

# MOUNT HOLLY GIFT CHAT



39/10

December 2013

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

**E. Wallingford Baptist** – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 [www.ewbaptist.com](http://www.ewbaptist.com)

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

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

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

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

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

**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**

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sno\*Drifter Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 8:00 am  
 Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station *Rosa Parks Bus Boycott 1955* 7:00 pm

**Rifle Deer Season Ends – Bobcat & Fisher Trapping Season**

4<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm  
 Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Black River M/H School Library 7:00 pm  
 Union #39 School Board Meeting, Black River M/H School Library 7:00 pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> Two Rivers Supervisory Union meeting, Cavendish Elementary School Art Room 6:30 pm

*AFL-CIO Founded 1955*

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> **Muzzleloader & Archery Deer Season ~ Pearl Harbor Day 1941**  
 Sun 8<sup>th</sup> *Soviet Union Dissolved 1991*

9<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am  
 Selectmen's meeting, Town Office 7:30 pm  
 Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

11<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station *UNICEF Founded 1946* 7:00 pm  
 Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library 3:00 pm  
 Mount Holly Grange 7:30 pm  
 ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford 8:00 pm

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> **Muzzleloader & Archery Deer Season Ends ~ Bill of Rights Day 1791 ~ Alexandre Eiffel 1932**  
 16<sup>th</sup> Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office *Boston Tea Party 1773* 7:30 pm

*Ludwig Van Beethoven 1770 ~ Battle Of The Bulge Began 1944*

17<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations *Wright Brother's 1<sup>st</sup> Powered Flight Kitty Hawk 1903* 7:00 pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> *13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Abolishes Slavery 1865*

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

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> *Winter Solstice ~ Landing Of The Mayflower 1620*

23<sup>rd</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

24<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall *USAF Strikes Laos 1964 ~ Kit Carson 1809* 9:00 am  
 Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

25<sup>th</sup> *Merry Christmas* 7:00 pm

26<sup>th</sup> *Kwanzaa ~ Boxing Day (Canada)*

27<sup>th</sup> *George Cayley, Father of Aerodynamics 1773 ~ Louis Pasteur 1822*

31<sup>st</sup> Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations *New Years Eve* 7:00 pm

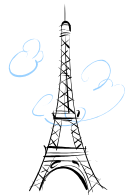
*Panama Canal Turned Over To Republic of Panama 1999 ~ End of WWII 1946*

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

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## Emergency Services

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



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

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

**December Anniversaries:** 11<sup>th</sup> -Joe & Donna McDonald (37 Yrs) 27<sup>th</sup> -Dave & Carol Venter (55 Yrs)

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

## Local Post Office Hours

### Mount Holly 802-259-2796

Post Master:

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
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Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am

### Belmont 802-259-2790

Post Master: Jane Hill

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
& 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm  
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

### East Wallingford 802-259-2829

Post Master: Lynnette Devereux

Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 12:30 pm  
& 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
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### Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585

Post Master: Barbara Perkins

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

### Ludlow 802-228-7436

Post Master: Dawn Howlett

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



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

The Annual Membership meeting is held on the third Monday in September at the Mount Holly Town Office at 6:30 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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## Joseph G. Cimonette



Joseph G. Cimonette, 86, of Shrewsbury, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2013, at Mountain View Center. He was born in Shrewsbury on June 30, 1927, the son of Joseph and Ada (Jackson) Cimonette.

Mr. Cimonette worked on his father's dairy farm and later he was employed at Rutland Plywood Corp. until he retired.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. Joe was a long time parishioner of Our Mother of Mercy (St. Mary's) Church of Mount Holly and St. Patrick's Church in Wallingford.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Harrington of Shrewsbury; a son, Michael Cimonette of Pittsford; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Claudia Stellato, and by his longtime companion, Rosemary McCann.

Visiting hours will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Clifford Funeral Home with burial following at Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford. Officiating was the Rev. Justin Baker, pastor of Christ the King Church.

## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, November 6 at the Black River High School Library with the LES and U39 boards. The boards discussed the Two Rivers SU meetings and rescinded their old policy manual. They discussed the PTSA's successful sales at the Cider Days. The board approved the minutes from the last meeting. They were presented with information regarding a new bus. They also discussed the first draft of the FY15 budget, including some assessment changes. The board also discussed last year's budget and the current expenditures.

Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the water problem at the school today. He also discussed some options regarding grant writing and securing more grants. The next meeting will be on December 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Black River High School.

## Black River girls lose in double overtime by goal kicks

Black River Girls won their 17th in a row and this was the closest game yet. West Rutland proved to be a worthy opponent. At the end of regulation time the score was tied 1-1. Abigail Schmidt scored Black River's only scores. 1 in regular game and one in sudden death overtime. Now its on to the State Championship game this Saturday against Proctor. The same team the played last year and won.

It was a bitter sweet ending to such a great season. Congratulations to all the girls that played their hearts out. It was a great game and could have been won by either team. But it wasn't Black River's day to win. Game ended B.R. 2, Proctor 2, Double Overtime (3 to 2 in penalty kicks) Win to Proctor.



## Black River Middle/High School 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "A Taste of Fall"

Black River Middle/High School hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "A Taste of Fall" fundraiser to benefit Black River Good Neighbors on October 17<sup>th</sup> with great success! Local organizations prepared delicious seasonal tastes including, Castle Hill Resort and Spa, Okemo Mountain Resort, Sweet Surrender Bakery, Crowley Cheese, BRHS French Club, Frank's Tavern, American Pie, Harry's Café, Sam's Steakhouse, Squeels on Wheels, and Papa John's Sugar House. The tasting was also a competition with winners announced for "Best Taste of Fall," "Best Sweet Taste," and "Best Savory Taste." Castle Hill Resort and Spa took home the awards for Best Taste of Fall and Savory Taste with their Acorn Squash Soup. Sweet Surrender's Flourless Chocolate Cake awarded them the Sweetest Award. We would like to thank all of these vendors and additionally The Combs Family Inn and Ludlow Rotary for their monetary donations. A check was awarded Friday, November 01, 2013 to Black River Good Neighbors in the presence of BRHS faculty/staff. We look forward to seeing chefs and tasters again next year!



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**Pictures:** Alphonsus Harris Head Chef at Castle Hill Resort and Spa (top right) ~ Bonnie Allen, Pastry Chef at Sweet Surrender Bakery (top left) ~ Black River High School Faculty and Staff awarding the "A Taste of Fall" proceeds to Black River Good Neighbors. (bottom right)





## Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is reading *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali for our January 8th meeting. Note we will not meet in December. We will meet at Jane Hill's on the Tarbellville Road in Belmont at 7:00 p.m. Please pick up a copy of the book from Jane at the post office and join us in January. Call Minga Dana with any questions at 259-2471. Have the happiest of Holiday Seasons.



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### UPDATE ON BUILDING FOUNDATION FUND

The members of Colfax Lodge #21, IOOF, extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed toward our foundation project at the Odd Fellows Hall. We have received over \$11,000 toward our goal of \$25,000. Without your generous donations, it would not be possible to plan what we hope will be the start on our project next spring. There is still time to make a tax-deductible donation this year. If you have any questions, please call Harold at 259-3665 or Dennis at 259-2460.

### Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) Update

We had a large turnout for **The Hungry Heart** movie thanks to the generous sponsorship by Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc. More than 110 people were spellbound by the film about prescription drug abuse in Vermont. Many stayed another hour discussing the issues and need for solutions to this major problem our communities face. Those in the film who came to lead the discussion spoke about their addiction as an illness and how it drove them to stealing from their families, their companies and their neighbors to pay for the pills. In the most extreme case, one person said her addiction cost \$4,000/day to support. It is a powerful film that we hope to show again for the high school students. If you have a chance to see it, it is

a must see for all of us. It was produced by Kingdom County Productions. Be sure to thank staff at Springfield Medical Care Systems and the Ludlow Health Center for their sponsorship.

**Prescription Drug Take Back Day** was a success once again, locally and throughout Vermont. Statewide 3429 pounds of pills were turned in to collection centers. Rutland County received 226 pounds, while Windsor County took in 228 pounds. The Ludlow Police Department, netted 15.9 pounds of pills, most of which came from their permanent Take Back Box. Community members are reminded to take unused and expired pills and gel caps only, to the Ludlow Police Department, on West Hill Rd. 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. -- no liquids, needles or lotions are accepted. For more information on the proper disposal of liquids or sharps, please call the coalition office at 228-7878.

BRACC received a new grant to work in Mount Holly and Shrewsbury over the next 2 years to **reduce availability of alcohol to minors** by warning adults not to buy for youth and working with retailers to prevent sales to 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 will be doing similar work in Ludlow, Plymouth and Cavendish under the Partnership for Success grant from the State.

Our work with teens continues in preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drugs as well as providing community education on internet safety issues. This holiday season, be a good role model to the children in your family. Talk to them about your expectations. Be a parent!!

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

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## MT Holly Sno\*Drifters, Inc.

Hello Sno\*Drifters,

Enclosed is the 2013-2014 TMA form you need to fill out in order to ride the VAST trail system, for multiple sleds photo copy the form. The VAST trail system opens December 15<sup>th</sup>, please do not ride before then. Officers for the club are: Steve Forest – President, Mike Smelser – Vice President, Mary Marechaux – Secretary, Claire Poulin - Treasurer, Trail Master – Steve Howlett and assistant Mike Poulin. The club has regular monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Belmont Fire Station. We encourage you to attend the meetings, become involved and show your support.

Anyone born after July 1, 1983, and who is 12 years of age and older, must complete and pass a six-hour safety course. Our club will NOT be holding a snowmobile safety meeting this year. Please contact Ron Bixby at Ludlow Insurance 802-228-8823 and sign up for the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers snowmobile safety course, scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Club member dues are \$12.00 and the county due is \$3.00 this year. We encourage you to purchase your TMA's from us through the mail, as process can be time consuming for the stores. Please fill out the form and Claire Poulin (802)-259-2399; [claire.s.poulin@gmail.com](mailto:claire.s.poulin@gmail.com) will promptly mail your TMA to you. You may also purchase them from me at home (Mary Alberty 802-259-2900) just call ahead, the Belmont Store, and Dan Turco and Sons in Rutland. If you do decide to process your TMA in person, do not fill out this form.

Don't forget our Annual New Year's Eve extravaganza we will have our Annual Fire Works Display at Star Lake in Belmont. It is co-sponsored with the Mt. Holly Community Association on Star Lake in Belmont. Starting at 7:00 pm, bon fire and hot beverages. Fire works will begin promptly at 9:00 pm. Bring your family and friends!!! Anyone who wishes to make a donation for the fireworks can send a check payable to the MT Holly Sno\*Drifters. We scheduled two events, Snow Golf January 18<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Poker Run February 15<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the winter months I will send monthly e-mails to keep you informed. If you have e-mail make sure we have your address to keep up on the latest news, weather, trail conditions, events and cancelations.

**Please note:** *There are no Classic TMAs this year. Early Bird TMAs will not be sold after December 15, 2013.*

Have a fun and safe snowmobile season!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THINK SNOW and remember DO THE SNOW DANCE!!!! Sincerely, Mary Alberty, Secretary

**(TMA mailing directions are as follows)**

### Directions:

1. Please fill out the TMA form, for each snowmobile. (Make copies if needed)
2. Send signed TMA form, **copy of your registration** and send a check made out to:

MT Holly Sno\*Drifters, C/o Claire Poulin, 798 Hortonville Rd, MT Holly, VT 05758

3. Remember to add **\$12.00 for club dues**, plus **\$3.00 for County Dues**. (Fee is for each registered sled).
4. If you are a **Vermont Landowner** send a **copy of your paid VT tax bill**. Your snowmobile also must be registered in Vermont.
5. Questions e-mail us at [MHSnowdrifters@aol.com](mailto:MHSnowdrifters@aol.com) Or Claire [claire.s.poulin@gmail.com](mailto:claire.s.poulin@gmail.com)

## WHERE THERE'S AN EMERGENCY



### Or **ENSURE QUICK RESPONSE**

They are \$15.00 each, Vertical or Horizontal plus \$7.00 Shipping if mailed. It has been our practice to drop the completed signs at Mount Holly Town Clerks Office for you to pick up there. For more information Call 802-259-2391 or 802-259-2060

### **Make check or money orders payable to:**

Mt. Holly Vol. Fire Dept.

P.O. Box 114

Mt. Holly, VT 05758

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Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (In case we need to  
Contact you about your order)

**Your E 9-1-1 house number for the sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
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If you want it mailed, add \$7.00 shipping \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Merry Christmas**

## E911 Signs

The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Dept. and Mount Holly Rescue Squad ask your help in uniformly locating your residence; the Fire Dept. is selling E911 Signs at \$15.00 each a 6"X18" aluminum plaque that is highly visible day or night. The funds for the signs go directly to Mt. Holly Fire Dept. Payment is requested upon order for each sign and you may use the above form or call the Mount Holly Town Office for an order form. For more information call 259-2060 (MH Fire Station) or 259-2391 (MH Town Office).

## Mount Holly Community Association

On Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, the MHCA sponsored its first family Halloween party, the **Scarecrow Jamboree!** For many years, we have had an adult's only party, but this year made the decision to make it a family affair and it was enormously successful! The children were thrilled to go to a party that was designed specifically with them in mind and the adults had an equally good time watching their children parade around in their Halloween best. Many, many thanks to Morgan Skiathitis, who was the inspiration for the party. She and her crew did an outstanding job decorating the library and organizing all of the



## Mount Holly 2014 Calendar

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## Mount Holly 2015 Calendar Photos

Beginning this year, the announcement of the winning photos for the Mount Holly Calendar will now be made in the February issue of the ChitChat.

In the meantime, start taking your photos for the 2014 Photo Contest (November photos have a great chance of getting in the calendar and we need more winter photos next year)

**AND**

**Don't Forget to Buy Your  
Mount Holly 2014 Calendar!!**

activities...thanks so much!

Although the Halloween party seemed like yesterday, we are already gearing up for **Christmas in Mount Holly**. This year the children will gather in the Library & Community Center on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to enjoy the annual Christmas skit, directed by our very own Penny Coldwell. This is a show that is not to be missed as the actors and actresses are our friends and neighbors, the children and adults from the town of Mount Holly. Barbara Palotta will again be reading "The Night before Christmas", followed by community Christmas Caroling with the Mount Holly Folk Club. The major attraction for the afternoon is a visit from "you know who"! Santa will be making his annual trek to the Mount Holly Library on one of the town's fire engines to surprise the children with the first gifts of Christmas and to find out what their very special wish is for this year. When the excitement dies down, refreshments will be served in the Community Room downstairs. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to kick off this very special season with your family and friends!

**New Year's Eve at Star Lake** is on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, commencing at 8:00 pm. Once again the Mount Holly Sno\*Drifters in conjunction with the MHCA is putting on the biggest party in town. Even though they outdid themselves last year, the Sno\*Drifters have promised the biggest fireworks display in Star Lake's New Year's Eve history. The usual huge bonfire will be crackling and, if the weather is cold enough, there will be ice skating under the stars. Join us for refreshments (mulled wine and hot cider) provided by the MHCA and a fireworks extravaganza that you will long remember. Last year the crowd exceeded 300 people, but if you were not among them, don't miss welcoming in 2014 with your friends and neighbors at Star Lake...see you there!

It's time to renew your **MHCA Membership for 2013 - 2014**, if you have not already done so! All of the events sponsored by the Community Association (such as those described above) would not be possible without the participation of everyone in the community through your annual membership. It is our largest source of revenue to support all of the activities throughout the year, as well as the



maintenance of our beautiful, historic building. Whether you join at the individual level of \$20, or the benefactor level at \$250, your participation is crucial to the vitality of **your** Community Association! A reminder was recently sent out, but if you have misplaced your form, you can pick one up at the library or at the General Store, or contact Madeleine Fay, our membership chair, at 259-2654. Forgotten whether you've joined or not?! You can get that information from Madeleine Fay as well. Please join today!!

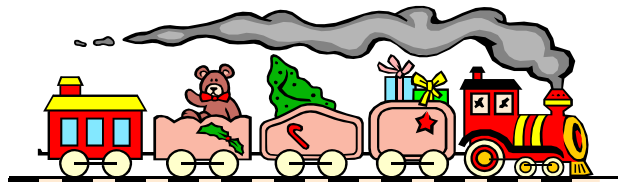
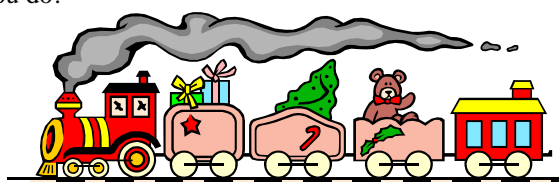
**The Mount Holly Photo Calendar** is now on sale at the General Store and the library. Be sure to pick up the calendars you need for holiday presents as soon as possible. We sell out of the calendars every year and there is a limited quantity left right now! This is yet another way that you can support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

## **Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2013 – 2014**

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

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Please Join today!!**

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## ANNUAL CHIT CHAT MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 - TOWN OFFICE

Meeting started at 6:30pm

**ATTENDANCE:** John Puro, Mary Beth Dawley, Michael Dawley, Heather Garrow, Jeffrey Keller, Carol Venter, Christine Pratt, Dave Venter, Sandy Montgomery, Durwood Montgomery, Ted Crawford, Sue Crawford, Barbara Ludwig, James Johnson, Candace Neary, Rhonda Rivers, Jim Heald, Don Richardson, Roger Garrow, Ray & Clarise Dana, Annette Lynch, Dennis Devereux, Marcy Tanger, Andy Tanger, David Hoeh, Mary Marchaux, Robin Eatmon, Don Eatmon, Randy Bixby, David DelMastro, Joseph Turco, Diana Garrow, Linda McGrath, Dennis Deiters, Alec McCallum, Joan McCallum

**New Board Members were nominated, seconded and elected:** Dennis Devereux – President, Susan Crawford – Vice President, Diana Garrow – Treasurer, Barbara Ludwig – Secretary, Heather Garrow – Director, Christine Pratt – Director, David Venter – Director

Minutes from August 5, 2013 were read and accepted

### TREASURERS REPORT

Diana gave the 2013 Financials which are from Jan. 2013-Sept. 2013 with partial October figures.

Check Book Balance \$2,227.50. Dennis Devereux suggested having Financials Sept - Sept for the Annual Meeting in Sept.

Motion to accept and Mary Beth Dawley seconded

**EDITORS REPORT:** Diana reported that a few articles ran together but it was straightened out

**OLD BUSINESS:** Annette Lynch submitted the Chit Chat Annual General Meeting Business Review: Dennis suggested raising the back page advertisers from \$20 to \$25 and raise the regular Stipend from the Town from \$2,000/yr to \$2,500/yr. It was decided to wait until the Nov. Mtg to see the Yearly Income/Exp's. Carol Venter asked Diana how much time she spends on the Chit Chat. Diana said approx. 40 hrs. Month + delivering Chit Chats to Post Offices, gas, and sometimes going to Manchester to the printers. Ted Crawford suggested to wait until the Board gets the full year Income/Expenses and look at it to what we need. Diana Garrow reported that for the past 5 years the Chit Chat was running in the red approx (\$668). Rhonda Rivers stated that the new Board members should have the last 5 year Financials.

We should reimburse Diana for her supplies. Let the townspeople know the Chit Chat is in the Red. Clarise Dana talked about all the Chit Chats delivered to Post Offices, Store and Town Office that are left there for people to take but they are extra copies, not paid for. Don Eatmon suggested putting all Town/School meeting minutes on-line, summarized on paper to save space. Dave Venter asked Diana what she would like or see changed. Diana responded that the expenses should be reimbursed.

Dave Venter asked Diana to provide the Board with ideas. Venter suggested School Board minutes be printed in Chit Chat.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chit Chat is March 2014, to be recognized at Town Meeting. Don Richardson suggested running

### A TREMENDOUS THANKS!

**Abe Leber**  
designer of the  
2014 Mount Holly Calendar

**Don Reiser and Express Copy**  
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articles/stories from old editions of Chit Chat. Annette Lynch stated Mt. Holly is possibly the oldest continuously run Town newspaper in VT. Dave Venter commented on other Towns' use of our paper to their advantage. Should they be charged for this? Next Meeting is Monday Nov. 4, 2013 at 7pm at the Town Office. Motion to adjourn Don Richardson at 7:30pm Second by Dave Venter.

### Mount Hollyday Craft Fair

December 14, 2013

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.



Elementary School  
Mount Holly, Vermont

Rt. 103 to flashing light; turn south onto  
Belmont Road; first left onto School St.;  
school at the top of the hill.



## Take Action on Energy Efficiency

The Vermont Home Energy Challenge is a community-based effort empowering neighbors to help neighbors save energy in their homes.

A more energy-efficient home can:

- ✓ Save money by lowering energy bills
- ✓ Make your home more comfortable – warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer
- ✓ Reduce the environmental impact of energy use
- ✓ Solve problems like ice dams and more

By pledging to take action you will help your town win community prizes. To get in on the action contact us at your convenience: [info@efficiencyvermont.com](mailto:info@efficiencyvermont.com) or call 802-599-5990, or [efficiencyvermont.com](http://efficiencyvermont.com)

**Vermont HOME ENERGY CHALLENGE**

## I Pledge

To Take Action to improve the Energy Efficiency of my home by December 31, 2013.

Take a simple quick and low-cost energy saving action:

- ☐ Use energy efficiency audits
- ☐ Seal air-flow around doors or window frames
- ☐ Use a programmable thermostat or smart thermostat
- ☐ Weather-strip your doors and windows
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Make a comprehensive plan for improving the efficiency of your home:

- ☐ Schedule an energy audit with a certified contractor
- ☐ Schedule an energy audit with a certified contractor

Save 20-30% on your home energy bill:

- ☐ Hire a certified contractor to complete home energy improvements like heating oil tank, adding insulation and upgrading your heating system

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Postage Paid Cards Like This are at the Belmont Store on the left as you walk in the door- Mail it to Efficiency Vermont to Help Mount Holly Win \$500\*

Also, the cards for a free energy savings kit, are at the store-Please remember that only one kit will be sent to each household.

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

NeighborWorks. Call Lori at (802) 438-2303 x 227.

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

## Hark the Harold

One of my favorite Christmas stories is about a little town in Iowa that isn't very big but they *do* know how to celebrate Christmas. Each year the towns' people put on a Christmas pageant at the village church, starring the children of the community. Since there are no malls or big city lights the annual pageant is the biggest night of the season. With costumes and sets it takes weeks to prepare for.



say. No room in the inn.” Finally, Harold stammered “I-I-I’m sorry. We have n-o-o ro-o-om in the inn.” “Are you sure there is not a small room somewhere?” Again, it was quiet until the prompt came. “N-no, be gone.” As Joseph and Mary sadly turned to leave, Harold pensively shut the door and everyone backstage breathed a sigh of relief. But then the door suddenly opened and Harold regained his voice. Gesturing excitedly, he shouted, “M-Mary, J-Joseph, wait! You can stay, have MY ROOM. I’ll sleep in the shed!”

There was a stunned silence. Several thought the play was ruined, that is, until they thought again of those words. To some, loving comes easily, almost spontaneously. I think *Harold* understood Christmas. How can you close the door on God’s Son? The answer was a generous welcome to the weary travelers. Blessed are we when we give God a “room” in our lives, especially since He said, “I go to prepare a place for you.” Have a delightful celebration of Christ’s Birth! Pastor Glenn

## The Community Guild Raffle for Cider Days!!!

### The Prize Winners:

- Homemade Quilt: Pete Hill
- Hand-painted Breadbox: Kevin Stillwell
- Gift Basket: Sally Frey of NYC
- Photo: Julia Petorski of Ludlow, MA

This particular year, Harold, who was big for his age and a little developmentally delayed, raised his hand to be a shepherd. While Mrs. Carter pondered the request, other kids giggled and suggested he could be the donkey. Everyone was aghast when Mrs. Carter said, “No, Harold, I’d like you to be the innkeeper.” The night of the play, with standing room only, Mrs. Carter was rehearsing lines backstage with Harold. “Do you remember what to say, Harold?” “I’m sorry. There is no place for you to stay. No room in the inn.” “That’s right, keep practicing. When Mary and Joseph come to the door and knock, what do you do?” “I-I open the door.” “Right! Open it, say your line and as you close the door say, ‘No, be gone!’ OK? Then you can go and sit down.”

The play began and there was much whispered encouragement back stage as Mary and Joseph approached the inn door. “This is the only inn left, Mary. I hope they have room.” Knock, knock, knock. Harold was so nervous trying to open the stuck door that the whole set was shaking. Disaster loomed, but Mrs. Carter calmed him and finally the door opened. Joseph spoke, “Sir, my wife is tired and is going to have a baby, so can we stay here for the night?” There was silence. “I said, can we stay here for the night?” Mrs. Carter prompted Harold. “I’m sorry”, she whispered, “There is no place for you to

## Birthday Party for Jesus!

Games!

at  
Village Baptist Church  
On the Green ~ Belmont, VT

Ages 4 and up

Saturday, December 21, 2013

1:00 – 3:30 pm



Crafts

For more information, and to register please call  
Martha Moyer 259-2242 or Karen Carrara 492-3372

## CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7PM—INVITE A FRIEND TO SEE THE BLACKLIGHT DRAWING MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

**Automation up and running!!!:** We are very excited to be finally checking books in and out with our new automation system. A core group of volunteers have been trained and are finding it isn't as scary as they thought it might be. It goes without saying that we are all still working out the bugs so we hope you will have patience with us. There are so many positive aspects of the new system for patrons and the library. Best of all we know what we own. You may be surprised that we have over 8,700 materials that can be checked out of our collection. That includes books, books on CD and DVDs. We are still missing many books that have not been returned some taken out more than one or two years ago. Please make an effort to return your books. The old system made it difficult to follow up on overdue books. With the new system it is imperative that we have your email address if you have one. With one click I can send you an email with a list of the books you have out and which are overdue. This will save our library hundreds and hundreds of dollars each year!

**New Volunteer and New Board Member:** You will be seeing a new face at the checkout desk. Martha Moyer, daughter of Miles & Mamie Richards, has moved back to the family home. Martha was an elementary school librarian in Maine so we are thrilled to have her expertise. She has been helping in the library at the Mt. Holly School so she is already familiar with Library World our automation provider. We have been one board member short for quite a while. We are very pleased that Emma Coldwell Vastola has agreed to join the library board of Trustees. Emma is a teacher at the Mt. Holly School. She and her husband Gabe are parents to Neva born in the spring of 2013. Emma has experience working with nonprofit organizations and brings many assets to the board. Welcome to you both and thanks for agreeing to give your time and energy to the library.

**Claudine Langille – Great Concert:** Do you remember the Touchstones, an Irish-Appalachian fusion band based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in the 80's? Many people do as evidenced by the turnout on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Claudine and long time friend Triona give a great concert to a packed house. One audience member brought her old cassette recordings to show them and one family claimed they were groupies from the 80's and I have no doubt they were as I saw them mouthing all the words to the Touchstone favorites. We are so fortunate to have Claudine as a community member and musical talent. Her dedication to bringing music to Mt. Holly is appreciated by audiences and enriches our community. Thanks to Claudine, Rod and members of Gypsy Reel – Keep Music Live!

**Yoga Wrapping Up the Season:** Big thanks to Jennifer Coleman for bringing yoga to Mt. Holly. Jen is an excellent teacher and she has a large dedicated group of folks coming to her classes. Her last class for this winter will be December 16<sup>th</sup>. She will be back in the spring when weather conditions for her commute from Rutland will be less risky. Thanks to all the participants for making this a successful program.

**Writers' Group:** Last spring Linda Lampert brought the offer to facilitate a writers' group at the library. The group has met monthly but as the prospect of bad weather and Linda's teaching responsibilities increased the group has decided to suspend meeting over the winter. My thanks to Linda for bringing this program to the library and hope we can generate interest in the spring. I would also like to apologize for misspelling Linda's last name in the November Chit Chat.

**Who Remembers When the Library Was the Mount Holly Town Hall?:** Before the library was moved upstairs in the old Methodist Church many celebrations were held in what was at that time The Mount Holly Town Hall. Over the last couple of years many folks have shared with me their memories of the many ceremonies and events that took place on the stage. Every year graduations from the various schools in Mount Holly took place at the Town Hall. There were variety shows (I still remember Hazel Devereux on roller skates playing the kazoo) and plays in the summer time and town meeting every March. I would like to hear from anyone who had those experiences. Best of all I would love to see pictures taken in the building during those events. Please share any pictures or memories. I will have copies made of the pictures and return the originals to you. This old building has played such an important part in the history of our town and we should have a scrapbook that documents this history for future generations. Please give me a call. Lynne Herbst at 259-2823 or email me at [lherbst@vermontel.net](mailto:lherbst@vermontel.net)

**Two Wonderful Author Events:** This fall the library hosted two Vermont authors Megan Mahew Bergman and Katharine Britton. Both authors were delightful. They read from their work and told us about their process. They shared how they developed their stories and how they are inspired. It was fun to have read the books and be able to ask the authors questions about some of things that peaked our interest. Thanks to the Book Nook in Ludlow for bringing these events to us. Some of the most famous Vermont authors, like Archer Mayor, charge \$500 and more for personal appearances but lesser known authors are happy to share their work and get feedback from the public. They can also be the most interesting and engaging events. If you have a favorite Vermont author you would like to have in Mt. Holly let me know and we'll see if they are willing to come.

**Message from the Librarian:** I can't close the last Chit Chat of 2013 without expressing my sincere thanks to a very supportive Board of Trustees and faithful volunteers for a wonderful year. Together we continue to improve our collection and service to the community. Thanks to our many patrons who give me suggestions for books and programs. Together we have created a warm welcoming library with up-to-date materials. A very special Thank You to Diana and the Chit Chat for the amazing job she does every month. Best wishes to all for a safe and peaceful holiday season and hopes that 2014 is a great year for Mount Holly.

- 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 – 6:00 pm
- Library Board Meeting – Third Wednesday of the month – 7 pm

*January Issue of Chit Chat  
Deadline will be on Thursday,  
December 19th*



## To the Editor:

My decision to resign from the Planning Commission followed its September 16 meeting when Tim Martin – both Planning Commissioner and Selectman - obtained a vote of “no-confidence” in my performance as Chair of the Commission -apparently for answering questions from a VPR reporter who identified me as a member of the Commission in her report.

In my opinion, this action shows the Select Board’s problem dealing with criticism that, in my experience, is robbing the Town of a properly functioning Planning Commission.

The Select Board governs the Town through laws and services. The Planning Commission prepares the Town for the future by proposing plans and regulations that must be approved by the Selectmen, who are ex-officio non-voting members of the Planning Commission and who appoint and remove voting Commissioners.

Within this degree of almost total control by the Select Board, the Planning Commission needs to be free to consider current problems and future needs and to encourage open discussion of concerns raised by the Town’s citizens.

The Town’s residents should be able to rely on their Planning Commission to be completely trustworthy in its work advancing the best interests of the Town, even if that includes attempting to correct deficiencies in the operation of Town agencies.

From 2011, Planning Commissioners pointed out that the Select Board was violating the Open Meeting Law by not including citizens in the planning of the town garage.

Since 2012, the Select Board - despite its policy of reappointing willing Commissioners - has replaced them with members of the Select Board or with town officials who are dependent on the Select Board for work or money.

Citizens of Mount Holly deserve Planning Commissioners who, as they serve the Town, are free to speak their mind. Annette Lynch, Former Chair, Planning Commission

## To the Editor:

Friends of Star Lake (FOSL) are to be congratulated not only for their years of work cleaning and maintaining the Lake and for their planning and fundraising for the repair of the hazardous dam, but also for their open approach that has kept citizens of Mount Holly informed and involved in the process.

FOSL has used a variety of mechanisms to reach people: regular articles in the Chit Chat; public meetings; mailings; fundraising; presentations at meetings of the Odd Fellows, Community Association, and Conservation Trust; personal outreach to Lake Neighbors; and reports to the Select Board with subsequent minutes in the Chit Chat and video on LPC Public Access TV.

They have kept the Town and the Select Board involved at every step: outlining the problems, presenting the results of their research, detailing their approach to finding solutions, listing the options, and circulating details of the engineering bids.

At the meeting held in the Community Center on November 21, the firm,

DuBois and King, presented, with a summary booklet, the results of their engineering analysis, the pros and cons of proposed solutions including costs, and answered questions from the Select Board and members of the public.

The next steps –

after all have had time to digest the material – will be further discussion and deliberation at the meeting(s) of the Select Board. Once one of the proposed engineering options is chosen, work can begin.

I assume that FOSL will establish ways for the public to remain fully informed before and during the project - especially if there is a need to adjust plans.

FOSL’s work has been done primarily by Dottie Finnerty and Ron Unterman. They deserve recognition for their admirable approach to open planning. Candace Neary

### POLITICAL FORUM SET FOR JANUARY 25TH AT 2 P.M.

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**. They will discuss their understanding of bills that will likely have serious consideration, and some other important issues. The public is welcome, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. It will be hosted by the Mount Holly Republican Party.

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule

*St. Patrick's in Wallingford*

*4:00 pm Christmas Eve*

*9:15 am Christmas Day*

*&*

*Christ The King in Rutland*

*Christmas Eve*

*5:15 pm ~ 8:00 pm ~ 12 am Midnight*

*Christmas Day*

*7:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am*

*&*

*Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in  
Ludlow*

*Christmas Eve*

*5:00 pm & 9:00 pm*

*Christmas Day*

*9:00 am*

*&*

*Holy Name of Mary in Proctorsville*

*Christmas Eve Only*

*7:00 pm*

It’s coming in March..... **The big “4 - 0” !!!!**  
In celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the March 2014 Chit Chat will be a commemorative, full color edition with highlights from past issues spanning all 4 decades. The 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Chit Chat will truly be a keepsake! Find out how you, your family or your business can join the celebration in the next edition of the Chit Chat. Stay tuned!



## Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.lpcvtv.org](http://www.lpcvtv.org). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

**SELECT BOARD** - Special Meeting - October 22, 2013 ~ Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell was present. Tim Martin was absent. Also present was Rhonda River

The purpose of the meeting was to set the date for the second public hearing on a GMP Petition and to revoke the re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan.

### 1. GMP Petition on Yale Road

A second hearing must be held on this petition so that GMP can be present to answer questions regarding the location of the underground wires. It was suggested that it be held just before the next Select Board meeting. Upon motion made, seconded, and with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To hold a Public Hearing on the GMP Petition on Yale Road on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Town Office, the hearing to be warned as required.

(Note: the Warning will be published in the Rutland Herald on Monday, October 28, 2013.)

### 2. Town Plan adoption.

The vote to re-adopt the town plan should have been taken at a select board meeting after the closing of the public hearing. The previous vote was taken before the closure, therefore was not valid. This is a warned select board meeting AFTER the closure of the public hearing.

Upon motion made and seconded, and with no further discussion, it was VOTED: To re-adopt the Town Plan, dated April 2008.

### 2. Other Business

- Rhonda reported that the Town's employer account has been successfully set up on Vermont Health Connect.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

**SELECT BOARD** - November 12, 2013 ~ 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 October 08, 2013 and the special meeting of October 22, 2013 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the minutes of October 08 and October 22.

### 2. Highways

- GMP Petition re Yale Rd. – The Board reported that a second Public Hearing on the petition was held earlier in the evening. A representative from GMP was present. There were no comments from the public at the hearing. Upon motion made and seconded, with no further discussion, it was

VOTED: To approve the GMP Petition for tree work and utility installation on Yale Rd.

The Board signed the Petition, which will be recorded in the town records and a copy sent to GMP.

- Winter Salt bids: Cargill dropped their bid amount to match American Rock Salt (state contract) and Jeff preferred to stay with Cargill, the town supplier for several years.
- FEMA Update:

- Spring storm damage (Old Turnpike Rd): The town received a check for the FEMA share of the PW, which totaled \$20,297. The State share (\$4,059) will not be sent until the project has been completed and the PW closed out. The town share is \$2,706.
- Fowler Brook culvert: The town received the approved time extension request (thru September 2014). No formal word on the Change of Scope.

- New Garage: Jim Heald reported that the School Board has contracted realtors for two appraisals of the property (no responses yet). Jim has tentatively set a date for the town wide meeting for Saturday, Nov. 30 starting at 10:00am at the garage. From there, the meeting will proceed to view the proposed site and then on to the school gym for discussion and questions. He picked the date based on conversations with townspeople, to allow for those who work during the week, and also potentially second home owners who may be up for the holiday weekend. The other Board members agreed to the date. The meeting notice will be sent to the Chit Chat, Newsflash and posted at the post offices, them at the site. He also is concerned how the transfer site and building could be used for town activities. Jim replied that the transfer station/recycle building is too small, and that there is no additional land around the building. He noted that the school property is centrally located, and the Fire and Rescue have said they have no known needs at this time. Jeff also noted that the central location is key to efficiently running the road crew's workload.

Lester Lampert questioned the building size for the 3 trucks (corrected to 4 trucks, plus the grader and loader) and asked why the grader couldn't be kept on Gates Rd. Concerns about vandalism could be resolved with an alarm system and better lock, and he felt that would save \$100,000 on the new garage.

- New VTrans town highway maps were received, including the Unterman road piece off Healdville Rd.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated October 31, 2013 showing cash balances of

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\$3,343,749. Property taxes outstanding as of 11/04/13 (due date) are less than \$180,000, which is the lowest amount since 2007. General Fund expenses are a little lower than expected. Solid Waste revenues are on target and expenses are a little high. Jeff noted that an extra haul was needed, as some couches and mattresses filled the compactor.

- David also noted that the external auditor was expected tomorrow to get a copy of the file and other information to begin work on the audit.
- 4. Insurance
  - The employer account for the Town of Mount Holly has been set up on the exchange, Vermont Health Connect. Employees have been provided with the information necessary for them to go on and set up their personal accounts.
  - The Board further reviewed the decisions required regarding health insurance. The two remaining decisions are:
    - 1) Will the Town offer a Health Reimbursement Account and at what level? The new plans result in higher out-of-pocket expenses, due to increased deductibles and co-insurance. Upon motion made and seconded, it was  
VOTED: To fund HRA accounts for deductibles and co-insurance, to be funded at \$600 for an individual plan, \$1200 for 2-person and families plans.
    - 2) Will the Town offer a Group Medicare Supplemental plan for employees and spouses who are Medicare eligible? The new plans require Medicare to be the primary payer for those who are eligible, rather than the town plan being primary. This results in higher out-of-pocket expenses, as Parts B and D must be paid by the individual, but the town could provide for supplemental coverage. Upon motion made and seconded, it was  
VOTED: To offer group Medicare Supplemental coverage for employees and spouses.
- 5. Transfer Station:
  - Metal Recycling: Jewell/Evergreen pulled 3 loads from the metal pile, resulting in a lot of small stuff left behind, as they no longer use the magnet to pick it up and the claw cannot grab it. Tim Martin asked if the town trucks could handle all the metal ourselves and truck it to Hubbards. Jeff will look into this.
  - Electronics Recycling: The current provider (Good Point Recycling) has been approved as an opt-out plan by the State. The town will continue with Casella, the current State contract holder.
- 6. Planning Commission:
  - There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission. One is a regular term expiration and the other is a result of a resignation. Tim Martin recused himself from the discussion and voting. Jim Heald read three letters of interest, from Anna McGee, William McGrath and Tim Martin. Upon motion made and seconded it was  
VOTED: To appoint Tim Martin to the Planning Commission.
  - A motion was made to appoint Anna McGee to the Planning Commission. At this point, the two board members brought Tim Martin back in. It was agreed to table this motion until later in the meeting, to give Tim time to read the letters.

#### Other Business - Cemeteries

Jim reminded everyone that this is a design/build project and not everything may be known. He also noted there may be a need for a special meeting of the combined school and select boards to nail down the costs to the town for the lease of the land. Also, he clarified that the contractor has responsibility for clearing the land. The town will review prices/bids for that and may have the road crew do some or all of the work, if possible. He then asked for comments from the floor.

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

**Saturday, November 30, 2013  
10:00 AM – Town Garage and  
Mount Holly School**

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

The meeting location is as follows:

10:00 AM	Start at Town Garage
To Follow	Proceed to the proposed Site
To Follow	Mount Holly School Gym

Mount Holly Select Board  
James Heald, Chairman

7. David Hoeh noted that it appeared that the school site is the only site considered at this point. He stated he had concerns with the adequacy of that site for 30-40 years. He felt other town activities (Fire, Rescue) may need space and would there be room for

- Dennis Devereux. Cemetery Commissioner gave a report, updating the work done this year repairing gravestones, filling sunken graves and tree removal. (A copy of the report is at the Town Office.) He would eventually like to see the town take over all of the cemeteries. He reported it will likely take over 5 years and some money to get the cemeteries back in shape. In response to questions, it was noted that the cemetery fund contains about \$24,000, \$8,000 of which is set aside for perpetual care. Proceeds from the sale of plots go into the cemetery fund, but no lots have been sold for 2-3 years, and there aren't many lots available.
- Alec McCallum then spoke on the possibility of donating some of his land, which is at the back of the Hortonville cemetery on Shunpike Rd. There are a number of issues which would need to be worked out, such as a ROW down the stone wall to eliminate driving over unmarked graves, a perc test to ensure

suitability as a cemetery, removal of the land from current use, a survey and boundary line adjustments on the deeds.

8. Planning Commission – continued

- The Board took up the appointment for the second position to the PC. The motion to appoint Anna McGee was still on the table, but was not seconded. William McGrath was not present to speak to the Board. The motion was withdrawn. The Board decided to table the appointment until next month.
- The Administrative Officer position remains vacant. Tim Martin noted that Nichole Griffin was interested, but the PC will not meet to make a recommendation to the Select Board until next week.
- Appointment to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission: There were two letters of interest, Annette Lynch who resigned last month and Patricia Teter. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To appoint Pat Teter as the town representative to the RRPC.

- Appointment to Rutland Regional Transportation Council: There was one letter of interest, from David Hoeh. Jim requested that a report be made to the Select Board after each meeting. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To appoint David Hoeh as the town representative to the RRTC.

David noted that the town could appoint alternate representatives as well.

#### 9. Other Business - continued

- Dennis Devereux, President of the ChitChat, noted that they will be requesting a larger appropriation on the ballot this year, \$2500 versus \$2000. Because of the increased amount, they would like to have it as a separate item. The ChitChat has been running at a slight deficit for several years and if passed by the voters, this should make up the difference.
- Jim Heald noted that the suggestion had been made that the town go to a 5-person Select Board, and solicited comments on this. Dennis noted that most towns have moved to a 5-person board. Dave Venter noted that the school board moved to a 5-person board and he has seen no detriment, only positives.
- Susan Covalla reported that the Town Clerk computer (circa 2006) is starting to have problems, as well as running the XP operating system won't be supported soon. She asked the Board to agree to a purchase sooner rather than later. She plans to use some of the record funds toward the purchase. The Board agreed she should move forward with replacing the computer.

#### 10. The Board reviewed and signed the October orders for payment.

At 8:50 pm, upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter.

At 8:57 pm, the Board returned from Executive Session.

Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To increase the highway wage rate of one employee by \$1.00 per hour, effective immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers



**Minutes from Planning Commission Regular Meeting 11-18-13 Rough Draft of Minutes ~ Members Present:** Jim Seward, Michael Valente, Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley  
**Public Present:** David Hoeh, Nicole Griffin, Theresa Cole, Ralph Michaels, Frank Barrelli, Jean Barrelli.

**MENU C: OLD BUSINESS:** Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; motion made by Clinton Woolley and motion accepted by Michael Valente. Discussion about the town plan and deferred the review of the town plan to the next meeting of the Planning Commissioners. Nomination of a New Chair-person; Vice-Chair person; Clerk/Recording Secretary: Clinton Woolley nominated Tim Martin for Chair person and seconded by Michael Valente. All members voted in the affirmative for Tim Martin for Chair person. Michael Valente Nominated Clinton Woolley for Vice-chair and Seconded by Jim Heald. All members voted in the affirmative for Clinton Woolley. Clinton Woolley Nominated Michael Valente as Clerk and seconded by Jim Heald; all voted in the affirmative for Michael Valente for Clerk.

Clinton Woolley motion for 3rd Monday of the month for regular planning Commission meetings; the motion was seconded by Michael Valente. All voted in the affirmative for the motion.

Michael Valente brought a motion to requested to adopt rules of Procedures and conflict from 10-16-2006; Clinton Woolley seconded the motion.

-Steve Mungen RE: Lisa Bixby subdivision-agreed to move the issue to the end of the meeting due to Steve Mungen statement of not being able to make the meeting. Motion made and seconded.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John Cole Subdivision: maps and drawings presented currently; Tim Martin-Chair stated that the PERC test for all of the properties have to be done before the properties can be subdivided and then subsequently sold. Theresa stated that Parcel 3 is under contract and the possible owners want to do their own subdivision; confirmation was made that the subdivision has to be done before the properties; final mylar and updated information on the final mylar before the subdivision can happen. Theresa Cole confirmed that the Engineering and mylar to be done for the next meeting and warn for the next meeting. Ralph Michaels presented a boundary survey and boundary line adjustment for regarding David Tilley former Crowley land. Maps and information for 9 lots all lands show no buildings on any of the properties; Parcel #4 returned to David Tilley. Ralph Michaels states that the VT regulations regarding a boundary adjustment; discussed State of VT and deferred to VT regarding boundary Line adjustment. Confirmed the state of VT acceptance regarding boundary line adjustment and deferral language must stay with the state of VT. Ralph Michaels also presented sketch plans for Harold Beresin/Jennifer Bell and Carl/Constance Beresin 25.7 acre parcel of land and the subdivided land with landowners lots must be adjoining one another; the parcel in question shows 50' connector to the adjoining land and the land will be deferred. 1 parcel with house, 1st leach field and replacement leach field with state permits and applications pending hearing for the next meeting. Discussed the PERC test was needed for the wastewater. Discussion regarding hearing on Monday 12-16-13 7pm. Tim Martin-chair confirmed the need to warn the meeting by 12-2-13.

**Building Registration:** John/Shirley Pratt building a garage Jason Marceaux building a garage.

Reading of Nicole Griffin letter requesting affirmative vote by the Planning Commission for her appointment to the Administrative officer position; Tim Martin-Chair confirmed Nicole Griffin had read the job description and was interested in the position; Nicole confirmed her interest in the position. Michael Valente made a motion to confirm Nicole Griffin for the Administrative Officer position and Clinton Woolley seconded the motion. A unanimous vote confirmed the affirmative from all officers and Tim Martin-Chair stated the



next action to be taken will be by the Select Board to confirm/deny the Planning Commissions request. Reading the letters/correspondence presented the following: Wastewater/potable water for Camille Boucher parcel ID #02H6032.00 State of VT confirmation of application received for said waste-water permit from town of Weston planning commission boundary line adjustment and proposal regarding boundary line adjustments and requesting comments. VT National resources council resource; data base news and information not related to information in the Mt Holly Planning commission.

Tim Martin-chair asked for any further information regarding planning commission; Frank Barrelli stated he was following up on the Bixby property information due to being a adjacent property owner. Confirmation of property no longer requesting a hearing and the Barrelli's interested party status. David Hoeh encouraged Nicole to be researching VT/regional planning commission to help with her job as the Administrative assistant for the Planning commission. Clinton Woolley made a motion for adjourn the meeting; Michael Valente seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted By Michael Valente



## **Star Lake Dam Reconstruction** **Preliminary Engineering Report with Alternative Designs**

DuBois & King has completed their preliminary engineering report and presented their findings at an informational meeting on Thursday, November 21. The meeting was well attended with many thoughtful questions and discussion. This project is being managed as collaboration between the Mt. Holly Select Board and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT)-Friends of Star Lake (FOSL). The reconstruction is being funded in large part by the awesome \$500,000 gift to the MHCT-FOSL by the late Patricia Nye.

This Report includes: site topology, existing dam characteristics, an update of the watershed hydrology, and two alternative designs with cost estimates. Alternative 1 replaces the existing spillway in an "in-kind" manner by employing an overflow spillway design. Alternative 2 changes the design to a drop inlet system while extending the earth embankment. Both alternatives call for regrading to raise the topography on the dam, constructing a parapet wall on top of the existing cutoff wall, and protecting an area near the beach to allow overtopping in a controlled manner. The cost difference between the alternatives is significant due to the extent of the design and construction materials used, for that reason DuBois & King has recommended implementing Alternative 2. Depending on the timing for permits and construction season, dam reconstruction will hopefully begin in 2014.

Copies of the Report and last night's presentation are posted on the Mt. Holly web site, ....

<http://www.mounthollyvt.org/community-organizations/star-lake/>

"Star Lake Dam Alternatives Summary Report" ~ "Star Lake Dam Engineering Presentation, Nov. 21, 2013"

Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty, co-chairs FOSL, a committee of the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust, 802-259-2491

[ron@unterman.com](mailto:ron@unterman.com)



## **FOLA Raffles Off Its Fantastic Movie Collection**

FOLA has decided that it's time to let the rest of the world enjoy the same movies that it has been showing for the past two years. So It has decided to raffle off its collection of 24 movies worth over \$500. Interested? Take a look at its web site, [www.foia.us](http://www.foia.us), for more information! You'll be amazed at the movies in this collection. Ralph Pace for FOLA

## **DONATE TO A GOOD CAUSE AS A HOLIDAY GIFT**

Are you looking for a holiday gift that has a local flair and at the same time conveys a meaningful interpretation of the holiday spirit? Do you need to give a gift to someone who has everything? Would he or she like to share with those in need? Why not make a donation in the name of your loved one to the Black River Good Neighbor Services?

This year BRGNS will offer cards that you can personalize in return for a cash donation to its food shelf program and to its financial services program. This is a gift that keeps on giving, both to your loved one and to more vulnerable members of your community.

You can send the card to anyone on your shopping list. It will say that a donation was made in that person's name to BRGNS. See Audrey, Terry or Keeley at the 37B Main Street Store in Ludlow, and ask about our holiday gift cards. You choose the amount that you want to give and BRGNS will give you the card. BRGNS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and gifts to it are tax deductible. Call 802-228-3663 for more information on donating or on volunteering.

### **Holiday Stuff-A-Bus to Benefit Local Food Shelf**

The holiday season is upon us. While there is abundant joy to be found, it is also a time of year that marks significant need in our communities. This is a very busy time for Black River Good Neighbor Services as this local non-profit organization prepares to deliver gifts and a full holiday dinner to those in need. It is estimated that over 135 families from the immediate and surrounding towns will be helped this holiday season.

To help make this possible, BRGNS will hold a "Stuff-A-Bus" food drive on Saturday, November 30th. According to Audrey Bridge, Executive Director of BRGNS, "This is one of our most important food drives of the year. It will take place at the Shaw's shopping center parking lot in Ludlow from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m."

Food shelf volunteers will be handing out holiday dinner menus at the event and asking shoppers to help with the foods most needed: canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pickles – olives, mac & cheese, hot chocolate, cookies, tea, cereal (oatmeal), candy, carrots/peas, gravy, stuffing, margarine, corn, green beans, yams, and coffee.

Donations of money are always welcome and greatly appreciated since much food will still need to be purchased.

Volunteers are needed to sort the food as it comes in, and countless other tasks are required to make sure that the Holiday baskets find their way to everyone who needs help. Please call Audrey at BRGNS' Food Shelf and Thrift Store, 228-3663 or visit 37B Main Street to ask how you can get involved.

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## November Chamber Corner ~ Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Submitted By Marji Graf, CEO**

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. It's a great time of year to give

thanks and welcome in our winter season.

With that brings shopping beginning with Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. Please remember to shop locally. This is what keeps our region strong and healthy. We have 2 new clothing stores in Ludlow, Tina's Fun Stuff to Wear and The Next Chapter. Two new restaurants, 190 Main and Stemwinder.

I would like to thank Okemo Mountain Resort for hosting our November mixer and share in the excitement of the Mountain's early opening. I would also like to acknowledge Donald Dill for being named November Chamber Member of the Month. Who hasn't seen Donald with camera in hand?

Our Annual Meeting is December 11 at the Inn at Weston. Our speaker is Seth Goodall, the New England Director of the SBA.

We are arranging a Holiday Shop Tour scavenger hunt from December 17-24<sup>th</sup> to get people into our local retail shops.

Our Travel with Chamber program (open to everyone) is offering 3 trips in 2014.

China, March 18-26 ~ Scenic Ireland, departing April 22 for 8 days ~ Tuscany, departing October 20<sup>th</sup> for 8 days.

Please let the chamber know if you are interested in traveling with us. These tour companies ONLY work with Chambers of Commerce to provide you with discounted and escorted tours.

Please watch our program on lpctv. Our guest this month is Mary Rita Batesole from NB Insurance. We discuss the ongoing Vermont Health Connect enrollment options.

We are accepting applications for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home & Garden Show on April 5 & 6 at the Ludlow Community Center. Save the date.

Last Chance to buy your raffle tickets for our 12/1 drawings. Tickets can be purchased at: Blue Sky Trading, Green Mountain Sugar House, The Killarney, Chaos Casbah, Misty Valley Books, Knight Tubs, Jersey Girls Café, or the Chamber Office.

Prizes Include: LAST CHANCE! Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of 7 amazing prize packages!

### BUY 1 TICKET FOR \$10 OR 3 FOR \$20

1. Okemos's Stay and Play Package
2. A \$100 Shopping Spree at The Vermont Country Store
3. Stay and Cook Package offered by Inn at Weathersfield
4. Stay and Dine with Golden Stage Inn and Mr. Darcy's
5. A Stay and Dine at The Castle Hill Resort
6. A Midweek Stay and Spa Package provided by Calm Moments Spa & Governor's Inn
7. Stay and Snowmobile Package with Stone Hearth Inn And Tavern

### Come See LPCTV 's new home!

Please join us to see the new studio and progress on our new digs at our **Holiday Open House on December 16, from 4 to 7 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served and tours of the facility will be offered. You can even make your own holiday greeting video card for loved ones!! Drop in any time during the Open House. It is our chance to thank you, the community, for the tremendous support given during our transition.

You can find us at the new location 37C Main Street behind the old Armory. LPCTV is located behind the Ludlow Community Center and Black River Good Neighbors. Turn in at the tank and go to the right around to the back. We are on your right.

In other news, be sure to mark your calendars now for the Derby Party on May 3 at 5:00 at the Pot Belly Pub. Be ready -- put a Derby hat on your Christmas list!!

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Be sure to look for Mount Holly Select Board and School Board meetings on our web site. Watch these other Mount Holly events at your leisure by going to <http://lpctv.org> and clicking on Videos. Fill in the menu under Series and select Mount Holly school board or select board and your desired meeting date. The school concerts, sporting events and lots of other events in town are also available on the web site. Share the link with out of town friends and family to keep them connected to Mount Holly.

We hope to see you at our Open House on December 16.

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## Donald Dill named November Member of the Month

Congratulations to Donald Dill, Images by Donald Dill in Ludlow, VT for being chosen Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce November Member of the Month. Donald meets and exceeds the criteria used:

- \*Business Growth year over year
- \*Attends Educational Programs
- \*Attends and takes pictures at mixers and golf tournament
- \*Current on dues
- \*Volunteers Time
- \*Is an Ambassador for the chamber the the region.



**Pictured:** Donald Dill accepts his Member of the Month Certificate from Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. This was presented to Donald at the November 11th Chamber mixer at Jackson Gore Inn.



## HOLIDAY MUSIC WITH THE VSO A VERMONT TRADITION

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra will present its annual holiday concerts bringing festive cheer to communities around the state. The Orchestra will present three Holiday Pops concerts in Barre, Burlington and Rutland. A quintet made up of members of the VSO brass section pairs with the beloved Counterpoint Chorus. They will perform five concerts in five communities.

The VSO welcomes Vermont writer/commentator/marathoner/singer/historian/beekeeper Bill Mares as guest emcee for holiday stories and music from many lands. The festive program, conducted by Anthony Princiotti, features the music you love to hear at this time of year, including favorites from Russia, England, France, the Ukraine...and even Brazil. Rest assured you will return safely back to hearth and home by the end!

Holiday Pops performances are Friday, December 13, 7:30 pm at the Barre Opera House; Saturday, December 14, 7:30 pm at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington; and Sunday, **December 15, 3:00 pm at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland** (the first of three concerts in the Sunday Matinee Series.)

Join the VSO for holiday music that will warm your soul. For tickets and additional information please visit [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org) or call (800) 876-9293 ext. 10.



## FOLA Begins Rehearsals for FOLA Follies of 2014

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) announced that the first rehearsal for the 'FOLA Follies of 2014' will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 PM in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. Director Tesha Buss indicated that the new edition of the "Follies" will concentrate on music from Hollywood. "There's a lot of excellent music that originated in the films and we think it will make for a great evening of song - and some dance", she noted. While the exact songs have yet to be selected, she noted that such songs as "Moon River", "The Way We Were", "I Got Rhythm", and "Over the Rainbow" all came from the movies. Anyone interested in participating in the FOLA Follies of 2014 is invited to attend the first workshop for the show. Pictured above is a scene from the FOLA Follies of 2013 with Tesha Buss and Linda Thomson performing the show-stopping number, "Bosum Buddies". For information, call 802-228-7239.

## A Gift That Keeps On Giving:

A blood donation can be life giving, having an impact far beyond the immediate benefit to the recipient. Fifteen years ago, I received several pints of blood after a drunk driver crashed into our car putting me in critical condition with multiple injuries. Hemorrhaging internally, I was close to "bleeding out" by the time I reached the Emergency Room. (I have been told that I am alive by the benefit of "20 minutes and 1/4 of an inch".) Transfusions to replace the blood lost to torn joints, lacerated organs, and subsequent surgeries, was a significant element of my survival.

When you donate blood, it is hard to imagine the impact that your gift will have on other people. In my case, the gifts I received, blood donations being one among the many kindnesses I accepted from strangers, motivated me to focus my energies on being a positive force in my community. It is my hope that some of the work I have been involved with in the years since the crash has benefited the lives of others in ways that mirror the impact that so many strangers had on mine.

A pint of blood can make a world of difference on one life; and can have far reaching benefits to an entire community. Please think about the immense possibilities your gift can bring when you give blood at the upcoming Gift Of Life Marathon on December 17, 2013. It's not just about breaking the national record, although that is an admirable community goal. In my book, giving blood is about helping individuals in need, while potentially having a positive impact on everyone around you.

Please call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-27677) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to make your appointment today. Andrea Liebenow Varney





## LUDLOW ROTARY'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Just over a year ago the Ludlow Rotary Club introduced its Dolly Parton Imagination Library program to help children improve their reading skills and give them a head start on their educational careers. The Imagination Library Program provides a free book each month from birth through to their fifth birthday to children resident in Ludlow, Mt Holly, Plymouth, Cavendish and Reading, potentially 60 books per child.

In this first year, free books were provided to about 120 eligible children, much to their delight. Many nice stories about the impact of this program on kids have reached the Ludlow Rotary. One of these is about the three year old girl that checks the mail every day even though the only mail addressed to her arrives only once a month – her new Imagination Library book. These high quality books are by established authors and are age appropriate for each child. Families with more than one child under five years of age receive a separate book addressed to each child.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library, launched in 1996 by the famed country singer-songwriter, has provided more than fifty million free books to children in the United States, Canada and Great Britain and recently expanded to encompass other countries.

If your child or children are residents in the above-named towns and are not yet receiving Imaginary Library books, you can obtain registration cards from Ludlow's Fletcher Memorial Library or by requesting them directly from the Ludlow Rotary Club, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. There are no economic or other eligibility thresholds associated with this Imagination Library program and the personal information is not used for any other purpose.

The cost of this Imagination Library program is funded by the activities of the Ludlow Rotary Club and by others that want to help in this effort. The cost of providing the Imagination Library to one child for one year is \$25. The immediate families of the children benefited do not incur any costs as the books are considered a gift to the children from the community. If you would like to assist in the funding of this program, please send your tax deductible donations to the Ludlow Rotary Club at the above address, noting "Imagination Library" in the check's memo section. For more information, email David Almond at [bethalmond@tds.net](mailto:bethalmond@tds.net).



## Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Welcomes

### John Chaffee of Softub to the Chamber.

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## Black River Academy Museum Presents Its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Celebration

Friday and Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> the museum will present its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Celebration, at 6:30 PM, which includes "Foiled By An Innocent Maid", a play featuring the Springfield Players directed by Stephanie Rowe. The raucous one act melodrama is a typical vaudeville skit with an innocent maid, a stalwart young man and a mustached twirling villain who uses disguises to try to steal the family fortune. Come root for the heroes and boo and hiss the villain. The actors are Apprille Blanchard, Anna Kendall, Balley Matteson, Tom Field, Scott Stearns and Molly Ferris.

The singing group "Voices About Town" will entertain us with holiday songs before the play, starting at 6:30 and at the conclusion of the play. The group consists of Linda Dunworth, Stephanie Rowe, Apprille Blanchard, Don Gray, Mike Wooton and Jacob Speidel, accompanied by Cindy Wooton on the piano.

The museum, 14 High Street, Ludlow, VT will be festively decorated with evergreens and snowflakes with seasonal songs beginning at 6:30. Refreshments after the play will be offered both nights. Admission is by donation. For further information please call [802-228-5050](tel:802-228-5050), email [glbrehm@tds.net](mailto:glbrehm@tds.net) or visit the museum's web site [www.bramvt.org](http://www.bramvt.org).

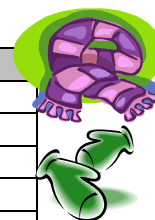
Pictured: The cast of BRAM'S one-act melodrama are Molly Ferris, seated. Standing from left to right are Tom Field, Balley Matteson, Apprille Blanchard, Anna Kendall and Scott Stearns.





## RAVNAH Foot Clinic Schedule for December \*\* Foot Care is \$10\*\*

Day	Date	Town	Site	Time
Wednesday	12/4/13	Wallingford	Wallingford House	10:30 am
Thursday	12/5/13	Rutland	Parker House	10:00 am
Thursday	12/5/13	Rutland	Bardwell House	12:30 pm
Monday	12/16/13	Rutland	Meadows SCU	10:30 am
Wednesday	12/24/13	Rutland	Godnick Center	12:30 pm



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Borax is commonly used as a deodorizer as well as for cleaning toilets and drains. Borax is also used as an insecticide, herbicide and fungicide and it can be mixed with water in a solution to kill and remove mold as it is a natural mold inhibitor. You can buy borax in supermarkets for a few dollars from the laundry section.

#### **How to Kill Mold with Borax**

1. To kill mold using borax, create a borax-water solution using a ratio of 1 cup of borax per gallon of water.
2. Vacuum up any loose mold with a HEPA filtered vacuum cleaner to lessen the number of spores stirred up into the air during the cleaning process.
3. Use a scrubbing brush with the borax-water solution to scrub the mold off the surface.
4. Wipe up any extra moisture and excess mold particles or dust/debris to prevent them spreading into the air once the surface has dried.
5. You don't need to rinse off the borax as the solution will prevent more mold beginning to grow on the surface again.
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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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**\$249,900:** Private 3 bedroom Log Home. Walk to Belmont & Star Lake, near snowmobile trail on 10 acres.



**\$249,000:** Family Colonial home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage, 5 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.



**Winter Rental:** Belmont Village Winter Rental 3 bedrooms 2 baths Fireplace 1 car garage. Call for \$



**\$334,900:** Star Lake front newer home with 3 bedrooms and 3 baths. Nice open concept and bright light.



**\$99,000:** South-facing meadow for your new home. 13.2 acres, drilled well, and roughed-in road. VAST

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Photography Gallery, Alex McCallum 259-2318  
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Stephanie Stouffer, Studio & Gallery 259-2686  
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## Bed & Breakfast

Hounds Folly [www.houndsfolly.com](http://www.houndsfolly.com) 259-2718  
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## Building & Repairs – General Work

Arthur DeArruda, Inc. Custom Carpentry & Renovation 274-0289  
AW Carpentry-Remodeling\*Building\*Portable Sawmilling 259-3699  
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Earl Runner Carpentry (Tertius) 492-3388  
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Ted Stryhas Builder 228-7327  
Wright Construction – Brett Wright 259-2094

## Communication – Computer Repair & Entertainment

Film/Video Production & DJ Services David Guerrero 345-6905 259-2136  
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## Engineering

Krueger Engineering- Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

## Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

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Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

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Sleds, Welding & Metal Fab [gurdgin67@gmail.com](mailto:gurdgin67@gmail.com)  
Joe's Garage – Small Engine Repair 259-2688  
Miller's Garage – Cold River Rd. Rutland 775-6852  
Turco's YAMAHA Service & Sales [www.turcosyamaha.com](http://www.turcosyamaha.com) 773-8650

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## Home Management Services

Belmont Gardens Property Management 259-2364  
Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086  
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## Home Ownership Services

Neighbor Works of Western VT, Jacki White 802-438-2303 Ext 215

## Lawyers

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## Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 259-3989

## Personal Services

Angelo's Family Tailoring 259-3564  
Ang's Cleaning Service 259-3598  
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## Plumbing & Heating

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