



Mount Holly Chit Chat



37/09

November 2011

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, Pastor & Rev James Dodson, Parochial Vicar 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

1st

2nd

Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library
Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School
Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School
Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library

All Souls' Day ~ Only Flight of Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose" 1947



7:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
3:00 pm

5th

6th

Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station
V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow

16 Day Shotgun or Bow & Arrow Turkey Season Ends ~ Youth Deer Weekend Ends

*Youth Deer Weekend
Daylight Savings Ends*

7:00 pm
7:00 pm



7th

8th

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont
Selectmen's meeting, Town Office
Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station
Mason's Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford

Marie Sklodowska Curie 1867

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

9th

Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station
Mount Holly Grange
ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

Berlin Wall Opens 1989

7:00 pm
7:30 pm
7:00 pm

10th

11th

12th

13th

Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building
Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations
Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont

*US Marine Corps Est. 1775
Veterans' Day / Signing of WWI Armistice 1918*

*Deer Rifle Season Begins
Robert Louis Stevenson 1850*

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

19th

21st

22nd

Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office
Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont
Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station
ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont



*Woodcock Season Ends
Beaver Trapping Season
Black Bear Season Ends
Gettysburg Address 1863*

7:30 pm
9:00 am
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

23rd

24th

27th

28th

29th

30th

Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building
Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations

*Happy Thanksgiving
Deer Rifle Season Ends*

7:00 pm
7:00 pm



Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass Season Ends

Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward		786-3408	American Red Cross	773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Jeff Whipple	773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		786-4404	Health Officer - Frank Bickford	259-2885
Animal Control Deputy, Rutland County		775-8002	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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November Birthdays: 2nd -Amanda Smith Frank * Linda Fitzgibbon. 4th -David Davis * Keith Hawkins. 5th -Bruce Turco * Victoria Turco. 7th -Bridger Lillard. 8th -James Proctor * Dave Venter. 12th -Bill Graf. 14th -Daniel Fitzgibbon. 17th -Matthew Alberty * Catherine Carrara * Candence Taylor. 19th -Chad Devereux * Barbara Gerdin. 20th -Melinda Dawley-Pearson. 23rd -Donna Lee. 28th -Jessica Lee. 29th -Joe Turco * Jeremiah Johnson * Maryanne Bolalek.



November Anniversaries: 15th -Wayne & Lori Wheelock.

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family member's birthday and or anniversary for 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: 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

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& 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
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Etta E. Hill Dean



Etta E. Hill
September
School.
time
years. Etta
activities.
daughters,
husband

Dean died peacefully at age 96 on Oct. 10, 2011. She was born in Mount Holly on 25, 1915, daughter of Herbert and Bertha (Davenport) Harris. She attended Rutland High

Etta had a long, healthy and fulfilling life. She held many jobs and spent much of her helping other people. She was actively involved with various community services for many was very involved with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved all the family

She is survived by a son, Edward R. Garrow and wife Jean of Shrewsbury; two Betty Ann (Hill) Harrison and husband Richard of Ludlow, and Jean M. (Hill) Glidden and David, also of Ludlow; and a daughter-in-law, Lucinda Garrow of Shrewsbury. She is also

survived by her grandchildren, Dawn Garrow, Wanda Trinci, Cindy Tuomisto, William H. Garrow, Christine Billings, Edward R. Garrow, Jr.,

Eric Garrow, Angelia Foster, and Joseph Garrow, as well as 14 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and first cousin Dr. Lawrence Staples of Des Moines, Iowa.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two husbands, Gunnar A. Hill and Winfred Dean; her two sons, Louis Garrow and William Herbert Garrow; three sisters, Dorothy Garrow, Ruth Hewitt and Marion Buzzell; a brother, Alfred Harris; and a great-grandson, Jacob Billings.

The funeral service was held at the Cavendish Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. in Cavendish, followed by a Celebration of her life at the Proctorsville Fire Station in Proctorsville.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street, Ludlow, VT 05149, or a charity of your choice.

Adams Funeral Home in Ludlow has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, October 5 at the Ludlow Elementary School. The board discussed the revised school calendar due to the delayed school opening. They also discussed the expenditure report and the work that the business office has been doing in preparing data for the state's financial analyst to review in light of the proposed SU change. Mr. Hutt Vater discussed the grant writing and the Four Winds program. The board also discussed the staff courtesy pilot program in great detail. The board discussed open meeting law and enrollment. Mr. Hutt Vater reported on a proposed pilot program offering Flexible Learning. The PTC has agreed to fund the first session. This program would provide enrichment and acceleration for current students. It could also take in some ADM money for non-students, such as home schooled students or 2nd home owners. This program has been designed to be tax neutral—meaning it shouldn't have an affect on the budget at all, but should still benefit many students. Mr. Hutt Vater discussed NECAP scores and municipal bussing.

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2011 at Mt. Holly Elementary School at 7:00p.m.



Ludlow Student Newton Rose Receives State Historical Award



Newton Rose, a Senior at Black River High School and Intern at Black River Academy Museum (BRAM), was honored by the League of Local Historical Society of the Vermont Historical society for his work in preparing and publishing "*Ludlow Village: A Walk into History*", a guide for walks through the historic section of the Village of Ludlow that described the history and architecture of the various historic homes and other buildings. Lisa M. Evans, League of Local Historical Societies Manager, noted, "The committee found the publication to be informative, well organized, researched and presented. The contributions of young Mr. Rose continue to impress! We truly hope he can be on hand to receive the award." The Award Ceremony will take place as part of this year's League of Local Historical Society and Museums Annual Meeting on November 4th, at the State House in Montpelier. The ceremony will be held in the House Chamber at 3:00 pm. Georgia Brehms, BRAM Director, said that "Newton's work for the museum has been excellent throughout his internship at the museum. This is a well-deserved tribute to his work."

YOUR INPUT IS CRUCIAL

Important Informational Meeting

October 26, 2011 ~7:00 PM ~Ludlow School Gymnasium

The proposed new merged supervisory union will affect **student programming, policy, governance and taxes**. This is your **only** opportunity to voice your concerns, listen to other's viewpoints, and ask questions on what this merge means to you and your children. Share your thoughts to help the Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union Board make their decision on the merge of the RWSU and the Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union (Chester).

St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar

Time to begin to Think Christmas. The Christmas Bazaar will once again be offering the Theme Basket Silent Auction this year. It is not too early to be considering themes and how you might want to contribute. Basket values this year will be limited to \$20-\$40 maximum. Once again participants will be either contributing items for others to assemble baskets, or choosing your own theme and assembling your own basket.

One of the new tables we plan on having is for plant sales. We are asking all of you plant lovers to donate cuttings of plants you may have and share them at the bazaar. New plants are also welcome.

This year we will be offering Religious items for sale. They would make beautiful presents for loved ones and if there is a specific item you would like us to have on hand please call Lena D. 446-2500.

The bazaar will be on Saturday December 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm.

There is a signup sheet at the church entry for you to indicate your contribution. Any questions or ideas should go to Barbara Boucher at 446-2216.

We are looking forward to a fun time for all and a chance to shop for some great Christmas gifts.

Winners of the Community Guild Raffle at Cider Days were:

Handmade Quilt by Claire Poulin - Leslie Fedge

Lap Quilt by Barbara Harrison - Karen Carrara

Handmade Basket by Judy Nevin - Mary King

Purse Set by Sherriations - Linda Huck

Portrait from photo by Pat LaBella - Merenda?

Thank you all for supporting us at Cider Days. Hope to see you at Mount Hollyday Craft Fair December 9th and 10th!



Ludlow Group Rehearses New Comedy Skits for Nov. 4

Stan Hart, the former head writer for the Carol Burnett TV show, is pictured above as he directs three local thespians at the Ludlow Town Hall auditorium in preparation for the 9 skit program scheduled for November 4 at the auditorium. The nine skits are all original comedies on the human condition written by Stan Hart, in association with his wife Jane. Stan has persuaded a number of area actors to perform in the various skits. Pictured above is Hart directing Kata Welch, Barbara Dickey and Sandra Russo in one the skits. The program, entitled "Old Enough to Know Better", will be featured at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7 PM. The event is free to everyone. For information, 228-7239.

Mount Holly School Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 15th

Mt. Holly School Gym
At 6:00 pm

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Fall Take-Back Day Counters Growing Dangers of Rx Abuse

More Americans are currently abusing prescription drugs than the numbers who use cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

You can help reverse this dangerous trend by taking part in the third National Take-Back Day on October 29 from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be eight collection sites around the state coordinated by the County Sheriff's Departments and staffed by state and local police and members of the region's prevention coalitions. The nationwide event is being organized by the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Your participation will be anonymous and free. Please bring only pills and capsules; no liquids, inhalers, or injectables



Our local drop off site is the Ludlow Police Department on West Hill Rd. You can find other collection sites by visiting www.dea.gov, clicking on "Got Drugs?", and entering your zip code

At the spring National Take-Back Day last April, Vermonters turned in 1,404 pounds of prescription drugs. For more information please call Paul Faenza or Brigid Sullivan at 228-7878. Visit our Facebook page: **Black River Area Community Coalition** for upcoming events.

Local Baker Graces the Cover of Country Women Magazine!

Laura Courtemanche, owner of A Dozen Eggs Bake Shoppe in Mount Holly will be featured on the cover of the December/January Issue of Country Women Magazine.

The article focuses on Laura's journey from Boston to Vermont, what it's like to run a bake shoppe and of course, cookies, cookies cookies! You can find Country Women Magazine at your local Grocery or Book store or online at countrywomanmagazine.com.

A Dozen Eggs Bake Shoppe makes cupcakes, party cakes, cookie platters and hand iced sugar cookies. They have also been featured on the Food Network, Phantom Gourmet and Boston Magazine, and can be found at 1871 VT Route 103 (the Red Train Station) in Mount Holly. They can be contacted by phone at 802.259.9109 or online at adozeneggs.com.



The MHCA is thrilled to report that **Cider Days Weekend** was yet another record breaker! The beautiful weather again brought hundreds of people into Mount Holly to enjoy all of the pleasures of a picture perfect autumn in Vermont. This fabulous event could never happen if it were not for the enthusiastic participation of all of the volunteers in the community. This year nearly 100 people volunteered to organize vendors, press cider, make pies, oversee the gazebo, the photo contest, and calendar sales, not to mention make the roast beef dinner another record breaker, serving about 255 people in two hours (that was 10 more than last year's record of 245)! As if that were not enough, the MHCA is also pleased to report that the event made more money than it ever has before. The Board of Directors of the MHCA cannot begin to thank all of the people who made this possible, as well as the entire community which turned out for this major event in our town. Mount Holly is renowned for its spirit of community and Cider Days weekend exemplifies this in a significant way...thank you all for helping to make it the huge success that it was!

Our next major event is the **Halloween Bash** to be held in the Library & Community Center on Friday, October 28th at 8:00 pm. Come dance to the strains of Gypsy Reel with your favorite spooky character! Admission is \$10 with costume and \$12 without. This is an adults only party and BYOB. See you on "Frightday" night, October 28th!

The month of November is a quiet one for the MHCA, but be sure to put two upcoming dates on your calendar: **Christmas in Mount Holly** on Saturday, December 17th at 4 :00 pm and **New Year's Eve on Star Lake** on Saturday, December 31st, co-sponsored with the Sno*Drifters.

Mount Holly Community Association

Halloween at the Mount Holly Elementary School

Mentors and their students carved fun and scary pumpkins in preparation for Halloween. Many thanks to Joan McCallum who donated the pumpkins. If you are interested in mentoring a student, please contact Lily French at 259-2392 or at lilyfrench@vermontel.net



A Message from your Constable

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

Posted Property: Whenever possible, the hunter should check with the landowner before going onto his or her land. The right to hunt on privately owned land is not guaranteed by your hunting license. The privilege of using private land for your recreation is extended to you by the generosity of the landowner. It is illegal to damage or remove posters prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping. In order to hunt, fish or trap on properly posted land, a person must have the written consent of the owner or the person having exclusive right to take fish or wild animals from that land. This also means that a person may not carry or possess a firearm, bow and arrow or trap on land that is properly posted.

Safety Zone: A property owner may establish a 500-foot Safety Zone around an occupied dwelling, residence, barn, stable or other building with signs provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department. These signs shall be placed at each corner of the


**The Mount Holly Democrats Committee
is please to invite you to a discussion with**

**Bill Carris
Vermont State Senator**

**Tuesday, November 1
6:00 p.m.
Mount Holly Town Office**

Senator Carris will talk with us about the challenges
ahead for Vermont

For more information, please call David Hoeh at 259-2274
or Janet Warren at 259-2007



**THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY
READING GROUP
MEETS**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9th 7:00 PM
AT**

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A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS
by the author of The Kite Runner
KHALED HOSSEINI**

**Please join us for an interesting evening
You may pick up a copy at the Belmont P.O.**

property and no more than 200 feet apart. All shooting is prohibited in the Safety Zone and no wild animal may be taken within it unless advance permission is obtained from the owner or rightful occupant. Whether the property is posted or not, a hunter shall show their license if requested by the

landowner.

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

- The owner or the person, who has exclusive rights to fish, hunt and trap on the land will post the signs. The owner or person posting the land shall record the posting at the town clerk's office for a fee of \$5.00
- Signs must be not less than 11 inches wide by 8 inches high in size
- Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors
- The signs must contain the wording that hunting, fishing or trapping or any combination of the three are prohibited or forbidden
- Signs are valid even if additional information is on the sign, as long as a reasonable person would understand that hunting, fishing or trapping are prohibited or forbidden
- Legible signs must be maintained at all times and shall be dated each year. Signs must be erected on or near all the boundaries, at each corner and not over 400 feet apart.

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

For additional information please visit: www.vtfishandwildlife.com



Mount Holly 2012 Calendar

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Mount Holly Community Historical Museum

Dear Friends:

Mount Holly Community Historical Museum would like to thank you for participating in our annual Festival of Lights fund raiser in the past. This event would have taken place on December 2, at the Roundhouse at Jackson Gore. Unfortunately, due to the recent devastation from Hurricane Irene, it was decided that our event will take place at the Museum. Many of our generous donors have suffered both physically and financially from the tragic storm. We wish you a speedy recovery.

A silent auction is scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd with holiday music and libations. Proceeds will benefit our continuous development of community and educational programs and maintaining both the Perkins House and the White Blacksmith Shop in Belmont.

The holiday wreaths will be decorated by Board Members and volunteers from the community this year. However, your commitment to donate an item for the auction is welcomed and appreciated. Arrangements can and will be made to pick up your donation. Please call Doris Reiser at 259-2722 and Linda Guerrero at 345-6892.

We are hopeful that you will be able to join us. This event is an important part of the Museum's fund raising and we are sincerely indebted to you for your participation and cooperation in making this weekend a success. We look forward to next year's gala event, Festival of Lights, at the Roundhouse at Jackson Gore on December 1, 2012. Mark your calendars! Sincerely, Doris Reiser and Linda Guerrero, Festival of Lights Co Chairs



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Mount Holly Community Historical Museum
Festival of Lights

Friday December 2, 2011 • 5:00- 8:00
Saturday December 3, 2011 • 12:00 -5:00
Silent Auction
Holiday Wreaths, Trees, and Much More
We hope you will joins us.

For more information please call
Doris Reiser at 259-2722
and Linda Guerrero at 345-6892

Donation are appreciated if unable to attend

2011 Mount Holly Photo Contest

Congratulations to this year's photo contest winners. As always, the judges had a difficult time making their decisions. Many thanks to our judges Diana Garrow, Brenda Kelly, Alec McCallum, Stephanie Stouffer, and Craig Tomkinson for their always thoughtful discussions and selection. Please note that Craig had to recuse himself from any discussion about family members' photos. For the first time, our popular prize winner was also our Grand Prize winner, Robin Boger - although she won for two different photos!

A special thanks to Penny Coldwell and Joan McCallum who helped mount photos. And we are once again grateful to Morgan, Janu and Michael who, despite rainy and cold weather, cheerfully loaded up the room dividers on trucks and brought them to the Community Center and then assembled them so they were ready for photo hanging the next day. Finally, and always, a very big thank you to all of you in Mount Holly who either participate by entering photos or by voting on your favorite photos. You make the photo contest a real joy to do every year. The December Chitchat will announce the selected photos for the 2013 Calendar!

Finally, don't forget to buy your 2012 Mount Holly Calendars! They are still available at the Belmont Store, Town Office, and the Community Center/Library. Janet Warren and Annette Lynch, coordinators, Mount Holly Photo Contest

GRAND PRIZE:



#48 ~ Help! By Robin Boger

POPULAR PRIZE!



#72 ~ Hello, World! By Robin Boger



1st Prize #73 The Bad and the Beautiful
By Kristopher Covalla

ADULT



2nd Prize #39 Apples on Ice By Beth Chase



Right ~ **3rd Prize**
#21 Gabrielle Grouse
By Dorothy Tomkinson

Left ~ **Honorary Mention**
#27 Laura Douglas
Blueberry Harvest

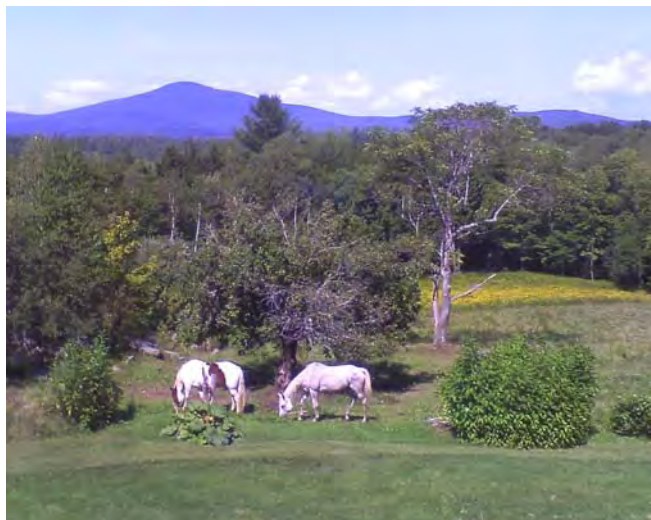




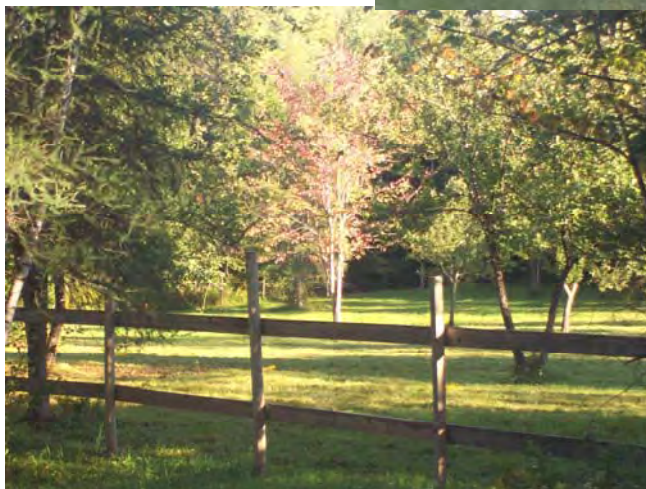
Left ~ **Honorary Mention**
 #44 Field of Dreams
 By Jacob Mailhiot

STUDENTS
 5 to 12

Right ~ **First Prize**
 #2 Friends By Hannah Paz



Right ~ **Second Prize**
 #1 Patch's Pasture
 By Lukas DeArruda



Below
STUDENTS
 13 to 18



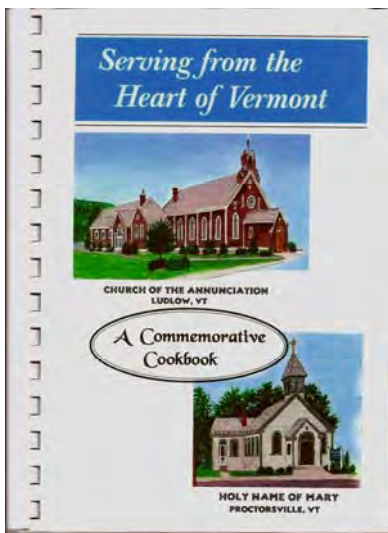
Left ~ **First Prize**
 #8 Sunlit Bouquet
 By Caroline Sardella

Right ~ **Second Prize**
 #7 October Glory
 ByChloe Demers



Right ~ **Third Prize**
 #13 Apple Love
 By Meredith Green





Cookbook Fundraiser

Members of the Parish Council of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Ludlow are selling cookbooks as a fundraiser. The lovely hard-cover cookbooks are a compilation of more than 365 mouth-watering recipes from parishioners, their families, friends, inns, restaurants and merchants from the local area, and make great gifts for a head start on your Christmas shopping.

The proceeds of this fundraiser are to be used for a memorial garden on the grounds of Annunciation Church, honoring the former parishioners of St. Mary's church of Mount Holly which was destroyed in a fire in December 2007. It is hoped that the memorial garden can include a statue of the Blessed Mother in a quiet meditation area. Every cookbook sold helps toward this goal. The cookbooks sell for \$15 and can be ordered via email at abvmcookbookfundraiser@msn.com or by calling Ann at (802) 259-3222.

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Cider Days Book Sale ~ Thank you to the library volunteers that helped at the book sale. This was one of our most successful book sales ever. We appreciate the support that the community gives us by donating books to the library. The additional money raised at book sales makes it possible for us to continue to serve the community. I had asked that folks stop bringing donated books as we prepared for the sale. Starting in November we will begin accepting donations again. It is our hope that we can have the book shed open for business all

year when weather and staffing permits. Look for the OPEN flag on the book shed.

New Sign With Hours ~ We have a new sandwich board sign that posts our open hours. Thanks to Awesome Graphics for doing a great job helping to plan and execute the new sign and the Farmer's Market for giving us the wooden sandwich board. Folks seem to be confused about when we are open. This is always a problem for small libraries that can't have consistent open hours daily when they rely on limited volunteer staffing. We hope the new sign is more visible and easier to read.

Don't Forget the WI-FI ~ For computer users we are actually open 24 hours a day. Our WI-FI is available with no password needed. You can sit on our steps or stay in your car and use your laptop.

News Flashes and Blogs ~ I hope you have noticed the library news flashes and blogs that Randy Bixby has made available to Mount Holly folks. Susan Presson, library board president, has been posting information about new books in our collection and reading material that may be pertinent to the season. Thank you Susan, this is a great way for patrons to know about books that may interest them. Call the library and have a book put on hold if it's one you would like to read.

The Children's Section ~ We have spent some time labeling, sorting and adding to the



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Kid's Book Group ~ Middle School English teacher, Anne Gardner, is now holding her Kids Book Group at our library once a month. Anne has conducted the middle school book club for the last few years at the Book Nook in Ludlow in an effort to keep kids enjoying reading as a pastime. Many of the children who attend the club are from Mt. Holly so we thought it no more than fair that they switch back and forth between Ludlow and Mt. Holly. This month they will meet at the library Tuesday, November 8 from 4-5 pm to discuss *Alex Rider: Ark Angel* by Anthony Horowitz. Thank you, Anne, for volunteering your time to provide this great opportunity for our kids.

VTel Computer Classes ~ Once again Vermont Telephone is offering computer classes to Mt. Holly residents. Dan Lucier, employee of VTel has been holding classes at the library. If you wish to sharpen your computer skills give VTel a call and schedule a time to meet Dan at the library. This is a wonderful service that VTel offers, take advantage while the offer lasts.

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A Truckload of Roses?

The Rochester cemetery has been in Vermont news lately. My dad and I traveled up there this week to check on mom's grave. The earthly remains of this Godly woman rest a mere four yards from a vast chasm left by the Irene-swollen Nason Brook where 50 graves were swept away. We gratefully stood and prayed, remembering all the good times with her, knowing she's not there but with her Savior. A co-worker told me yesterday that his wife's mother and step dad are among the many missing as a result of the torrent. I was saddened but made mindful of the Scriptural reminder to believers: **"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."**



Dad's words touched my spirit as we walked past a pile of badly damaged coffins. "Glenn, even if mum's body had been washed away I'd have the comfort and assurance of knowing that she's safe in the arms of Jesus and that we **will** be together again. Even with those 12 years of Alzheimer's, I'm so glad I told her every day how much she meant to me." The he quoted from memory an Irish Proverb by James O'Leary:

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing
 If you like him or you love him, tell him now!
 Don't withhold you approbation till the parson makes oration
 As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow!
 For no matter how you shout it he won't really care about it,
 He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.
 If you think some praise is due him, **now's** the time to slip it to him,
 For he cannot read a tombstone when he's dead!
 More than fame and more than money is the greeting kind and sunny
 And the hearty, warm approval of a friend.
 For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you strong and braver,
 And it gives you heart and spirit to the end.
 If he earns your praise – bestow it! If you like him let him know it,
 Let the words of true encouragement be said.
 Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the clover,
 For we cannot read our tombstone when we're dead!

Or as R.D. Richards stated it so well:

I'd rather have a single rose from the garden of a friend,
 Than have the choicest flowers when my stay on earth must end
 I'd rather have the kindest words which may now be said to me,
 Than flattered when my heart is still, and this life has ceased to be.
 I'd rather have a loving smile from the friends I know are true
 Than tears shed 'round my casket when this world I've bid adieu.
 Bring me all your flowers, whether pink or white or red
 I'd rather have one blossom now than a truckload when I'm dead.

Write that note, speak those words, make that call! Shower the people, **in the Living Years.** Pastor Glenn



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East Wallingford Baptist Church

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TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY NEWS

SELECT BOARD - October 11, 2011 - Paul Nevin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Jim Heald were present.

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of September 13 and the special meeting of October 03 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes of both meetings were approved.
2. Highways

- Salt Shed property. Building size was discussed; 60'X120' is anticipated.
- Station Road High Bridge. The Town could decide to discontinue this bridge. FEMA rules allow

for funding to be used for an 'alternate project' in a case like this, but an official stand must be made. The bridge would still need to be made safe for pedestrians and snowmobiles. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) will be contacted for help with the official procedure for closing a bridge. The bridge currently has some blockage in front now; the Sno*Drifters (C. Marechaux) would like to see Jersey barriers with access allowing snowmobiles but not the groomer.

- Belmont Road bridge at Mount Holly store. As the water has receded, this bridge is in bad shape and may need replacement. Tom Roberts (VAOT) looked at it. The Town may be able to get 100% funding for it from the State. The bridge was shored up today, but likely will need replacing within a year. Further action will wait on the State report.
 - Branch Brook Road: D. Dieters noted that a pond on this road was breached, taking out several driveways and other property damage. A State dam safety inspector (Steve Bushman) looked at it today and feels it is compromised. The Emergency Watershed Protection Program may provide grants for this type of work. The highway crew will look at it and see if the Town can provide ditching and culvert replacement.
3. Report of Treasurer.
 - David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated September 30, 2011 showing cash balances of \$2,808,037. Property taxes totaling \$847,393 remain to be collected. None are delinquent.
 - David also reported he has reviewed a number of miss-postings in the trial balance, which he will need to review with the Auditor, such as a payable for VT unemployment taxes. The Town pays this through the VLCT insurance, not to the State program.
 - Road repairs post-Irene have totaled about \$160,000 to date, most of it for the trucking of materials by other than town trucks and the fill material itself. Where will that money come from? From the General Fund, with anticipation of FEMA and State funding, which should provide 90% reimbursement. The road crew was again commended for their work.
 - FY2011 Audit (Financial Statements): This is still in draft form. David asked for the Board's preference on how to show the Highway grant revenue and expenses. Some felt that when the Audit was available, it should be put on the town website. The Board noted that copies will be available at the town office. The auditor's list of recommended procedures has not been received yet.
 - A. Lynch requested a report of budget vs. expenses for the Listers and the Planning Commission.

4. Solid Waste:

- The last Wednesday for the Transfer Station is tomorrow, October 12. There has been feedback from residents (thru the station personnel) to keep it open a second day thru the winter, Sunday 9am – noon. Upon motion made and seconded, it was
- The Board will monitor the extra cost for Transfer Station personnel as well as extra road crew costs versus the usage.
- Single Stream Recycling. Paul Nevin presented

VOTED: To
open the
Transfer Station
on Sundays for
3 hours thru the
winter.

VACANCY MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Administrative Officer is primarily responsible for enforcing the regulations of the Town, such as Sub-Division and Flood Hazard Regulations. A complete job description is available at the Town Office. Candidates should be comfortable working on a computer and be detail oriented. Hours are somewhat flexible, average 10-15 hours per month, and are compensated at \$10.00 per hour. The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

A letter of interest should be sent to
Administrative Officer Vacancy
Mount Holly Town Office
P.O. Box 248
Mount Holly, VT 05758

Or email mthollysb@gmail.com, or phone 259-2391.

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

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**A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR
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information from the RCSWD about this. Casella Waste Management is scheduled to start using their new machine in November. This would allow all recyclables in one container, rather than the current system which requires separating each type. There could be some initially higher costs (the town would ideally need a second compactor) but overall should save money thru less garbage tonnage. Single stream has shown 30-40% lower costs in areas that have switched to this. During discussion, it was noted that the rumor this is shipped to China to be sorted is false: it is done in Rutland at Casella's facility. The recyclables can be compacted or loose, but if loose would require more frequent pickups and thus more cost. The Town can decide to keep some things as they are, such as the newspapers going to the farm and keeping metals here, which currently provide some revenue to the town. The Board decided to table any decisions

and get more information.

5. Animal Control: Two issues were reviewed by the Board.

- A resident of Old Turnpike Road presented documentation of property damage by a neighbor's domestic animals. The animals frequently escape the enclosure and are out in the roadway as well as chasing the neighbors. The Sheriff's department doesn't handle domestic animals. The Board will contact VLCT regarding how to proceed and also the Sheriff's office regarding other town's experience with such problems.
- The Town recently received reports from the Sheriff's Office regarding several complaints about a dog on Maple Hill Road, which occurred over several months. The owner of the dog was present. The owner stated she only received a copy of the reports today from the Town Clerk. She feels there are inaccuracies in the reports and wanted to understand the process. The Board reviewed the Town's Dog Ordinance, which states that a dog must be under an owner's control at all times. The owner stated no one has spoken with her and she was unaware that her dog was a problem. The Sheriff's reports state they have made several attempts but have been unable to reach the owner. The Board reiterated that the dog must be under control at all times, and with a number of incidents, the owner has some liability issues.

6. Insurance.

- The PACIF (property and casualty) insurance renewal application was presented for signature. The application reflects the new (higher) property valuations for Town-owned buildings which were done last spring. The anticipated increase in the premium for the properties is about \$3000. This will affect the MHCA, which shares the cost of the insurance on the Library building.
- Health Insurance: The VLCT health insurance offerings have been expanded to provide more options to member municipalities. The Town will be required to select a new plan, as the current one will no longer be offered. Some information was received yesterday, but the file appears incomplete. VLCT will be contacted for an updated file and information will be given to the employees for their review. A decision must be made by November 15 to enable timely enrollments in a new plan.

7. Planning Commission:

- Subdivision Regulations. The Board requested a comparison sheet showing the old and new regulations side by side. The Board also requested the specific areas in the Town Plan which would need to be changed based on the proposed regulations. Ray Tarbell noted he was against requiring all utility services to be underground. Underground utilities require extra work and hand-digging by the town crew when doing road and culvert work. Any damage results in fines, and large ones (\$5000) in the case of fiber optic cable.
- Rutland Regional PC. Hazard Mitigation Plan: This is now up in the air, as FEMA and the State have decided that a new plan is likely needed, as a result of Irene.
- Administrative Officer: Both interested individuals have withdrawn. The position will be re-advertised.
- There has been no expression of interest in the two terms ending in November. The vacancies will be posted and advertised again.
- Complete Streets Law. This law took effect July 01, 2011. It is intended to encourage multi-modal transportation throughout the state, but there are many exceptions and probably does not affect Mount Holly.

8. Other Business

- Catamount Trail Association – No further word on this.

-- NOTICE --
MOUNT HOLLY TAXPAYERS

2011 Real Estate Property Taxes are Due
Tuesday November 1, 2011

After November 1, 2011 an 8% Penalty and
1% per month Interest will be added.

Partial Payments are allowed.

Payment must be received at the Town Office or
Be postmarked Nov. 1, 2011 (or earlier) to
Be considered timely paid.

- Village Center Designation Renewal. The renewal application for Belmont is due in January 2012. David Hoeh, who prepared the last two applications, was present and agreed to take it on again. He noted that the only issue is the boundary; it may be reasonable to make it larger as some grants are only available to village centers.
 - The VT Secretary of State is conducting a Transparency Tour to discuss Vermont's public records and open meeting laws. The Rutland meeting will take place on Thursday, November 17 at City Hall.
9. The Board reviewed and signed the September orders for payment.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Mount Holly Town Office. Warned Public Hearings, if scheduled, usually take place prior to the regular meeting. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. The October 17th 2011 regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair Steven Howard. Members in attendance: Annette Lynch, Peter Smith, Tim Martin and Dennis Deiters. Others attending: David Hoeh

1, Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted by unanimous vote

2, Old Business:

A, Signing Chlodnicki Mylar: Accepted by unanimous vote, signed.

B, CVPS Petition for Public Good: The Planning Commission received a document from Morris L Silver ESQ detailing the CVPS plan to replace 45KV transmission lines, as well as a Notice to Statutory Parties from the Public Service Board notifying the Planning Commission of our Statutory Party Status.

3, New Business:

A, Administrative Officer update: Position of Administrative Officer remains open. Planning Commission will put a notice regarding the position in the M H Newsflash.

B, Hazard Mitigation Plan: Review and discussion

C, Building Registration Forms:

- a, Boffum - 1144 Rt. 103 - shed
- b, Coldwell - 1034 Tiffany Rd. - roof over deck, shed
- c, Foster / Depitone - 134 Maple Hill Rd. - renovations, addition
- d, Cole - Cole Rd. - shed
- e, Norton - 696 Sawyer Hill Rd.
- f, Johnson - 4034 Rt. 103

D, Correspondence: Town of Wallingford Public Hearing, Town Plan

E, Other Business:

a, Request by Select board for a comparative document to use as companion to new subdivision regulations.

MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION

The terms of two members of the Planning Commission end in November 2011.

Appointments to the terms ending in November 2014 will be made at the November Select Board meeting. Interested individuals should contact the Select Board, P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, email mthollysb@gmail.com, or phone 259-2391 by November 7.

The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

b, Municipal grant for feasibility study of town property. Funding is available \$8000.00 with a double matching grant. Barn Preservation Group will contribute \$500.00. Motion for Planning Commission to contribute \$500.00 made and seconded/passed. This will bring total of grant to \$11,000.00.

c, Reminder that letters are yet to be written to the owners of the former Blue Spruce Inn and to the Vermont Department of Corrections to accompany DVD copies of the Public Hearing on 6/2/11 Meeting adjourned at 9:10. Respectfully submitted by Dennis J Deiters

Note: These minutes are unofficial until voted on and accepted by the Planning Commission at the next regular meeting.

WORKING GROUP meets the second Monday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Town Office. The Working Group is not only open to all; it consists of everyone who attends a meeting. The Working Group assists the Planning Commission with strategic planning because the regular Planning Commission meetings are often devoted to administrative activities such as subdivision applications. The Working Group met on Monday October 10. 2011. S. Howard, P. Smith, T. Martin, A. Lynch were present. There was a spirited discussion of economic development in Mount Holly – the needs of large and small entrepreneurs, the growing intensive agricultural enterprises, the relationship between housing and jobs, and the role of shared clerical and technology support centers - which ended with

BINGO

MT. HOLLY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

November 20th, 2011


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agreement that the Commission's Economic Development Committee should be revitalized. The names of persons who might be able to devote some time and energy to the Committee were noted and it was agreed that Hal Kirshner (who chaired the Economic Development Sub-committee in the 2003-06 community planning efforts) should be asked to take up his leadership role again. The next meeting of the Working Group will be at 7 p.m. on Monday November 14. Persons interested in the work of the Economic Development Committee should contact Steven Howard galfly@vermontel.net or Annette Lynch at amlynch@vermontel.net. 259-2596. Annette Lynch

Housing Task Force ~ In August 2010, the Housing Task Force (HTF) was beneficiary of a \$4,283 State Municipal Planning Grant. The task force was able to use this funding to organize a formal effort to review and develop housing opportunities within Mount Holly. It also enabled us to hire the Vermont Design Institute (VDI) to facilitate community problem solving as it relates to housing needs. Over the last year the group engaged in planning, a town wide housing needs surveys and it culminated in a full day design workshop. The workshop brought together a volunteer group of architects, community designers and engineers who worked with residents of Mount Holly to review three housing opportunities. This work has been developed into a final report and was presented on Sept. 22 to a combined meeting of the select board, school board, planning commission, housing task force and interested citizens. The discussion covered why affordable housing was needed in Mt. Holly, the optimal site for locating the housing, issues of concern and what next steps were needed to continue moving this effort forward in compliance with the town plan. The outcome was the decision to apply for an additional planning grant and to review the optimal use of the area surrounding the town municipal center. This effort would include reviewing the areas septic and water potential, commercial development opportunities, the placement of town buildings and housing for school families and seniors. Francis DeVine

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: mthollyauditors@vermontel.net to the Town Office no later than **January 3, 2012**. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758

If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT. Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors



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Dear Editor,

There is confusion over how much the recent catch up audits have cost Mount Holly and its taxpayers.

On October 3, the almost completed audit for 2009 - 2011 was presented at a special meeting called for by the Select Board. The auditor, chosen by the Select Board, informed the selectmen and residents that the current bill was \$90,851 and that her work was not finished.

The question is, are we worse off because the audits were not completed in a timely and appropriate manner? The answer is yes. Audits are required every three years under state law and called for annually as voted by the Select Board. Because an audit was not done each year, the recent catch-up audit required an extraordinary rebuilding of the town's books in order to ascertain their accuracy, resulting in this huge cost.

At the next Select Board meeting, the town treasurer indicated that the cost of the catch-up audit was covered by unused amounts budgeted for audits in earlier years. However, the numbers do not bear this out. The following figures identify the costs Mt. Holly faces:

Amount budgeted 2009/2010	\$16,000	
Amount spent on incomplete 2009/2010 audits	<u>5,900</u>	
Amount moved to the General Fund		\$10,100

Cost to date of current audit	\$90,851
Budget for 2011 audit	<u>8,000</u>
Cost over budget	\$82,851

Except for the amount of \$8,000 included in this year's budget, the remaining cost will come out of the general fund or through increased real estate taxes. The general fund could also be called our rainy day fund, used to cover real unplanned emergencies, such as Hurricane Irene type storm damage, excess snow removal, or other unplanned for needs. On June 30, 2010, the general fund had \$70,513 available in its unreserved fund category.

As mentioned earlier, the town budgets \$8,000 annually for an audit. This would be a reasonable amount given well organized financial records. Francis DeVine

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad

Dear Mount Holly Citizens,

The Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad (MHVRS) is beginning its Annual Membership Drive. The Membership Drive is a way to support your local volunteer rescue squad and cover costs that your insurance company does not. By becoming a member, you and others living with you will never receive a bill, in the unfortunate event that you may need to call upon MHVRS for emergency services. In the rare situation that MHVRS is unable to transport you for emergency care to the hospital, costs incurred by the transporting ambulance would not be covered under MHVRS's membership.

Membership details:

- Membership is available to anyone living in our coverage area
- Membership costs \$40.00
- Membership includes the subscriber and all persons listed as dependents on your most recent Federal Tax Return
- Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad will bill your insurance company, and you will not be responsible for any deductibles or co-pays
- Medicaid patients are already covered for these services

Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad is a not-for-profit volunteer ambulance service. Our mission is to provide emergency services to our community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We also are trying to maintain a low tax rate while providing those services. The Membership Drive helps us accomplish both of these goals. Last year we rose over \$9,000 during the Membership Drive. Your support "Helps Us to Help You".

Please feel confident that your membership status does not in any way affect the care and services you will be provided. It is simply a way to raise funds and provide you with a little extra protection. Your information and membership status is strictly CONFIDENTIAL and will not be seen by anyone other than our squad President and Treasurer. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any MHVRS volunteer or call the squad building at the above number.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. To join, please fill out the enclosed application and mail back to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad in the provided envelope. Thank you, Kristin Veysey, Squad President

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Membership Application November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012

Please Print

Date

Principal Subscriber

Of

Birth

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

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City

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Zip

Home Phone

911 Address for coverage area:

List Current Dependents.

Payment of \$ 40 must accompany this application

Name

DOB

☐ Personal Check

☐ Money Order ☐ Cash

In addition to the \$ 40 fee, I wish to make a
Donation of \$

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT BELOW

I hereby apply for Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Membership for me and my dependents listed above. I understand that the \$ 40 per family per year fee provides Local emergency medical ambulance service to me and my listed dependents as medically needed in Mount Holly, East Wallingford and Belmont. From November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012. The Membership fee will cover any applicable deductible or co-payments. I also understand that this membership permits MHVRS to collect directly from any third party insurance agency whatever benefits may be available at no charge to me or my family. And that this membership is nonrefundable and is nontransferable. I request that payment of authorized Medicare or any other insurance benefits be made either to me or on my behalf to Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, for any ambulance services or supplies furnished to me by MHVRS. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and its agents and Carriers, Social Security Administration, all other third party payors as well as MHVRS, any information or documentation in their possession needed to determine these benefits or the benefits payable for related services now or in the future.

Date

Signature required By Insurance Carriers

Thank You

Are You Thinking About Selling Your Vermont Home?



By Gail Graves, Broker/Realtor /Owner at Engel & Voelkers, Woodstock & Ludlow

Mortgage interest rates are at **record lows**! This the perfect time for a Buyer to Buy!

With inventory at a **record high**, you need to make sure your house is the **Best Deal In Town**. Here are the things you should consider before putting your house on the market:

- Take a look at the competition. Get a list of all the properties on the market in your neighborhood. With so much being available on-line these days, you probably can take a tour of every house without leaving your living room. You should be priced at just below your nearest competition.
- Pull together every document you can on every aspect of your home. One of the biggest stumbling blocks in today's real estate transaction is "unknown" systems. If you have an "out of town" buyer, one of the scariest things for them to hear is that you don't know the capacity, size, location of the septic system or the well. The best thing you can do to alleviate their anxiety over these typical "unknowns" is to have documentation for as much as possible.
- Here's a list to get you started:
 - o Your Deed. Make sure the names on the Deed match your current situation. If you are selling a family home in a trust, be sure all trust documents are in order.
 - o Survey if you have one – a tax map will be the 2nd best.
 - o Tax Bill
 - o Utility Bills (even just a list of Utilities with annual averages is fine)
 - o Plans if you built the house
 - o Any permits received when you built or purchased your home
 - o Septic design, State Permit (if you feel this exists, but don't have a copy, you can go to <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ww/wwdocs/cfm/permitgetform.cfm>.)
 - o Records of septic pumping, maintenance
 - o Any records indicating the depth and capacity of your well
 - o Manuals on all appliances
 - o Any warranties that may be transferrable.
- If you have an older home and don't know a lot of the details about the systems and structure, you should consider getting a building inspection prior to putting it out on the market. This way, you will already know what issues any Buyer will uncover.
 - The most common tests would be structural review, electrical, plumbing, water test and testing for Radon in the air and in the water. Prices vary and there are several reputable Home Inspection Companies in the area.
- Review this list of common maintenance practices and make sure you do them prior to listing or that you have done them within the past year:
 - Have Heating System Cleaned and Serviced
 - Have Chimney Cleaned
 - Have Septic Pumped
 - Put a fresh coat of paint in rooms that look a little "tired".

Take a look at your front entrance. Does it look inviting? Consider painting/staining the front door and/or decorating for the Holiday Season. First Impressions Mean A Lot!

No house is perfect.....we all know that, but if you want to sell in this Buyer's Market – Yours needs to be **Pretty Darn Close**©



Elwood P. Dowd And "Harvey" Arrive in Ludlow Nov. 3

The folks in the Black River area will have an opportunity to see Elwood P. Dowd and his 'pooka', an invisible rabbit, in the 1st Thursday movie sponsored by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) at the Ludlow town Hall Auditorium on Nov. 3 at 7 PM. As described by Dowd, Harvey is a pooka, a benign but mischievous creature who is especially fond of social outcasts (like Elwood). Elwood has driven his sister and niece (who live with him and crave normality and a place in "society") to distraction by introducing everyone he meets to his friend, Harvey. His family seems to be unsure whether Dowd's obsession with Harvey is a product of his (admitted) propensity to drink or perhaps mental illness. Elwood spends most of his time in the local bar, and throughout the film invites new acquaintances to join him for a drink (or to his house for dinner). Interestingly, the barman and all regulars accept the existence of Harvey, and the barman asks how they both are and unflinchingly accepts an order from Elwood for two Martinis. It's an Academy Award winning comedy that is sure to please everyone, even if you don't

believe in 'pookas' (but you probably will by the end of the film. The movies are free (donations are appreciated) and open to everyone. For information, 228-7239.

FOLA Sponsors Upgrade to Ludlow Auditorium Audio System

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) is in the process of sponsoring an upgrade to the audio system used in the Ludlow town Hall Auditorium. With the expert assistance of Paul Terrasi, owner of Boston Soundworks, the audio system in the auditorium will have a number of wireless microphones and head sets added to the voice equipment available for users plus add new equipment to support direct audio output to third party users, such as entertainers or video users. In addition, the new upgrades will convert the available audio capability from monaural to stereo. Pictured above, from left to right, are Christine Fuller and Kevin Kunz as they examine the new audio mixer that was installed by Terrasi. All of the original features of the audio system have been retained in this project. A number of the wireless microphones are headsets and lapel devices which will be useful for stage productions and future panel discussions.



You Never Know Who's In Your Pond!

Just a few days ago, Patsy Kuntz was sitting on the deck of her South Hill home in Ludlow, reading a book as she enjoyed the brief, but ever so wonderful-yet unusual, summer-like weather that blanketed the area in mid-October. While taking a momentary break from her book to enjoy the warm sunset, she suddenly noticed something rather large moving around in one of the two ponds on her property. At the same time, the rather large entity casually turned its head to look back at Patsy. Momentarily, Patsy and a moose seemed to communicate. However, as is the habit of a moose, it decided it was much more concerned about the food it might consume in the pond than Patsy. So when Patsy quickly arose to fetch her camera, the moose quite contentedly continued its search for food and was still in the same relative position when she returned to take this photo. One wonders if the moose simply enjoyed the pond water to cool down during the Indian Summer "hot spell".



Museum Features "Walk for Local History" Oct. 29

On Saturday, Oct, 29, Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) will sponsor its 'annual' "Ludlow Walk for Local History". The walk will be a 5 K walk from Black River High School, High Street, Dug Road, and finally follow Route 103 back through the Village to Black River High School. Pictured above is part of the walking contingent on South Main Street during last Spring's Walk for Local History.

Registration for adults is \$15 and \$10 for students and seniors. Registration will include the t-shirt (depending on availability), entertainment, beverages, and snacks. The time for walk check-in starts at 10 am at the high school. The actual walk will begin at 10:30 am. Phone registration may be made by calling 802-228-5050. Requests for form may be sent to director@bramvt.org.

According to walk coordinator, Sharon Combes-Farr, "We wanted to do a fun event in the off season between foliage and winter that encourages friends and families to be outside. We thought a 5K walk would be a fun way for people to show support for the Museum while getting some exercise and fresh air."

She added, "We chose this weekend for the walk because we have recently embarked on adding a major new exhibit to the museum that will focus on Civil War history memorabilia. The Vermont Historical Society will be focusing on the Civil War for the next few years."

Sharon indicated that the walk would enable all levels to participate since it would cover relatively level ground. She added that t-shirts for the walk would be available with registration.



Making Irene Recovery Affordable for Your Business and Home

Frequently Asked Questions and Clarifying the Myths about SBA Assistance

The SBA can assist homeowners? Isn't this the Small Business Administration??

It is. But, for **homeowners and renters** in counties that are in federally declared disaster areas, SBA may be a good resource to pursue. The SBA can provide low-interest loans to eligible borrowers with very favorable terms. They can't provide you with a loan to build that in-ground pool and steam room that you have been dreaming of, but they can help with damages to your home caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

Don't let the word "business" mislead you. Over 70% of the assistance SBA is providing for Irene recovery in Vermont is going to renters and homeowners.

I am a small business owner that has already borrowed from VEDA. Can I still access SBA funding?

Sure. If the VEDA loan (and any insurance settlement) isn't going to cover your needs, you should absolutely talk to SBA. Their borrowing limit is \$2million.

The average SBA business loan for Irene recovery in Vermont is close to \$115,000; a monthly payment on that amount could be \$550. SBA will consider rolling anything you have already spent on recovery into that loan. And just like home loans, SBA can consider refinancing existing obligations to make repayment affordable. SBA will give you time to get back to normal; payments don't begin until five months after the loan is made.

I've heard that the application process for an SBA loan is very time consuming and the approval process takes way too long.

It's a loan application, so there are details to be addressed, but it isn't difficult. The best way to approach an SBA loan is to tackle it with an **SBA Representative** at a disaster recovery center or a **Vermont Small Business Development (SBDC) Counselor** or call the **SBA Help Line at 1-800-659-2955**. That way, you will ensure that all of the information is complete.

The application for businesses is only two pages long and you probably have most of the information handy anyway.

I am pretty sure that I won't qualify for an SBA loan. Why should I even bother to try?

What makes you so sure? You won't know until you talk to an SBA Representative. If you are a business owner, homeowner, or renter in an eligible county and are seeking assistance to rebuild your business or home, it is worth taking a few minutes to chat with the SBA folks or a Vermont SBDC Counselor. Or, you can call the SBA Help Line at **1-800-659-2955** **I have received a grant from FEMA, but I still need to make more repairs to my home. Can I still pursue SBA funding?**

Yes. FEMA assistance normally doesn't cover everything that homeowners need to fully repair their homes.

If SBA does offer you a loan they will do everything they can to make it affordable. The average home loan for Irene recovery in Vermont is \$47,000; monthly payment could be \$187/month with SBA's 2.5% rate and 30-year term.

I have been told I have too many assets to qualify for SBA assistance

SBA loans are based on the damages caused by Tropical Storm Irene and your ability to repay. It is not based on how many assets you have or don't have.

The Nite' Fore Deer Season



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

Submitted by Bob Buswell for the B.R.V. Senior Center
November Newsletter.

I received this from Gus Muguira from California in
December 2007 and have kept it just for the November
publication of the Chit Chat.

Emergency Alert System Nationwide Test | FCC.gov

From: Joseph McDonald

DID YOU KNOW FEDS WILL TEMPORARILY CUT OFF ALL TV AND RADIO BROADCASTS ON NOV. 9?

How long will the test last?

We anticipate that the test will last approximately 3 minutes. While state and local EAS messages are limited to 2 minutes, there is no time limit for national EAS alerts. To evaluate whether the system properly interprets the national message code in the national EAS test, the message duration must be longer than two minutes.

Why is the national test being conducted at this particular date and time?

While EAS tests may be disruptive, they are important to ensure that the EAS is functional and that EAS Participants are prepared to issue alerts, and it is our intent to minimize disruption and confusion to the extent possible. The November 9 date is near the end of hurricane season and before the severe winter weather season begins in earnest. The 2 PM EST broadcast time will minimize disruption during rush hours, while ensuring that the test occurs during working hours across the United States.

What is the source of FEMA's and the FCC's authority for conducting the national EAS test?

Pursuant to the FCC's rules, EAS Participants must take part in nationwide tests of the EAS. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which administers the EAS, has the authority to ensure the conduct of training, tests, and exercises of the EAS by Executive Order.

For more information go to these web sites.

<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-alert-system-nationwide-test> <http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/services/eas/>

National Academies: Ethanol Worsens Greenhouse Gases

From: Joseph McDonald

The report, requested by Congress, concludes that ethanol increases greenhouse gas emissions, pollutes water and uses more water in its production than gasoline. It says that cellulosic ethanol is very unlikely to meet its Renewable Fuel Standard mandates by 2022. Indirect land use changes due to biofuels production will zero out any potential benefits of lower greenhouse gas emissions from biofuels and may actually increase them in both the short- and long-term.

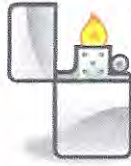
To date taxpayers have spent \$23 billion between 2005 and 2010, or \$6 billion a year, subsidizing corn-based ethanol without significantly reducing reduction in America's use of fossil fuels. The report is yet another reminder that significant reforms to the renewable fuel standard are critical, including the addition of strict and enforceable environmental safeguards.

"The Renewable Fuel Standard has always been about corn, corn and more corn," Karpf said. "The fact is, it won't bring energy independence, protect our air or combat global warming. As our country faces record national debt, it is time to put American taxpayers and our soil and water ahead of entrenched special interests."

American farmers have diverted 40 percent of corn production from food and feed to fuel. Land once used for soybean production has been converted to corn to meet the demand for biofuels set out in the RFS. The new report provides more evidence that corn ethanol production continues to raise food prices around the world and harms the planet by releasing more greenhouse gases than regular gasoline. An excerpt, more at...<http://www.ewg.org/node/29168/print>

Nobody's Friend

By Joe Hammond



I was in an NCO club in An Khe
Watching G.I.s drink their cares away.
The G.I. beside me proclaimed loud and clear
"Someone has taken my lighter I fear."

He produced a grenade and pulled the pin.
That caught the attention of all within.
About that time I was off my stool and out the door.
I wanted to live many years more.

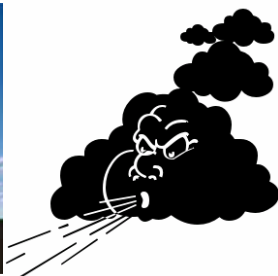
The rest of the story I heard from a friend.
Fortunately, It has a happy end.
Lighters were placed on the bar by everyone there.
Folks who want to take chances with grenades are rare.

He put the pin back in and lit a smoke.
Not everyone laughed at his little joke.
If his hand would have slipped as he held that lever
Many lives would have been lost forever.

When one is in combat one should keep his head clear.
There will be time back home to consume some beer.
There was another soldier who was not like the rest.
He wore his grenades upon his chest.

As a chopper loaded it came his turn to get in.
As he boarded something got caught and pulled the pin.
For he and some others it was the end,
When the lever moves, Mr. Grenade is nobody's friend.





Winter's coming....Are you ready?

Sign up now for a home energy audit like many of your friends and neighbors. If you decide to have a home energy audit, you will receive a very detailed report for each section of your home that gives the following information:

- observations of energy loss
- recommendations
- costs
- annual energy savings

- incentive paid by Efficiency Vermont which lowers your cost

Once you have received your report, an Energy Advocate, an unbiased third expert, will follow up with you on the phone or in person to answer questions about the report and help you prioritize the recommendations based on your need and your budget. With this information, **YOU** decide what work you want to do.

Those of us living in Rutland County have this opportunity because NeighborWorks of Western Vermont received a grant from the US Department of Energy to start a county-wide effort to implement wide-scale energy savings. The goal is for 1,000 Rutland County homeowners to make home energy improvements by May 31, 2012.

The average Rutland County homeowner will save an estimated average of **\$947** per year on home and utility costs based on 2010 oil prices... if they do home energy improvements.

Help Mount Holly win \$10,000* and save approximately \$1,000 heating your home THIS winter AND have a warmer house.

If you would like to schedule a home energy audit call **802-438-2303 ext 227** or visit www.heatsquad.org . If you have any questions about this program or would like a brochure or more information, please feel free to contact NeighborWorks at 438-2303.

With The Cost Of Oil Around \$3.60 And The Cost Of All Fuel Rising, Can You Afford To Wait To Insulate Your Home? *For more information about town competitions, see last month's Chit Chat.

If you scheduled a home energy audit this year or are having some of the suggested work completed, we would appreciate it if you would call Marcy or Joan below so we can confirm Mount Holly's progress toward the \$10,000 prize. Thank you! Marcy Tanger 259-2344, Joan McCallum 259-2318, Fern Melvin, Amber Kaemmerlen, and Carol Ballou.

Star Lake Update

1. Weed Control: This year's herbicide treatment is now complete. All water use restrictions have been lifted and all normal uses are again allowed. Although Tropical Storm Irene washed out some of the herbicide, much of the Milfoil has been destroyed. We will be meeting with the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation this winter to plan for next summer's program in our continuing efforts to keep Star Lake's weeds under control.

2. 2011 Annual Membership Drive: A reminder to those of you whose letter may have slipped under that pile on your desk :). the tax year is rapidly coming to an end and your membership contribution is tax deductible. Please help us as we implement our new annual membership program targeted at a broader approach for Star Lake's restoration and maintenance.

Please join us as a member with your tax deductible contribution to FOSL

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

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___ \$50 Supporter
___ \$ Other

___ \$15 Individual
___ \$100 Donor

___ \$25 Family
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Ron Unterman & Dottie Finnerty, Co-chairs FOSL, A Committee of the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730 ~ 802-259-2491 ~ ron@unterman.com dottie@finnerty.us

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Grief Workshops Offered by RAVNAH

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) is offering the following grief workshops in November. Workshops are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, November 9 from 12 to 1:30 p.m., the workshop "A Child's Grief", offers an understanding of how children grieve, the differences in age-specific grief, and tools to help your child cope with losses in their early life. This workshop will be held at the Dorset Nursing office at 909 Route 30 in Dorset.

Wednesday, November 16 from 6-7:30 p.m., the workshop, "No Goodbyes – Understanding Loss after Suicide" will explore the unique nature of loss through suicide, the journey of grief itself and the

importance of self-care. This workshop will be held at RAVNAH, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland.

Wednesday, November 30 from 12 to 1:30 p.m., the workshop "Coping with Grief during the Holidays" presents coping strategies and helpful suggestions for those grieving on how to make it through the holidays and even enjoy them. This workshop will be held at the Dorset Nursing office at 909 Route 30 in Dorset.

Registration is required for all workshops. Additional grief counseling is available for anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death and is having difficulty adjusting to this change. To register, or to schedule an appointment, call Ann LaRocque at 770-1516.

RAVNAH FOOT CLINIC SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2011

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice offers our community a valuable service by providing numerous Blood Pressure and Foot Care clinics throughout the county each month. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for blood pressure screenings and \$5.00 for foot care. The following calendar lists the blood pressure and foot care clinics for November 2011.



Day	Date	Town	Site	Time
Wednesday	11/2/11	Wallingford	Wallingford House	10:30 am
Thursday	11/3/11	Rutland	Parker House	10:00 am
Wednesday	11/16/11	Rutland	Sheldon Towers	9:30 am
Wednesday	11/16/11	Rutland	Linden Terrace	11:00 am
Thursday	11/17/11	North Clarendon	Community Center	12:30 pm
Thursday	11/17/11	Rutland	Maple Village	10:00 am
Wednesday	11/30/11	Rutland	Godnick Center	12:30 pm



Got Cholesterol?

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) offers a total lipid profile along with a comprehensive cholesterol and glucose screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Screenings will be held at the RAVNAH office on 7 Albert Cree Drive, in Rutland on **Wednesday, November 2 at 8:30am**. Please call **in advance** for an appointment at 775-0568.

The total lipid profile is a group of tests to determine risk of coronary heart disease. The blood glucose test screens for diabetes. The complete lipid profile requires an 8-12 hour fast prior to the test to ensure accurate results.

The cost for a Complete Lipid Profile and Glucose is \$30.00.

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

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. **I do not wish to receive the Chit Chat check here** _____

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