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# MT. HOLLY CHIT CHAT

February 2012

**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, 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

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**Burn Permits:** Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

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

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>** Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 5:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 5:00 pm

**1<sup>st</sup>** Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

**Freedom Day ~ Pres. Lincoln approves 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery 1865**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **Groundhog Day**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow 7:00 pm

**7<sup>th</sup>** Mason's Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford **Bobcat Hunting Season Ends** 8:00 pm

**8<sup>th</sup>** Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library **Boy Scouts Founded 1910** 3:00 pm

Mount Holly Grange 7:30 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup>** **Thomas Alva Edison founder of General Electric Co. 1847**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** **Red & Gary Fox Hunting Season Ends ~ Abraham Lincoln 1809**

**13<sup>th</sup>** Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building **Boston Latin School 1<sup>st</sup> public school 1635** 7:00 pm

**14<sup>th</sup>** Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Office **St. Valentine's Day** 7:30 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station **League of Women Voter Formed 1920** 7:00 pm

**15<sup>th</sup>** **Susan B. Anthony 1820 Women's Rights Leader**

Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 7:00 pm

**16<sup>th</sup>** M.H. Republican Committee Meeting, Mt. Holly Town Office 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School 5:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School 5:00 pm

**20<sup>th</sup>** Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office **Presidents' Day** 7:30 pm

**21<sup>st</sup>** Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

**22<sup>nd</sup>** ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **George Washington 1732** 7:00 pm

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station **Battle of Iwo Jima 1945** 7:00 pm

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** **Levi Strauss 1829**

Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

**27<sup>th</sup>** Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

**28<sup>th</sup>** Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

**29<sup>th</sup>** **Otter 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	American Red Cross	773-9159
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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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) Check out Mt. Holly Web Site [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)**

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



**February Anniversaries:** 23<sup>rd</sup> - Raymond & Clarise Dana. 27<sup>th</sup> - John & Carol Delaney. 28<sup>th</sup> -Andy & Teresa Bolalek.

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



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## Kenneth E. Taylor, Jr.



Kenneth E. Taylor, Jr., 60 died December 17, 2011, at his residence following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 21, 1951, in Bridgewater, Vermont, the son of the late Kenneth E. Taylor, Sr. and Nellie (Blanchard) Prouty of Rutland, Vt. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1970 and served two tours of duty during the Vietnam War. He married the love of his life Peggy Stocker on June 16, 1979 in Ludlow. Ken was an avid NASCAR fan, devoted member of the Belmont Village Baptist Church and a member of the American Legion Post 36 in Ludlow. However the greatest joy of his life was his three grandchildren Zachary, Cadence and Kolton as well as his very large family.

Survivors include his wife Peggy, his son Benjamin and wife Amber of Ludlow, his son Travis and wife Meghan of Florida, his brothers Robert and wife Betsy of Reading, Wayne and wife Karen and John and wife Amy of Mount Holly, David of Wilder, Michael and wife Rita of Cuttingsville and Matthew and wife Sheri and Bart Prouty of Rutland, his sisters Barbara MacJarrett and husband Vail of Rutland, Tamie Maze and husband Morris of Lanoka Harbor, N.J. and Agnes Sheldon and husband Thomas of Proctorsville. He was also survived by his goddaughter Stacey Dunich of Ludlow and numerous nieces and nephews. Ken was predeceased by his Grandparents and father Kenneth Taylor, Sr. Ken's family would like to thank his sister Agnes Sheldon for her love, support and special care during Ken's final days.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Belmont Village Baptist Church of which Pastor Glenn Davis officiated. Words of remembrance were read by his daughter-in-law Amber Taylor, his sister Agnes Sheldon and his goddaughter Stacey Dunich. Burial followed in the Mechancisville Cemetery with Military Honors provided by American Legion Post 36 color guard. Donations in his memory can be made to the Belmont Baptist Church, 67 Crowley Lane, Belmont, Vt. 05730.



## Carleton P. Harlow



Carleton Peter Harlow, 59, of Mount Holly, died January 6th 2012. He was born November 17th 1952 in Hardwick, Vermont, son of David and Marjorie Harlow. He married Paige Wilson-Kelly in Portland, Oregon, on April 20th 1984.

He worked for a number of years at E.C. Co. in Portland, Oregon. In 1999, he moved back to Vermont and started his own business, Generator Maintenance Systems, and operated it until the end of his life.

His main passion and love was for his family. He was avid outdoorsman with fishing as his main forte. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor; he was always the funniest man in the room.

He will be greatly missed and remembered by his parents and loving wife; his children, Megan Harlow, 27, of Virginia, Kristance Harlow, 25, of the United Kingdom, and Joseph Harlow, 20, of Vermont; his great-aunt, Alice Gallo and her son Peter Gallo and his wife Roni Gallo; his brothers and sisters, David Harlow and his wife Paula Harlow, Elsie Carden and her husband Howard Carden, Ann Rose and her husband Doug Rose, and Bret Harlow and his wife Robin Danowski. He also leaves behind his first unborn grandchild. Whenever there is a family gathering, he will be missed, not only for his delicious barbecues and hilarious dance moves, but for his selfless, loving presence. Wherever there is a stream and fish to be caught, a clear night with stars to gaze at, or a moment that calls for a laugh, we will remember him.

The memorial service will take place at Tyson Church in Tyson on Saturday, January 14th, at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Tyson Ladies Aid, in care of Janine Norman, 9 Norman Drive, Ludlow VT 05149.

## Scott M. Turco



Scott Martin Turco, 46, of Mount Holly died Jan. 9, 2012, at Rutland Regional Medical Center. He was born March 25, 1965, in Springfield, the son of Daniel and Shirley (Martin) Turco. Scott graduated in 1983 from Mount St. Joseph Academy. Following graduation, Scott was employed as a service technician with the family business, Dan Turco and Sons Yamaha in North Clarendon.

He was a former member of Mount Holly Sno\*Drifters, Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed snowmobiling, cruising on his motorcycle, riding around the pasture on his ATV, playing pool and bowling. He continued bowling after he went blind in 2010.

Survivors include a sister, Diana (Turco) Garrow and husband Roger, two brothers, Bruce Turco and his wife Laurie, Joseph Turco, and Scott's significant-other, Dawn Smith, all of Mount Holly, several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Turco was predeceased by his father Dan in 2004 and by his mother Shirley in 1995.

The funeral service was held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main St. in Rutland, where friends came to call from 4 p.m. prior to the service. The Rev. Justin Baker officiated. Words of remembrance were by his sister, Diana Garrow. A reception followed at Christ the King Church in Engle Hall. Burial will be at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Holly Vol. Rescue Squad, PO Box 102, Mount Holly, VT 05758; American Cancer Society, Vt. Division, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718; or to a charity of one's choice.



# BINGO

## MT. HOLLY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

**January 29, 2012**

Mt. Holly Elm. School  
School Street, Mt. Holly, VT

**Doors Open @ 12:00 P.M.**

**Games Start @ 1:00 P.M.**

\$20.00 for 20 games ~ 9 cards per game

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Questions Contact  
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E-Mail - [MHVRS@AOL.COM](mailto:MHVRS@AOL.COM)

took place in Belmont. The generosity and support for the community was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Linda Guerrero and Doris Reiser, Festival Co-Chairs and Committee

### Dear Chit Chat:

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who came to our aid with my unfortunate broken ankle due to a fall. Driving to appointment, delicious dinners and the friendly coffee visits really helped pass the time. Again what an amazing community we live in. We wouldn't want to be anywhere else. Thank you, Angelo and Bessie Centini

### Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, January 4 at the Ludlow Elementary School. The board discussed the state of VT school finance as well as the assessment methodology the RWSU decided upon for their budget. They discussed the heating system. Mr. Hutt Vater reported that the school has been invited to be part of a pilot program for virtual learning for elementary instructions. He explained that there are some courses, such as pre-algebra, as well as individual programs, such as embryology, that they might be involved in. He also spoke about Act 1 which involves the school and its role in helping to prevent child sexual abuse.

The board discussed the budget proposal and has another meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> at Black River High School to finalize the budget that they will present to the voters in March.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 1 at Mt. Holly Elementary School at 7:00p.m.

### Thank You,

Mt. Holly Community Historical Museum would like to thank all who donated and participated in our recent Festival of Lights festivity, which

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### BRACC UPDATE -- New Study Measures Youth Risks

The Black River Area Community Coalition has been reviewing the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey which was published this past November. Students at Black River High School and Middle School took the survey in the spring of 2011 as did middle and high school students across the country. The findings offer a glimpse of the risks they face as they are growing up. A few of the local statistics in the findings are:

- 11 % of 8th graders and 40% of the high school students drank alcohol in the past 30 days
- 53% of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and 68% of the high school students, were in the same room with someone who was smoking in past 7 days (Repeated exposure to second hand smoke can be as dangerous as smoking)
- Ease of availability of drugs and alcohol are important risk factors for youth use. The following show middle school students first and secondly, high school students, who report that it would be easy or very easy to get:  
Cigarettes 37% 82% ~ Alcohol 32% 83% ~ Marijuana 25% 73%
- BR Middle School Students Who Report they are overweight; 27% while 39% of the high school students feel they are overweight.
- High school students who smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days; 26%
- High school students who used marijuana in the past 30 days; 36% and 10% of them had first used it before the age of 13.

- High school students who used a prescription that had not been prescribed for them; 20%.

If you are interested in learning more about the study or the responses from our local youth, or a comparison to state and national data, contact BRACC at 228-7878 or [bracc7878@yahoo.com](mailto:bracc7878@yahoo.com). Please vote in support of our request to keep our youth safe and drug free at Town Meeting.

### Drawing Classes

Mount Holly Community Association will be holding four drawing classes for beginners or more advanced artists starting the first Saturday in February and continuing for the whole month. The classes will be held at the Mt Holly Community room (below the library) and will be held Saturdays between 10 am and noon. There may be a nominal fee to cover materials. For information contact Madeleine Fay 259-2654

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## Archaeologists Discover Ancient Native American Site in Mount Holly



Archaeologists surveying the CVPS transmission line from the Mount Holly substation to Ludlow discovered a new Native-American site that probably dates back to Paleo-Indian times: 9,000 – 7,000 BC..

CVPS commissioned an Archaeological Resource Assessment as part of its petition to the Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good to repair the transmission line. The two phases of the assessment were done by the Northeast Archaeology Research Center, Inc. from July 28 to August 26, 2011.

The first phase used maps, aerial photographs, historical records and other sources to identify Archaeologically Sensitive Areas (ASA) where CVPS needed to work. Thirty ASA's were identified as sites where past human settlement was likely: 1 Euro-American; 4 European and Native American; 25 Native American. CVPS will design its work plans to preserve the integrity of these sites.

In the second phase of the study archaeologists explored all land along the transmission line and excavated 237 test pits along 43 sampling transects. (Test pits were 0.5 x 0.5 meters at distances of 5 to 10 meters apart).

In Mount Holly, the survey recorded one previously unrecorded Native American site and one previously recorded Euro-American site.

The newly discovered Native American site probably dates back to Paleo-Indian times – 9,000 to 7,000 years BC. The site is north of the rest area on the north side of VT Route 103 just before the line between Mount Holly and Ludlow. There are two known Paleo-Indian sites close by to the east in Ludlow on the foothills of Okemo Mountain. The State of Vermont has designated the Ludlow-Mount Holly Gap (between



Okemo Mountain and Sawyer Rocks) as a Paleo-Indian area.

The archaeologists recommended further testing (Archaeological Phase II) to evaluate the extent, character, and significance of the Native American site and determine if it should be added to the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

### Mt. Holly Sno\*Drifters

FYI - We've GOT SNOW!!!! Gates are open and so are the trails. Be careful out there, as it has been very windy and there could be branches or blown trees across the trails not to mention some rocks or stumps not completely covered with snow as yet. A couple of our trail committee members



will be out on the trails assessing the damage. If you see a tree or branch down and you can't move it yourself, call us. We have about 6 to 8 inches and it has been snowing!!! We will not groom until we get more snow on the trails. Take it easy and ride with caution. Belmont Store and Brooklyn Pub are open and have gas. The Belmont Store closes at 7 pm; Brooklyn Pub is open until late. Please pay attention to trail signs especially curfew trails, some close at 11:00 PM. We hope you respect the landowners for letting us use there property to ride. Have fun and enjoy the snow! Mary Marechaux, Secretary, 802-259-2900



### Mount Holly Community Historical Museum

Open Saturday ~ February 11th ~ Noon to 2pm,  
and Sunday ~ February 12th ~ 2 to 4pm

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Autograph Albums*





**Castleton State's Courtney Chadburn has reeled in another postseason honor, being named ECAC Offensive Player of the Year.**

Castleton State College's Courtney Chadburn has added another honor to her collection as she was named Eastern College Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Chadburn, a senior from North Clarendon and a graduate of Mill River Union, led Castleton in points, scoring 20 goals with 17 assists in 2011. She ranked fourth in NCAA Division III with her 17 assists and fifth with 57 points. She finished her career as Castleton's all-time leading scorer with 86 goals, 41 assists and 213 points.

Chadburn was recently named the North Atlantic Conference's Player of the Year for the fourth consecutive year and has also earned CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year and NSCAA All-New England Honors this off season.

Lisa Wojnar, a senior goalkeeper from Bellair, Texas, is the Defensive Offensive Player of the Year. Wojnar backstopped a Babson squad to an 11-5-2 overall record. She had 0.58 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage over 18 games.

Wojnar was named the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Year and was also selected to play in the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association Senior Bowl. Additionally, she was named to the

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community around us at our time of sorrow.

We would also like to thank all the staff and Doctor Eisemann in Rutland Regional Hospital Cancer Center for their care of our brother when helping him battle cancer and also his girl friend Dawn Smith, her son Ken and friend Melinda Sheldon for their help with his home care. You all are God's angels.

Sincerely, Diana Garrow, Bruce Turco and Joseph Turco



February 2012 Mount Holly Chit Chat, Inc.

All-New England Third Team.

Krista Ledin, the ECAC Rookie of the Year, played for UMass Boston and was the Little East Conference's leading goal scorer and point earner with 23 goals and four assists for 50 points, earning her Rookie of the Year honors for the LEC. This is the third time in the last four seasons that UMB women's soccer has had a player earn LEC Rookie of the Year honors. Ledin was also named to the LEC All-First Team.

Her seven game-winning goals led the Little East and place her tied for sixth in the nation.

Congratulations Cathy and Harold - Your Grand Daughter has really hit the big time

**Thank You,**

We the family of Scott Martin Turco would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who have extended their thoughts and prayers our way with cards, phone calls, flowers, food and assistance upon the passing of our brother.

Thank you to Father Justin Baker for Officiating at the service and thanks to Christ The King Church for letting us use Engle Hall for the reception after the service. It was a comfort to have family, friends, neighbors and the

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Over the years town reports have become sophisticated and attractive. In Mt. Holly we have three dedicated auditors, Christine Pratt, Marcy Tanger and Carol Wooley, who put a great deal of time and effort into producing the report. The report includes interesting information about budgets, elections, tax rates, discounts, tax delinquencies, births, deaths, marriages and a whole long list of organizations who want some town money and more. They give all the information you need to understand what is going on in your community, right? **WRONG!**

I've lived here long enough to remember town meetings that were held in the Town Hall, now the Library & Community Center. We had a small town report because most issues were voted on from the floor and only the town officers were voted by Australian ballot. Now, I'm not advocating that they were better days and that was a better system but the people who sat in that audience had the opportunity to hear details about issues, explanations from the people who plowed the roads, made financial decisions and ran the organizations that asked for money. There was

debate...sometimes heated! I am more and more frustrated each year at the number of people that choose not to attend town meeting. There is the sentiment that town meeting is a precious right that doesn't exist in many places anymore and that we need to preserve a tradition dating back to before there was a Vermont (the first town meeting was held in Bennington in 1762, 15 years before Vermont was created). I agree with the tradition and the fact that Vermont is one of the few places you can actually get up and tell your town government how you feel and be heard. That isn't why I go to town meeting and it isn't the only reason you should go to town meeting. Not everyone is interested in being involved in town affairs or our many organizations. Some folks are shy and don't like to speak up but why not, at the very least, come and listen to the dialogue. Don't give up your right to hear the whole story because the whole story isn't in your town report. Listen to the people at town meeting who work hard to make this a better place to live. Agree with them or don't agree with them but hear what they have to say. Wouldn't you feel much better when you walk into the voting booth on March 6<sup>th</sup> knowing that you have all the information you need to make a decision? Empower yourself. Learn the facts. Come to town meeting! Lynne Herbst



*Thank you Mount Holly!!*

On behalf of the Mount Holly Community Association, we would like to thank everyone in Mount Holly for the ongoing support of the Mount Holly Photo Contest and the Mount Holly Calendar. Once again we completely sold out of the calendars thanks to you. All proceeds from the calendar support community activities sponsored by MHCA.

The success of the calendar sales could not have happened without Kevin and Debby and their wonderful staff at the Belmont Store, Susan Covalla in the Town Office, Lynne Herbst and the library volunteers, and all the volunteers who helped during Cider Days weekend. And, of course, many thanks also to Diana Garrow and the ChitChat for running our ads.

***Be sure to start taking photos for the 2012 Photo Contest.***

***There can never be too many good winter photos!***

Janet Warren and Annette Lynch, coordinators,  
Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar



### Free VHS Tapes

If you still have a VHS tape player we have movies for you. A community member has made a recent donation of her VHS tapes to the library. There are about 80 tapes representing all types of subjects, and old movie classics. One patron has already benefited by taking 25 or so of the westerns. So come and get them....only one rule applies, you can't bring them back!

### Acupuncture Program

Save the date! March 10 at 1pm licensed Acupuncturist, Virginia Voronin, will present a 2 hour program/workshop. Virginia, is a member of Acupuncture Without Borders and has spent this fall working specifically to help victims of Tropical Storm Irene. The program will be a discussion and demonstration. Look for additional information in the March Chit Chat. Find out why acupuncture may be your solution.

### Shouts and Whispers author Nancy Wilson

The Mt. Holly sixth grade started studying a unit on the Civil War in January. As part of their instruction children will be reading letters written home by men who fought in the war. Nancy Dana Wilson compiled the notes and related journal entries for the book "Shouts and Whispers: The Civil War Correspondence of D.D. Priest of Mount Holly, Vermont" and she has agreed to come and speak to students in the classroom on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Nancy has a wonderful story to tell of how she came to publish the book and relate her family history to D.D. Priest. Come to the library and check out this book with an interesting perspective on the Civil War.

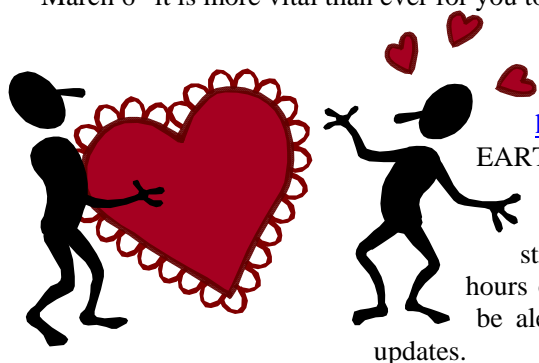
### DVD's

The library continues to add to the DVD collection. Our latest addition is the original (beginning in the 1990's) British version of *Prime Suspect* a television drama series directed by Christopher Menaul and starring Helen Mirren. The series has garnered many awards including Emmy's, a Golden Globe and a Peabody Award. The series focuses on a no-nonsense female British Detective Chief Inspector (DCI), Jane Tennison, who is attached to the Metropolitan Police (Scotland Yard). It is set mostly in London and the outer areas, with series 5 being set in Manchester. The acting is excellent and far better than the newest American version which previewed this past September on NBC. We have series 1 thru 6 at the library so settle in with a good mystery some winter evening!

### Value Your Library

Libraries aren't just books; they are computers, movies, audio books, programs, social gatherings, learning centers, toys and puzzles. Libraries must preserve the book experience especially for a still large proportion of our society that for whatever reasons doesn't want to embrace the new technology. Mobile devices aren't the end of books, or libraries. Radio lives on despite TV, film is still in high demand despite video, people still talk on the telephone despite email. And even little Mt. Holly Library will, by next year, make it possible for you to download books on your e-reader.

Society is not ready to abandon the library, and it probably won't ever be. Libraries can adapt to social and technological changes, but they can't be replaced. While libraries are distinct from the internet, they also welcome the internet. For decades society has been seeking a more holistic understanding of the world and increased access to information. How lucky for you as a Mt. Holly resident you never have to travel more than 15 minutes (in most cases no more than 5 minutes) to get to the door of your nearest library. That begs the question; why aren't you using this valuable resource? Today, more than ever, libraries and librarians are extremely important for the preservation and improvement of our culture. As we near March 6<sup>th</sup> it is more vital than ever for you to ensure the health of your library.



### Earth-Directed Solar Flare Could Bring Geomagnetic Storms

From: **Joseph McDonald** Space Weather News for Jan. 19, 2011

<http://spaceweather.com>

EARTH-DIRECTED FLARE: Active sunspot 1401 erupted on Jan. 19th, for more than an hour around 16:00 UT. The long-duration blast produced an M3-class solar flare and a CME that appears to be heading toward Earth. Forecasters say strong geomagnetic storms are possible when the cloud arrives during the late hours of Jan. 21st. High-latitude (and possibly middle-latitude) sky watchers should be alert for auroras this weekend. Check <http://spaceweather.com> for movies and updates.



## Mount Holly Community Association

We unfortunately missed the January edition of the Chit Chat, but we wanted to re-cap the December events, because there were so many people to thank, especially for the joyful occasion of the annual celebration of **Christmas in Mount Holly**. Many, many thanks to Penny Coldwell and her talented cast for their wonderful rendition of *A Christmas Carol...Condensed*. All of the actors are to be congratulated for stellar performances! Of course, the celebration of *Christmas in Mount Holly* would not be complete without the reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Barbara Palotta. While the children anxiously awaited Santa's arrival, Claudine Langille and the Folk Club led the group through lively renditions of some of the well known Christmas carols, as well as performing a couple of songs unfamiliar to most of us. Finally, the moment everyone had been waiting for... Santa's arrival on one of the town's fire trucks was the capstone of the afternoon! Thank you, Santa, and all who made this memorable afternoon possible for the children of all ages from Mount Holly!

**New Year's Eve at Star Lake**, sponsored jointly by the Sno\*Drifters and the Mount Holly Community Association, was an outstanding success! Literally hundreds of people enjoyed the hot cocoa and mulled wine, provided by the MHCA, and the bon fire and incredible fire works display, complements of the Sno\*Drifters. Although the ice was too thin for skating this year, it didn't dim the celebratory spirits of the many people, who welcomed in the New Year as part of the Mount Holly community! New Year's Eve at Star Lake was the last MHCA event of the year until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring, but keep a lookout for the invitation to the opening of the Community Room on the lower level of the Library & Community Center. We hope that will take place some time this March. The grand opening will be followed by a series of events planned to draw the entire community in to utilize this wonderful new space. That schedule will be posted in future Chit Chats.

### Campaign for this Historic Building

As many of you know, the original goal for the *Campaign for this Historic Building* was \$125,000. We are delighted to announce that with the arrival of a recent check that goal has been reached! In pledges and donations, we now have \$125,430. There is no way to adequately express our appreciation to the many families, matching companies, and in-kind gifts that we have received to make this possible...thank you!

**However, despite that wonderful achievement we are not finished yet!** The Board of the MHCA has extended the reach of this campaign, because of the recommendation made by the Building Committee to install a new heating system, an expense of

\$20,000 not included in the original goal. We are thrilled to announce that an already generous donor has offered us a \$10,000 challenge grant to pay for this new heating system. This family will match every additional contribution to the campaign up to \$10,000! We will be seeking the support of a few families, whom we have not approached as yet, as well as speaking to a number of families about the possibility of increasing contributions they have already made. If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift, now is the time to do it! Every dollar you contribute will mean twice as much to the renovation of your community center. Thank you so much for taking advantage of this wonderful challenge and *many, many thanks* to the family who made this possible!

### WASP SPRAY

A friend who is a receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office on Monday to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked the local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended to her that she get a can of wasp spray instead.

The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one nearby at home for home protection. Thought this was interesting and might be of use.



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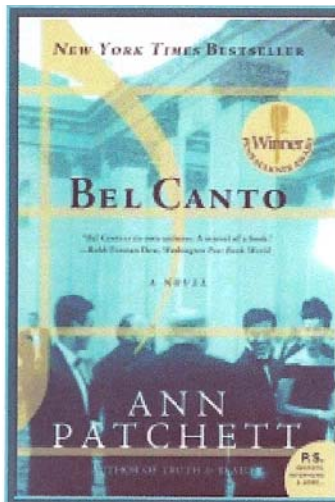
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## Interested in Raising Chickens in 2012???



It is that time of the year to start thinking about ordering layer and broiler chickens. Elizabeth Moulton of Popplewood Farm is inviting anyone interested in ordering chickens to join her group in ordering from Hoover's Hatchery; <http://www.hoovershatchery.com>. The requested delivery date will be the week of April 23. Take a look at their website and determine what you would like to order. The ordering deadline is **February 15, 2012**. The chicks will be delivered to Elizabeth and will need to be picked up on the day of arrival. She will let anyone ordering know when they will arrive, usually on the Thursday or Friday of the week of hatching (April 26 or 27). Payment is due in full at time of pickup. You may place your order directly from

Elizabeth at [eamoulton@hotmail.com](mailto:eamoulton@hotmail.com) or through Dairy-Aire Farm at [pappynmammy@vermontel.net](mailto:pappynmammy@vermontel.net). If ordering through the Dairy-Aire Farm we will pick up your order and you can collect the chicks at our farm. There will be an additional delivery charge of \$.35-.50 per chick depending on order size. If you have any questions you can contact Elizabeth at the above e-mail, or contact Dairy-Aire Farm at 259-2386. Millicent and Jim Johnson, Dairy-Aire Farm.



### THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY READING GROUP

will meet

Wednesday, FEBURARY 8 at 7:00 pm

at

The home of Nelda Holden, 198 Maple Hill Road

The book is BEL CANTO by ANNE PACHETTE

Copies are available at the Belmont Post Office

Please join us for an interesting and stimulating evening.

### What is enough?

Recently I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said "I love you and I wish you enough"..

The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough.. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom".

They kissed and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it would be forever?".

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking but why is this a forever goodbye?"

"I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is -- the next trip back will be for my funeral" she said.

"When you were saying goodbye, I heard you say 'I wish you enough'. May I ask what that means?" She began to smile.

"That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone".

She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail she smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them". Then turning toward me she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory –

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

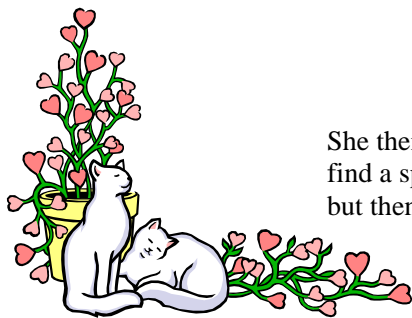
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

She then began to cry and walked away. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.







## Upside Down? You're not alone.

**February 2012 By Gail Graves, Realtor®/Broker/Owner at Engel & Völkers, Woodstock**

Too many times over the past several months I have been asked what to do when you owe more to the bank than what your house is worth in the current market. My best advice is to approach your bank....don't wait.... and don't be afraid.

More than 25% of all home mortgages are "upside down", nationwide. Staggering statistic!

I did some research – here is my first suggestion for those of you who may be "upside down".

**How to Refinance an Upside-Down Mortgage** by David Rouse, Demand Media

**Step 1:** Contact your servicer, the company to which you make your payments, and ask who owns your loan. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are the two largest government-sponsored mortgage

investors. These two companies set the guidelines for conventional mortgages, which make up the majority of mortgages. Both of these companies offer special refinance plans for homeowners with upside-down loans.

**Step 2:** Request a quote for the refinance program for which your loan is eligible. You can obtain quotes from both your current servicer and from other lenders, but your servicer may have access to programs other lenders do not, simply because your loan is not delinquent with them yet. These programs will allow an "Loan to Value" up to 125 percent of the homes market value. These programs came about as part of the government's Making Home Affordable initiative in 2009.

**Step 3:** Apply with your chosen lender. Provide them with all of the documentation required. The Freddie Mac Relief Refinance, when applying with your current servicer, may not require income documentation or an appraisal. If you apply with a different lender, these items will be required. Provide your lender with all of the required documentation and stay in communication with them. Work with them closely until the loan is fully approved and closes.

### Things Needed

- Loan servicer contact information
- Income documentation
- Appraisal documentation

Stay patient--refinancing and upside-down mortgage is a long process and lenders are working on many loans and may experience some delays. However, these programs are designed for quicker approval than a traditional refinance, so the wait shouldn't be quite as long.

Avoid making any major changes to your finances during a refinance. Do not buy a new car, or obtain any new debt unless you absolutely have to. Do not change jobs if at all possible. If any major changes occur, you should notify your lender immediately. Be sure to make your mortgage payment--if the loan is delayed and you didn't make the previous month's payment, it could cause a decline of the loan.

### Look Up Your Loan

If your mortgage is owned by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, you may be eligible for a Home Affordable Refinance to take advantage of lower interest rates. Your mortgage company can tell you who owns your loan. Find their contact information [here](#). You can also contact Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac directly by clicking on the links below.



- 1-800-7FANNIE (8am to 8pm EST)
- [www.fanniemae.com/loanlookup](http://www.fanniemae.com/loanlookup)



- 1-800-FREDDIE (8am to 8pm EST)
- [www.freddiemac.com/mymortgage](http://www.freddiemac.com/mymortgage)

I will have more suggestions next month. I hope this helps

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### Weight Watchers Meetings

Interested in joining Weight Watchers? We are hoping to start a session at Mount Holly School, beginning on Thursday, February 2nd at Mount Holly School. The meetings will start at 7am in the cafeteria. Right now the closest meetings are Rutland and Springfield. We need 20 people to join. Contact Brigid Faenza at 259-4100 or email [bakerbrigid@vermontel.net](mailto:bakerbrigid@vermontel.net).





## Mount Holly Town News

"The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting, February 14, 2012."

**SELECT BOARD** - January 10, 2012: 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 December 13 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved.

2. Highways

- Salt Shed property. Still waiting on the plats from Deb Daniels. There is a concern that the building site is a little far from the septic site and may require a pumping system.
- Station Road High Bridge. The Board noted that the closure is now a temporary closure. To permanently close it will require a hearing process, which will be done at a later date.

### MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION STICKER SALE AND CASH POLICY

**AS OF JANUARY 01, 2012**

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL NOT ACCEPT CASH  
AND NO STICKERS WILL BE SOLD THERE.

STICKERS MAY BE PURCHASED AT:

THE TOWN OFFICE: \$2.00 per sticker  
In person or by mail (ask attendant for envelope)  
or

BELMONT GENERAL STORE: \$3.00 per sticker

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU!

### OPEN TRASH BURNING IS ILLEGAL

The Select Board and Fire Warden would like to remind all Mount Holly Residents and property owners that open trash burning (including burn barrels) is illegal and subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and community service hours. Brush burning is legal with a permit from the Fire Warden (No permit required if snow is on the ground). Vermont State Police have a list of all permitted burns, updated daily.

- The Board will sign the Highway Mileage Certificate to file with the State..
- The speed limit changes for the East Wallingford end of Route 155 were approved by the State, so you will see new signs posted.
- The mild winter has resulted in lower costs for the highway expenses.

3. Proposed FY13 Budget was discussed next.

- Most items in the budget are not changing much. Budget is developed based on experience. The Board looks at last year's budget and actuals, this year's budget and YTD actuals.
- Asset/Equipment Fund is the biggest change, going from 40,000 to 55,000. This fund covers the trucks and other equipment, but the big concern is the road grader. The grader is 30 years old and is likely to cost in the range of \$225,000, so the Board felt this amount should be increased to help cover the anticipated likely sooner rather than later expense.

- What benefits do we provide; benefits are 60% of highway salaries and almost 50% of general salaries. Benefits vary slightly between the two groups, but generally paid holidays, health and dental insurances. There are deductibles and co-pays on the insurances; employees do not pay premiums. Health insurance is a large expense in any budget, relatively low base wages will skew the percentages.
- Where to we fund the reserve fund (monies used to pay the auditor's bills)? Not a reserve fund, and not a budget item. It is the General Fund fund balance. These are unrestricted funds which accumulate year by year, funded by a "carry forward" amount of unused general fund money. There is no carry forward this year.
- Did we get all the Irene expenses back from FEMA? Unknown at this time; we will put in for all eligible expenses (some project worksheets are still being created) but have not received any actual funds yet.
- If Irene and the audit have used up our carry forward fund balance, how are we paying our bills? We collect the property taxes all at once, early in the fiscal year. That practice stood us in good stead this year, so that we had funds to cover the Irene expenses. Between FEMA and the State, we expect to get repaid for 90% of those expenses. The timing of those reimbursements and expenses that come due later in the year could be an issue, but it will be monitored.
- How do organizations get funds from the towns (the social services list on the ballot)? This question was asked to put in a plug for LPC-TV, which has covered many school meetings, and town meetings, yet receives no money from Mount Holly. Organizations submit a request to the town each year. The first year it is voted separately, but then added to the list. Periodically (6-7 years) all items are voted as separate articles. Several large items are voted separately each year.
- If the accounting system has been computerized, why is the budget still hand written? The worksheet for the budget work session was hand written; when finalized it can be computerized. The Listers and Planning Commission would like a report when available.

4. Report of Treasurer.

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated December 31, 2011 showing cash balances of \$2,194,697. Some additional funds were moved to Berkshire Bank for higher interest rates. Delinquent property taxes of \$167,000 have been collected, leaving about \$112,000.

5. Fire Department

- The figures for FY13 funding for the Fire Department are in the budget worksheet. The operating expenses remain about the same, but the request for the truck fund is increased \$5000, to \$33,000. They are looking for a small tanker to replace the former oil truck that the department used as a tanker for 27 years. New and used options are being considered.



- 911 Signs: The Fire Department requests that all properties have the green and white 911 signs properly displayed. This is a safety issue for all residents and avoids time spent looking for a location or turning equipment around to backtrack. The cost is only \$15, order thru the department. The signs need to be installed where they can be seen from the road; if you can't see the sign in your headlights at night, neither can the responding crew. This is even more important with the Rescue Squad – the fire guys can generally see the 'glow'.
6. Solid Waste:
- Reminder: As of January 1, 2012, no stickers are sold at the stations. The objective is no cash at the site. Stickers will still be for sale at the Belmont Store, in person at the town office and thru the mail. The stickers should be placed on the bags or thrown in the compactor (the attendant does not need to handle them).
  - Single Stream/Zero Sort Recycling. Casella is really pushing this; the Board feels the Town should do it on a trial basis. The existing recycling containers could be used without a second compactor. They would need to be emptied before the start of the trial. Newspapers (non-glossy), the metal pile and electronics recycling would remain the same and separate. Otherwise all recyclables go into one container.
7. Planning Commission:
- The Town has received a Municipal Planning Grant to look at the revitalization of historic hamlet of Mount Holly and housing for families with children that are currently attending the school. We are establishing an Advisory Committee and would like someone from the Select Board to be a member of that.
8. Other Business
- The Select Board will meet to set the Town Meeting Warning on January 26 at 7:00pm. The final day to file for offices is January 30.
  - Susan Schreiber from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission would like to meet regarding the Town Garage sometime next week. Annette will check with Susan and let the Select Board know.
  - Some checks were taken at the Transfer Station. We will develop a form letter to send to the people (name and address off the checks) along with an order envelope. Paul will put up additional signage at the Transfer Station.
  - The contract for the printing of the Town Report is not ready (the printer formerly used has gone out of business).
- The Board reviewed and signed the December orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

#### **Transfer Station Stickers**

Please place the appropriate number of transfer station stickers directly in the compactor or attach the stickers to the trash bags. The attendant does not need to handle the stickers at all.

Thank You, Mount Holly Select Board

## **SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED SUB-DIVISION REGULATIONS**

**January 10, 2012, 7:00 pm. Town Office**

Paul Nevin convened the hearing at 7:00 pm. Jim Heald and Raymond Tarbell were present. Twenty-eight (28) people signed the attendance list.

Paul Nevin began the hearing noting that the vote on the Sub-Division Regulations made at the last Select Board meeting was an error. The vote is invalid, because a public hearing was not held before the vote. He confirmed this with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

He also noted that the Select Board has been presented with a petition asking that the vote on the regulations be on the ballot in March, rather than made by the Select Board. The Board will honor that petition. The petition requires 5% of the registered voters (approx. 45) and it has more names than that. The Board will pass it on the Town Clerk to verify.

Paul then opened the floor to those present who wished to speak.

Comments were offered by many of those present and represented a range of views:

- The regulations as they exist are not current with the Town Plan, which is required by the State of Vermont.
- The regulations are currently too vague to withstand legal challenges
- Praise for the openness of the process used by the Planning Commission to develop the regulations
- Regulations protect the public investment in infrastructure of the community
- Concerns written to the Planning Commission after the public hearings last summer were not addressed
- The regulations are too subjective; future board members could be a problem
- All regulation is bad
- Initially opposed, but felt the Planning Commission did strike a balance between not being told what can be done with property and the need to keep some control of how landscape and community are treated by developers.

It was noted that if the new regulations are defeated on the ballot in March, the current regulations remain in effect and the Planning Commission would need to continue work to get a document that could be approved.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

**PLANNING COMMISSION meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm 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 and attendance is encouraged.** The January 17, 2012 meeting was called to order by Steve Howard, Chair at 7:31pm. Members Present: Tim Martin, Peter Smith, Steve Howard, Annette Lynch, Dennis Deiters; Others Attending: David Hoeh, Millicent Johnson Minutes from the December 19, 2011 having been electronically submitted were approved as written.

Save the Date...

# PAMPERED CHEF BINGO!

**FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT  
BLACK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL'S TRIP TO SPAIN!  
Friday February 3rd  
Black River High School**

**Doors open at 6:15pm ~ Bingo begins promptly at 7:00pm**

**We'll be playing 10 games of BINGO for some really great  
Pampered Chef Prizes! No Cash prizes**

**Admission is \$20.00, which gives you Bingo cards for ALL games.  
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**Location: Black River High School**

**For more info contact: Patti Plew, Pampered Chef Consultant**

**[www.pamperedchef.biz/pattikake](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/pattikake) 802.259.2250 [pattiplew@gmail.com](mailto:pattiplew@gmail.com)**

**Old Business:** Steve Howard reported that he had been in communication with Pastor Paul Sinnott from the Lutheran Synod in regards to the Blue Spruce House project. Steve suggested that this be revisited at a future meeting to set up a time when Pastor Paul can attend a community meeting in late March or April.

**Sub-division Regulation:** The Select board has decided to have this item be on the ballot at Town Meeting. Discussion was held on how the Commission should proceed in disseminating information about the regulation. It was decided to have a FAQ and answer article placed in the February Chit Chat and to prepare a presentation for Town Meeting night. The suggestion was made to have another informational meeting for the townspeople using a debate format to address the question, "Does the Town Need a Revised Subdivision Regulation?" It was decided that the next Planning Commission Working Group meeting on February 13 will be used to firm up the date, time and place for the debate.

**New Business:** Building Registrations: Harrison Pearce, 2721 VT Rte 155, Belmont—addition to home

Annette reported on the progress made thus far the Capital Budget proposal. Communication from Ludlow re: a public hearing will be held on February 9, 2012 on the adoption of the revised Municipal Plan for the village and town of Ludlow. A discussion was held on the role of the Administrative Officer under the current Subdivision Regulations. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Minutes submitted by Millicent Johnson, Administrative Officer. These minutes have not been approved by the Planning Commission Millicent Johnson

**WORKING GROUP meets the second Monday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Town Office. The Working Group is everyone who attends a meeting** The WG met on Monday January 9. Work continued on the Capital Budget. Fra Devine presented a chart of accounts with depreciation schedules using information supplied by the Town Treasurer. The Planning Commission will be asked to contact Fire and Rescue services so that their data can be added to the chart in order to give town residents more complete information on the current and future status of the Town's finances and taxes. The Treasurer is obtaining information regarding the School and solid waste facility. Next meeting of the Working Group on Monday February 13. Annette Lynch

## TO THE EDITOR

The Mount Holly Planning Commission has devoted more than two years to revising and making user friendly the towns adopted Sub-division Regulations. The updating and adoption of the Mount Holly Town Plan, and a court decision that required clear definition of parameters in a land use control ordinance prompted this effort.

A Municipal Planning Grant received by the Mount Holly Planning Commission supported technical assistance from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. This assistance provided the Planning Commission with the opportunity to explore the full range of contemporary legal options that would put the goals and objectives of Mount Holly's Town Plan to work.

The Planning Commission is committed to an open, participatory process. Each month the Planning Commission holds a Working Group session where Mount Holly residents are included in all topics being considered by the Commission. The monthly regular meeting of the Commission also offers the opportunity for public comment and participation.

As a member of the Planning Commission for part of the work on the Sub-division update, I contributed my technical experience as an urban/regional planner. I attended each of the Working Group sessions as well as the Commission meetings, as a member and then an interested citizen.

Commission Chair Steve Howard's leadership and the work of the members of the Commission who listened and responded to the concerns of Mount Holly residents were impressive. The Sub-division ordinance update needs our support and adoption. This proposal will make our existing ordinance easier to understand both for those wishing to subdivide land and those concerned about preserving the values of adjacent properties, the taxpayer investment in the Town's infrastructure (roads, drainage, bridges, culverts, and curb cuts), as well as assuring safe access for fire and rescue volunteers and vehicles.

I support the Sub-division ordinance offered at Town Meeting and urge you to vote for this ordinance and to support the efforts of our Planning Commission. David C. Hoeh, AICP



## Mount Holly's Subdivision Regulations

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS By Annette Lynch

- Q. Does Mount Holly have Subdivision Regulations?  
A. Yes: Mount Holly has had Subdivision Regulations since 1977. The last revision was in 1998.
- Q. Are Subdivision Regulations different from Zoning?  
A. Yes: State law specifies two types of "land use regulations" that towns can adopt: Subdivision Regulations provide rules for landowners who divide their land into two or more lots; Zoning Regulations create districts, or zones, for different types of development, such as commercial, industrial, residential, and agricultural.
- Q. What sorts of things do Subdivision Regulations cover?  
A. Subdivision Regulations make sure that subdivisions can be used and developed safely, without adversely affecting the town or other residents, by rules governing:
- Adequate water and septic facilities
  - Accessibility by fire and emergency vehicles
  - Traffic access and safety
  - Conservation of wildlife and natural resources
  - Prevention of air and water pollution and soil erosion
  - Preservation of historic and scenic resources
- Q. Do current Subdivision Regulations adequately address these matters?  
A. No: While most of these items are mentioned in the 1998 Subdivision Regulations the standards to be achieved are so vague that the Town could not win a court challenge by a sub-divider who disagreed with part of the Regulations.
- Q. Will the proposed revision of the Subdivision Regulations stand up in Court?  
Yes: The Rutland Regional Planning Commission assisted the Planning Commission with this revision of the Subdivision Regulations. The Commission believes the standards in the revised Regulations meet the specificity required by the courts in recent rulings.
- Q. What does the Town Plan have to do with the Subdivision Regulations?  
A. In recent cases the courts have ruled that a town's regulations have to be consistent with the Town Plan. These revised Subdivision Regulations are consistent with the 2008 Mount Holly Town Plan. Mount Holly has had a town plan since 1976. Town plans are revised every five years. The next revision will be in 2013.
- Q. Are there rules governing what is in a town plan?  
A. Yes: Vermont Statutes Title 24, Chapter 117, Section 4402 ff. lists the items to be covered in a town's plan



## Mount Holly Awarded State Planning Grant

The Town of Mount Holly was awarded \$11,000 in state funds to determine the capacity of the land around the Municipal Center and Elementary School to support infrastructure which in turn could support affordable housing for the families of current elementary school students, economic development, a new municipal garage, and a new town center and village green."

This grant comes from the state Municipal and Regional Planning Fund, which was established in 1988 to help Vermont municipalities guide future growth and development and improve their quality of life.

"The project aims to do two basic things for the future of the town" said Paul Nevin, the chair of the Select Board. "First, it aims to increase enrollment in the high-performing Mount Holly Elementary School, and second, it will provide all residents – particularly those on the north side of Route 103 – the advantages of a vibrant, functioning town center."

Mount Holly will have a year and a half to complete this project. The Town will work with the Vermont Design Institute, Inc. that assisted the Town with the pre-planning for this comprehensive revitalization effort. The

Mount Holly was one of 42 towns across Vermont selected in a competitive award process.

"The communities receiving these grants... are looking to ...encourage and support new economic and community activity, balanced with maintaining an active working landscape," said Noelle MacKay, Commissioner of the Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development. Annette Lynch

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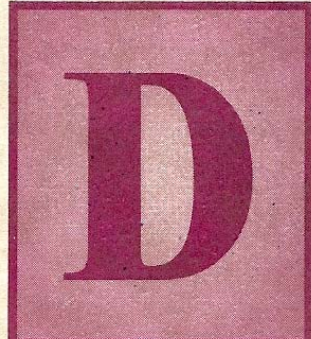
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## BRGNS REPORTS ON HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

Once again Santa asked Black River Good Neighbor Services to give him an assist in making sure that every neighbor in need had a Happy Holiday. So on the first day of winter, volunteers delivered Christmas baskets loaded with food and bags loaded with gifts for children and seniors.

Tuesday night, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, saw many individuals and families come to Fletcher Farm to help pack the boxes. These Christmas elves braved the cold to make a positive impact on people who, in most cases, they don't even know.

With great support from other BRGNS board members and an army of wonderful volunteers, Ray LaVanway headed the distribution efforts. Ray said, "Volunteers from our local community came to Fletcher Farm at 10 minute intervals from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Volunteers loaded their vehicle with deliveries for receiving families and then drove off to the assigned addresses". The towns and villages served were Cavendish, Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Belmont, Proctorsville and Plymouth. Ray also said "the group of volunteers who worked with me lining up the boxes and bags for pickup was terrific; in fact we completed the task in record time".

By the end of the day 167 families, consisting of 289 adults and 145 children had received all the makings necessary for a very Merry Christmas. Peter LaBelle, President of the board, noted that "over the last eight Christmases BRGNS has served 4,802 people who otherwise would not have had a Christmas dinner or gifts. It would have been impossible to meet this demand without the support of this incredibly generous community".

A huge thank you goes not just to the volunteers but to the many organizations that contributed to help make the food baskets and gift bags possible: Sons of the American Legion, Cumberland Farms of Ludlow, Black River Produce of Springfield, LaValleys of Ludlow, Shaw's of Ludlow, Fletcher Foundation, and the Fletcher Farm School & the Vermont Society of Artists and Craftsman who enable this program to happen by donating the use of their building for an entire month. Strong support comes from Annunciation Church, United Church, Ludlow Rotary Club, Ludlow Elementary School, Black River High School, Black River Honor Society, Okemo Mountain Ambassadors, Okemo Mountain School, Diane & Tim Muller, Holy Name of Mary Altar Society, the Methodist Church of Proctorsville, Ludlow Garden Club, Ludlow Swing Dance Club, Singletons Store, Wine & Cheese Depot, Crown Point Board of Realtors, Vermont Properties, Okemo Valley Women's Club, Women's Society for Christian Service, Teachers of Ludlow Elementary School, Plymouth Memory Tree, Strong Living Program and Friends of Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow Garden Club, Ecumenical Church of Ludlow, Rotary Club, Chapter 14, Tyson Church, Tyson Ladies Aid, Windsor County Youth Services and the Ludlow Snowmobile Club.

Thank you to everyone in the community who donated gifts, toys, monies and their time to support our holiday gift program. With your help we were able to present over 230 gifts. We want you all to know that this would not be possible without you. Whether you donated a can of corn or a carload full of toys and gifts, you should all be proud of what we accomplished as a community.

### FREAKY FRIDAYS COME TO BRGNS THRIFT SHOP

Black River Good Neighbors Thrift Shop is going to have freakishly low prices on items each 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month according to Audrey Bridge, Executive Director.

Freaky Friday is Bridge's brain child and she said "we wanted to do something different from the past and this is a theme we can all have some fun with. Audrey said, "On the first Friday of each month many selected items in our store will be priced \$1.00 each. Many of our patrons live on a fixed income and we would like to give them a chance at some freakishly good bargains! The deals at our thrift store are always great, we just want to make it even better for our loyal customers. And it's important to remember all monies raised go to support the services we provide to the community. If you haven't visited our new location, don't delay, we have been there a year and it gets better every day."

The Thrift Shop is located at 37B Main Street in Ludlow. BRGNS serves the communities of Ludlow, Belmont, Cavendish, Plymouth, Proctorsville and Mt. Holly. For more information please call Audrey at 802-228-3663.

### *Black River Good Neighbor Services Board Meets*

Black River Good Neighbor Services held its first meeting of the year on Monday January 9th and the slate of officers, elected in December, was introduced: Peter LaBelle – President ~ Christine Fuller – Vice President ~ Robert Evens – Treasurer ~ Carol Baranowski – Recording Secretary

In addition two new Board Members were welcomed: Cheryl Leiner ~ Susan McNeely

Returning Board Members are Jean Eggleston, Jim Fuller, Charles Hastings, Kevin Kuntz, Robert Kottkamp, Ray Lavanway, Ralph Pace, Lynn Reilly and Nancy Tanzer.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday February 6th at 3:30PM, at Community Center in Ludlow. All of the board meetings are open to the public

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Please Visit [www.rutlandvermont.com](http://www.rutlandvermont.com) for the exhibitor sign up form, prices and additional information on becoming an exhibitor.



## United Church Prepares for Valentine's Day



In keeping with a tradition started several years ago, the ladies of the United Church of Ludlow are continuing the process of making stuffed hearts that will be displayed on trees and homes throughout the area during Valentine's Day season. The hearts, strung together, will be a surprise gift to many area residents' home, thank to the efforts of a number of women who both make the hearts and then, normally to the complete surprise of the home owners, decorate their trees with the



hearts.

Pictured above are just several of the women involved in this project at United Church. From left to right, are Nancy Hagge, Virginia Kottkamp, and Dottie Humm as they cut the material that will be sewn together and later stuffed to form the hearts. Below is a photo of the Church, itself, decked out in the hearts from a prior year. Photos by David Hearne

## 3 Upcoming Events in the Okemo Valley



**January 28 is an Okemo Community Challenge Fundraiser called Flannel with Flair** ~ Since its inception, the Ski Ball has raised

hundreds of thousands of dollars to assist educational and charitable endeavors in Ludlow and the surrounding communities. The Okemo Community Challenge (OCC) was founded 16 years ago to benefit students in the elementary and high schools in Cavendish, Chester, Mount Holly, Ludlow, Plymouth, and Springfield. In the early years, the focus was placed on updating technology in classrooms and then moved on to provide and sustain opportunities to integrate the arts into core curriculum, to support teacher partnership and collaboration, and further professional development. We then played a role in fostering relationships between the local schools and community organizations with our "partnership" grants, helping students gain a better understanding of

their communities and the impact they can have as contributing citizens. This year, Flannel with Flair will continue the Ski Ball tradition, generating funds for OCC to offer challenge grants to worthy nonprofit organizations in the community. We strive to honor the "heart and soul" of Ludlow through support of the economic, environmental and social well-being of the community as a whole.

**February 9-12 is Lovin' Ludlow Winter Carnival**

**February 17-19 is Chester Winter Carnival - a Vermont Chamber 10 Top Event**

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information or to schedule an interview. Marji Graf, CEO, Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, 802-228-5830 phone, 802-228-7642 fax, [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com)

## Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts

Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts offers a warm welcome to those beginning a new craft or skill to those wishing to enhance skills already acquired.

Come join us in the next weeks for one, two or more enriching and fun filled courses offered by some of the best teachers around.

January 28 & 29-----OIL STILL LIFE PAINTING-----Hunter Eddy -----WOODCARVING-----Al Wilkinson

February 4 & 5 -----LANDSCAPE WEAVING-----Carolyn Scott

February 11 & 12---RIBBON WORK PINS-----Cynthia Emerlye-----FELTING LAMB TO LAMB-----Sue Carey

February 18 & 19-----SHAKER TAPE CHAIRS-----Sandy Sherman

February 25 & 26-----PEN & INK-MIXED MEDIA-----Don Hofer

March 3 & 4 -----SOLAR PRINTING-----Roger Hyndman-----WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPES-----Robert O'Brien

March 10 & 11-----NESTED SERVICE BASKETS-----Judy Nevin

March 17 & 18-----PUNCH NEEDLE RUG HOOKING---Layne Herschel

March 24 & 25-----PHOTOGRAPHY-----Emmett Francois-----QUILTING OPEN STUDIO-----Susan Balch

March 31 & April 1-----SILVERSMITHING-----Hal Bosco-----COB WEB & SILK PAINTING-----Nancy Dorian

For additional information or to register you may call 802-228-8770. You may also visit the web site at [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org) Young adults are welcome in many of the classes. Please just check by contacting the office at the aforementioned telephone number. Gift Certificates are available and make for super Birthday gifts.



## Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, Promotes its Executive Director to CEO

"Marji Graf, is promoted to Chief Executive Officer (CEO), of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, effective immediately", says Bill Dakin, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Marji is truly an impressive asset to Chamber members. Her leadership and ability to market the Okemo Valley has been outstanding and inspiring. The Chamber is growing due to Marji's contagious enthusiasm and ability to provide members with exceptional value for their membership. We hope the business community will join us in congratulating Marji in this promotion."

## Gov. Shumlin Announces \$3.58 Million in Transportation Enhancements Grants *Awards go to Vermont Communities*

Gov. Peter Shumlin announced that 20 Vermont communities will receive a combined \$3.58 million for 2012 Transportation Enhancements projects. The Vermont Transportation Enhancement Program is a federal-aid reimbursement program established as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users federal transportation bill.

Transportation Enhancements are awarded for 12 categories offering communities the opportunity to expand transportation choices. Activities such as safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic routes, beautification, historic restoration and other investments increase opportunities for economic activity, recreation, accessibility, and safety for everyone beyond traditional highway programs.

"These projects will make our roads safer, and expand recreational use of paths and scenic routes," Gov. Shumlin said. "The money will also fund restoration and other projects that will give Vermont's economy a boost."

Since 1995, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) has annually awarded enhancements grants to communities and non-profit organizations for a wide range of federally-eligible projects such as restoring historic buildings, rebuilding and extending sidewalks, enhancing the environment, bike paths, purchasing scenic easements and repairing historic bridges. Since the program's inception, more than 368 grant awards have been made to Vermont communities totaling over \$49 million.

The federal government reimburses 80 percent of a Transportation Enhancements project's cost. The project sponsor (a local community or non-profit organization) pays the 20 percent non-federal match. Vermont's Transportation Enhancement program requires communities to apply for and compete for the available funds on an annual cycle.

Thirty five grant applications were received in August by the Vermont Agency of Transportation to affirm project eligibility, and then were considered by a Transportation Enhancement Grant Committee (TEGC), which made the awards. VTrans staff provides technical project assistance and oversight to grant recipients as the projects work their way through the development process. All projects must meet a myriad of federal and state standards and avoid environmental impacts.

In keeping with the will of the Vermont Legislature that priority be given to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, the greater portion of the awards went to sidewalks, bike paths and scoping studies for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Additional awards were given to restoring two historic covered bridges and conducting Scoping Studies to determine the feasibility of future projects.

The 2013 program will be announced in April 2012, with applications due in August 2012. Specific questions about the Transportation Enhancements Grant Program may be answered by calling Kevin Russell, TE Program Coordinator at 828-0583.

Congratulations to Ludlow received \$24,000 and Chester received \$274,000 transportation Enhancement Grants!!!

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## FOLA Announces 2012 '1st Thursday' Movies

Now entering its second year of providing high quality movies to the Black River area, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) has released the schedule for its '1st Thursday' movies for 2012. All the movies are shown on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

The 2012 season begins on January 5 with the classic film, "Casablanca" (see photo of Bogart and Bergman above).

The remainder of the schedule is:

**February 2** - "Lawrence of Arabia" ~ **March 1** - "Citizen Kane" ~ **April 5** - "On the Waterfront" ~ **May 3** - "The Maltese Falcon" ~ **June 7** - "Dr. Strangelove" ~ **July 5** - "The Manchurian Candidate" ~ **August 2** - "Dances with Wolves" ~ **September 6** - "The African Queen" ~ **October 4** - "Bridge Over the River Kwai" ~ **November 1** - "The Third Man" ~ **December 6** - "Shane" For additional information, call 228-7239.



## ***Vermont Communities in a Digital Age ~ February 16***

The e-Vermont Community Broadband Project is working across Vermont to help communities solve local issues with 21st century tools. On February 16 e-Vermont will host *Vermont Communities in a Digital Age* to highlight some of the projects taking place and bring leaders and learners together to share what they have discovered so far. Topics include mobilizing community resources during emergencies, a hands-on lab about digital tools for business, a showcase of how technology is expanding the classroom for 4-6th graders, and a preview of how town meetings can reach a wider audience. The all-day workshop takes place at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center.

"High speed Internet is the critical resource of the 21<sup>st</sup> century for business, education, community building, good governance and communicating with friends and family. It touches on all parts of our lives," says e-Vermont Project Director Helen Labun Jordan. "But making the best use of this resource takes the kind of creative thinking we'll be sharing on February 16." Labun Jordan notes that this workshop is for people who are comfortable with computers and focused on applying those skills to larger community goals, not on learning basic skills.

Anne Galloway is the keynote speaker. Anne is an award-winning journalist and founder/editor of VTDigger.org, a statewide news website dedicated to coverage of Vermont politics, consumer affairs, business and public policy.

Registration is only \$20 and includes course offerings, refreshments and lunch. For a complete schedule and to pre-register online visit the e-Vermont website at [www.e4vt.org](http://www.e4vt.org), call 802-859-3090, or e-mail [joanna@snellingcenter.org](mailto:joanna@snellingcenter.org). Follow e-Vermont on Facebook (e-Vermont) and Twitter (@eVermont).

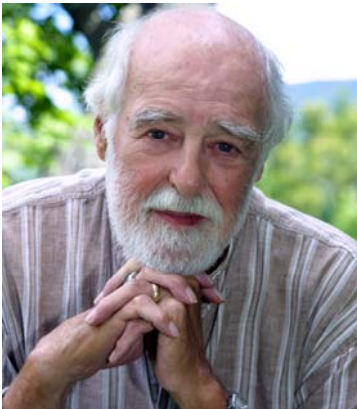
e-Vermont partner The Snelling Center for Government is the lead organizer for *Vermont Communities in a Digital Age*.

"The whole day will offer participants new ideas about how digital tools can be used to create jobs, reinvent schools, attract visitors, improve civic involvement, and enliven Vermont communities," stated conference coordinator Joanna Cummings. "We hope that hearing directly from some of our communities about their projects will inspire other towns to adapt these tools for their unique needs."

The e-Vermont Community Broadband Project is led by the Vermont Council on Rural Development, and is made up of the Vermont State Colleges, the Vermont Department of Libraries, the Vermont Department of Public Service, Vermont Small Business Development Center, the Snelling Center for Government, Front Porch Forum, Digital Wish, Evslin Family Foundation and Vermont Community Foundation.

e-Vermont is supported by a \$2.5 million stimulus grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Additional support comes from the Evslin Family Foundation, Vermont Community Foundation, the Jan and David Blittersdorf Foundation, UVM's Center for Rural Studies, the Vermont Rural Partnership and by donated services and equipment from Dell, Microsoft, and Comcast.

## **Vermont Symphony Orchestra to Perform Mozart and Fauré Requiems in January Concert**



The Vermont Symphony Orchestra will perform the Mozart and Fauré Requiems in its second Sunday Matinee Series concert to be held at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland on Sunday, January 29. The concert features the VSO Chorus conducted by Robert De Cormier with Jonita Lattimore, soprano; Susan Platts, alto; Richard Clement, tenor; and Kevin Deas, bass. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m.

This monumental program is presented in celebration of Mozart's 256<sup>th</sup> birthday and Robert De Cormier's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, both of which take place in January, 2012. The story behind the creation of Mozart's sublime *Requiem* has been sensationalized by the movie *Amadeus*. The reality is plenty dramatic enough: his family was desperate for the commission fee, and Mozart was struggling to finish the work when he died of renal failure. Though the *Requiem* was completed by a student, its heart-wrenching beauty is quintessential Mozart. Among all the famous requiems, Fauré's *Requiem* stands out for its serenity and soothing gentleness. He composed it, he said, not for a specific occasion but "purely for the pleasure of it." And pure pleasure it is.

Since its debut in May 1994, the VSO Chorus has won unqualified praise. The mastermind behind its success is noted choral conductor and arranger Robert De Cormier. A Vermont resident for more than 40 years, De Cormier helped found the VSO Chorus in 1993. As its director, he both prepares and conducts performances with the Symphony. He has received many awards during his career. In 2000, he founded Counterpoint, a twelve-member vocal ensemble. In 2002, he was honored by the New York Choral Society at a concert in Carnegie Hall, and was presented the Governor's Award by the Vermont Arts Council in recognition of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. New England Choral Arts honored De Cormier with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. He received an honorary Doctor of Arts degree from Middlebury College in 2007. De Cormier lives with his wife, Louise (who also sings in the VSO Chorus), in Belmont, Vermont.

A free pre-concert discussion, "Musically Speaking," moderated by Barre Times Argus and Rutland Herald Arts Critic Jim Lowe will begin at 3:00 p.m. for members of the audience. The discussion will feature Robert De Cormier with guest soloists, who will provide entertaining insight into the music, composers and musicians themselves.

Pro-rate Sunday Matinee Series tickets for the remaining two performances range from \$16 for students to \$52 for premier seating, available only through the VSO office. Single concert tickets range from \$9 for students to \$29, available in person from the Paramount Theatre Box Office at 802-775-0903, or online at [www.ParamountLive.org](http://www.ParamountLive.org).

For personalized service from the VSO, for additional information or to order "Sunday Matinee Series" pro-rated subscription tickets, please call the office at (800) 876-9293, ext. 10, or visit the VSO website at [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org)

## MVP "Comedy Improv"

Experience the challenging and unpredictable adventure of "COMEDY IMPROV" presented by the Marble Valley Players. Gary Thompson will host this dinner/theater show which is loosely based on the popular TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?". The show will consist of a panel of six veteran performers who create characters, scenes and songs on the spot. Topics for the improvisations will be based on either audience suggestions or prompts from the host. The performers include Bonnie Pritchard, Mikki Lane, Beth Wolven, Sandy Gartner, Thomas Hartigan, and Michael Kingsbury. Bring your ideas AND your appetites since your ticket includes the South Station's famous, full buffet dinner complete with hand-carved turkey and beef and sumptuous dessert trays. Performances will be held on Friday Jan. 27th and Saturday, Jan. 28th (gathering 5:30 PM, dinner 6:00 PM, show 7:30 PM ) at the South Station Restaurant, Trolley Square, 170 South Main St., Rutland. Tickets are \$35. Reservations are recommended as seating is limited. Please call Bobbie Torstenson for reservations and additional information at 247-6778.



**The Zany MVP Improv Troupe (l-r) Sandy Gartner, Beth Wolven, Mikki Lane, Thomas Hartigan, Mike Kingsbury, Bonnie Pritchard**



### February Chamber Corner, By Marji Graf, CEO

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is working overtime to promote our region. We have invested in google adword campaigns for both Lovin' Ludlow Winter Carnival (2/9-12) and Chester Winter Carnival (2/17-19) to make sure these events are promoted and well attended. Please view the events calendar on the

chambers website [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com). Also, check out our blog at <http://discoverokemo.org>.

We're attending the Boston Globe Travel Show on February 10-12 to represent the businesses in the Okemo Valley. On March 2-4 we'll be at the NY Times Travel Show and we've just been invited by the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut, to participate (for free) in "Northern New England" Month on March 22-25. Other invited participants are Ben & Jerrys, Cabot Cheese, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Stowe and the VT Department of Tourism & Marketing! You can see we're in good company and right up there with well-known brands. It would be wonderful if the public would like to come down for that weekend. Please call the Chamber office if you're interested and if we get enough people, we'll try to get a bus.

We have begun a pilot Chamber-to-Chamber exchange program and have invited the Windsor Connecticut Chamber to come to the Okemo Valley on April 12-15 for a history exchange throughout our towns. In exchange, we encourage you to come with us to visit Windsor Connecticut. If this pilot program works well, we will be expanding to other Chambers in our drive market.

On May 12 the Chamber will be co-hosting a Home & Energy Business Expo from 10am-3pm at the Jackson Gore Inn in Ludlow. We are combining the 2nd Annual Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission Home and Energy Show with the 4th Annual Chambers Business Expo. We will have the latest in home and energy savings as well as speakers. Please mark your calendars now and watch for more information as it becomes available.

On August 17 & 18, we're participating in the VT Challenge, ([www.vtchallenge.com](http://www.vtchallenge.com)). The Vermont Challenge is the only bicycle Challenge that circumvents Southern and Central Vermont over 3 or 4 days and draws upon the creative energy of local businesses and people of Vermont, key ski resorts, restaurants and farms in each local community that they visit.

These are just some of the projects we're working on. We will know in May if we receive the grant for the Scenic Route 100 Byway, to include road signs and a mobile application.

Our next Chamber mixer is February 8th at the Inn at Weston from 5:30-7:30pm and our next free educational program is on February 2nd at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow from 8:30am-9:30am regarding social media marketing and how a blog can help your business.

I would like to thank the Newsbank Conference Center for hosting our Legislative breakfast on January 6th, Outback Pizza for hosting our Chamber mixer on January 11th, and Inn Victoria for hosting our new member orientation on January 24th.

Feel free to contact the Chamber office (228-5830) for information, marketing and/or media assistance. We welcome comments, suggestions and encourage everyone to share how great it is to live, work and play in the Okemo Valley!







## You Call *That* Art?

My brother and sister-in-law, love to watch “Work of Art: the next Great Artist “, Bravo’s reality competition show, in which, up and coming artists compete for a solo exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum and a cash prize of \$100,000. We watched an episode where eight artists, under serious time constraints, had to create a piece of art that illustrated a headline which struck them. The artists worked feverishly to “be bold and amazing” and the judges seemed to not know what they were looking for. Artists were dismissed with a portentous, “your work of art didn’t work for us.” That generated a fascinating discussion after the TV went off. Modern art is often valued based on the whim of critics, gallery owners and the buying public. So how do you determine good art from bad (or simply “not my taste”) art? Supreme court Justice Potter Stewart said regarding pornography, “I know it when I see it.” Perhaps the same is true of “bad art.” Though this is admittedly a very complex subject, let’s agree that skill and craft make it *good* art, even if you don’t like the style. Art that *connects* is successful. Sometimes the connection is beauty, sometimes it’s repugnance and there’s a lot of stuff in between. If the art leaves you with an “eh” feeling it’s unsuccessful. Some one has jokingly said, “If it’s in the Museum of Bad Art.org it’s bad. If it’s in any other museum, it’s good (or some institutional gatekeeper THINKS it is) and if it’s not in any museum it might just be genius.”

Art is meant to create empathy. We enjoy art when we experience empathy, understanding what someone else has experienced. When I see someone who is angry, I empathize because *I* have been angry. But shared experience is not necessary to experience empathy. We achieve empathy when we reach understanding. For example, I’ve never committed murder but a film may help me get inside the mind of someone who has. I may abhor it, but I still understand what the murderer was thinking; what motivated them. In reality, art establishes a direct line of understanding (not approval, mind you) between two people who’ve never met.

So, good art mustn’t be equated with moral art. In my opinion, art is good (or “effective”) when it communicates successfully. All art has a point, rooted in the assumption of truth and *all* truth is *God’s* truth. From cave art to graffiti to the fine art of the Christian church homo sapiens have expressed their thoughts in visual form. To create and appreciate art is to be human. The beauty of empathizing with fellow human minds through art is a testament to man’s being made in the image of God. The act of creating art reflects God’s original creation because art comes from within those with an irresistible, God-given, urge to create.

So beauty truly is in the eye of the beholder. *You* decide what is good or bad art, in a sense, because it is entirely subjective. *You can* trust “authorities” to make those judgments *for* you, but it’s more fun to make them yourself. Ultimately, we fall in love with a work of art (or music) because it touches our humanity. It *speaks* to us, literally. We feel a certain “joy” in the presence of great art that transcends that piece and tells us that there is a Creator-God behind it. While we may not “like” all art or even be able to fully define it, we can’t deny the impact it has on our lives and it reminds us that there is a wider canvas beyond this one we see before us. *Pastor Glenn*

## NITKA’S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

*By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County January 5, 2012*

The 2012 Legislature opened on January 3<sup>rd</sup> without the pomp and circumstance that happened last year when it was the first year of the two year session. This year members were already sworn in, knew how to get through the gates, where to park, (provided they could find a spot), where the committee rooms were, how to introduce a bill and many of the rules from Mason’s Manual which govern protocol and procedures. A somewhat comparable manual is Robert’s Rules of Order which is used in running VT’s Town Meetings. A new item to learn this year for the 5 Senate Government Operations Committee members is the use of an I-Pad to work on all the bills in their committee. This is a pilot project for two years which the same committee in the House of Representatives began last year. Potential cost savings will be analyzed to see if this would be a wise route for the full membership and would it additionally benefit the public by providing more transparency.

This past summer, Governor Shumlin vetoed the bill, S-77, “An Act Relating to Testing of Private Water Wells” thus the question of an override of the veto or sustaining it was on the Senate Calendar for action immediately after the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer. The bill which passed last year was a reaction to a child being poisoned by arsenic in the family’s water well. It is estimated that 40% of VT families obtain their drinking water from groundwater sources. The law would have required that all new wells to be used as a potable water supply be tested by a certified laboratory prior to use. The governor in his veto statement mentioned the cost and burden to rural property owners if enacted and the fact that the vast majority of Vermont’s drinking water is safe and clean and that mandates need to balance with reality. The Governor was sustained by a vote of 28 to 1 thus his veto held. It was surprising that previous supporters of the bill went along with the Governor. They do however have a new modified version of the bill brewing.

The Governor’s State of the State speech was given this week and an overflow crowd squeezed into the well of the House. Many who couldn’t fit stood outside the doors. These ranged from dignitaries, to the State Police working dogs “Oak” and “Freesia”, to demonstrators. The Governor’s address focused on the tragedy and destruction from Tropical Storm Irene to the strength, commitment, sacrifice, generosity and hard work of Vermonters and so many others from outside our state who aided in the remarkable recovery effort which continues. It was an honor to have several construction people in attendance who did inordinate amounts of work to save and salvage communities.

Contact me at home at 228-8432, the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or at [anitka@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:anitka@leg.state.vt.us) or P.O. Box 136, Ludlow, VT 05149 Find schedules and bills at [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us)

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As a **We Honor Veterans** Partner, RAVNAH will implement ongoing Veteran-centered education for their staff and volunteers to help improve the care they provide to the Veterans they proudly serve. The nation is seeing many of the Veterans who served in World War II and Korean pass away—and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise.

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To qualify, the gross monthly income limit for all households, regardless of age, is \$1,680 for one person and \$2,269 for two people. There is no limit on one's resources, or savings. However, interest and dividends on any resources or savings are considered part of the gross income.

**You are strongly encouraged to apply by January 31<sup>st</sup>, but February 29th is the final date to apply.**

If you are a Senior (age 60+) in Rutland or Bennington county, the Senior HelpLine is ready to assist you with information and the form needed to apply for Vermont Home Heating Assistance. Call 802-786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119. All others should call Vermont Economic Services at 1-800-479-6151 or go to [www.dcf.vermont.gov/esd/fuel\\_assistance](http://www.dcf.vermont.gov/esd/fuel_assistance). The Senior HelpLine is a program of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, serving Seniors since 1974. [www.svcoa.org](http://www.svcoa.org); [seniorhelpline@svcoa.org](mailto:seniorhelpline@svcoa.org).

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