery: The Trustee for the Goodell lot has agreed to fund the removal of the trees that need to come down. GM Tree Tech, the company contacted for this work, is scheduling the required crane, possibly next week.
- * The Board signed the Certification of the Grand List as of April 1, 2013. This had already been signed by the Listers, who will forward it on to the State.

13. The Board reviewed and signed the December orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers



MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION ~ Public Hearing Minutes January 6, 2014

1. Public Hearing Harold Beresin and Jennifer Bell Subdivision

Members present: Clinton Woolley, Tim Martin, Michael Valente, Jim Seward, Bill McGrath, Nicole Griffin

Public Present: Barbara Gerdin, Frank Gerdin, Ralph Michaels.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Tim Martin. Interested parties Barbara and Frank Gerdin. Ralph Michaels presented subdivision for 25.77 acre lot located on Ninevah road. At 7:12 pm; Michael Valente motioned to accept the state approved subdivision for the property located on Ninevah road. Seconded by Clinton Woolley. 7:15pm. Jim Seward motioned to adjourn meeting. Clinton Woolley seconded the motion. Tim Martin-Chair adjourned the meeting.

Minutes from Planning Commission Regular Meeting 1_20_14

Members Present: Jim Seward, Michael Valente, Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley, Bill McGrath. Nicole Griffin

Public Present: Theresa Cole, Chris Liecster

Meeting called to order by Tim martin at 7:30pm

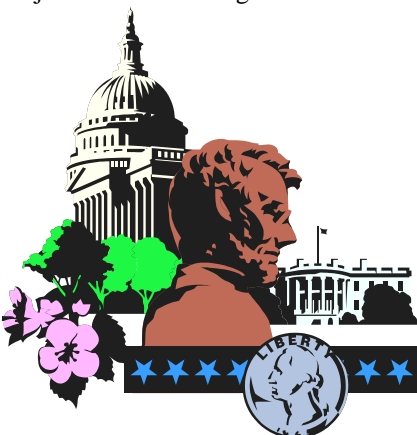
OLD BUSINESS:-Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting to be approved at the next meeting 2-17-2014.

NEW BUSINESS: Theresa Cole proposed her final rough draft for proposed subdivision. Public hearing was set for February 17, 2014 at 7:00pm at Mount Holly Town Office.

New building construction for Linda Guerra for car port construction located in Belmont.

Chris Liecster proposed preliminary maps and permits approved by the state of Vermont for 2 lot subdivision located on Patch Road for construction of two homes on 6.2 acre parcel and a 7.9 acre parcel.

Planning Commission worked on revising new town plan for 2014. Bill McGrath motioned to adjourn at 9:20pm. Michael Valente seconded Aye. Tim Martin-chairman adjourned the meeting.



OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 4, 2014

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Mount Holly in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the construction of a town garage, at an estimated cost of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000)?

If in favor of the bond issue,
make a cross (x) in this square: ☐

If opposed to the bond issue,
make a cross (x) in this square: ☐

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT
OF TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES
FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Mount Holly held on January 14, 2014, it was determined that the public interest and necessity demand that certain improvements be made, namely, the construction of a town garage, the estimated cost thereof being \$600,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of constructing such improvements, after application of available state and federal grants-in-aid, will be too great to be paid out of the annual revenue of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposal for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town in the aggregate amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to pay for its cost of the same, subject to reduction through the receipt of any state or federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, should be submitted to the legal voters of the Town at a special meeting thereof to be duly called and held on March 4, 2014; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following proposition be included in the Warning for the special meeting of the Town to be called and held on March 4, 2014:

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Mount Holly in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the construction of a town garage, at an estimated cost of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000)?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town of Mount Holly for the purpose of constructing and operating said improvements within the corporate limits of the Town be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated: January 14, 2014

ATTEST:


Town Clerk
1565945.1

Selectboard

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, (the "Issuer") intends to construct town garage improvements to be considered by the Issuer at a special meeting thereof to be held on March 4, 2014 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to pay certain capital expenditures (the "Reimbursement Expenditures") in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis;

WHEREAS, the Issuer reasonably expects that for that part of the Project consisting of design and construction costs, debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed \$600,000 will be issued and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer declares its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the above-described part of the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing;

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer declares:

Section 1. The Issuer finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and that all of the capital expenditures covered by this Resolution were or will be made not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution.

Section 2. This declaration is made solely for the purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the Issuer to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.

Section 3. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures, within 18 months of either the date of the first expenditure of funds by Issuer for such Project or the date that such Project is placed in service, whichever is later (but in no event more than three years after the date of the original expenditure of Issuer funds for such Project), and to allocate an amount not to exceed \$600,000 of the proceeds thereof to reimburse itself for its expenditures in connection with the Project.

1565945.1

WARNING

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014

Section 4. The Issuer's debt obligations for the aforementioned purpose will not be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Section 5. All prior actions of the officials and agents of Issuer that are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the Project shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 6. All other resolutions of the legislative body of the Issuer, or parts of resolutions, inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. It is hereby found that all discussions and deliberations of the legislative body of the Issuer leading to the adoption of this Resolution occurred at one or more meetings of the legislative body conducted pursuant to public notice and open to public attendance.

Section 8. This declaration shall take effect from and after its adoption.

The undersigned, Town Clerk of the Issuer, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the declaration of the legislative body of said Issuer duly made at a meeting thereof held on the date, specified below, and that said declaration has not been amended, modified or revoked.


Town Clerk

January, 14, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Office Building in the Town of Mount Holly on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE 1

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Mount Holly in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the construction of a town garage, at an estimated cost of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000)?

The legal voters and residents of the Town of Mount Holly are further warned and notified that an informational hearing will be held at the Mount Holly School in the Town of Mount Holly on Monday, March 3, 2014 at seven thirty o'clock (7:30 p.m.) for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.




Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Mount Holly held on January 14, 2014. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Mount Holly on January 15, 2014.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

By Its Selectboard


Town Clerk

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY ORDINANCE

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION REGISTRATION

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the Listers of the Town of Mount Holly with correct and timely information on new construction in town. Registration will ensure that new construction will be added to the Grand List.

After adoption of this ordinance, all new building construction in excess of \$1,000 will require registration. New construction includes, but is not limited to, new houses, camps, mobile homes, modular and prefabricated structures, any commercial or public buildings, out-buildings, as well as any increase in living space to existing buildings.

Registration forms are available at the Town Office and are to be completed and filed with the Town Clerk, along with the fee. Construction may begin as soon as the registration form has been filed. The registration fee will be \$20 and the registration will be effective for a period of one year.

An unregistered structure will exist whenever construction or installation has begun before filing the registration form. The fine for non-filing will be \$100. Each week after notification of failure to register, an additional \$100 per week will be added to the fine on annual basis.

This civil ordinance shall be enforceable under Title 24 VSA § 1974(a).

Upon approval at Town Meeting March 6, 1995, this ordinance is adopted by the Mount Holly Selectboard on the 14 day of March, 1995.

Warren Cole

Raymond Tarbell

Peter Haaren

Draft: 7/20/94 – 8/22/94 – 9/26/94 – 10/6/94 – 12/5/94 – 1/9/95

WORLD WITHOUT A SAVIOR?

What did Jesus do for our world? Two-thousand years ago, an itinerant carpenter laid down the tools in his shop and began a 3-year preaching ministry in ancient Israel. His message changed the world and has impacted every corner of this planet. Statesmen, politicians, kings and queens have all followed Him, as well as the lowly, the poor and the unnamed masses.

Jesus' legacy is so huge that, beyond question, it far exceeds

our ability to discern.

Christ's teaching led to a massive expansion of

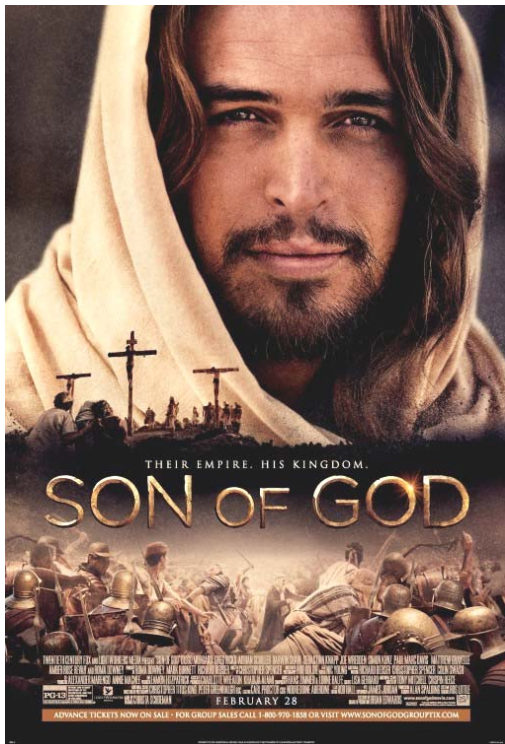
hospitals, humanitarian organizations, educational institutions and charities. The greatest missionaries and explorers in our history went out in the name of Jesus, to spread His message. David Livingstone and William Wilberforce helped end the slave trade. William Carey brought the 1st printing press to India and ended the ritual murder of women on their husband's funeral pyre. William Booth founded the Salvation Army to help the poor and impoverished, and George Mueller opened children's homes in Jesus name, to save children from the street.

Jesus (as opposed to Mohammed) changed the status of women in our world. He treated them with respect and equality whenever and wherever he met them. He included them in his teaching and welcomed them as part of his ministry team. He set them free!

One of the favorite words of Jesus was "come." "Come unto me," he said and he wasn't saying come to religion or to a system of doctrine.

He offered to all a very personal invitation to meet God, to know a Savior. Boil it down and becoming a Christian is nothing more or less than a desire and an effort to see Jesus. That's it. We're attempting to catch a glimpse of a man, not a program or some plan. We're trying to see a man who called himself the Son of God.

The uniqueness of Jesus is God come close-he's not so far above us that he can't see and understand our problems. That's why he's had such an impact on our world. Everywhere he went, the crowds followed, drawn together by the magnet that was--and is--the Savior. The life, death, and rising again of this one Jewish carpenter has affected the life of mankind like no other because he alone offers hope, mercy, and a message of life to all who will place their trust in him.



Town of Mount Holly, Vermont BUILDING CONSTRUCTION REGISTRATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: You must fill out **both sides** of this form **completely** and file with the Mount Holly Town Clerk **before beginning construction**. This registration is valid for one year and must be re-filed if construction has not been completed.

Property ID #: _____
Date of Property Purchase: _____
Physical Location (911 address): _____
Previous Owner (if known): _____

Property Owner Information

Name: _____
Permanent Mailing Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Person Completing Application: _____
Name of Contractor: _____ Phone: _____

Proposed Construction

Type of Construction: _____ New _____ Renovation _____ Addition
Proposed Water Source: _____ New _____ Existing
If new, describe (e.g., well): _____
Proposed Septic System: _____ New _____ Existing
If new, describe (e.g., mound, in-ground): _____
Number of living units: _____
Lot size: _____
Dimensions of new structure: _____

Permits

It is understood that the property owner will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and that a fine can be assessed for unregistered construction per the current Mount Holly Town Ordinance. Additional bathroom(s) or water in other buildings may require a state permit. Addition of rental unit(s) requires a state permit. Attach copies of any of the following permits that may be required:

Act 250	Flood	Stream Alteration	Subdivision
Campground	Salvage Yard	Multiple Living Units	
Labor & Industry	Wetland	Mobile Home Park	

I hereby certify that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of Owner _____ DATE: _____

Fee \$ _____ received by Town Clerk: _____ DATE: _____

Reviewed by Planning Commission: _____ DATE: _____

**YOU MUST COMPLETE AND
SIGN THE BACK OF THIS FORM**

FOLA Begins Rehearsals For New Follies Production

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) started rehearsals for its "FOLA Follies of 2014" at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. The new version of the Follies will be produced on Saturday, March 29. Tesha Buss will direct a cast of local and regional artists on music primarily from Hollywood movies. Pictured above are, standing left to right, Linda Thomson and George Thomson, with Kasia Karazim playing the piano, as they rehearse one of their numbers for the show, "Sunrise/Sunset". There are still opening for anyone interested in joining the Follies cast; for information, call 802-228-7239 or info@fola.us.



Cape Air Opens In Downtown Rutland

The ribbon is cut at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting at



the new downtown Rutland ticket office of Cape Air which is located at 118 West St., Suite 104 in Rutland (next to Small Dog Electronics). The downtown office is open 6 days per week for information and ticket purchases and also acts as a call center for reservations on Cape Air. Cape Air, A JetBlue partner operates three daily round trip flights from Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport to Boston Logan Airport with connections throughout the world. For more information on Cape Air go to www.capeair.com or call 800-227-3247.

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has voted in the following board members to serve a one year term on the Executive Board:

PRESIDENT: Dan Cote, Inn Victoria

VICE-PRESIDENT: Doug Ficken, ClearLake Furniture

TREASURER: Mary Knight, Knight Tubs, Pools & Spas

SECRETARY: Barbara LeMire, Peoples United Bank

PAST PRESIDENT: Mark Verespy, The Killarney

Other Board Members include:

Julie Bowyer, CTM Media
Inn & Tavern

Donald Dill, Images by Donald Dill

Sheldon Ghetler, Stone Hearth

Brian Halligan, Okemo Mountain Resort

Layne Herschel, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts

William Jenney, President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site

Ed Matulionis, The Richards Group

Jim Szabo, The Vermont Country Store

Laura Williams, Calm Moments Spa Services

Julie Wood, The Golden Stage Inn

Our Vision Statement: The Okemo Valley region, consisting of the Towns of Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth and Weston, is recognized as a four-season sustainable Vermont destination to be enjoyed by all.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is recognized as an organization providing leadership, support and services vital to the health and future growth of the member businesses in the communities that we serve.

Chamber members are ambassadors for the Okemo Valley region, promoting the area as a vibrant place to live and to visit.

Our Mission Statement: The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit, member-driven organization.

It is the voice of its members and the business communities in the Towns of Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth and Weston, Vermont. It provides advocacy, support and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance our regional businesses and four-season economy.



Pictured left to right: William Jenney, Mark Verespy, Doug Ficken, Jim Szabo, Julie Bowyer, Mary Knight, Dan Cote, Laura Williams and Ed Matulionis.

(not pictured – Donald Dill, Barbara LeMire, Layne Herschel, Julie Wood, Brian Halligan and Sheldon Ghetler.)

Morgan Kathan's "Coats for Kids" Project Succeeds in Goal



Appearing on a recent episode of TW3 (That Was The Week That Was), broadcast over LPCTV, cable channel 8 and 20, Morgan Kathan, a senior at Black River High School, provided an update to her project to provide warm winter coats to area kids in need of them. Assisted by Karen Tromboli, Principal of Ludlow Elementary School, Morgan announced that her project had raised enough funds to purchase over 78 heavy winter coats for a number of students in Ludlow and Mt Holly. She noted that she had been able to raise the monies for this project with the aid of a number of community organizations, private individual donations, "Zumbathon" contests, local media support, and raffles over the past several months. Trimboli noted that Morgan had exercised "extreme willingness to ensure that kids in needs of warm clothing secured it through relentless work and dedication". Morgan also thanked Sharon and Ron Bixby for the help they provided in sending out donation request letters to area businesses and organizations. She noted that she hoped the project would be continued by her

classmates in future years. She is pictured above during her interview on TW3. From left to right are, Ralph Pace, TW3 moderator, Morgan Kathan, and Karen Tromboli.

Weston Theatre Company Offers Classes in Ludlow this Spring

Weston, VT. The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is offering two classes this March into April which are sure to chase away the winter blues. On a series of Mondays, beginning March 17, students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in "Make A Scene"; and adults are encouraged to sign up for "Strike Three Cabaret." The classes will be held in the spacious and gracious auditorium in Ludlow's Town Hall on Depot Street. The classes will be taught by Broadway performer and Weston favorite Susan Haefner. Classes are sponsored by Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA).



Make a Scene will introduce students to acting through ensemble-building exercises, theatre games and improvisation. Participants will be assigned scenes from popular plays, learn how to create characters from the inside-out, speak and step on stage with confidence, and relate believably and imaginatively with fellow actors. 7 Mondays, March 17 - April 28 with an evening presentation on April 28. Kids in grades 6-8: 3:15-4:30. Grades 9-12: 4:45-6:00. Cost: \$125. (Full and partial scholarships are available thanks to FOLA, Okemo and Ben & Jerry's.)

Strike Three Cabaret is designed for adults with a dose of post-winter cabin fever and at least a smidge of talent. Susan, who has directed cabarets for the Weston Playhouse, will lead class participants as they choose material, learn songs, develop skits, dig up props... and basically just have a lot of laughs. Assisting Susan is the talented Mr. Kent Baker on keyboards. Open to ages 18-80 on up! 6 Mondays, March 17 - April 21 (April 21st performance.) Cost: \$150. (Assistance available upon request.)

About the Instructor: Susan Haefner has been a Weston Playhouse company member for over 20 years (*42nd Street*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Bad Dates*). She is a Broadway actress (*Billy Elliot*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *42nd Street*, *State Fair*.) As a teacher, Susan has taught at numerous Performing Arts Schools such as Geva Theatre Summer Academy, Studio New Canaan, and Shuffles Tap School. Susan holds a BFA degree in Musical Theatre (SUNY Fredonia) and an MFA in Acting (FSU). She is a member of Actors' Equity Association.

Registration is requested by February 24. Class size is limited, so sign up today! A registration form can be downloaded at the Weston website at www.westonplayhouse.org/classes. For more information, contact Director of Education & Outreach Jacki Brown: 802-297-7364 or jbrown@westonplayhouse.org

Join Us For This Seminar Start the New Year Off Right For Your Business!

"Increase your profitability and get back to doing work you love"

Wednesday Mornings: February 5, 12, 19 & 26 **Time:** 7:45 am – 9 am **Location:** Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce (50 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT)

Presenter will be Hannah Abrams, Business Coach, the seminar is sponsored by: Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and AdviCoach. The price for the seminar is \$199/Member or \$249 (Not yet members) with \$50 Instant Refund for joining the Chamber!

In this workshop, you'll learn to examine your business and make decisive changes to improve your profitability and gain back your time. Learning the processes and systems to keep you moving forward and efficient, help you to grow in success. We'll review your core demographics, sales pipeline and lead generation to help you gain better control of your business and income. This four-week workshop provides the elements, essential knowledge and strategies to set up your business or re-tool your existing business for great profitability.

Please RSVP by calling the chamber at 802-773-2747 or emailing chamber@rutlandvermont.com

The Little School has lots to be Thankful for.

As the year end approaches and folks look back it is clear that The Little School in Weston has a lot to be thankful for. The students and staff of the school have been blessed to be the recipients of many improvement projects to help keep the idyllic 1861 schoolhouse in tip top shape. The Little School would like to thank the Town of Weston for using The School House Fund to replace the outdated furnace and heating units in all the classrooms which was done by Piper Hill Plumbing and Heating. In conjunction with the new energy efficient heating system the school itself has funded projects with Red Barn Design and with Vermont Foam Insulation to help keep the heat in and reduce fuel oil consumption. The Town of Weston has also committed to starting a much appreciated bathroom renovation project to be done by Joslyn Brothers Construction.



The Little School also successfully raised the funds last year to purchase and install a new PVC white picket style fence for our playground, which has been installed by Springfield Fence and will require almost no upkeep over the coming years. The fence installation was capped off by a wonderful stonework walkway donated by Sugarock Landscaping. We are looking to continue our playground and garden projects in the New Year, working with the Weston Vermont Country Store Community Action Team.

The Little School is so grateful for the dedication and support they have received from the Town of Weston and the surrounding community. The Little School committed to providing high quality early education, partnering with local towns and supporting families.

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

Weston Theatre Capital Campaign Moves Ahead

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's \$10 million capital campaign has reached another milestone with the conditional approval by the Town of Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission of the Company's plan to build a new studio theatre on the former Walker dairy farm in Weston Village.

Located on Route 100 South – also known as Weston's Main Street – the new theatre will complement the historic flagship Weston Playhouse on the Weston Village Green. The 2,900-square-foot building will accommodate up to 140 people in a flexible seating plan that allows for both theatrical and community uses. The 5 acre parcel includes the Walker farmhouse, barns and two large silos, which will be preserved.

Steve Stettler, Weston's Producing Artistic Director, said "We will, of course, continue to offer great summer shows in the Weston Playhouse, but this project will allow us to extend our reach. During the summer the theatre at Walker Farm will serve as a setting for thought-provoking pieces and other shows that are better suited to a smaller and more flexible space. The new theatre will also expand our season into the autumn and provide a community resource for meetings and all kinds of events."

Steve Stettler continued, "Perhaps most important, the studio theatre will be the centerpiece of our project to create an incubator for the performing arts in Vermont -- a greatly expanded program to develop new musicals and plays, bringing theatre artists from across the US to work and create in a quiet rural setting. The program will enhance Vermont's reputation for excellence in the arts, have a positive economic impact on our region, and make a major contribution to the future of the American theatre."

The new theatre is a major part of the theatre company's \$10 million capital campaign. In addition to the land acquisition, design and construction costs of the new building, the campaign includes a half million dollar education endowment, \$1 million in improvements to the Weston Playhouse building, and a \$1.5 million Fund for the American Theatre, which will provide approximately \$200,000 a year over 7 years in support of the new works incubator. The campaign is being chaired by Wayne Granquist, Chair Emeritus of the theatre company, and has raised \$5.4 million to date. With a target construction start date of April 2015, the Company hopes to be producing on the Walker Farm by the summer of 2016.

Wayne Granquist said, "The Walker Farm was home to Kenneth and Anna Walker and to Gladys Walker, who performed in the community's first production at the original Weston Playhouse in 1935 and remained active in the theatre throughout her life. She organized the ushers, collected tickets, and attended almost every production, sitting front and center, up until the month prior to her death at age 102. This project is the culmination of her dream to bring world-class professional theatre to Weston on a year-round basis."

Amy Bannon, Capital Campaign Administrator and a Weston resident, said "We are actively seeking donations during the final phase of this exciting campaign. We welcome comments and suggestions on how we can grow our dream that Weston will become a nationally recognized destination for theatre audiences and artists, with a reputation for artistic excellence and the development of exciting new work."

For more information about the non-profit Weston Playhouse Theatre Company and its capital campaign, visit www.westonplayhouse.org/tomorrow.

Governor Peter Shumlin to Speak at Chamber/REDC Legislative Breakfast

Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin will be the featured speaker at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and Rutland Economic Development Corporation Legislative Breakfast sponsored by TD Bank on Monday, February 3rd, 7:30 A.M. at Franklin Conference Center in Rutland. The Breakfast is open to the public. The cost of the event is only \$10 per person and includes a breakfast buffet. RSVP is required. Call 802-773-2747 or e-mail chamber@rutlandvermont.com to reserve your seat.



"Comedy Improv 2014" The Lost Marbles Are On A Roll Again!



(gathering 5:30 PM, dinner 6:00 PM, show 7:30 PM) at the Palms Restaurant, 36 Strongs Ave., Rutland. Tickets are on sale now for \$35. Pre-payment and reservations are required before Jan. 25th as seating is limited. Please call Bobbie Torstenson for reservations and additional information at 247-6778. Laughter is the perfect cure for your "Cabin Fever"! Don't miss it!

We hope you got to experience the challenging and unpredictable adventure of "COMEDY IMPROV" presented by the Marble Valley Players "Lost Marbles" last January. It was so successful that we plan to do it again this year!

Gary Thompson will host this dinner/theater show which is loosely based on the popular TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" The show will consist of a panel of nine veteran performers who create characters, scenes and songs on the spot. Topics for the improvisations will be based on either audience suggestions or prompts from the host. The performers this year will include: Beth Wolven, Sandy Gartner, Judi Tompkins, Taylor Ampatiellos, Carol Ann Martin, Jon Gilbert, Gena Wener, Justin Enzor and Michael Kingsbury. Bring your ideas AND your appetites since your ticket includes the Palm's famous, full buffet dinner.

Performances will be held on Friday, Jan.31st and Saturday, Feb. 1st

The "LOST MARBLES" are on a roll again!!

COMEDY IMPROV 2014

Dinner/Theater

Friday Jan.31 & Saturday Feb.1
The Palms Restaurant
36 Strongs Ave., Rutland, VT

BRAM and Other Ludlow Charities Prevail in Phyllis Agan Trust Lawsuit



The Black River Academy Museum along with many other local charities has won a lawsuit brought by Phyllis Agan's sister, niece and nephew contesting the last amendment to Agan's Trust Agreement. BRAM will receive a bequest of \$150,000 less well-deserved lawyer's fees and expenses incurred by Langrock, Sperry and Wool, who expertly represented the Museum and several other charities.

Although the Museum's Board has not yet met to discuss this amazing bequest, the Museum has always had building maintenance and repair expenses as a primary concern. The 1888 Richardsonian-style, four story brick building with a slate roof is on the Historic Preservation Register and must adhere to preservation guidelines in dealing with regular maintenance and emergency repairs. A rainy day fund to meet these expected and/or unexpected expenses would ease the ongoing concern with funding these necessities.

At the moment, the Museum has already embarked on a project to once again caulk and paint the museum's windows, preserving them as designed. Further, with preservation approval, we will install clear plastic Lexan panels, covering the interior side of the windows. This will help to keep the cold out, heat in and, importantly, reduce the Museum's carbon footprint. This is an expensive project and we are thankful for a \$8500 grant for this project from the State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.

If you wish further information, please call 802-228-5050, email glbrehm@tds.net or visit the Museum's web site: bramvt.org.

Jewel Brook At Okemo



Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce helps to cut the ribbon with Frank Provance and Mark Gauthier of Diamond Realty for the new construction of [Jewel Brook at Okemo](#) condominium complex.

Located along the Jewel Brook in Ludlow, owners and guests will feel as though they stepped into a storybook - the grounds will be beautifully landscaped and accented with stone walkways, gardens and old world gas lanterns. These EnergyStar two and three bedroom plans will be beautifully crafted and finished with fireplaces, hardwood floors and granite. Come see for yourself at the corner of Route 100 South and Parker Road. Open Saturday and Sunday 2-6pm.

Pictured left - right: Marji Graf, CEO Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, Frank Provance and Mark Gauthier of Diamond Realty



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January 2014 Chamber Corner

By Marji Graf, CEO

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Past President: Mark Verespy, The Killarney.

Vice-President: Doug Ficken, ClearLake Furniture;

Secretary: Barbara LeMire, Peoples United Bank;

Our regular board consists of: Julie Bowyer, CTM Media; Donald Dill, Images by Donald Dill; Sheldon Ghetler, Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern; Brian Halligan, Okemo Mountain Resort; Layne Herschel, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts; William Jenney, President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site; Ed Matulionis, The Richards Group; Jim Szabo, The Vermont Country Store; Laura Williams, Calm Moments Spa Services; Julie Wood, The Golden Stage Inn

The Marketing & Membership committees have voted William Jenney from President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site our Member of the Month for February. Congratulations Bill!

We are currently working on our next 2014/15 Okemo Valley Regional Annual Guidebook. 50,000 books will be distributed beginning May 2014 - May 2015.

It's also time to sign up for our 2nd Annual So. VT Home & Garden Show on April 5 & 6th. Would you like to be a vendor? Do you know anyone who would like to teach a course or topic?

Ribbon cuttings were done for the Jewel Brook project and re.Find: A Thrift Boutique.

January 22 we had our Legislative luncheon in Montpelier.

The Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (VACCE) along with our Chamber, held a lunch event and panel discussion with our legislators.

Be sure and watch our monthly show on lpctv.org. "Okemo Valley, Your Place In Vermont". Our guests this month are Jerry Lindsley, The Center for Research and Public Policy and a healthcare update with Mary Rita Batesole of NB Insurance.

Trade shows we're attending in 2014: 2/7-9/2014 Boston Globe Travel Show - 2/28-3/2/2014 New York Times Travel Show - 5/4/2014 Hartford CT Travel Show

Upcoming Events: 2/15 & 16 Chester Winter Carnival - Chester - 4/2 & 3 Register to attend the [Vermont Travel Industry Conference](#) at The Equinox Resort & Spa in Manchester - 4/5 & 6 So. VT Home & Garden Show - Ludlow - 5/7 Chamber annual meeting at Harry's 12n-Ludlow - 7/24-26 Iron Adventure Run- Ludlow - 8/13-17 VT Challenge - Region - 9/13 Golden Honey Festival - Proctorsville - 9/19-21 Fall Craft Festival - Chester

Please check our websites [calendar of events](#) for full listing dates/locations/times.

[Travel with the Chamber Program](#) for 2014 includes a fantastic trip to: **Tuscany** leaving on October 20 for 8 days. We are now accepting reservations!!!! Brochures are available at the Chamber office or our website www.YourPlaceInVermont.com. Get your family and friends together to enjoy this remarkable vacation experience.

China March 2015 (date tbd)

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Our next Chamber mixer is February 12 at Outback Pizza in Ludlow from 5:30-7:30pm.

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



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To the Editor:

I have looked at the bids for construction of the Town Garage and at the drawings presented at the Select Board's November Special Meeting, and I have some questions regarding design:

1. The winning bid from Josselyn Contractors recommended that the total area of the building be reduced to avoid the cost of a sprinkler system (about \$25,000) and further recommended that the cost reduction might be accomplished by reducing the size of the overall building by separating the garage and work/storage areas.
2. The specifications for the garage issued by the Select Board include "a small office of approximately 125 sq. ft., 1 restroom, a tool/supply room of approximately 500 sq. ft., appropriately sized mechanical room with a man door from building exterior and an elevated storage mezzanine of approximately 500 sq. ft.". Neither bidder addressed all specifications, nor do the current plans show interior details. In addition, the mezzanine storage area is problematic: it would collect dust and oil film from the vehicles below, would add costs for stairs and railings, and would increase the hazard of accidental falls.
3. The plans call for the vehicle storage (garage) area to be insulated and heated to 55 to 70 degrees. In many businesses road vehicles are not heated and in some places they are not even inside or covered – I am thinking of the school buses that I have driven! It makes sense to heat the one bay of the garage that is used for maintenance. I am sure there is a good argument to be made for keeping road vehicles warm, but does that reason justify over \$18,000 in heating installation and insulation costs and further ongoing fuel bills? Annette Lynch

LONG TIME RESIDENT OFFERS 5 ACRES FREE TO TOWN FOR NEW GARAGE

Mount Holly seems to attract residents who care. Last year our town received a gift of \$500,000 to rebuild the dam at Star Lake. Now, the town has been offered a FREE 5-acre parcel for a new highway department garage!

This represents a savings to the town of the amount that is now contemplated to acquire property from the elementary school. And this is also the reason for the gift -- to offer a location for the garage safely away from our elementary school.

Currently the town trucks drive near the school to get sand during the winter months when children tend to be indoors. If the town garage is placed there, those huge trucks will be coming and going during warm weather as well, during the days when kids like being outdoors, during summer months when kids aren't supervised as carefully. We haven't had an accident yet, but expanding the usage of this area increases the likelihood of one.

As schools continue to consolidate, Mount Holly's school has an excellent reputation and could easily entice other towns to come here. More students actually lowers our per pupil costs, but it could also create greater transportation conflicts between trucks and school buses.

Perhaps we should listen to our students. Sixth graders participated in a municipal design project funded by our tax dollars. One option was to relocate the town garage to the sand pit area, but the students all chose the other option -- rebuilding "in place" -- with a single municipal building for the Rescue Squad, Fire Department, and Town Garage in the current location.

A proposal will be offered to town voters on Town Meeting day to accept these 5 free acres and residents will have the opportunity to vote on this. A YES vote will reopen discussion and consideration of alternative sites for the highway department garage, safely away from the elementary school.

RAVNAH FEBRUARY FOOT CLINIC SCHEDULE

****Foot Care is \$10****

Wednesday	2/05/14	Wallingford House, 10 N. Main St. #12, Wallingford	10:30 am
Thursday	2/06/14	Parker House, 129 Church St., Rutland	10:00 am
Thursday	2/06/14	Bardwell House, 142 Merchants Row, Rutland	12:30 pm
Wednesday	2/26/14	Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland	12:30 pm

We also offer Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Monday - call 775-0568 for an appointment.

Information For Seniors

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



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Sunday, February 9th *1:00 – 3:00pm*

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Elders with gross incomes below 185% of federal poverty levels do not have a resource limit, so savings don't count. The 185% income limit is \$1,723 for a single person or \$2,268 for a couple. If your income is over these numbers, you could still be eligible. If so, you do have a resource limit, but your house, car, and retirement savings do not count as resources. Your 3SquaresVT benefit will not count as income either, so your eligibility for other programs like Medicare will not be at risk.

Many Vermonters are facing challenges right now. Everyone needs access to healthy food, and 3SquaresVT is here to help. 1 in 6 Vermonters take part, including thousands of senior citizens. As an elder, you've worked hard all your life and you have earned the help you can get now.

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

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

Check here if you do not wish to receive the Chit Chat _____

Donation amount \$ _____ **Tax Deductible** We have Federal tax exempt status.

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Look forward to seeing you at the **Annual Membership Meeting** on the Third Monday, **September (9/16) 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Holly Town Office.**

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\$339,000: Large tract of land with old cabin, pond site, long road frontage for a choice of home sites.



\$169,000: Sweet bungalow style 3 bed/1 bath, hardwood floors, private, garage, walk to store and lake.



\$89,900: Beautiful meadow, 2.23 acres, soil tested for a mound system, westerly views, walk to Belmont.



\$249,900: Private 3 bedroom Log Home. Walk to Belmont & Star Lake, near snowmobile trail on 10 acres.



\$330,000: Family Colonial home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage, 9+ acres, room for horses.



\$144,000: Cozy rustic log home - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 acre on the VAST trail



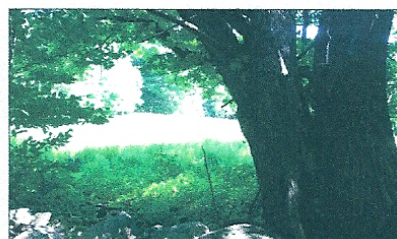
\$200,000: 3 bed/2 bath unfinished home on 20+ acres. 1800 sq. ft.. Private location with VAST access.



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