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MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT

July 2020

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Mt. Holly Museum – Open Sat & Sun 2 - 4 pm www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 10am-6pm Tue 9am-1pm Wed 2-6, 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

Town Lister's Hours: Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 259-3179

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

TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

1 st		<i>Battle of Gettysburg, Penn Began 1863</i>	
2 nd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
		<i>U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 ~ U.S. Army Air Corps Est. 1926</i>	
3 rd		<i>Battle of Gettysburg, Penn Ended 1863</i>	
Sat 4 th		<i>Calvin Coolidge 1872 ~ Independence Day 1776</i>	
Sun 5 th		<i>Salvation Army Founded in London 1865</i>	
6 th		<i>1st Airship Crossing The Atlantic 1919 ~ British Captured Ft. Ticonderoga During Revolutionary War 1777</i>	
7 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
8 th	LMHUUS Meeting,		6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
9 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
10 th		<i>U.S. Frigate "United States" was Launched 1797</i>	
Sun 12 th		<i>Henry David Thoreau 1817 ~ Roman Emperor Julius Caesar B. 100 B.C.</i>	
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Pres. Gerald Ford 1913</i>	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office		6:30 pm
		<i>William H. Bonney "Billy The Kid" shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett 1881</i>	
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>Rembrandt van Rijn 1606</i>	6:30 pm
		<i>William H. Bonney "Billy The Kid" Died age 21, 1881 ~ Apollo 18/Soyuz 19 US/USSR Linkup 1975</i>	
16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
20 th	Mt Holly Planning Commission Town Office	<i>1st Manned Moon Landing Apollo 11 1969</i>	7:00 pm
21 st		<i>Ernest Hemingway 1899</i>	
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
		<i>Katharine Bates Wrote America The Beautiful 1893</i>	
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
Sat 25 th		<i>C.I.A. Created 1947</i>	
Sun 26 th		<i>American With Disabilities Act 1990</i>	
27 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Korean War Ends 1953</i>	7:00 pm
		<i>Bugs Bunny Cartoon Debut 1940</i>	
28 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>World War I Began 1914</i>	9:00 am
30 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Henry Ford 1863</i>	7:00 pm

Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700	or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
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Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 259-2314 or E-Mail to

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July Anniversaries: 2nd-Howard & Karen Hill 3rd-Angelo & Bessie Centini 66th (1954) 4th-Vernon & Stella Beauchain * Dennis & Sally Bussino 24th (1996) 5th-Bob & Cheryl Kapitan 6th- Ed & Sylvia Smith 57th (1963) 8th-Amanda & Sebastian Frank 12th-James & Mary Jane Osbourne 14th-Wayne & Lizzie Emmons 58th (1962) 16th-Joseph & Betsy Keimig 19th-John & Theresa Cole * Patrick & Kimberly Chadburn 2008 21st-Gary & Carol Pike 22nd-Mark & Amy Turco 24th-Beth & Kenny Hart 27th (1993) 27th - Al & Shannon Labozzo 29th (1991) 30th- Maurice & Lori Turco

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 or call me at 802-259-2314.

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	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
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	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-492-3585
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
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Doris (Ellis) MacDonald

Doris "Dodo" Ellis MacDonald, 94, passed away on May 30, 2020, at the home where she was born. Born in Ludlow Jan. 9, 1926, to the parents of Albert and Mildred (Stone) Ellis, she graduated from Black River High School in 1944. Doris married Leonard MacDonald in 1949; he passed away in 1997. She moved to North Hampton, Massachusetts, where she worked for over five years. She also worked at Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield and Mack Molding in Cavendish. Surviving are a niece, Cindy Devereux Berge of Fort Myers, Florida; three nephews from Belmont, Douglas, Dennis and Dana Devereux. Dana took good care of her to achieve 94 years of life. She was predeceased by her only sibling, Hazel Devereux, who died in 2005. A private burial service will be held in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Memorial contributions may be made to Ludlow American Legion Post 36 or Ludlow Ambulance Service. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.



Bernard C. Wheeler

Bernard C. "Skeet" Wheeler Sr., 81, of Mount Holly passed away Thursday evening, May 28, 2020, at Crescent Manor nursing home in Bennington, Vermont. He was born July 31, 1938, in Rutland, the son of Frederick and Arlene (Adams) Wheeler, and he grew up in Clarendon. He had been employed as a crane operator for Patch Wagner and as a truck driver for several companies, including Rutland News. He retired in 2010 from the Mount Holly Transfer Station. He enjoyed many hours on his boat fishing, loved his time exploring on his four-wheeler and he would not admit it but loved his cat. He was a member of the Chester Congregational Church where he found his second family. Bernard is survived by his son, Bernard C. Wheeler Jr. of Belmont; two daughters, Dawn Hicks of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Shelley Dumas of Rutland; his sister, Lorretta Joselyn of Granville, New York; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Bernard was predeceased by both his parents

and his brother, Frederick "John" Wheeler. There will be no service; burial will be in East Clarendon Cemetery and arrangements are under the direction of Aldous Funeral Home.



Ryan C. Ahonen

Ryan C. Ahonen, 21, of Mount Holly died unexpectedly June 1, 2020, from a car accident. He was born on May 9, 1999, in Rutland, Vermont, to Michael Ahonen and Cynthia (Hale) Ahonen. Ryan grew up in the Ludlow/Mount Holly area. He graduated from Black River High School in 2017. He attended Springfield Tech Center, specializing in welding, where he got his certification. Ryan was an extremely hard worker, working at the Totem Pole Ski Shop in Ludlow during the winter months, and year-round the last couple years at Dancing with Roofs, which he loved doing. Ryan enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding, welding, fishing, hunting, watching his niece, Daniella Ahonen, and nephew, Benett Ahonen, family and hanging out with his best friends, Ryan Murray, Devon Potter and Drew Kubisek. Survivors include the love of his life, Melanie Marie Harwood Mazzella of Rutland, Vermont; mother, Cynthia Ahonen of Niota, Tennessee; father Michael Ahonen, brothers Robby and Cody Ahonen, niece and nephew, Daniella Ahonen and Benett Ahonen, all of Mount Holly; several aunts, uncles and

cousins. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Robert Hale in 1984, Sally (Hale) Gabert in 2010; and his paternal grandfather, Paul Ahonen Jr., in 2015. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. June 10, 2020, in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston, Vermont, followed by a gathering at the Weston Recreation. The Rev. Glenn Davis, pastor of Village Baptist Church, officiated. A gathering followed at Weston Recreation. Bearers were Robby and Cody Ahonen, Dennis and Troy Hale, Ryan Murray and Drew Kubisek. Memorial contributions may be made through his GoFundMe page on Facebook.

July 8th, 1776 - Colonel John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

July 9th, 1776 - The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington's troops in New York.

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More Info Call 802-259-2460

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Dog Control Reminder

Just a reminder to all dog owners. We do have a leash law in Mount Holly, however more importantly is control of your pet and respect of your neighbors. A lot of people take pride in their lawns and gardens and do not want dogs walking through, digging in and leaving feces on their property.

We all love to have our dogs run and get lots of exercise but we need to be aware of their behavior and take appropriate actions.

If your dog is a runner please take the time and make a fenced in area, not only for the sake of your neighbor, but the safety of your pet.

Please note; As with all animals that are outside, Vermont requires adequate shelter. Since this is summer time please make sure they have shade, a place they can go to get out of the rain or the hot sun. Make sure they have plenty of water and cannot tip over their water. Please also be mindful of the time your dog is left alone outside, they are not loners nor should they be, they need social interaction to be a good pet.

As another reminder, a dog license is required. A portion of the cost goes toward VSNIP which helps lower income families financially to get their pet spayed or neutered and can help locate you if your dog gets lost so it is worthwhile.

They do need a rabies vaccination to be able to get one. It is a small expense and well worth it for the pet and any contact it may have with people or other animals. This is just addressing some of the issues and calls I have received. Thank you!! Laura Swartz - animal control

Fletcher Memorial Library

YIPPEE . . . We are moving forward with meeting the newly defined regulations for libraries so that we may begin serving our communities. We have much to do to prepare for the safety of staff and patrons.

Beginning today, **June 1st**, we ask that anyone with items belonging to FML – PLEASE return now **ONLY** via our book drop in the rear. Do not leave them outside on the cement – if the drop is full, please try again. **Do Not Ring the Doorbell** as we cannot respond to returns – Social Distancing. All items will be quarantined.

On **June 18th** our catalog will accept patron holds with **Curbside Pick-up beginning June 22nd**. You will be notified your items are ready for you by phone or e-mail. Begin browsing, see what we have. Many New Items have arrived and have been cataloged. Please call the library as we are happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

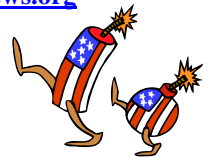
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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE START OF CURBSIDE SERVICE.

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Notice: All invited Mechanicsville Cemetery

Monthly Volunteer clean up schedule;

1st Tuesday of each month

May 5, 6 pm June 2, 8 am

July 7, 6 pm Aug 4, 8 am

Sept 1, 6 pm

Please bring tools for the job

Mount Moriah Lodge #96 June 2020, Trestleboard

Regular Mtg Tuesday 6-30 8PM

Greetings Brothers,

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master has given permission to resume meetings again! HOWEVER, because of all the restrictions associated with how many people can attend, which is only 10 right now, and we are scheduled to have two meetings in June, we will be waiting until JUNE 30 to resume our lodge meetings. By then we hope the restrictions on the number of people that can gather in one place will be higher. WM Earl said we could wait until the end of the month for a meeting as long as we are having two regular meetings scheduled for June based on the full moon dates.

We hope to see you then and hope everyone has been healthy and safe over these past few months since the Covid-19 virus started.

We haven't been told if our annual supper in July is still on or not. As soon as I hear I will let everyone know.

When you receive your dues notice, please send your payment to Buster Seward, 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. Fraternally, Earl Miller W.M. - Buster Seward Sec'y

We're Getting Ready

More News and Musings from Rainbow Riding Center

We're going to take the month of July to get our riding center ready for riders especially in this new era of social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing. Our top priority is the safety of our clients, volunteers and staff. This may call for a reduced and limited schedule. Any eager riders that are ready to get riding, please get your paperwork in and make sure you have your doctor sign off on the medical portion before you turn it in. Once we have it we will contact you about the schedule. Volunteers are urged to get their paperwork in also, keeping in mind there will be volunteer opportunities that will allow for social distancing. Keep watching our website for more information and updates. The forms can be found on the website or obtained by calling us at

802-236-2483 or email requests to programs@rainbowridingcenter.org Look for us on Facebook,

Twitter @RainbowRiding and Instagram @rainbow_riding_center
Musings: Did you ever smell something in the air that brought back a forgotten memory? Usually they are pleasant memories of times and events gone by, but some like the smell of a dentist's drill when

he's drilling out a cavity for a filling just make you shudder or cringe. And some come back to haunt you every summer like clockwork and are just plain rotten—like the Pepe la' Pew of the highways. (Some of you will remember him.) Recently a friend's dog managed to take it upon herself to investigate that odor. Unfortunately the striped pussy cat was ready for her and delivered a no-nonsense gift of its sweet (ugh!) perfume as a reminder of their meeting. Why did this conjure up old memories for me? More musings of times past of course.

Now aromatic road-kill is a summer scent that is normal to our part of the world. Nothing unusual there, but it reminded me of what horse stalls are really good for and why you should always teach your horse to back up...and I don't mean when the horse gets around to it. When you own a dog in these rural areas it's an accepted fact that at least once in its life it will meet a skunk. And being naturally curious or looking for a playmate, dogs will approach without caution and we all know what happens next. They then run home as fast as they can and proudly present themselves to their best friends—us. I don't care how much tomato juice, lemon juice or beer you use to try to wash the smell off, it doesn't work! Even Dawn dish soap—the best for getting crude oil off ducks and geese—is no match for skunk oil. Thank God for summer pastures, and here's why. My golden retriever always went with me when I rode and he would go off into the woods and occasionally return after just such a tryst. No amount of washing could make him a pleasure to be around. No way was he coming into the house for the next few days. So he spent his days outside unless he managed to sneak in, and he spent his nights in an empty horse stall since the equines were all out to pasture. He was also famous for running into porcupines but that's another story.

Riding in Vermont can bring a new experience every time you go out especially if you're bushwhacking on a game path or trying to follow a centuries old wood road. One day riding on a beautiful old sunken road that led through a pine glen into a forgotten sugar bush with trees that could hold four or five sap buckets each, we came around the bend and Honey (my mare) stopped short as if someone had put up a wall. Just feet ahead of us was a white-striped creature ambling up the middle of the road in the same direction we were. There was brush and stonewalls on both sides of the sunken road and it was so narrow no way to go around. I suppose we could have done a spin around and headed back down the road, but there was no time as the skunk was already lifting its tail. Without thinking I just pulled back on the reins and said "BACK!" but I hardly had to tell her. She was already in full reverse and must have travelled backwards at least 30 feet before she'd let me turn her around and get the heck out of there. Needless to say, on future rides we approached all turns in that road with caution.

So the moral of these musings is have an empty stall at hand for the inevitable if you have a dog and always teach your horse to back up on command—and not just in first gear!



The horses are fat, the grass is green, and it truly looks and feels like summer is finally here and Rainbow Riding Center is ready and eager to get our delayed season started in August



Star Lake Bald Eagle

I am not sure if anyone in town has let you know about the bald eagle that appears to be living around Star Lake. My family started noticing it at the end of March, but we have seen it more often recently, including back to back days this week! I finally got some decent pictures the other day when it was in a tree in the yard next door. Thought I would pass them



along in case anyone in town was interested in trying to catch a glimpse! My neighbor told me he has lived on this lake for 75 years and has never seen one here. He insisted that I send them to the "Chit Chat". 😊 I will keep trying to get better pictures, unfortunately it was pretty grey day. Enjoy! Carolyn Gaven.



THE 2021 MOUNT HOLLY CALENDAR IS HERE!

(well almost..it's at the printers)

The Calendar For 2021 Will Feature Trees • Grass

- Fields • Roads • Lakes • Rivers • Brooks
- Farm Animals • Wild Animals • Flowers
- Barns • Out-buildings • And A Few Surprises.

The calendar will be on sale at the Belmont Store.

Keep your eye on the Mount Holly Newsflash for a time schedule and information on how we solve the problem of safely selling calendars during a pandemic.



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Mount Holly Community Association

This year, with the impact of COVID-19, the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) is facing new challenges, along with the rest of the world, as we adapt to unprecedented circumstances. We think it's wise to focus on the health and safety of our community and surrounding communities, not to mention maintaining compliance with Governor Scott's orders and so we must cancel our summer events...Mount Holly Day, Music on the Green, the Garden Tour and the Cabaret. Although we are quite sad about these decisions, it is providing us with opportunities to think about even ideas in general and how we might partner with other organizations for the good of our community. We plan on revisiting our fall events calendar later this summer to determine what we may or may not be able to do.

The down side of canceling events includes missing out on time spent together, seeing your neighbors, friends and sharing Mount Holly's special vibe and beauty with others who love our neck of the woods but may not live here. For MHCA it also means a significant loss of revenue to help maintain the upkeep of the historical building that houses our community center and library. We began restoration in 1997 and with the addition of a new well last year, it is nearly complete. However, it is essential that we continue to build the ongoing support to maintain this wonderful structure as we wait until we can resume the variety of activities this space supports.

The MHCA **membership** (which runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) is so very important as it is our main revenue stream for the Association. Our building and ability to provide community events depends on the support of people like you through membership donations. We are ever grateful for the ongoing support we have received, but this year your contribution is even more vital. Now, more than ever, our community needs us and we need you!

Thank you for your consideration. We wish you safety, health and peace during these challenging times. Very Sincerely Yours, Jennifer Burrows, Co-President – Linda Miller, Co-President

Horses On The Road

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That horses have the right-of-way

On all roads.

Horse owners and riders are asking that you slow down.
Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

There are many things that frighten a horse:

- The sounds of different road conditions.
- Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road – the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out from the tires.
- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud noises.

Things like these can cause even the best-trained horse to become afraid and make unexpected movements – SOMETIMES JUMP INTO THE ROADWAY!

**WE SHARE THE SAME ROADS. SO PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON.
SLOW DOWN AND GIVE A HORSE AND RIDER
SOME EXTRA ROOM FOR SAFETY.**

THANK YOU

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New Year's Eve At Star Lake

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Membership valid for one year between July 1 & June 30.

Please make checks payable to MHCA, PO Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730.

MHCA is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization: all contributions are tax deductible.



Quarry in Mount Holly off of VT Route 103

our garden.

This week the Chase Family installed fence posts and wire is going up tomorrow. We still need to put chicken wire up. *Anyone good at that?*

Plantings: The Campopiano Family planted more herbs and some beets donated by Alchemy Gardens. We also planted raspberries shoots from Brigid Sullivan and started transplant shoots from other areas of the Community Garden into a hedge row.

We also received a load of wood chips from GM Tree Tech. Thank you Don Richardson for setting that up. And many thanks to the Bania family for mowing this week.

We are still in need of the following:

- Tomato Cages (approx. 12)
- Someone who has a tiller and can do an in ground bed in front of the raised beds
- Trellis for peas and cucumbers
- Flowering Annuals
- ***Volunteers who want to be responsible for watering one day each week***

Email us if you can help with any of these items, especially the watering. It's a big job, but will be easy if we get enough volunteers. Let us know at: mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com Thanks so much everyone!!!

Last, but not least, if you know of anyone in Mount Holly who is in need of assistance in any way, please let us know, or tell them to contact us at the email address above. We are here to help make life a bit easier in these difficult times. *Mount Holly*

Community Cares A coordinated and cross organizational task force dedicated to addressing the immediate and ongoing needs of the Mt Holly community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mount Holly Community Cares Task Force

Mount Holly, VT 802-245-3490

mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com

mounthollycommunitycares.org

The MHCC Task Force continues its work to support everyone in Mount Holly in a variety of ways. The first delivery of frozen dinners for families in need of food support was made this past Friday. There were sixteen volunteers who prepared 60 containers, the equivalent of 120 servings...we cannot thank them all enough for stepping up to do this! Because so many people offered to help, we had to ask some of them to wait until next month. We already have 8 people signed up for August, so we will be soliciting just a few more people to pitch in. If you would like to prepare a meal to be delivered in August, please contact Carol DeVine cgosedevine@yahoo.com.

Don't forget...this coming Saturday, June 27th, there will be a one day **Food Drive** to collect non-perishable food to supplement the food boxes distributed to families requiring food support. Please see the flyer on this page for the details. Thanks so much for contributing!!

The other big project at the moment is the **Community Garden**. If you missed it in the Newsflash, following is the latest update on the Garden dated June 1st:

The last week in May yielded some cold wet weather. This was *not* so good for our tomatoes and cucumbers. However, our onions, lettuce, spinach, beans, kale and herb plants are still growing well. Luckily we have plenty of donated seedlings and will replace those seedlings ruined by the late frost. Thank you Evening Song Farm...these new plants will be a great addition to



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Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive

2020 - 2021

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Mount Holly Community Association

It's so hard to think of July approaching without Music on the Green, Mount Holly Day, and the Garden Tour! However, the times call for some unusual measures and the MHCA is thinking and planning long term into the future, when we will all be able to gather again with friends and neighbors.

In the meantime, the membership drive, which is the lifeblood of the Association is well under way. The general mailing was sent out a couple of weeks ago with a letter from the two Co-Presidents, Jennifer Burrows and Linda Miller, asking that you consider this one of the most important years to renew your membership with the MHCA, or sign up for the first time if you are not currently a member. As Jennifer and Linda said in their letter:

The MHCA membership...is so very important as it is our main revenue stream for the Association. Our building and ability to provide community events depends on the support of people like you though membership donations. We are ever grateful for the ongoing support we have received, but this year your contribution is even more vital. Now, more than ever, our community needs us, and we need you!

Thank you all so much for responding promptly to their plea in support of the Mount Holly Community Association.

Be well and stay safe everyone!!



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**State Representative Ludlow,
Mount Holly, Shrewsbury**

The legislature is currently still in session, but we expect to finish our work and adjourn for the summer by the end of June. There is still a lot of work to be done between now and then. Because of the virus we have not physically been in Montpelier since mid-March, but we have been meeting virtually for committee meetings and “floor” sessions and you can find us on YouTube, there are links on the legislative webpage (legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming). Near the end every day seems to build in intensity so the last few weeks have been especially busy.

A few people have reached out recently about some comments from the Governor or otherwise going around Facebook about the legislature not supporting or “cutting in half” the Governor’s economic relief and development packages so I would like to offer my perspective on that here. The Governor did put forward a proposal for

spending around \$400M, but it was a very broad brush, not well-defined package. In my committee we worked very closely with the departments we deal with regularly, mostly within his Agency of Human Services, to write the supporting language and build the programs necessary to actually spend money the state received from the Federal CARES Act, (\$1.25B overall).

The House was ready to approve some of that money, including many small business grant programs, but other proposals needed more testimony and work, so we decided to pass what was ready. Again, this was somewhat twisted with a lot of messaging saying we “cut” the Governor’s proposal in half. But it lacked context. We passed part of the money so that we could focus on and finalize how to spend the rest, while not holding up the dollars that were ready to go out. At this point in the House we have passed bills to spend almost \$500M (H.961, S.350, H.965 and H.966) with another \$500M ready to be debated in the House this week.

This is my first time dealing with this transition to “re-election mode”. For the last year and a half, I have seen a largely cooperative relationship between the parties within the legislature and between the legislature and the Administration. Obviously there have been issues where we disagree but overall, most that is accomplished is done so collectively. This current situation, while unique because of the current crises, is very similar process-wise to the other budget negotiations I have been a part of. So it is frustrating to see some try to paint it as being a partisan process or otherwise misrepresent the situation for political purposes.

If you are able be sure to check out the Secretary of State’s website for your “My Voter Profile” (mvp.vermont.gov) where you can confirm if/where you are registered to vote, update your address and request an absentee ballot. The Secretary of State will also be mailing all registered voters a postcard that includes a pre-stamped absentee ballot request to mail back to your Town Clerk. You can vote early/by mail for the August 11 Primary starting June 29.

As always please reach out if you want to talk about any of this or anything, phone calls are always the easiest. My email inboxes are just inundated lately so if you don’t hear back from me right away via email please text me or call and leave a voicemail. Tough times never last, but Vermonters do. Stay safe and stay strong, Logan Nicoll 802-345-8430 loganmnicoll@gmail.com lnicoll@leg.state.VT.us

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Ash Trees Can be Saved


The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been seen in Londonderry and will likely be in Mount Holly this summer. The EAB eats leaves from Ash trees then bores tiny holes in the bark to lay eggs. After hatching the larvae chew holes making long tunnels just under the bark. These tunnels prevent nutrients from traveling up and down the tree and kill 99% of infected trees. The EAB are very small and hard to see so often the first sign that they are present is that the crown of the Ash tree begins to die.

However Ash trees can be saved. An insecticide (Tree-Age) injected into the trees in the early summer will kill both EAB that eat the leaves and any larvae that hatch under the bark. The insecticide prevents infections for 2-3 years and costs about \$20 for a tree 10 inches in diameter (proportionately more for larger trees). While that cost is excessive for forests with thousands of Ash trees it seems reasonable for homeowners with a modest number of trees around their houses. It might cost more to cut a tree down and dispose of it after it is infected.

Because the insecticide is injected directly into the tree it is much safer than treatments that are sprayed or drenched into the soil. There is little risk that it will seep into water or hurt other plants or bees.

Wilderness Community members around Lake Ninevah have begun to treat hundreds of their Ash trees with help from Tim Bickford. Because EAB is new in Vermont we don't have direct experience with the results of this treatment but the experience in mid-western states has been very positive. You can learn more at the website: <https://wildernesscommunity.wordpress.com/> or email Dave Martin with questions (david@davidsmartin.net).

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July 6-10, Shepherd Rug Braiding with Sue Carey

July 6-10, Intaglio Printmaking Workshop with Roger Hyndman

July 6-12, Quilter's Choice with Susan Damone Balch

July 11-12, Warping the Loom: A Review with Susan Rockwell

July 13-17, Introduction to Weaving and Open Studio with Susan Rockwell

July 15, Weave a Necktie Seat for a Child's Chair with Joyce Fuller

July 17-19, Basic Drawing with Deborah Gentile

July 18, Whimsical Fish Basket with Lyn Haas and Nancy Conway

July 20-24, Silver Fabrication Open Studio with Debi Orton

July 25-26, Beginning Green Wood Spoon Carving with Andre Souigny

July 25, Woven Journal with Jean Reed

July 27-31, Introduction to Silver Fabrication with Debi Orton

July 29-31, Beginning Punch Needle Rug Hooking and Open Studio with Layne Herschel

Advance registration is required for all on-campus classes. You will find a link to our classroom policy on each on-campus class information page. Complete information on the particulars of each class and online registration is available on our website. If you have questions that are not answered there, please call our office at (802) 228-8770. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-2.

A new raffle prize has been added, increasing the number of prizes for this year's annual raffle to six. We have added a beautiful hand-hooked wool rug with eight floral designs against a cream background. This is sure to be a favorite with our raffle ticket buyers, so get your tickets early – one for \$2.00 or ten for \$10.00. You can buy tickets on our website at www.fletcherfarm.org.

Our online classes now include several online painting classes with Marcia Dockum and a class in Handmade Stories with Angie Follensbee-Hall. This is a hand papermaking, collage, and book building workshop. Participants will make their own handmade papers with embossing and embedded materials. Once dry, we will paint and collage these pages with our own personal stories and narratives, either written, typed, or collaged from other sources. Simple bookbinding techniques will be included to create our very own completely handmade and from-scratch art. In this class, you will learn how to make your own paper, and then turn that paper into a personal journal. The class will be held on three consecutive Mondays from 9:00 – 12:00, beginning on July 13, 2020.

Finally, we will be holding a Fabric and Craft Supply sale on July 25, 2020 from 10:00 – 4:00. This is the same day as the Cavendish town-wide yard sale, so stop by and see us on your way to or returning from the yard sale. Debi Orton, Publicity Director, Phone: (518) 424-4550, Email: publicity@fletcherfarm.org Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, Vermont 05149, Phone: (802) 228-8770



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Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are "DRAFT" until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by Okemo Valley TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.okemovalley.tv. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Mount Holly Special Select Board Meeting - May 19, 2020 - Minutes - Zoom Meeting: 402 092 2478

Present: Select Board: Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Wednesday before the meeting.

Turco

Town Officials: David Johnson, Clinton Woolley

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 6:30 pm.

2. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda** – Jennifer Matthews asked to add mask complaints and a letter of resignation from Planning Commission member Peter Berger to the agenda. It was agreed to do so.



Mount Holly
Transfer Station
Will be OPEN
Saturday, July 4th
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

3. **One-Ton Truck** – Final bids and pricing were reviewed. Various years, body sizes, sander makes, and plow types were discussed. Mr. Turco asked if funds were presently available to purchase the truck. David Johnson replied in the affirmative. Discussion ensued about the 2011 truck, its value and best method to sell. A notice will be sent to the *Chit Chat*. Jeff Chase made a motion to purchase the 2019 F550 truck and body from Claremont Ford for \$58,267.00, seconded by Mr. Turco, passed unanimously. The plow and sander for the new truck will be purchased after the sale of the 2011 truck.

4. **EID Grant Program** – Mr. Chase reported that a three-bin composting system appeared to be the best fit for Mount Holly. The total cost will be about \$12,000.00 with 80% covered by the grant, if the application is successful. Mr. Turco stated the additional \$2,000.00 could be covered by the over budget funds received from solid waste sticker sales.

The Select Board received a letter of resignation from Planning Commission member Peter Berger. The Planning Commission vacancy will be posted in the *Chit Chat* and on the Town

website.

Mr. Turco stated he had received another complaint about the deteriorating shape of Healdville Road above and at the railroad crossing. Discussion ensued about the availability of funds to repair the roadway. Mr. Woolley will get prices.

Ms. Matthews reported she had received a couple more complaints about the lack of face coverings being worn by residents while out in public. Mr. Chase, as Emergency Management Director, will post a reminder of the Governor's health and safety requirements on the Newsflash.

5. **Adjourn** – Mr. Chase made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Matthews, passed unanimously with meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm. Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Matthews

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Out-of-district: \$140

*Mount Holly residents are in-district

Mount Holly Select Board Meeting June 9, 2020, Minutes - Zoom Meeting: 700 733 635

Present: Select Board: Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark Turco

Town Officials: David Johnson, Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford, Nicole Lewis, Jon McCann, Don Richardson, Jim Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: Ted Crawford, Steve & Barbara Hazelton, Craig Hutt Vater, Craig Jewett (Otter Creek Engineering), Annette Lynch, Stephen Michel, Ron Unterman, Dave Venter

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 6:30 pm.

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2. All recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

3. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda** – Fence issue between town garage and school will be added to Mount Holly School Well Update, item #7a.

4. **Approval of May 12, 2020 Minutes & Special SB Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2020** – Jeff Chase made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

5. **Reorganization (continuation)**

a. **Select Board Chair** – Jeff Chase nominated Mark Turco; no second. Board moved on.

b. **Select Board Admin. Assistant** – Jeff Chase nominated Jennifer Matthews, seconded by Mark Turco. Ted Crawford asked for discussion. Motion tabled. Item to be discussed with item #7b.

6. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station – Clinton Woolley

i) **Update** – Mr. Woolley reported that the deteriorating portion of Healdville Road had been paved, sweeping was done, 13 culverts replaced, oodles of ditching done. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day set for Saturday, June 27th from 8:00-10:00 am with special requirements for handling due to the pandemic.

ii) **Sand Bids** – Three received. Discussion ensued about hauling costs, sand quality, the \$75,000 budget for sand, salt and hauling, stockpile needs, trucking vendors, sand pricing and quantity used last year and needed this year. Mr. Chase made a motion to purchase no more than 4,500 tons of dry screen sand from Pike Industries, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

b. Treasurer – David Johnson

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Laura Swartz. She handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call **Home (802) 259-3976** or Cell text only 802-353-4492.

i) **Monthly Income & Expense Report** – Mr. Johnson noted the Forestry Receipts (\$8,500) was the largest outstanding revenue item, due in by end of June; no changes to the Checking Account Interest as the bank statements had not yet been received; Railroad Taxes received and more than budgeted; the Snow Plowing Income of \$5,700 has now been received as both Plymouth and Wallingford have paid their bills; the Solid Waste Labels Sold continue to be over budget; Computer Expense is under budget as no replacement computer was purchased; County Tax Expense will be paid the end of June; Solid Waste

Disposal costs will probably be over budget as zero-sort disposal is now an expense, no longer a revenue-producing item; Vehicle/Equipment Repair & Maintenance remains \$7,000 under budget, as does Fuel, Gas & Oil (\$10,000 remains) with the lower costs for fuel; Garage Expenses are running over budget.

At present, about \$70,000 will remain from expenses running under budget: Officers' Salaries (SB & PC Clerk plus Listers), \$4-5,000 remains; Meetings, Notices & Reports, \$3,400 remains; Insurance Expense, \$4,900 remains; General & Highway Benefits Expense, \$16,000 remains; Summer & Winter Road Expenses, \$35,000 remains; in addition to the items noted above. Select Board will revisit the budget savings in July once expenses for final month of the year are in with the possibility to lower the tax rate.

ii) **Delinquent Tax Report/Tax Sales** – Mr. Johnson reported that Peter Perrino had collected quite a few more payments with 16 properties now paid and only eight remaining delinquent with an outstanding amount due of \$32,829. More payments are expected before July first when those remaining unpaid, probably only two or three, will be turned over to our tax sale attorney. Mr. Turco asked that the Select Board be notified before properties are turned over to the attorney for tax sale.

iii) **Listers' Update** - Mr. Johnson reported that 13 property owners grieved this year compared to 21 last year. The grievances were all held via phone due to the pandemic, and most decisions were in favor of the taxpayer. Mr. Johnson noted it has been ten years since the last reappraisal. He also reminded taxpayers to be sure to file their HSA-122 as many residents have not yet done so.

iv) **FY'21 Tax Rate Considerations & Due Date** – Mr. Johnson reported that the new law allows municipalities to not only reduce approved budgets but to also change property tax due dates if they think it necessary. The discount date will remain 30 days after tax bills are mailed. He noted it might be a good year to push out the final due date to November 30th as November 2nd is the day before the General Election this year. No decision needed at present.

Ms. Matthews asked about Schedule of Officers' Compensation which was always included in the Annual Town Report up until 2016. Mr. Johnson responded the information was included in aggregate in the budget. Ms. Matthews noted it was easier to access the information when broken out in the compensation schedule. Mr. Johnson said he could produce the report without a problem.

c. **Rutland Region Transportation Council Update** – Clinton Woolley reported on the meeting, in particular the scheduled rubber sealing of cracks on VT Route 103 in Mount Holly.

d. **Planning Commission Update & Letter** – Discussion continued from the May meeting, focusing on the need for specifics in the town plan in order to protect our community from unwanted development particularly in Act 250 hearings and any court cases. RRPC Rep Jon McCann and RRPC's Ed Bove will present an information session on planning for the Planning Commission; Select Board members may also attend.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. **Mount Holly School Well Update** – Craig Hutt Vater introduced Craig Jewett from Otter Creek Engineering to discuss the possibility of consolidating the school's water system with that of the town garage. Discussion ensued on the wide range of PFAS test results, possible sources of the contamination, extent of the contamination, possible entry points into the school well, possible solutions with costs, the pros and cons of each, possible funding sources. Consolidation with the town garage well would require a buried 1000-2000 gallon concrete water storage tank with a booster pump and a line running from it to the school. It would have a stand-by chlorination system, if needed, with sampling done on a quarterly basis. Cost would be around \$150,000 which would be covered by the school through State funds, grants, or a low-interest loan. The town garage well has the capacity to support the school's needs. Water samples will first need to be taken to be sure there are no contaminants in the garage well that are not permitted in a shared water system. If the samples are clean and the Select Board supports the plan, a design plan will be developed for the consolidated system. In support of the school, the Select Board agreed to allow the sampling of the town garage well water as a first step.

Mr. Hutt Vater expressed some concerns about the fence along the nature trail, noting that about 50' of fencing is still needed. He and Mr. Turco will inspect it. He

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also expressed concerns about dogs off leash and dog-doo on the nature trail. The Select Board agreed to put signs up on the nature trail and to remind residents of the need to leash and pick-up after their dogs.

b. **Ted Crawford's Concern re: Select Board acting as whole** – Discussion continued from the May meeting on Mr. Crawford's concerns. The Select Board will review an administrative assistant position job description and will continue to strive to speak as one.

c. **EID Grant Program Update – Community Composting** - Mr. Chase reported he had submitted the application for the composting project. Response will come later this summer.

i) **July 1 – Mandatory Composting in Effect** – Ms. Matthews noted that this July first date would not be pushed out due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so residents need to prepare for the restrictions on food scraps in the trash as of July first. Composting container information is listed on the town website and composting how-to information is available through the Rutland County Solid Waste District website.

d. **Junk Ordinance – Lift Waiver?** – Mr. Chase made a motion to lift the junk ordinance waiver, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

e. **Other** - There was no other ongoing and/or old business.

8. New Business

a. Appointments

i) **FY'21 Road Foreman** – Mr. Turco made a motion to re-appoint Clinton Woolley, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

ii) **Planning Commission Member Peter Berger's Resignation** - Mr. Chase made a motion to accept Mr. Berger's resignation with regrets, seconded by Ms. Matthews. Mr. Chase and Ms. Matthews voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Turco voted against.

iii) **Planning Commission Vacancy – Term Runs to November 2022** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Jon McCann, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

iv) **FY'21 Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) Representative & Alternate** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to re-appoint Jon McCann as our RRPC Representative, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved. Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford as our RRPC Alternate, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

v) **FY'21 Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) Representative & Alternate** – Mr. Chase made a motion to re-appoint Clinton Woolley as our RRTC Representative, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Ms. Matthews made a motion to re-appoint Don Richardson as our RRTC Alternate, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

b. **Town Office Reopening?** – No, will revisit the issue in July.

c. **Swap Shed Reopening?** – No, will revisit the issue in July.

d. **Cota & Cota Price Protection Plan** – Not necessary for small amount of propane purchased.

e. **Vermont Local Government Resolution** – From the VT League of Cities & Towns, a resolution which asks municipalities to "support fair and direct federal emergency aid to reopen and rebuild local American economies." Ms. Matthews made a motion to sign the resolution, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

f. **Other** - There was no additional new business.

9. **Announcements/Other Business** – Ms. Matthews noted the afore-mentioned rescheduled Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held at the Mount Holly Transfer Station on Saturday, June 27th from 8:00 – 10:00 am.

Mr. Turco noted the mandatory composting as of July first.

10. **Review & Sign Orders** – to be signed one Select Board member at a time at the town office.

11. **Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:19 pm with Clinton Woolley invited to participate at the start of the session, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved. Ms. Matthews made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:32 pm, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved. No actions were taken.

12. **Adjourn** at 9:32 pm. Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Matthews

Planning Commission Virtual Public Hearing Minutes - June 15, 2020

Present: Jon McCann, Nicole Lewis, Clinton Woolley, Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford, Linnea Lagerstrom, Ali Kenyon, Okemo Valley TV

Clinton called the hearing regarding the proposed Smith/Kenyon subdivision to order at 6:36 PM.

No concerns were raised from the public regarding the proposed subdivision.

Motion made to accept the Mylar for the Smith/Kenyon subdivision, second and vote (4-0). Clinton, Jim, and Gabrielle will go to the Town Office to sign off on the Mylar this week.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM by motion, second and vote (4-0). Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary

Summer is Here!

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Mount Holly Listers Hours

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Planning Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes - June 15, 2020

Present: Jon McCann, Nicole Lewis, Clinton Woolley, Jim Seward, Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford, Kevin Hollebeek, Matthias Weiter, Okemo Valley TV

Clinton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The minutes from May 18, 2020 were reviewed and accepted by motion, second and vote (5-0).

Correspondence: Subdivision Proposal – Weiter, Maple Hill Road ~ Subdivision Proposal – Timko, Yale Road

Building Construction Registrations: Perham – Dark Meadows Road, 8x12 porch: requires diagram on page 2 prior to approval (Clinton will

make contact) ~ Lewis – Alpine Drive, 12x26 porch: approved ~ McHugh – Old Tiffany Road, 26-8x40 two-bedroom modular home with 2 decks: approved ~ Gilbert – Healdville Road, 24x28 saltbox home with 24x24 attached garage: approved ~ Wisell – Shunpike

Road, 24x24 pole barn: approved ~ Bograd – Healdville Road, interior renovation: approved ~ Bucknam – Hedgehog Hill Road North, 32x50 home: approved

Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permits: Bucknam – Hedgehog Hill Road North

Old Business:

Planning Commission Clerk – the Planning Commission is interested in having this position filled again.

Election of Officers – motion made to nominate Jim as Chair, Gabrielle as Vice Chair, and Nicole (continue) as Secretary, second and vote (5-0).

New Business: Special meeting tentatively scheduled with Ed Bove for Monday, 6/22/20 at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM by motion, second and vote (5-0). Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary

2020 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

at the

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Saturday, June 27, 2020

8:00 am to 10:00 am only

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District's Gleason Road Transfer Station. The Gleason Road HHW facility is now open by appointment only.

Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance.

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Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Degreasers
Mercury Thermostats
Cooking Oil

Garage/Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
Auto Body Repair Pro.
Automatic Trans. Fluid
Other Oils/Cleaners
Paint (Latex, Lead & Oil Based)
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Varnish & Stains
Driveway Sealer
Glues/Adhesives
Grout
Caulk Tubes

Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Insecticides/Pesticides
Artists' Paints, Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Moth Balls
Household Batteries
Photographic Chemicals
Pool Chemicals
Rock Salt
Muriatic Acids
Propane Tanks (less than 20 lbs.)

Due to the COVID-19 environment, certain changes in previous years' processes have been made to align with VBOH/CDC guidance.

In order to use this program, **residents must adhere to the following requirements:**

- All participants must remain in vehicle with a mask on until notified.
- All materials to dispose of must be organized such that it can be placed upon a table in little time. Do not use garbage bags.
- A staff member will process paperwork to include contact information. Before arriving to drop off, participants must have a completed, materials drop-off list. This materials list should be legible with each material and volume on it.
- When this is completed, participants will be asked to exit the vehicle and place materials on table, and maintain social distancing.
- Excessive materials will not be accepted and will be referred to the Gleason Road facility.
- Nothing will be returned (gas cans etc.).
- Please leave your pets at home.

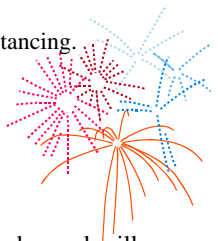
RCSWD staff reserve the right to refuse service to anyone that does not follow these requirements.

Planning Commission Clerk Needed

The Mount Holly Planning Commission is looking to hire a part-time clerk. This position will manage administrative tasks, and will work with Planning Commission members to provide customer service to the public. This position will perform work requiring clerical skills, public relations, records management and should be able to work with minimum supervision. The position is responsible for setting up and taking minutes at monthly Planning Commission meetings.

The position is up to 10 hours per month (hours are flexible and can vary weekly), with the opportunity for the position to be done partially remote (a portion of the work will need to be done on location at the town office). Attendance at regularly scheduled meetings is required, which are held every third Monday of the month at 7pm. Pay is competitive.

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vacation in Mexico at the onset of the virus. On her return to Vermont, she learned that she would have to spend 14 days in isolation, following the newly-introduced requirements of Gov. Scott.

During a Q and A session following Sharon's presentation, Brett Wright, a LRC Rotarian, described the similar difficulties he encountered when he tried to leave the Dominican Republic. He finally found a flight carrying American citizens back to the states only to learn that all the rental car companies had no more cars to rent due to the heavy demand created by the coronavirus crisis.

Pictured above is Sharon Meyer, a weather woman for WCAX, during her Zoom, on-line, discussion with members of the Ludlow Rotary Club.



WCAX Weather Woman Describes Impact of Covid-19 to Ludlow Rotary

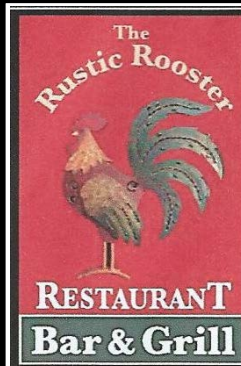
Sharon Meyer, key weather woman at WCAX-TV, was the guest speaker recently at the on-line meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club LRC).

Sharon devoted her presentation to the effect the Covid-19 crisis had on her personally and its impact on how WCAX adapted to the rigorous demands of dealing with the virus.

The meeting, held using the Zoom app, allowed members of the LRC to get a detailed picture of the changes that the station and its personnel had to make to operate. The main change was working from home. This required that the various reporters, weather staff, and production staff by in large work from home.

She noted that the most difficult phase of this adjustment was for production staff who needed to be "hands-on" with the various technical equipment used to produce live and recorded news and weather programs.

On a personal note, Sharon noted that she was on



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Okemo Valley TV Annual Meeting & Awards Night June 25th at 6:30pm

A Virtual Celebration held via Zoom

Okemo Valley TV, the community television station and media education center serving the Black River Valley & Okemo region, will be holding its annual meeting and awards night on Thursday, June 25th, starting at 6:30 PM. Due to limits placed on the size of in-person gatherings, it will be held over Zoom teleconference. Instructions for joining the meeting will be distributed via email and to those who RSVP to Executive Director Patrick Cody. RSVPs are encouraged; anyone wishing to join the meeting should email Patrick at pcody@okemovalley.tv or call the station at 228-8808.

The awards ceremony will start at 6:30pm, with the meeting scheduled for 7pm. Through the presentation of awards, Okemo Valley TV recognizes some of the community members and volunteers who produced the most noteworthy programs over the past year. The awards are for Outstanding Achievement, Community Impact, Producer of the Year, and Youth Producer.

The annual meeting will include a vote on the annual budget as well as the election of the Board of Directors. Voting for the election will be held electronically for a period of time prior to the meeting. Information and an electronic ballot are available on Okemo Valley TV's website (okemovalley.tv). Due to current physical distancing guidelines, paper ballots will not be distributed this year.

"It's been an interesting year, and certainly the recent events have presented challenges to our normal operations", said Cody. "But the current situation has also accelerated the next steps in the evolution of our industry and the services that we are able to provide. From live streaming to hosting Zoom meetings for Town governments and community organizations, to distance learning opportunities, we are seeing a major shift in focus." Okemo Valley TV's staff and Board of Directors encourages community members to reach out to see how the station can help with their communication needs.

Okemo Valley TV operates 2 local cable TV channels: a Community Access channel (Comcast 1076 & VTel 166) and an Education & Government Access channel (Comcast 1086 & VTel 167). In addition, the station's website and YouTube channel host local programs for viewing on demand. Patrick Cody, Executive Director 802-228-8808 pcody@okemovalley.tv



2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY LUDLOW ROTARY

The Ludlow Rotary has continued its long tradition of awarding scholarships to eligible graduating seniors resident in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Plymouth and Cavendish. In recent years, Ludlow Rotary funded scholarships totaling \$9,000, with those scholarships now aggregating more than \$270,000.

Recipients were selected on the basis of the following criteria: scholastic achievement, financial need, realistic goals, extracurricular activities and community service.

The 2020 Ludlow Rotary Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors from Black River High School (BRHS) and Green Mountain Union High School (GMUHS), as follows:

- \$2,000 Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship (emphasis on academic performance) to Magali Aleman of

GMUHS.

- \$2,000 Robert W. Kirkbride Memorial Scholarship (emphasis on community service) to Natasha Fortin of BRHS.
- \$2,000 Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Scholarship (emphasis on vocational careers) to Calvin Kelley of BRHS.
- \$1,000 traditional scholarship awarded to Robert Hamel of BRHS.
- \$1,000 traditional scholarship awarded to Sara Swartz of BRHS.
- \$1,000 traditional scholarship awarded to Alexander Kirdzik of BRHS.

Daniel Kesman, Ralph Hogancamp and Robert Kirkbride were legendary members of the Ludlow Rotary, which is celebrating its 93rd year of service to the community in 2020. Until his passing earlier this year, Robert Kirkbride was an active member of the Ludlow Rotary for more than 60 years – an amazing record.

For further information, contact Tim Faulkner, Ludlow Rotary Scholarship Chair, at tlfcpa@tds.net. For information about individual or business memberships in the Ludlow Rotary and its projects, visit www.ludlowrotary.com.

Pictured above are the six recipients of the 2020 Ludlow Rotary Club scholarship awards. The top row photos, from left to right, are Magali Aleman, GMUHS; Natasha Fortin, BRHS; and Robert Hamel, BRHS; the bottom, from left to right, are Alexander Kirdzik, BRHS; Sara Swartz, BRHS; and Calvin Kelley, BRHS.



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The move to higher channel numbers was the result of a mediation agreement on 7/11/19 between Comcast, the Department of Public Service and the Vermont Access Network (VAN), related to the renewal of Comcast's Certificate of Public Good. The change does not affect the three Vermont Access Network (VAN) members who cablecast on non-Comcast systems, namely CATV (Barre), KATV (St. Johnsbury) and MRVTV (Mad River).

Vermont's community media centers produce the lion's share of local programming in the state. Content produced by staff and community volunteers includes hyperlocal government and school board coverage, music and other cultural programs, religious service recordings, and current events shows; many programs are distributed statewide through VAN's Vermont Media Exchange or "VMX" file-sharing system.

Public Educational Government television in Vermont began with the establishment of Brattleboro Community TV (1976) and Burlington's CCTV (1984) and continues to evolve to meet public needs; community media centers are largely supported through cable subscriber revenue, according to Federal and Vermont law. For more info about VAN: www.vermontaccess.net

New Vermont PEG Channels on Comcast Cable: **BRATTLEBORO COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)** - 1075 & 1085
CATAMOUNT ACCESS TELEVISION (CAT-TV) - 1075, 1085 & 1095 - **COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION (CATV)** - 1075 & 1085
CH. 17/TOWN MEETING TELEVISION - 1087 - **FALLS AREA COMMUNITY TELEVISION (FACT-TV)** - 1076 & 1086
GREATER NORTSHIRE ACCESS TELEVISION (GNAT-TV) - 1074, 1084 & 1094
GREEN MOUNTAIN ACCESS TV (GMATV) - 1074 - **HARDWICK COMMUNITY TELEVISION (HCTV)** - 1080
LAKE CHAMPLAIN ACCESS TELEVISION (LCATV) - 1075, 1085 & 1095
MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY TELEVISION (MCTV) - 1071 & 1091
MT. MANSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (MMCTV) - 1076 & 1086 - **NORTH EAST ADDISON TELEVISION (NEAT)** - 1080
NORTHEAST KINGDOM TELEVISION (NEK-TV) - 1078 & 1088
NORTHWEST ACCESS TELEVISION (NWA-TV) - 1079 & 1089
OKEMO VALLEY TV (OVTV) - 1076 & 1086
ONION RIVER COMMUNITY ACCESS MEDIA (ORCA) - 1075, 1085 & 1095
REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK (RETN) - 1094
RUTLAND REGION COMMUNITY TELEVISION (PEG-TV) - 1075, 1085 & 1095
SPRINGFIELD AREA PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION (SAPA-TV) - 1077 & 1087
VERMONT COMMUNITY ACCESS MEDIA (VCAM) - 1074 & 1084
WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY TV (WCTV) - 1080
WINDSOR ON-AIR (WOA) - 1081

Channel Changes for Vermont's Community Media Stations

A major change is taking place for 22 Vermont community media centers that provide Public Educational Government (PEG) programming on 42 Comcast Cable Channels in Vermont. These channels have shifted from local Comcast Cable's two-digit numbers (e.g. channel 15) to four-digit channels in the channels 1070 to 1095 neighborhood, statewide.

Vermont's Comcast cable subscribers can now find their favorite PEG programming at new channel locations. The change will be fully implemented by May 28th, 2020, the last day of a three-month transitional period.



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BRGNS to Reopen Thrift Stores

While Black River Good Neighbor Services has continued its food distribution throughout the pandemic, its thrift stores have been closed until now. Effective July 6th for the thrift store and July 10th for the furniture store, the staff and volunteers will be ready to serve the public.

There are several rules, however. Each shopper must wear a mask at all times while in the stores, and a limited number of people will be allowed in the stores so that everyone can maintain physical distancing. A sanitation station will greet customers with wipes and hand sanitizer; the staff requests that everyone use it. Also, a dressing room is no longer available in the thrift store. Depending on the number of customers waiting, the staff may impose a time limit on visitors.

All restrictions are intended to keep customers and staff safe and healthy.

At this time, no donations of goods are accepted, although food may

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Black River Good Neighbor Services Food Program

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be donated at any time. Employees will accept donations of clothing and household goods on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only, starting July 7th. The donation sheds are locked and not in use; anyone with a donation must first call 802-228-3663 and must give their donation to an employee. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

All of these rules are subject to change depending on circumstances and conditions. Please check the website, www.brgn.org, or the Facebook page for updated information and details.

The food shelf has never shut down and remains open for anyone in need. Similarly, the financial assistance programs are operating normally. Please call Krey at 802-228-3663 if you need food, or financial assistance with rent or utilities. BRGNS is committed to helping neighbors in need and to keeping customers, clients and staff safe and healthy.

Village Green Market

Belmont Green

Saturdays 9am-2pm

Present vendors: Crowley Cheese, Jim Corven, master gardener: plants, garden supplies, Designs by Dia, child-adult masks, Photography by Tisa, Tiedye T-shirts, soaps, honey, Finnish bread and cinnamon rolls, free coffee and more!

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Why Can't We Get Along?

We are living in a world of division, contention, and feuding, wouldn't you agree? All of that flows from the consequences of our sinful and selfish nature and that's a truth that is hotly debated today but happens to be a reality. God brings us to a place where we are dependent upon His supernatural presence and power to pull things off. Nowhere is that more true than when it comes to the unity of the Church. We cannot organize it, promote it or even pray it into existence. We can only encourage it. To illustrate...

Some tools lived together in a carpenter's shop. They were having some problems getting along and some complained that others were not doing their fair share of the work. They decided to hold a meeting to discuss their issues and settle their differences. Brother Hammer presided and called the meeting to order with a sharp rap on the table. "Order! I understand that there are complaints among us that need to be discussed openly together. Yes, Brother Saw, what is your complaint?"

"Well, you just did it again with that loud bang! You are always noisily pounding away on some *point*. To you everything is a nail. We've decided that you need to leave this shop!"

Brother Hammer responded, "If I have to leave this carpenter's shop, then Brother Awl must go too. He's insignificant and makes a very little impression and never follows through. He can't be found when he's needed, just like Brother Pencil."

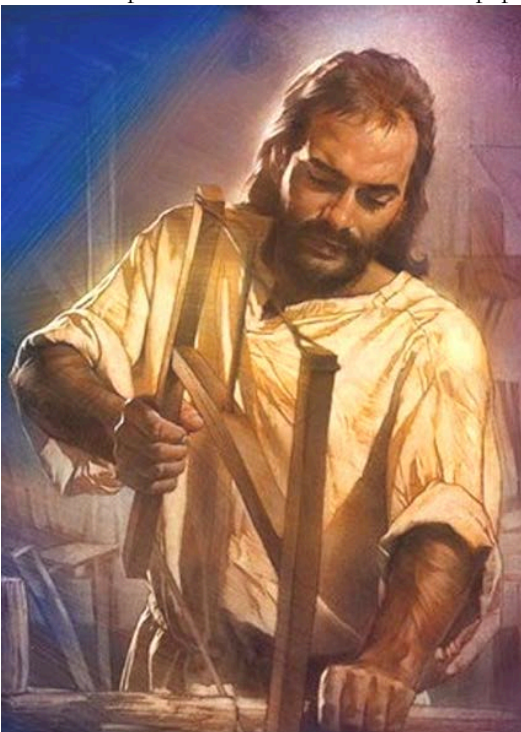
Little Brother Awl piped up, "Alright, but Brother Screwdriver has to go too. He has to be turned around and around to get him anywhere. He's always tightening here and loosening there and frankly, he's a bit boring."

Brother Screwdriver countered, "I'll leave, but Brother Plane should leave. He has to be pushed to get anything done at all. And then, all his work is on the surface. There is no depth to his work like there is to *ours*."

All eyes turned to Brother Plane. "Brothers, I'm not the only one around here who has to be pushed to do anything and has no depth to his service. Brother Sandpaper is worse." Brother Sandpaper was somewhat new in their midst. "Besides, look how rough he is. He just rubs me the wrong way. He can't serve that way."

The remark made Brother Sandpaper really angry. "Brother Plane is just jealous, that's all! And while everybody's complaining, I'd like to mention Brother Rule. He makes me grit my teeth; always measuring others by *his* standards as though he's the only one who's right around here." Someone shouted, "How about Brother Saw over there. His cuts *hurt*! He divides instead of unifying!"

Well, the tools were really getting hot. Tempers were flaring. All seemed to have legitimate complaints against one another, but just then, when some were even getting ready to walk out thinking they were not useful or needed, there was the noise of a door opening. The Carpenter of Nazareth, ready to begin the day's work, put on his apron and stepped to the workbench. He picked up the pencil and rule. Carefully he measured and marked the wood before Him. He sawed along the marks and then planed the cut edges smooth and clean. He hammered joints into place and drilled holes for screws to make the piece sturdy. Then he sandpapered it to a silky smoothness. All day long He worked; using first one tool and then another. At the end of the day, He gave a hearty blow and blew the dust from the finished product, a pulpit from which to preach the Good News. As He hung up His apron he remarked, "Beautiful! No one tool could've done all those jobs. They're *all* important." As the door quietly closed, Brother Hammer once again rose in their midst and spoke, "Brothers, I perceive that all of us are useful and needed. Altho' we all have our weak points at times and we don't do things exactly the way others think we should, whether we are old or new, large or small, when we work together we *are* the Master's tools to finish His work!" *Pastor Glenn Davis*



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United Way Contributed \$35k to COVID-19 Relief in Rutland & Bennington Counties

United Way of Rutland County (also working within Bennington County) has worked tirelessly over the last few months to support those in most need during these very difficult times. COVID-19 has brought about unanticipated challenges, and that is why an emergency fund was created to support direct service organizations that work toward ensuring basic human needs are met. At this point, over \$35,000 has been disbursed between Rutland and Bennington County.

Much of the focus has been on food stability within Bennington County. Without basic nutrition, one cannot properly function, so \$500.00 has been donated to each of the following community food shelves: *BROC Community Action Food Shelf, The Kitchen Cupboard, HIS Pantry,* and *The Community Food Cupboard of Manchester Center*. \$2,000.00 has also been donated to *Sunrise Family Resource Center*, helping to make sure that children and families have their needs met. This organization connects families with community resources, provides educational experiences, and builds relationships that promote independence and resilience. "The funding from the United Way is an essential component in supporting local families through COVID-19 within Bennington County," said Adam Sancic, Field Director at the *Agency of Human Services for Bennington and Rutland Counties*, and *Sunrise Family Resource Center* partner. "We are focusing the funding on providing emergency services to clients as they transition out of hotels, supporting immediate needs for those that are struggling with obtaining essential items that other local services are unable to provide. The funding will be essential in assuring that families are able to transition into safe and stable housing."

Ongoing fundraising efforts for this emergency fund are being made to increase these contributions. To make a safe and easy online donation, visit <http://bit.ly/DonateCOVID>. Be sure to type "COVID" into the designated agency section of the online donation form. Donations may also be sent to 88 Park Street in Rutland, Vermont 05701. Thank you for your consideration.

Anyone in need of help may dial 2-1-1 or visit www.vermont211.org for more information. To learn more about United Way of Rutland and County, visit www.uwrutlandcounty.org or call (802) 773-7477. Be well, stay safe, and remember to live united!

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United Way of Rutland County

Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update

This week's New Yorker magazine cover "This Side Up", illustrates an upside down world, capturing an aspect of how many are feeling right now. Our US Government has failed to adequately prepare and protect its citizens from a global pandemic - and our public safety officers, whose job is to protect and serve the people who pay their salaries, are, in far too many instances, traumatizing them - and even killing them. This is not the way it is supposed to be. This is indeed an upside down world.

The Legislature has been consumed for the last 3 months in our response to the challenges the COVID 19 crisis has wrought upon our state. Every one of us who serves our state in this capacity is clear on the level of stress and anxiety which our constituents are living with. When you add to that the murder by a policeman of yet another innocent black man - you have a tinder box - you have an explosion of all that we feel is unfair, unjust, inhumane and unwarranted. George Floyd's death reminds us that this pandemic is not the only crisis we face.

The tragedy of George Floyd's death is a terrible reminder of the embedded racial inequality in our country. It has torn the scab off the great national wound of racial disparity and subjugation. It calls the question on what every state is doing to address systemic racism.

While Vermont has begun the work of righting centuries of wrongs, it still has a long way to go. We have taken some steps to heal wounds many of us didn't even realize were still open. There are many systemic failures we need to continue to reform: the growing inequality in our economic system, in our criminal justice system and in our educational system. Over the years I have served in the Legislature we've enacted many measures from 'fair and impartial policing' policies, to improving inclusive educational policy, to increasing the minimum wage, to

continuing our work reforming our criminal justice system, to addressing systemic racism in state government by creating a Racial Equity Advisory Panel in 2018, which in 2019, hired a Racial Equity Director.

A stark reminder of our need to continue honing our racial equity policies happened last year when our legislative colleague, Kiah Morris of Bennington, resigned as a result of terrible racial harassment. We would like to think that this kind of ugly, immoral behavior doesn't happen here in Vermont, but it does. And to that end, I am pleased the Governor has appointed Xusana Davis, Vermont's Racial Equity Director, to lead the Racial Equity Task Force. Many of you have emailed with constructive ideas about how to change and improve Vermont's laws around racial equity and policing. I have high hopes that this task force will address each and every one of these and come back to the Legislature with recommendations for how Vermont can make significant progress on correcting our course incorporating racial equity in all we do. Our work will, in small part, ensure George Floyd did not die in vain.

The nation is outraged and the nation is listening. Maybe in a way we couldn't have several months ago. Because we have been in a 'stay home, stay safe' mode for 3 months - we are quieter, less busy. As a result, we are better able to listen to the anger and injustice the death of George Floyd has challenged us to address. So many questions are being asked that we have to answer. And, chief among them: "What kind of a Nation do we want to be?"

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which are being debated now, those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: legislature.vermont.gov

The Golden Crown Award

Natasha Fortin

Vermont History Day
Participant 2013-2020

Schools: Mount Holly
School and Black River
High School Middle
School



Natasha Fortin competed in Vermont History Day 2020. She won First Place for her documentary "Father of ROTC and Norwich University: How Alden Partridge Broke the Barrier of Education". Natasha earned The Golden Crown Award; and she also won the George F. Edmunds Memorial Prize. Natasha will be competing in the National History Day virtual contest June 14-20.



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ten until next year.”

Season ten will feature a cast of local Stars and Pros who will practice their dance routine next summer to bring you an exciting night of entertainment. Dance couples will perform on stage at the Paramount Theatre in front of three celebrity judges who will determine the winner of DWTRS Season 10. A formal cast announcement will be released at a future date.

“Dancing with the Rutland Stars is a truly important event for the children we serve,” said Allen. “Although the event will not take place

this October, the need for funding for these important services in our community is always there. We encourage everyone to stay tuned for some announcements on ways they can continue giving.”

For more information about the event, please contact Patricia McDonald at 802.362.6511; email patricia.mcdonald@vnahsr.org.

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

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

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About the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

Founded in Rutland, Vermont, the VNAHSR has grown to include locations throughout Bennington and Rutland Counties. VNAHSR is a non-profit, Medicare-certified home health and hospice agency delivering a wide range of advanced medical care with compassion, dependability, and expertise to people of all ages.

With office locations in Bennington, Dorset, Manchester, and Rutland, we have over 300 trusted health professionals and caregivers committed to providing exceptional care to patients and families.

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Dancing with the Rutland Stars Postpones Season 10

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) announces season ten of its popular fundraiser, Dancing with the Rutland Stars (DWTRS) will be postponed until October 9, 2021. The event benefits Kids on the Move and the Pediatric High-Tech program of the VNAHSR.

“We know that our community looks forward to this event every year,” says chairwoman, Carrie Allen, “but with the current situation of COVID-19 we felt it was in the best interest of our cast, committee and the public to reschedule season

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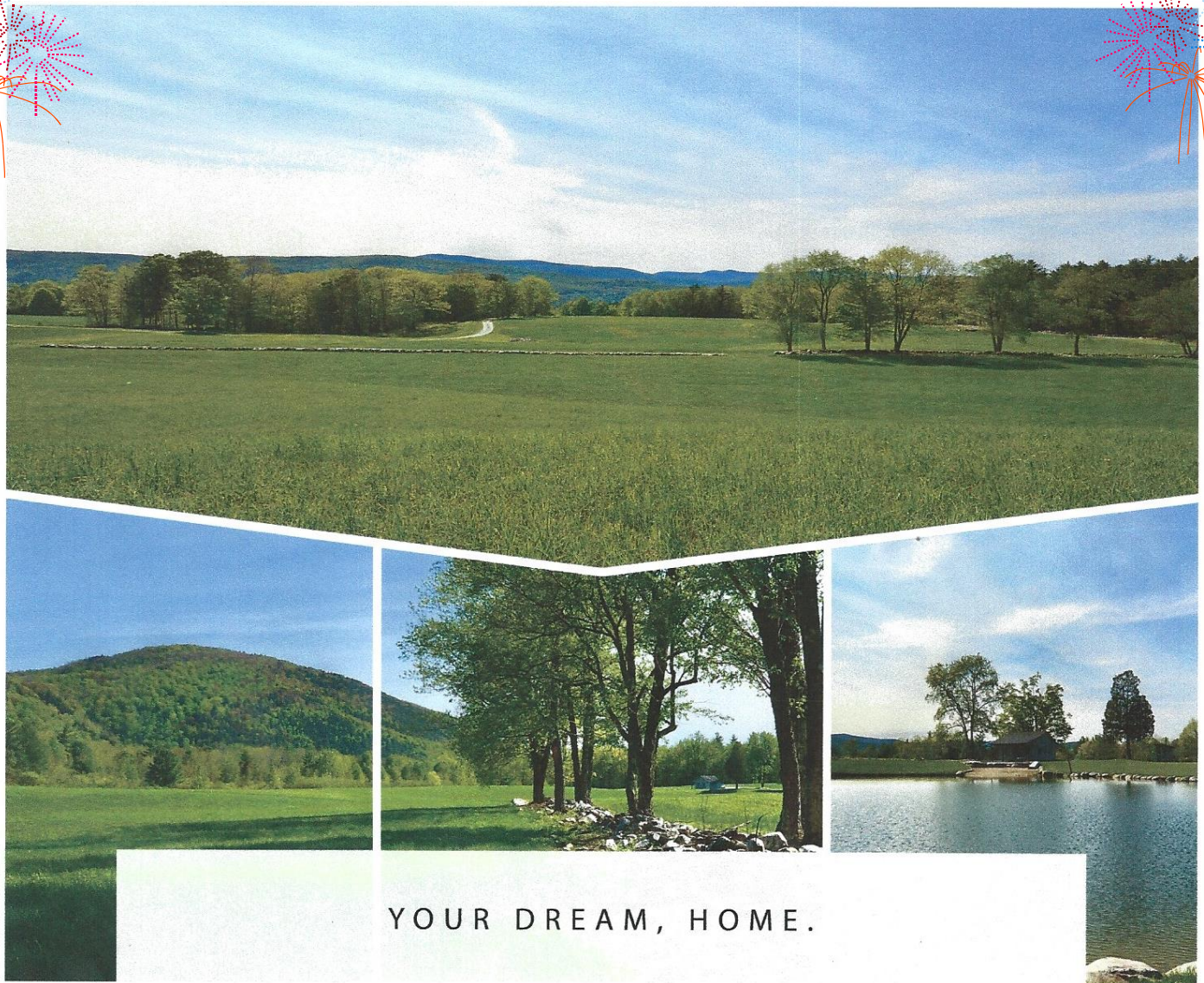
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