



# Mount Holly Chit Chat



40/11

January 2015

**Village Baptist Church** – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 [vbch@weebly.com](mailto:vbch@weebly.com)  
**E. Wallingford Baptist** – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 [www.ewbaptist.com](http://www.ewbaptist.com)  
**First Baptist Church, Wallingford** – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020  
**Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church** – SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St, Rutland 802-779-0300  
**St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford** Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Phone 446-2161  
**Annunciation Mass, Ludlow**, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu Ph. 228-3451  
**Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce** – Marji Graf 228-5830  
**Town Library:** Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707  
**Town Office Hours:** Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391  
**Town Treasurer's Office Hours:** Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391  
**Burn Permits:** Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211  
**Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm**



1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Emancipation Proclamation issued by Pres. Lincoln 1863 ~ Ellis Island Opens 1892 ~ New Year's Day</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pan Am Airway plane completes first around-the-world trip by a commercial aircraft (New York, NY 1942)</b>	
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting	7:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting United Nations General Assembly 1946</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library	3:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Benjamin Franklin 1706 ~ Operation Desert Storm Began 1991</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:30 pm
	<b>Martin Luther King Jr's Day Robert E. Lee 1807</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Briton, Elizabeth Blackwell, 1<sup>st</sup> woman to receive MD degree in USA 1849</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>American Airlines First Scheduled Transcontinental Flight 1959</b>	
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Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408 259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or 911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	C 802-353-8347 P 802-786-4404	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	<a href="mailto:mhconstable@yahoo.com">mhconstable@yahoo.com</a> P 802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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

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**January Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Fr. Romanus Igweonu 4<sup>th</sup> - Jamie Ludwig 8<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Flanders \* Dannielle Bussino 11<sup>th</sup> - John Ryea (1983) 14<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Wade 15<sup>th</sup> - John Wasilewski 17<sup>th</sup> - Lori Cole \* Robert Keen 19<sup>th</sup> - Rick Ludwig \* Benjamin Taylor \* Lisa Bussino (1962) 20<sup>th</sup> - Eric Ludwig \* Fredrick Ludwig IV 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thomas Osbourne \* Jeff Columb 24<sup>th</sup> - Minga Dana 27<sup>th</sup> - Hannah Teter 28<sup>th</sup> - Chris Lombardi 30<sup>th</sup> - Brian Keen 31<sup>st</sup> - Jennifer Parker \* Cole Tarbell \* Tiffany Taylor

**January Anniversaries** 15<sup>th</sup> - Kyle & Nancy Perry 24<sup>th</sup> - Armand & Debby Bernagozzi

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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Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
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### Charles Allan Bamforth

Charles Allan Bamforth, 91, of Belmont, VT, and most recently, the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, died November 14, 2014, at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. He was born March 27, 1923, in Lynn, MA, the son of Maritime Captain Charles Nathaniel Bamforth and Dorothy Anderson Allan.

Mr. Bamforth was a graduate of the General Electric Apprentice School as a machinist and tool maker. He spent 42 years at GE, working as a Quality Control Engineer in the GE Aircraft Engine Group, at the Everett, MA, plant. After retirement, he moved to Belmont, where he became active in community affairs, especially in the development of the local historical museum, in the Ludlow Area Lions Club, and the Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Proctorsville.

During World War II, he worked in the U.S. Army Ordinance, serving in both Pacific and European Theatres, with extensive duty in France at the end of the war.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Janice Laumann Bamforth of Belmont; his daughter, Judith Jervis and her husband, Paul, of Danville, NH; his son, Charles Henry Bamforth and his wife, Debora, of East Hampstead, NH; grandchildren, Kathleen and Clayton Jervis and Craig and Ariana Bamforth; a brother, Richard Anderson Bamforth and his wife, Patricia, of Augusta, ME; nieces, Margaret Adam, Jeanne Bamforth, Carolyn Laumann, Susan Dauphinee and Cynthia Wonson.

There will be no visiting hours. The Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Private services will be held at the Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Proctorsville, with burial in the Swampscott (MA) Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Bamforth, may be made to the Gethsemane Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 217, Proctorsville, VT 05153; or the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, Belmont, VT 05730.



### Joan Esther (Wortman) Ciufu

Joan Esther (Wortman) Ciufu, 78, of Ludlow, passed away with her beloved husband by her side on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014, at Springfield Hospital.

Born and raised in Belmont, the daughter of William and Esther Wortman, Joan graduated from Black River High School in 1956. Joan married her high school sweetheart Salvatore Ciufu in 1958 and raised their three sons while residing in Ludlow.

Employed at General Electric in Rutland, Joan retired after 20 years. During her retirement, Joan worked part time for her dear friend at Marion's Flower Shop.

A member of Annunciation Church, Joan was very active with her parish volunteering her time and always willing to assist others with a smile. Joan's greatest pleasure was spending time with her family, cooking during the holidays and summer picnics. Most of all, Joan treasured time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were the joy of her life.

Survived by her husband Salvatore, brother Timothy and sister-in law Patricia Wortman of Roanoke, Va., her three sons, Tommy and daughter-in-law Wendy, Teddy and daughter-in-law Yvonne, Terry and daughter-in-law Judy; her six grandchildren, Shawn Ciufu, Tristan (Ciufu) Lanfear, Terry Jr., and Michael Ciufu, Bryce and Tanner Ciufu; her great-grandchildren, Knox and Stellan Lanfear; also several nieces and nephews.

Joan was predeceased by her sisters Ina Evans and Jean Garrow.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow. Graveside committal services and burial followed in Pleasant View Cemetery. A reception was held in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Vermont, 300 Cornerstone Drive, Williston VT 05495.



### Victor A. Cole

Victor "Vic" Cole, 72, of Mount Holly passed away December 7, 2014, at his residence. He was born on July 8, 1942, the second of 9 children born to Impi and Lloyd Cole.

Mr. Cole attended Black River High School, graduating in 1960. Vic enlisted in the [U.S. Air force](#) and spent his military years in Germany and Turkey. Stationed on the Black Sea, his unit monitored Russian military satellites during the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Returning from Europe, Vic was hired by IBM in Essex Junction. And during his 35-year tenure at IBM he moved steadily up the capital-procurement ladder. He ended his career as a Senior Contract Negotiator. Vic was well known and respected throughout the semiconductor industry as tough at the bargaining table but a Fair guy.

He had been a resident of Essex, Manassas, VA, and Rutland before moving back to Mount Holly in 2011 when built the Frog Pond Blueberry farm.

Mr. Cole was a lifelong member of the North Country Sportsman's Club, where he was named the lifetime president, and the American Legion.

In 1967 he met Paula Dockum and on January 26, 1968, they were married. Together they had 3 children: Stacey Cole of San Francisco, CA, Andrea Cole Booska of Burlington, a son Gregory Cole of Kansas City, MO.

His life was never more complete than grandchildren time; they are his living legacy; Victoria Booska, Ella Booska, Brooke Booska and Elijah Cole.

In addition, Vic leaves behind 3 sisters (Stephanie Smith, Valerie Perrino, and Carol Fahey) and 4 brothers (John Cole, Gary Cole, Rodney Cole and Norman Cole).

He was predeceased by his parents and his older brother, Warren. God speed, Vic. May hunting camp be warm, may the beer be always cold, and fair winds and following seas.

Memorial services will be held at the convenience of the family. The family would like to thank the incredible oncology group at the hospital, Dr. Eisemann, and the staff at the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice for the care and compassion they gave.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, c/o Rutland Health Foundation, 433 West St., Rutland, Vt. 05701



## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, December 3 at the Ludlow Town Hall. The board heard a presentation on an SU-wide technology plan that will be based on the fiber optic connection. They were updated on the teacher negotiation process and reminded about the state mandated change in most special education expenses being moved to the SU budget. They discussed the preliminary budget proposal and Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the Efficiency Vermont project being done at the school.

The board also met with Dennis Devereux and Alice Nitka to discuss suggestions on how to improve the educational process without penalizing the local boards or tax payers in doing so.

The next meeting will be on December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Holly Elementary School. It will be primarily for budget discussions. The next regular meeting will be held on January 7, 2015.

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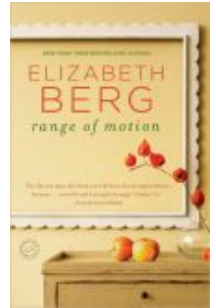
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## Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group does not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on January 14th at Jane Hill's on the Tarbellville Road. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. and we will be discussing *Range of Motion* by Elizabeth Berg. You can pick up a copy of the book from Donna at the post office.

Please consider a holiday gift to yourself by joining the group: enriching your circle of friends, reading good books and having lots of fun at the same time. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 except December. Please call Minga at 259-2471 if you have any questions.



## Town of Mount Holly Road Foreman Report

This last winter storm was one for the records because of the way it stuck to the trees. Hopefully you get a chance to enjoy a drive around Mt Holly and see this. On another note if we do not get a thaw to melt some of the snow and ice off the trees before we get another storm we will be in for another round of power outages. Jeff Teter

The Mount Holly community owes Jeff and his crew a big "thank you" for the monumental job they did in clearing, sanding and salting our roads during and after the storm. Unlike a normal snow or snow storm, the crew had to deal with a multitude of fallen trees and tree limbs blocking the roads, at the same time being ever alert to the possibility of having to avoid downed power lines. Craig Tomkinson



## Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Celebrates 40th Anniversary 1974 - 2014



for 40 years of support. It's a great organization to be a part of and we owe a lot to our original founding members for their efforts to get us established. Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad

Pictured: Left Charleen Cole & Kristin Veysey Right: Richard Dawley with daughter Sue Dawley, grandson and great grandson

On Sunday, October 26th from 3-6pm, members of Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad and many community members got together to celebrate our 40th Anniversary at our squad building on School Street. We all enjoyed a slide show, many photographs and photo albums, good food, and nice conversations. Charleen Cole, founding member, came and spent the entire day with us reminiscing and telling everyone how it all started. She had great stories to share and was truly our Guest of Honor! It was a wonderful afternoon and for those of you who came down to congratulate and celebrate with us, thank you! We would like to also express our sincere gratitude to the entire community



## Mt. Holly Sno\*Drifters & Green Mountain Snow Flyers

Good News!! TRAILS ARE OPENING TODAY!!!!

Thanks to our club and community members who volunteered and dedicated their time, our trails are open; we truly appreciate your generosity, once again the response was overwhelming. Some of the back trails we have not done yet, but corridor 7 is open. Also Danby, MT Tabor, Manchester, Ludlow are open. Shrewsbury still needs help, if interested call Steve Howlette 802-558-1013 and he will direct you. Thank you to our Trail Master, Steve Howlette for going above and beyond in coordinating the most unbelievable task of cleaning up the trails after such a horrific storm. Grooming will be in full operation starting tonight (Sat. Dec 20<sup>th</sup>)!!!!

A very special thanks to our President, Steve Forrest and our volunteers who went out the night of December 19th and rescued people snowmobiling who was lost in the woods and found in Weston. We are so proud to have such loving, kind, companionate people in our club. Your loyalty, generosity, dedication and love of not only the sport, but humanity is what makes our club special.

We are proud to be members of such a fine club!!

Don't forget the fireworks, New Year's Eve, bonfire starting at 7:00 pm, Fireworks at 9:00 pm on Star Lake in Belmont.

Happy Riding!!! Sincerely, Mary Alberty, Secretary, Events Coordinator, 802-259-2900

### BRACC UPDATE

As we reflect on this past year and make resolutions for 2015, remember to keep everyone safe by being a good role model, having plenty of non-alcoholic beverages available for your family and guests, and lock your medications.

**It is particularly harmful for teens to drink because;**

- 1) Repeated exposure to alcohol during adolescent years may lead to deficits in learning and memory. Very high levels of consumption during late adolescence are highly predictive alcohol-related problems later in life.
- 2) Youth who begin drinking alcohol before the age of 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol problems than those who start after age 21.

The most popular place for children to get drugs or alcohol is at home or in the homes of family or friends. Don't let your home become a favorite spot for the wrong reasons!!

Be sure to **lock your meds**. If you're visiting family that does not regularly have children or teens in the house they may not protect their medicines the way you would (Honestly – even if they do this information is still helpful!). So, here are a few tips for drug safety while traveling or having guests...

1. Talk to your hosts or guests about keeping their medicines secured. Explain that drug safety is a priority for you. They may be in the habit of keeping medicines on their nightstands or side-tables.
2. Talk to your children or teens about not touching medicines or eating anything not set out in a candy dish... many medicines look like candy to young children.
3. Scout the space before leaving children unattended. Check the spaces where the kids are going to be and then point out or remove any items that could be unsafe. Look at the room from your kids eyes – you may catch that bottle of Tylenol that rolled under the TV stand!

4. Depending on your children's ages -travel with children's medicines. Do not assume that adult doses will be safe for your children – even half doses.

As we have done for the past 10 years, BRACC continues targeting the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drugs among our youth. We meet monthly at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. If you are interested in more information please send an email to [bracc7878@yahoo.com](mailto:bracc7878@yahoo.com) or call 228-7878. Get involved to help raise healthy youth!!



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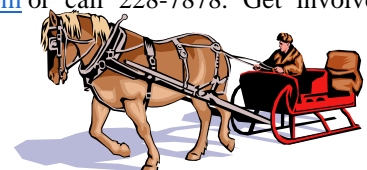
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## MHVFD Christmas Raffle

The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket for our Christmas Raffle. Four of our winners were from the Mount Holly/East Wallingford area, and one from West Rutland. (Names will be posted at a later date). We were extremely grateful to our winners who donated all or a portion of their winnings back to the department. Overall we raised over \$3500.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to check those Carbon Monoxide and Smoke/Fire Detectors. Make sure they are working properly. Also please ensure that your driveways are cleared to allow for Emergency Response Vehicles if needed, and that your homes or driveways are marked with a reflective 911 address sign. Thanks for continued support, and have a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Paul Faenza

## ♥ Sweetheart of a Raffle ♥

### Six Prize Baskets:

Comfy ♥ Sweeties ♥ Warm-Me-Up

His ♥ Hers ♥ Ours

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Drawing will be February 11, 2015.

Contact Aiyana Fortin at 259-3800 or [aiyana.fortin@trsu.org](mailto:aiyana.fortin@trsu.org) for tickets!

*Please note: Aiyana was nominated and hopes to attend the Washington Journalism and Media Conference at the George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia in the summer of 2015 – please help her to raise the money to cover the conference tuition for this great opportunity. Thank you!*

## Mount Holly ATV Ordinance

A recent request to allow the operation of all terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the roads in Mount Holly has sparked many conversations. The Select Board created a committee to gather information and make a recommendation. As a member of the committee I soon realized there were many questions and misconceptions about ATVs. It was apparent that many people had a personal bias about ATVs. They grouped and labeled ATV riders with limited information. Many of the conclusions made were based on assumptions and not specific factual information.

I heard about all the speeding ATVs being operated on the roads putting others in danger. Many had stories about private lands that were damaged. There were concerns about how dangerous it was to operate an ATV on the road. Questions about liability were posed and debated. What I didn't have were the facts to support the claims. Most people that had witnessed dangerous and illegal ATV operation never reported it to law enforcement. Our local constable has not issued a single ticket for illegal ATV operation in last couple of years. Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles records only document two reported ATV accidents that occurred in Mount Holly in the last ten years. The two documented accidents occurred on state highways and not town roads.

Many of us have witnessed an illegal ATV rider as they took it upon themselves to ride recklessly on our roads, trespass on our private lands and totally disregard the law. As we continue with the ordinance discussions please don't group all ATV riders together and label them based on the actions of a few. The proposed ordinance is not going to eliminate illegal ATV riding. The few who already knowingly break the law are not going to be stopped by additional rules. The purpose of the ordinance is to allow those who chose to obey the laws a legal way to safely operate their ATV on the town roads that have been opened. Safe for the ATV rider and others who they will share the road with.

A great deal of time and work was put into the draft ordinance submitted to the Select Board. The ATV Committee sought input and attempted to meet the needs and wishes of as many as possible. If you have any questions about the ordinance or ATV laws please email them to [mthollyatv@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyatv@gmail.com). Don Patch



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## Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Project

### IMAGINE....

- the full moon rising over the far end of Star Lake
- ice skating & hockey, snowmobiling, skiing and walking across the ice
- canoeing and kayaking
- fishing for bass, trout....
- seeing a moose at the far end of the Lake, or the beavers
- swimming in the cool, clear waters
- joining your neighbors for the Mount Holly Community Association Summer Picnic and New Year's Eve party & Sno\*Drifters' fireworks.

**However**, if we do not rebuild the dam the State will require us to remove it... and drain the Lake!! All that will remain will be a brook flowing through a swamp!!

Your help is needed now to make this project happen. Although the reconstruction is being funded in large part by the awesome \$500,000 gift by the late Patricia Nye, additional funding is needed to complete all the necessary work.



### Project Design:

1. Reconstruct the dam to current safety standards as required by the State;
2. Raise the Lake level 18 inches, back to its original elevation;
3. Dredge the beach and boat launch areas for better swimming & boating;
4. Create better access to the beach for maintenance equipment;
5. Upgrade the beach area & boat launch.

DuBois & King will be submitting a final dam design and permit application to the State of Vermont in December 2014. We expect to receive the necessary permits in early 2015 and construction to be completed by October 2015.

This project is being managed as collaboration between the Mount Holly Select Board and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT)/Friends of Star Lake (FOSL).

Please support this project to protect Star Lake and to maintain it as an open water body, recreation area, and beautiful natural habitat.

Please be as generous as possible.

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## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

### Volunteer – The Library's Future Is In Your Hands!!!!

Volunteers are the foundation of the Mount Holly Library. My top priority for 2015 is to call attention to the importance of the Mount Holly Library and its 100 year history. It's time for you to get involved. We rely on volunteers who donate their time and talents in support of the Mount Holly Town Library. Perhaps you don't realize that the only way the Mount Holly Library is able to exist is through volunteerism. Here are a few things to think about. Volunteering will make a difference in your life and the lives of others. A huge part of being a great volunteer is loving what you're doing. Our volunteers enjoy coming to the library and look forward to the hours spent helping out. Here's a tip: know why you want to volunteer and don't be shy about the reason. If you want to promote literacy, great. If it's to impress your mother-in-law, also great. If it's to stay busy and feel useful, still great. No matter what your motivation, you'll be doing good and doing it for the reason that is right for you. Think realistically about when you can volunteer and how much time you can commit. Volunteering can be a great way to use your existing skills or learn new ones. The more you give of yourself, the more you'll get from the experience. The value of your time to the library is enormous. Without volunteers, we simply could not exist. The energy and talent of our volunteers are at our core. Volunteering can make the

difference between a need being satisfied and going unmet. Bring your ideas for programs and services, the possibilities are endless. How can you help? You tell us and we will find the volunteer opportunity that is right for you and you'll be on your way to making a difference. The Library's Future Is In Your Hands!

### A Little More About the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF)

In 1998 Duncan McDougall founded CLiF and they have grown steadily since then. The foundation has provided a wide variety of free literacy programs to more than 165,000 children in almost 400 towns across the Twin States. CLiF inspires a love of reading and writing in children up to age twelve in rural communities. We hope you will bring your children to the library so they can benefit from the 118 brand new books that have been added to our collection. We are looking forward to the second part of the grant. CLiF will return in the Spring and a Vermont children's author will read to the children and every child Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be



able to choose a book to keep. All CLiF programs are funded through private donations and we are honored that the Miriam Wise Saunders Family made it possible for the Mount Holly Library to receive the grant this year. The Saunders Family has been part



of the Mount Holly Community for many years and we are most grateful for their generosity. The best way to thank the Saunders Family and CLiF is to support your library, take out books and encourage your children to read!!!

### New Books All the Time

Buying books to include in the collection is one of a librarian's toughest jobs, particularly when funds are so limited. My first priority is to purchase the books that patrons want. Through the years I have tried to learn what authors Mount Holly patrons like the most and balance that with the books that are the most popular according to the New York Times list and other publications. It's always great when a patron emails me or comes in asking for a book and I can say "yes, we have that". We have newly published books coming in all the time. If you become a patron of the library I will make every effort to purchase the books that you like to read. Some patrons "Adopt an Author". This guarantees that they are the first to read their favorite author the minute it is published. The library purchases the book at the wholesale price and the patron pays for it. It's a win for everybody as others get to check it out when it comes back. Don't forget you can find out what books are in the collection without leaving your home. Put this address in your browser: <http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/signin?libraryname=MOUNT%20HOLLY%20LIBRARY>. Bookmark it or put it in your favorites and with one click you will be able to search the collection.

### Library Raffle

The library had a very successful raffle thanks to the generosity of our local business people and Joan Bradley's handmade afghan with the picture of the Library and Community Center. Britta Baron won the afghan, Kathy Devereux and Dee Otte (sister of new Mount Holly resident Lesley Koenig) each won a packet of Gift Certificates to Mount Holly businesses. Thanks to Gary Cole - Maple Syrup, Belmont General Store, Scott Crawford - The Balsam Barn, Plew Farm, Belmont Body & Soul Shop, Stephanie

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I hope many of you captured the beauty of this December's incredible snowstorm. Mount Holly seemed to be encased in a snow globe. We're looking forward to seeing the photos in next year's photo contest! And, if you haven't already, be sure to catch the magic of winter over the next few months.

There isn't much time left to buy your 2015 Mount Holly Calendars! Your purchase of the calendar helps support activities in Mount Holly throughout the year. On sale now only at the Belmont General Store.

Best wishes for a very happy 2015 –

Stouffer – Studio & Gallery,  
Crowley Cheese, Stephanie Smith - Finnish Bread, Ed Smith – Honey,  
Harry's Café,  
Alec McCallum – Photo Note Cards, Casey Hodge – Southern  
Vermont Hydroponics,  
Big Eye's Bakery and Vermont Croissant.

### Yoga – Give It a Try!

Erin Shimp, certified yoga instructor is offering a class every Monday at 4:30 in the Community Room. Class cost is \$10 for the drop-in rate or pre-buy 5 lessons for \$40.00. Erin has experience in many yoga disciplines. The benefits of yoga are many with increased flexibility, increased muscle strength and tone, improved respiration, cardio and circulatory health and more energy and vitality. Just to mention a few.



## Mount Holly Community Association

This year's **Christmas in Mount Holly** was truly a memorable afternoon for children of all ages! We were once again delighted by this year's performance by the Mount Holly Radio Players, who put on another hilarious skit, *Rollin' in Dough in Mistletoe*. We are very grateful to all of our actors...Penny Coldwell, Fra DeVine, Sebastian Frank, Abe Leber, Karen Leonard, Morgan Skiathitis, and Mike Smelser, all of whom graced the Library stage with outstanding performances. Special mention should be made of Penny Coldwell, who coordinates this yearly event for our pleasure.

Thank you, Penny! The Mount Holly Folk Club once again led us through a round of the songs of the season and, of course, Barbara Palotta upheld our annual tradition...reading *The Night Before Christmas*. After the reading Penny Coldwell led the children in singing *Santa Claus is Coming to Town* and no sooner had the last strains of that song died away then what did they

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you all know, Penny Coldwell painted a beautiful watercolor drawing of the building and overlaid it with a grid of squares. The squares were "sold" for \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$250 and the name of each person/family who bought a square was written on the drawing. When it is completed, we will frame and hang the drawing in the Community Room. We have three \$100 squares, six \$50 squares, and eleven \$25 squares remaining. If you have not had the opportunity to affix your name to one of the squares, never fear...it's not too late! Send your contribution to MHCA P.O. Box 93 Belmont. Thank you for participating!

The Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association would like to thank the entire Mount Holly community for all of your support throughout the year...we could not do it without you! Happy New Year to all!



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hear coming from the stairwell below, but the resonant **Ho! Ho! Ho!** of who else but Santa Claus! The children could hardly contain themselves when they saw him coming up the stairs and each child was given the chance to climb into Santa's lap to tell him what they especially wanted this Christmas. Many thanks to everyone who made this memorable afternoon possible for the children of all ages from Mount Holly!

We are all looking forward to **New Year's Eve at Star Lake**. The past few years have been witness to unbelievable fireworks displays provided by the Sno\*Drifters and they have promised no less of a show to usher in 2015! The MHCA will once again have complimentary hot cocoa and mulled wine on hand for your drinking pleasure. Don't miss this wonderful way to welcome in the New Year and don't let the cold discourage you...there is a huge bonfire on the edge of the lake to keep everyone toasty warm. The festivities begin at 8:00 pm. See you there!!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake is the last MHCA event of the year until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring. We would like to remind everyone that all of these events are made possible primarily through the **membership of the association**. If you have not joined the MHCA for the 2014 - 2015 year, please do so as soon as possible...we need your support! Membership forms can be obtained at the library, the general store, or by contacting Madeleine Fay, Membership Chair (259-2654), or Carol DeVine, Co-President (259-2562).

The most recent fundraiser to paint the exterior of the Library & Community Center building is nearly complete. We have raised \$5,125 of the \$6,000 that was our goal for the **Winter is Coming...I Need a New Coat** campaign. As

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## ANew Place Welcomes New Development & Marketing Director



ANew Place is pleased to announce the addition of Jeff Walton, who has recently joined our team as Development & Marketing Director. Jeff's role is instrumental in building support for and raising awareness of the ANew Place mission and its holistic 4-phase transitional programs for homeless adults. A resident of Burlington's New North End, Jeff recently held the role of Director of Development for the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association in Colchester. Prior to that, Jeff was Major Gift Officer, Annual Giving Manager, and visiting Assistant Professor (and men's Soccer Coach) at Paul Smith's College in Paul Smiths, NY. Jeff is also pursuing a doctorate in community development and wellbeing, and sees his role with ANew Place as a welcomed opportunity to apply his interests in helping nonprofit organizations alleviate and address the causes of poverty and homelessness. "Jeff brings a wealth of knowledge around fundraising, marketing, and community engagement," says Valerie Brosseau, Executive Director. "His experience and commitment to our mission make him a wonderful addition to our leadership team. We're thrilled to have Jeff on board at this pivotal time following our recent rebranding, as we find new ways of working with the community to support this important work." To find out more about ANew Place and the difference that we're making in the community, visit us at: [www.aneuplacevt.org](http://www.aneuplacevt.org).



## Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Chamber Corner

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, serving South-Central Vermont, wishes everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

In December we congratulated Six Loose Ladies & Friends Yarn Shop from Proctorsville who became the December Member of the Month. We also thanked the Stone Hearth Inn and Tavern in Chester and Tina's Fun Stuff to Wear from Ludlow for co-hosting our December mixer. They put on a fashion show and the atmosphere was great!

We held 3 ribbon cuttings in December: Ludlow Laundry Company located in the Okemo Marketplace; Homestyle Hostel Inn and Café on 119 Main Street in Ludlow; and Engel & Volkers to their new location at 126 Main Street in Ludlow.

The Chamber has a great mixer and educational program line up for 2015. Please check out our website [www.YourPlaceInVermont.com](http://www.YourPlaceInVermont.com). Click on **About Us, Chamber Programs**. And don't forget to check out our Calendar of Events. We are THE event calendar for the Region! Submitted by Marji Graf, CEO



## Unbroken

See the movie *Unbroken*, better yet read the book by Laura Hildebrand and get the *whole* story of how Jesus changed Zamperini's life. Jolie tells half of it.

### "I'M NOT INTO ORGANIZED RELIGION"

**Let me be honest.** In response to the question, "Do you have a church home?", I am so tired of the thread-bare cliché. "I'm just not *into* organized religion." My tongue-in-cheek response is, "Well, then you'd *love* **our** church. We're into *dis*-organized religion!"


Really. How about a similar answer to the question, "Where *did* you or *are* you going to school?" "Oh, well...I'm just not into organized education." "Oh? You mean that as soon as you add a curriculum and some teachers it totally ruins education for you? You'd rather leave formal schooling vague and nebulous?"

Do you see how unintelligent that sounds? In the case of religion it's a "smoke screen" to avoid getting specific. Yes, sometimes this sentiment undoubtedly arises from the experience of having been burnt by a particular denomination. I get that. I know the agony of that emotional pain. But again, does one swear off of any further education when one encounters a boring class or a teacher who is a bozo?

The real issue here is not really church or even religion ("man's search for God"). It centers around the ultimate question, "What do you believe about the unique God-man, Jesus, who changed history (B.C.) by His life, death and resurrection?" In this *year of our Lord* (A.D. – Anno Domini) 2015, are you willing to drop the clichés and excuses and find a church home where the Living Christ can change *you*? Think about that. Your answer to the *ultimate* question may determine your eternal destiny. Pastor Glenn, The Village Church

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## Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.lpcvtv.org](http://www.lpcvtv.org). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

**SELECT BOARD – DECEMBER 16, 2014** ~ The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Jim Heald. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. This meeting was the regular December 09 meeting, which was postponed due to weather. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers raise their hand to be recognized, state their name and keep remarks civil and short.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were several additions to the agenda:

- Highways: Bids for the Old Garage
- Treasurer's Report: Set date for Budget Workshop  
External Audit update
- Other: Rutland County proposed 2014-2015 budget

2. Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of November 11 were sent out before the meeting for review. There were no corrections or additions. Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the November 11 minutes. (3-0)

3. Highways – postponed to later in the meeting.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson was unable to be present at the meeting, but left copies of the profit and loss budget vs actuals statement dated November 2014. David also left notes on several line items. On the income side, David noted that the Transfer Station label sales were down and that the revenue

from the metal sale has not yet been received. Jim reminded everyone that the transfer station accepts no cash and does not sell stickers. Stickers must be purchased in advance either at the town office or the Belmont Store. He asked that no one put the attendants in the position of arriving at the transfer station with no stickers. Expenses are overall with budget, although the haul and disposal costs for the transfer station keep increasing even though the tonnage may be even.

- Date for Budget Work Session: The Board decided to meet on Monday January 5 at 6:30 pm. This will be warned as a special meeting.
- External Audit: David did not leave a status on this, but Rhonda reported that she thought the auditor had everything and we were waiting on him.

5. Highways

- Loader: Jeff noted that the brakes on the loader are leaking and it is in for repair, hopefully under \$5000. The town is using G. Norton's loader in the meantime.
- The new fuel pump and backup generator are here. Jeff is getting prices for the installations.
- New Garage: Jeff expressed his thanks to Josselyn Brothers for their work, which he felt went way beyond what they were required to do and included some additional work at no charge. He also thanked those who volunteered their time, particularly Jeb Porter for help with the stonework at the entrance road and Craig Tompkinson for the new sign at the entrance. Jeff noted that the new nature trail had 2 outdoor classrooms and that Craig had done signs for the trail as well. Jeff also wanted to thank the people of Mount Holly who believed in the project and voted for it.
- It was suggested that the garage be named in honor of Jeff Teter, although the Board did not take any action on that at this meeting.
- There was a round of applause for the town crew for their efforts over the past week for plowing and tree work.
- Old Garage. There were two bids for the old garage and its removal by April 1, 2015. A. Smith from New Haven offered \$1250. P. Bonvouloir from Orwell offered \$3100, and an additional \$3000 for the used oil furnace. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To accept the bid of P. Bonvouloir. (3-0)

6. Transfer Station

- The new process for electronics recycling has been worked out; the first pickup under the new State provider was for 3915 pounds, of which 3111 was covered electronic waste and should provide some revenue.
- RCSWD proposed budget was received. It includes a district surcharge increase of \$1.00 per ton, ultimately related to Act 148 changes and anticipated drop in trash tonnage when mandatory recycling begins in July.

**Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Thursday before the meeting.**

### TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

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### **Mount Holly Animal Control Officer**

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He can be contacted 24hours/day at pager **786-4404**, or leave a message on his cell at **802-353-8347**.

The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. For more information or any questions concerning the Mount Holly Dog Ordinance, please contact Constable Faenza at [mhconstable@yahoo.com](mailto:mhconstable@yahoo.com).



## 7. ATV Ordinance

- Jim began with a statement of his thoughts. He noted that the proposal from the committee reflected a lot of time and effort by a number of people. Jim's biggest concern was something happening on his watch and the liability. Last month a second proposal was received.
- Jim asked Attorney Glover to review both proposals. Glover had several concerns with both ordinances. 1) Liability: the road approval process is so detailed; it sets up possible liability for the town (the town made the roads safe for ATVs). 2) Enforcement: difficult to enforce; when a problem occurs, they are gone before any enforcement can arrive. 3) the process is lengthy, detailed, could be costly (will ATV Liaison be a paid position? Will the town have to publish legal warning about new road in a paper?)

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ALSO**

- Jim suggested that a review of the survey by the ATV committee did not clearly show that a majority wanted ATVs on the roads. He suggested that the Board have a paper vote on town meeting night and if majority want ATV's on roads, to then develop the process.
- The floor was opened for discussion. Many of the points raised at previous meetings were repeated on both sides of the ordinance. There were concerns on the length of time for the process, up to another year; some felt there should be a trial period for six months before the town

votes on it. There were arguments for considering the committee's proposal and for considering the alternate proposal.

- Paul Faenza, Constable, was not able to attend the meeting but had sent an email to the selectmen noting that neither proposal had an Enforcement clause in it, and proposed one.
- Upon motions made and seconded, it was  
VOTED: To approve the original (committee) proposal with the inclusion of the Enforcement clause as proposed by P. Faenza. (2-1 - J. Heald dissented.)

## 8. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction

- Ron Unterman reported that the final design of the dam is about two weeks behind schedule, but that he expects the construction to be this summer.
- The dam work will require getting rid of about 3000 yards of dredge spoils. An email looking for sites has resulted in two possibilities (the state has to approve the sites).
- B. Sullivan also asked everyone to consider a donation to complete the project (which will be more than the current funds).

## 9. Planning Commission

- A survey from RRPC what shared services municipalities would consider will be completed (personnel administration, IT/website administration).
- D. Hoeh reported he had also listed some concerns re shared services from the Planning Commission to RRPC: improvement plans for Rtes. 155 and 140; Vermont Railroad's emergency response plan for hazardous and explosive cargos; safer stop locations for The Bus route thru town.

## 10. Other Business

- Website domain name is up for renewal. The Board agreed to renew the domain to allow for any future decision on the website.
- The Board agreed and signed a letter to waive a meeting with DPS regarding their role as public advocate for the New England Clean Power Link Project (the transmission line under Route 103). It was also noted that the Project has completed the 248 filing, a copy of which was received by the town.

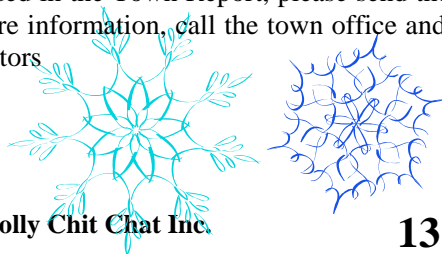
## 11. The Board reviewed and signed the November orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

## Mount Holly Town Auditors Request

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: [mthollyauditors@vermontel.net](mailto:mthollyauditors@vermontel.net) to the Town Office no later than **January 5, 2015**. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: **Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758**

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



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

### **Authority**

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

### **Purpose**

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

### **Definitions**

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

### **Operation Requirements**

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

- 1) All-terrain vehicles must be registered and operated in accordance to the requirements of Vermont Title 23 V.S.A. Chapter 31.
- 2) All-terrain vehicles may only be operated on town highways when they are not posted for weight restrictions. Agricultural use is exempt from this restriction.
- 3) All-terrain vehicles may only be operated on town highways from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- 4) All-terrain vehicles may only be operated on sections of town highways that have been designated and approved by the Select Board.
- 5) All traffic control devices apply to the operation of all-terrain vehicles.
- 6) All-terrain vehicles on the town highway will travel to the far right side, single file, at a speed not to exceed 20 miles per hour.
- 7) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle being operated on a town highway will yield right of way to all other vehicle and pedestrian traffic including but not limited to bicyclist and horses.
- 8) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle being operated on a town highway must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license.
- 9) An all-terrain vehicle being operated on a town highway must be covered by a liability insurance policy.
- 10) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle being operated on a town highway must properly wear a D.O.T. approved helmet.

### **Highway Approval Process**

- 1) All-terrain vehicles will only be allowed to travel on town highways (or sections of highways) approved by the Select Board.
- 2) Each highway (or section of highway) will require someone to volunteer to act as a contact person for the highway and will be responsible for the following:
  - A. Submission of the permission application to the ATV Liaison. The application will include address and contact information of the contact person.
  - B. Purchase and post the required signage at both ends of the area opened for all-terrain vehicle travel. Only those signs approved by the Select Board will be allowed.
  - C. Assist local law enforcement investigating violations of this ordinance when possible.
- 3) The ATV Liaison(s) will be appointed by the Select Board and will be responsible for:
  - A. Reviewing permission applications for completeness and compliance.
  - B. Verifying that the approved signage is properly posted (once approved).
  - C. Posting notice of highways to be opened in the Chit Chat and News Flash to allow residents to comment on the opening of the highway.
  - D. Making recommendations to the Select Board on the approval decision.
  - E. Receiving complaints and concerns related to the ordinance from residents and attempting to address them.
  - F. Reporting to the Select Board when requested.
- 4) The Select Board reserves the right to allow or deny permission to operate an all-terrain vehicle on any town highway (or section of highway). The Select Board reserves the right to rescind any or all permissions to operate an all-terrain vehicle on town highways at any time.

### **Enforcement**

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



**Severability**

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

**Effective Date**

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

**Signatures:** Select Board James Heald, Raymond Tarbell, Tim Martin

## All-Terrain Vehicle Town Highway Permission Application

Town Highway You Are Requesting Permission To Operate An All-Terrain Vehicle On:

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Starting And Ending Locations On The Above Highway:

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Requestor's Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application you affirm that the approved signage will be appropriately placed (once approved) and agree to be a contact for local law enforcement investigating complaints of violations of the Mount Holly All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Town of Mount Holly Select Board on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Heald

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

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



**Please view the original signed ordinance at the Mount Holly Town Office Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.** Please note Mount Holly Town Office Holiday hours in box format in the Select Board notes.

## Weston announces 2015 Season of the Classics and the New



Vermont's oldest professional theatre company has a new slogan: "Celebrating the classics. Nurturing the new." And that is just what it intends to do for the company's 2015 season. At a recent event for donors, subscribers, business partners and community leaders held at the new Manchester Community Library, Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler announced a season that offers something for everyone.

When asked how they go about choosing a season, Stettler shared that he and fellow producing directors Malcolm Ewen and Tim Fort discuss what new works are available and then what classics feel timely. "In making the final choices, we think about favorite directors, designers, and actors who could bring each piece to life; we think about its audience appeal; and we think about its producing demands. The result, we trust, is a stimulating and well-rounded mix."

Weston's 2015 offerings will include the following:

**June 25 - July 12**, Weston's Young Company opens the season with a musical version of the popular kids' books by Barbara Parks, *Junie B. Jones*. This fun and fanciful hour-long musical stars the outspoken and precarious Junie B. as she deals with first-grade struggles on the bus, in the lunchroom, in the classroom and at recess. With daytime performances and discounted pricing, this is a fun and affordable outing for families with K-5th graders.

Opening the Playhouse MainStage, from **June 30 - July 11**, it's *Pump Boys and Dinettes*. Audiences will enjoy a nostalgic visit to the Double Cupp Diner, where sisters Prudie and Rhett Cupp serve coffee and pie while the Pump Boys next door sell high octane gasoline. Together, they deliver a series of tale-telling country songs written in part by Weston favorite and Broadway veteran Cass Morgan. Recently revived in New York's popular Encores! concert series, the show originally received raves both off and on Broadway and continues to be a regional theatre favorite with its infectious charm and universal appeal.

**July 16 - July 25**, a truly magical experience awaits at the Playhouse with the recent five-time Tony winner *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, this play with music is "a grown-up's prequel to Peter Pan." In it, a dozen actors play more than 50 unforgettable characters, on a quest to discover how Peter Pan became the Boy Who Never Grew Up.

At Weston's intimate OtherStage, from **July 23 - August 9**, you are invited to *The Other Place*. In this brilliantly crafted work by contemporary playwright Sharr White, a successful neurologist becomes unhinged as her husband files for divorce and her daughter elopes with a much older man. But nothing is as simple as it seems. Weston favorites David Bonanno and Susan Haefner will have all who travel to *The Other Place* thinking about it long after they leave.

On the MainStage from **July 30 - August 22**, it's the blockbuster Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls*. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, the show is packed with small-time gangsters and long-lashed ladies. Favorite songs include "Luck Be a Lady" and "A Bushel and a Peck." A classic musical as only Weston can realize it, *Guys and Dolls* is a guaranteed fun night at the Playhouse for all.

From **August 27 - September 5** at the Playhouse, Weston launches a new multi-year commitment to "American Masters" with Tennessee Williams' timeless drama, *The Glass Menagerie*. This four-character memory play recently revived on Broadway catapulted Williams from obscurity to fame when it opened in 1944. In it, an aging Southern Belle longs for her youth and a better life for her children. *The Glass Menagerie* will reach a wide audience through Weston's annual School Matinees and in a special final performance at the Flynn Center in Burlington.

From **August 13 - August 30**, Weston will present an exciting new work on its intimate OtherStage. Negotiations are still underway, so watch the company web site for more details.

**All summer long:** Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is dedicated to making theatre as affordable as possible, especially for their Vermont friends and neighbors. Make note of **VTix**: for each performance at the Playhouse, there are 25 seats available for just \$25. And at the OtherStage, there are 15 seats for just \$15. These are first-come, first-served, for Vermonters, once tickets go on sale. Students are always 1/2 price. And don't forget about dinner at the Café at the Falls and the popular after-hours Cabaret.

For more information, go to [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org). For future announcements, sign up for Weston's eNews under the "Connect" header. Remember that theatre gift certificates make great holiday presents, and donations are not only appreciated, but essential to the non-profit theatre company. Certificates and tax-deductible donations can be arranged by calling [802-824-8167](tel:802-824-8167) x108. Single tickets go on sale May 1, 2015.





## Vermont Symphony Orchestra Continues its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Southwestern Vermont!

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Kicks off its Sunday Matinee Series in southwestern Vermont again this season with three performances at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland. The series opens with "Joyful Journey," a Holiday Pops concert featuring Anthony Princiotti conducting the VSO Chorus, directed by José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, on December 14 at 3:00 pm. Additional concerts are titled "At an Early Age," on January 25 at 3:00 p.m., and "Paris in the Spring," on March 15 at 3:00 p.m. The January and March concerts are preceded by *Musically Speaking*, pre-concert discussions with guest artists providing insights into the program, the composers, and themselves. The discussions begin one hour before the stated concert time.

To celebrate 80 years of beautiful music in beautiful venues, we have commissioned seven Vermont composers to write 80 second fanfares which will open each of our full-orchestra programs. We look forward to sharing great musical experiences with you all season long!

The Holiday Pops program includes two sleigh rides, a skating party, and a sojourn through the Twelve Days of Christmas (cleverly adapted to various musical styles) as part of the joyful holiday journey with the VSO and VSO Chorus. "Lightning Galop," a fanfare by Burlington composer T.L. Read, starts us off at a festive clip. Excerpts from *Messiah* and the *Nutcracker* are along the way, as are shepherds, traditional carols, a singalong, and a celestial harp.

In January we feature living composer Gabriela Lena Frank. She began composing as a young child, inspired by folk music in her native Peru. Her "Elegy to the Andes" is evocative of South American panpipe music. Also on the program is Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony, only ranking behind a couple of Beethoven and Tchaikovsky symphonies in worldwide popularity. It was written when the composer was just 25. And much anticipated, Elgar's lyrical Violin Concerto showcases the marvelous young violinist Elena Urioste, who debuted with the Philadelphia Orchestra at age 13 and was recently selected as a BBC New Generation Artist.

In March, we visit "Paris in the Spring." Mozart's elegant "Paris" Symphony and Schumann's expressive "Spring" Symphony naturally suggest our March concert theme. The soloist for New Music Advisor David Ludwig's new bassoon concerto-- intriguingly titled "Pictures from the Floating World"--is one of the principal bassoonists of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra (having won the position two years ago fresh out of music school). There is a French connection here as well: Ludwig's piece invokes the Japanese art prints that fascinated Debussy.

"Sunday Matinee Series" subscribers will save 15% off the cost of single tickets, choosing reserved best seats of the house for the entire series with the option of renewing those same seats for future seasons. Series subscribers also receive a New England Orchestra Consortium subscriber savings e-card enabling them to enjoy discounts on tickets purchased for concerts presented by 15 orchestras across New England. A special subscription offer is also available for members of the Lakes Region Youth Orchestra and their families. Subscriptions may be ordered by calling Grace at the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, (800) VSO-9293, ext. 10.

**TICKETS:** Sunday, December 14, 3:00 pm, Paramount Theatre, Rutland 802.775.0903 or [paramountlive.org](http://paramountlive.org).

## Fletcher Memorial Library

January is shaping up to be a fun filled month at the library. Be sure to stop by and check out some of the great activities we have planned. Please call Sacha at [\(802\) 228-3517](tel:8022283517) to register for programs or with questions. Hope to see you at the library!

\* **Weekly Preschool and Toddler Story Time**, Every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am. Each Week features a theme, music, stories and a craft.

\* **Read with Oreó**- Thursday January 8th- 3:00-4:00pm

School age students are invited to come to the library and read with Oreó the therapy dog.

\* **Monthly Cooking Club**- Thursday January 22nd- 3:00-4:00pm.

Participants will meet once a month to make a fun after school snack. Our first recipe will be Homemade Cinnamon Tortilla Chips. Space limited to 8 participants. Grades 2-6.

\* **Crafty Tuesdays**- 3:00-4:00pm- Grades K-6

**January 6th**- Tie Dye Mini-Tote Bags- Use Sharpie Markers and a little bit of science to make a colorful mini-tote bag.

**January 13th-Snowboarding Snowman**- Time to hit the slopes with the coolest snowman in town. We'll use crafty supplies to make a pint sized snow dude who will never melt.

**January 27th**- Perler Bead Magnets- Crafters will have fun designing magnets using colorful Perler beads--the possibilities are endless!

\* Minute to Win It Party!

**Friday January 30th**- Grades K-6: 3:00-4:00 Grades 7 & up 4:00-5:00

Come compete against your friends and try your luck during this afternoon of wacky games and fun!

Snacks will be provided.

\* **Teen Movie Night**- Monday January 26th: 5:00-7:00

"If I Stay" (PG-13) Refreshments will be provided. Sacha Krawczyk, Youth Services Librarian, Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow, Vermont 05149



## PreK:

### Ouches vs. Warm Fuzzies

We are learning and growing every day in preschool. We are working on using our words, taking turns, and expressing our feelings. In our Thursday social skills group, we have learned how to use the word "Ouch!" to let friends know when our feelings have been hurt. We can say "ouch!" whenever we feel mad, sad, or hurt. We also decided to call our good feelings "warm fuzzies". We love to feel warm and fuzzy! This happens when we follow our friendship rules like sharing, working together, using nice words, and helping. Miss Caitlin and Miss Judy love to witness all the wonderful ways we give "warm fuzzies"! At the end of the school day, ask your child "What made you say ouch today?" and "Did you have any warm fuzzies?" This will help them share their experiences and practice identifying their feelings. Below are some wonderful examples of "warm fuzzies" occurring in preschool.



### Investigations in Prek

Our 4 and 5 year old group has begun participating in Daily Investigations. Each day, Miss Caitlin posts a question or problem on our white-board for the children to help solve. These investigations take us on adventures to various learning centers within our classroom, as well as other areas of the school and even outdoors. The investigations are exploratory, hands-on, and provide us with many opportunities to use our social skills through collaboration and group discussion. Most problems have multiple solutions and encourage many different approaches. We love to share our thinking with each other at circle time. Remember to check our white-board daily so that you and your child can continue the conversation at home! Below you will find pictures of some investigations we have already engaged in!



How many ways can we build a house using 6 rectangles and 4 squares?



Leaf Investigations



Finding ways to measure our classroom

## 4th Grade News!

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November is here! The gardens have been harvested, the sand has been played in, and the mountains have been built! The 4th grade students have been very busy!

We have learned a lot about how our Earth has been formed, and how water, ice, and wind erosion affect our land. Vermont's physical geography has been a large part of our science and social studies

curriculum this fall. What better way to learn where some of Vermont's rivers, lakes, and mountains are than to make a relief map out of flour, salt, and water! (Parents, please don't fret much if you find that Vermont as you know it doesn't appear on your child's map. Their sense of direction is just emerging!)

Our Language Arts curriculum has been filled with reading and writing Tall Tales, chapter books, practicing editing skills

and writing complete paragraphs.

Place value, addition and subtraction with regrouping, multiplication, and division are some of the many math concepts and skills we have been reviewing. Oh, and did I mention, the 4th graders need to have multiplication facts memorized!

And, this is just SOME of what has been keeping us so busy!





## Faster Isn't Smarter By: Ms. Dunne

One of my mantras during math is "Use a thinking way, not a counting way." Wait! Not a counting way? Isn't Ms. Dunne always talking about counting? Well yes, counting is an important skill and I want students to know the sequence of numbers forward and backwards. But, I don't want students to get so comfortable counting in their head or their fingers that it becomes the only way for them to solve a problem.

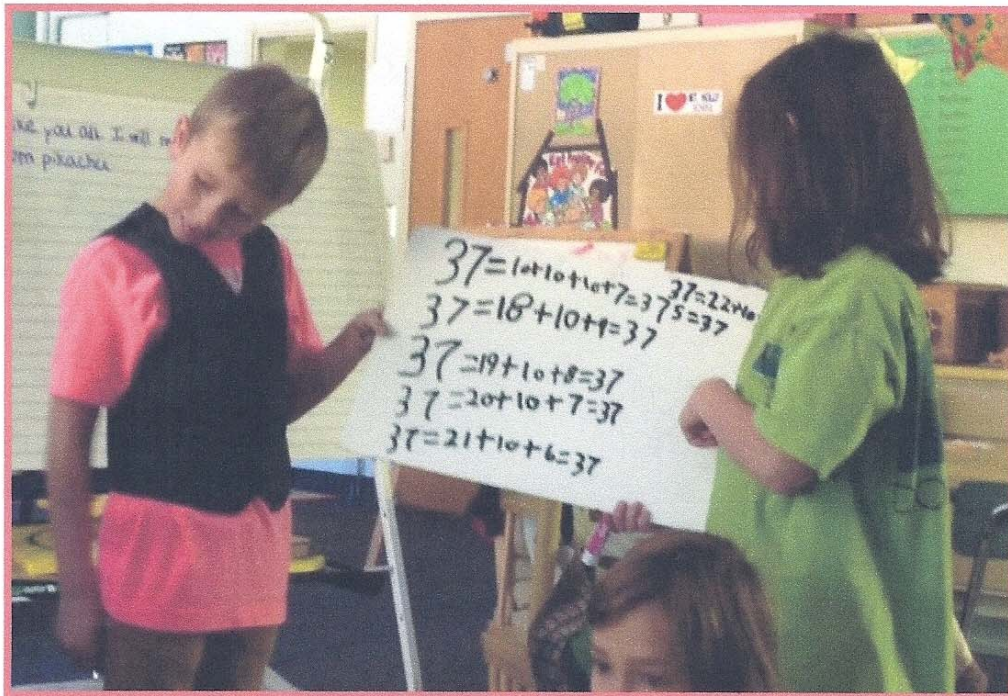
Starting in kindergarten we work on seeing groups and not having to count each object. We want our students to know the patterns on a dice automatically. Think about the dot pattern that usually represents 5. Can you picture it? I could have inserted an image, but I want you to visualize it. Once a student has a solid understanding of this image, they can see the ways 5 can be taken apart. Can you see just the four dots that make the square and one more in the middle? Or do you see a triangle and a pair of dots? Was the triangle on the top or on the bottom? Whoa, if you did, then you were noticing the commutative property of  $2 + 3$  and  $3 + 2$ !

This deep understanding of number helps students build connections and grow as flexible learners. By contrast, we could just focus on the learning all of the addition facts in isolation and then all the subtraction facts, relying on memory or counting on our fingers. Using strategies and seeing the relationships takes time, but this is time well spent. If you ask our second graders  $7 + 8$  you might get the following as solutions:

$7 + (7 + 1) = 15$	$(8 - 1) + 8 = 15$	Using a Double Fact +1 or -1
$15 = (7 + 3) + 5$	$15 = 5 + (2 + 8)$	Using a Make Ten Strategy

There is a great deal of thinking going on and it's okay if the answer wasn't automatic, that automaticity will come. It is important to be efficient, but just because you are faster doesn't mean you are smarter.

"It's a widespread belief that to be good at math means to be fast at computation. But this belief may in fact do more harm than good. Some of the world's greatest thinkers, scientists, and mathematicians have not been fast at arithmetic, even though they were tremendously successful in working with higher-level mathematics." -Cathy Seely, past president of the National Council of the Teachers of Mathematics.







## French News Les Nouvelles de la classe de Français by Mme. Goraj



## Bienvenue! Welcome!

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, 22 students from le College Didier-Daurat in Saint Gaudens, France visited Mount Holly School to meet with our K-6 French students!

The French middle school students were staying with Mount Holly & Ludlow families as part of a student exchange between College Didier-Daurat and Black River High School Middle School. Merci beaucoup to M. Bruce Pollard, the BRHSMS World Language Teacher for helping us arrange this wonderful visit.



## Library News by Mrs. Goraj

Library classes have gotten off to a great start this year. We're so lucky to have so many wonderful books to share. Please help your student care for and return on time the books they borrow. Library day is:

Monday : 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
Wednesday: Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades  
Friday : 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Even when Mt. Holly School and the school library are closed, you can still access many wonderful reading and information resources on the school library's web page. Visit: <http://mh.s.trsv.org/home/departments/library> Click the Library Page link to explore the many resources available, including those listed below which require log-in information:

- **TumbleBook Library** is extensive collection of on-line children's books, including picture books "storybooks", chapter books "readables", nonfiction, graphic novels, and video shorts produced by National Geographic.



User name: mountholly  
Password: books

- **World Book Online Encyclopedia** - The same trusted student encyclopedia many of us remember from our own school days, but it's now available online from any internet connected device. It's also enhanced with interactive digital content such as video, current events links, maps, and games.



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Password: Vermont

- **Scholastic's GO - Grolier Online's Multimedia Encyclopedia** and America the Beautiful



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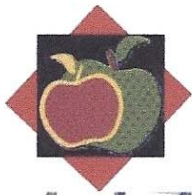
- **VT Online Library & Kids Infobits**

A collection of digital resources for children and adults



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## Mount Holly School After School Program



The After School Program is off to a fantastic start. We currently have 35 students attending our programs: homework hour, morning math club and our enrichment activities. Taking advantage of the amazingly warm and sunny fall weather, we've been able to have snack and play outside on the playground almost every day before homework club begins. During Session I, students enjoyed many activities such as cooking kale chips, pumpkin pie and corn chowder with our own school garden's yummy vegetables, exploring nature with Ms. Caitlin and Ms. Mandy, building a scarecrow and doing fall crafts and sports with Jake, and designing cool and creative inventions with Mrs. Manney. The art en plein air artists experimented with pencil and charcoal sketching, and even built their own wooden easels to make it easier to do art outdoors.



This session we are continuing with activities the students have been enjoying such as group games & sports and crafts with seasonal and holiday themes. Our

Make a Difference Club is preparing for their bake sale. All funds will go to protect a baby elephant through the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Fostering Program. Check out this awesome website :

[www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/asp/fostering.asp](http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/asp/fostering.asp) We are also offering new programs this session such as Holiday Fun, the ever popular Build-It and Sewing it Up, led by Ms. Mandy with help from members of the Mt. Holly Community Guild.



I'd like to thank everyone who helped out with our Cider Donut Hole fundraiser at Cider Days, including our Friday After-School students for the great sign and delicious donut holes, the many After-School program families who also cooked for the event, and the students who gave their time to sell the donuts at our table.

-Mrs. Goraj



# Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice RAVNAH Community Health Clinics – January, 2015

## RAVNAH January Foot Care Clinics

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. For more information please call 775-0568.

Wednesday, 1/07/2015,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 1/08/2015,	Rutland, Parker House,	10:00 am
Wednesday, 1/14/2015,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10:00 am
Thursday, 1/15/2015,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10:00 am
Wednesday, 1/21/2015,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9:00 am
Wednesday, 1/21/2015,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11:00 am
Wednesday, 1/28/2015,	Rutland, Godnick Center,	12:30 pm
Thursday, 1/29/2015,	North Clarendon, Community Center,	12:30 pm



**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:** The foot clinics will follow the school snow day schedule – if school is cancelled in a town due to snow, the clinic in that town will also be cancelled. Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.

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

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

**Didn't get your Flu Shot? It's not too late!** To schedule an appointment to receive your flu vaccine from one of RAVNAH's registered nurses, please call Cathleen Paulin at 802.770.1536. For more information on the different types of flu vaccines available, you can call RAVNAH's Flu Hotline at 802.770.1574.

## Herb Russell was honored at The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging 2014 Annual Meeting

Herb was presented the 2014 Vermont State Representative and Senior Advocate Award

A letter SVCOA received on his behalf was read:

I wanted to pass along my thoughts on Herb Russell, State Representative for City of Rutland. I met him recently at my Stepdad's funeral and was so impressed by the things he's done for the city, but most especially for the personal contact he maintained with my Stepdad Norman Dean and my Mom Anja Ahti Dean of Rutland. Norm was a WWII veteran and passed away at the age of 94 on June 27. He and my Mom were married 33 years and lived on Dorr Drive and somehow became acquainted with Herb a few years ago. Herb has been stopping in to check on them from time to time and during the hurricane Irene when my parent's home was flooded he went out of his way to make sure they got what they needed to return to their home. He has also helped my 81 year old Mother Anja get medical services in some difficult circumstances. He has stopped by the house to check on my Mom since her loss of Norman and this means a lot to her and all of us in her family since we are all located quite far from Rutland. In my opinion, if more of our elected officials were to make this kind of direct contact and take direct actions to help the people they represent, this country would be stronger, safer, healthier and happier. If you know of a place I could post my appreciation for Herb Russell's devotion to his elected post, please let me know. Best

Regards Bob Ahti

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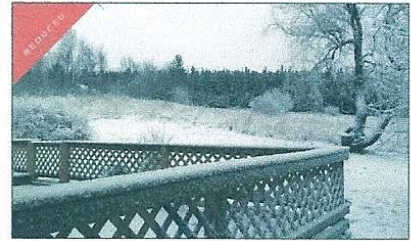
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## Manufacturing & UPS Outlet

DECO Manufacture Machine Job Shop 259-2477

## Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151  
Smith Maple Crest Farm [www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com) 492-2151

## Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501

## Merchandise Sales & Service

Dan Turco & Sons YAMAHA-Snowmobile, Motorcycle, ATV 773-8650  
[www.turcosyamaha.com](http://www.turcosyamaha.com) [sales@turcosyamaha.com](mailto:sales@turcosyamaha.com)

Environmentally Safe Products For Body & Home - Pat LaBella 259-6078

Fuller Brush & Rawleigh Products – Diana Garrow 259-2314

Mary K – Natalie Brown 259-2067

Sew Easy Interiors Home Décor & Window Treatments 259-2048

[bethjosselyn@gmail.com](mailto:bethjosselyn@gmail.com) Fax 259-3905

Vehicle License Plates, Buying & Selling [paulnevin@gmail.com](mailto:paulnevin@gmail.com) 259-2443

## Painters

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

## Personal Services

Angelo's Family Tailoring 259-3564  
Ang's Cleaning Service 259-3598  
Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786  
Perfect cLEEn House Cleaning Service – Donna Lee 259-3936  
Pet Sitter – Barbara Pallotta 259-2856

## Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. [masterph@vermontel.net](mailto:masterph@vermontel.net) 492-3657

## Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Watson Realty, [www.cbwatsonrealty.com](http://www.cbwatsonrealty.com) 228-5678  
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Fax 802-228-5343 [www.KelleyRealEstate.com](http://www.KelleyRealEstate.com) [www.OkemoValley.com](http://www.OkemoValley.com)  
Ty Murray H 259-3014 - Cell 777-8047  
Carl Mitchell H 259-2107 - Cell 384-3202  
Lisa Kelley H 259-3112 - Cell 345-6581

## Refrigeration

J.C. McDonald Inc. ~ Commercial Refrigeration  
Air Conditioning Sales & Service [joemc@vermontel.net](mailto:joemc@vermontel.net) 259-3152

## Septic System Design

Belmont Septic Design - Kevin Hollebeek C 802-733-2561  
[Kevin@belmontseptic.com](mailto:Kevin@belmontseptic.com)

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

## Tree Services

G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 259-8733

## Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899  
Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663

## Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking, [ccw@vermontel.net](mailto:ccw@vermontel.net) 259-3232

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