



DECEMBER 2009

# RIPTON COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE

Tonight's performance will be a great way for us to finish up the 2009 season here at the Ripton Community Coffee House. Welcome Big Spike!

January and February we will trek up the hill to the Ripton Elementary School for concerts at our winter location. Many thanks to our local school for hosting us once again while the Community House hibernates for the winter. Signs will be posted at the corner across from the Ripton Country Store to remind you to turn... See you here again in March.

Many thanks to Win Colwell and Beth Duquette for the beautiful new banner that so artistically and boldly celebrates our lovely music-filled coffeehouse. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and admired by all of us!

This month's sale of coffee, tea and baked goods benefits the Friends of the New Haven Library. If your organization is interested in a date to provide the goodies, please see Andrea in the kitchen (or call her at 388-9782). There are many opportunities in 2010.

## FOLK CALENDAR

Ball & Chain Café, Brandon. All shows 7:00 pm

Friday, December 11 – Boise

Saturday, December 12 – Womensing

Saturday, December 19 – Bread and Bones

The Ripton Community Coffee House

Saturday, January 2 – Phil Henry CD Release Concert at the Ripton Elementary School, 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 6 – Blue Moose & the Unbuttoned Zippers at the Ripton Elementary School, 7:30 pm

Saturday March 6 – Michael Smith at the Ripton Community House, 7:30 pm

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### REMINDERS:

- We love your help putting away the chairs at the end of the evening!
- The Ripton Community Coffee House's website can be found at [www.rcch.org](http://www.rcch.org). Check us out on Facebook! We have just joined up. Become a fan of the Ripton Community Coffee House. You can also check us out at [myspace.com](http://myspace.com) and listen to future performers.
- If our admission is ever a burden, please pay what you can afford.

### TONIGHT'S BAKE SALE BENEFITS...

Friends of the New Haven Library

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### COFFEEHOUSE CALENDAR



Jan 2 - Phil Henry CD Release Concert (at Ripton Elementary School)

Feb 6 - Blue Moose & the Unbuttoned Zippers (at Ripton Elementary School)

March 6 - Michael Smith

June 5 - Michele Fay Band

July 3 - Mark Legrand

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# TONIGHT! BIG SPIKE



Big Spike, based in northern Vermont, plays hard-driving traditional bluegrass, with an emphasis on 3- and 4-part harmonies. They feature twin fiddles and solid original material in the traditional style. Its members are long-time mainstays of the New England bluegrass scene. With impeccable vocal harmonies, a powerful stage presence, a sense of humor, and mastery of their instruments, they bring back a sense of the "golden age" of bluegrass.

The band aims to recreate a sound that is long gone from country music, a sound closer to the honky tonk and early bluegrass sound of the 50's than it is to what's played in

Nashville today. Their choice of material reflects their appreciation of the great country and bluegrass singers of the past.

Members of Big Spike are alumni of some of the most well-known regional and national bands, including Three Wheel Drive, Smokin' Grass, The David Bromberg Band, The Spark Gap Wonder Boys, Two Chord Jones, and Bob Yellin & The Joint Chiefs of Bluegrass.

**COMING UP...**

**SATURDAY, JAN 2  
AT RIPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
RIPTON COFFEE HOUSE WELCOMES**

**PHIL HENRY  
CD RELEASE SHOW!**

Phil Henry sings funky, folk-pop acoustic originals that reflect the aspirations and realities of his small-town upbringing in Saranac Lake, New York, where he began writing songs about escaping small-town life.

His new CD is *Robots and Romance*. It features many musicians, local favorites Lausanne Allen, Michele Fay, and Tim Price, as well as Gary Moon, Brendan Coyle, Wayne Davison, Jim Gilmour, Kate Blain, Kyle Hayden, Aaron Zipp, Glendon Ingalls, Rob Roth, Aaron Nathans and others.

Henry was the winner of the 2009 Susquehanna Music and Arts Festival Songwriter Contest and a New Folk Finalist in 2008 at Kerrville. He was the winner of the 2005 SolarFest Singer-Songwriter Competition, and he showcased at the 2005 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. His



music was featured on NPR's "Car Talk," in a WFFF Fox television commercial for "The X-Files," and he has opened for folk notables Colleen Sexton, Rachel Bissex, and Vance Gilbert.

Robert Resnick says, "Henry has a clear, tenor voice which brings to mind a cross between a young Billy Joel and contemporary singer-songwriter Vance Gilbert. [He]...carries the vibe of a talented young songwriter who loves to perform."