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Betsy (Covell) Martin

Betsy was kind, giving, friendly, witty, spirited, chatty, but most of all, extraordinarily strong-willed. On Oct. 20, 2021, her beautiful spirit left this Earth. She was born to the town of Chittenden, raised alongside her siblings. She then raised her own family in the town of Mount Holly – and had a lifelong affair with making friends; her list of friends would be endless – everywhere she went, she would befriend someone. anyone who had the time to stop and chat. She was a woman with a BIG heart, made of gold - she loved to help out, and to be of service to others. She adored her grandchildren and loved being called "Bubka" –

nothing brought her more joy. She had a very long battle with cancer and other various conditions - may she now find some ease, and endless love and peace. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Rowell's Inn (located in Andover, Vermont) on Nov. 1, at 1 p.m.

Mount Holly Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary

We would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets from the Mount Holly Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary.

Congratulations to the following winners! Brent and Della Thompson who won the grand prize of the Turkey Dinner Basket! Pete and Jo Bania who won a Mojo's Gift Certificate, Sue Cavalla who won the Harry's Gift Certificate Steve Michelle who won two pies from Gloria's and JoAnne Hammond who won the Cheese Sampler from Crowley Cheese.

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I am thinking of offering a free writing workshop, but I am trying to gauge if there is any interest. If you think you might be

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Belmont Village Baptist Church

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 7:00 pm

Readings

interested, would you please email me and indicate if you would be interested in a weekday, whether afternoon or morning, or a weekend day? connor@ohio.edu Just a way for me to give back to this town that has given me so much.

I think that we could convene in my home, the last house on Old Tiffany Road where I could offer coffee, tea, or chai. Just two hours? You would only need to bring your tablet, or pen and paper. (Remember pens and paper?) These would be generative exercises, so you need not

be an experienced writer. If there is some interest, I will try to schedule something for next month.

Here is a bio. note to establish my credentials. I am a former professor at Ohio University where I served as director of Creative Writing for five years and oversaw BA, MA, and PhD students. I also taught in the Stonecoast MFA program and the Fairfield University Enders Island MFA program. I have published four fiction collections and one essay collection. (I currently have another fiction collection under contract.). Additional publications include hundreds of essays and stories as well as publication in multiple anthologies.

Additionally I have received several writing fellowship, edited fiction for several

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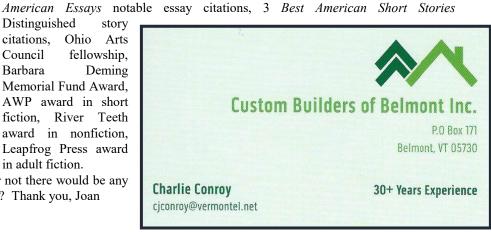
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journals and judged diverse contests. Awards: Pushcart prize, Ohio Writer award in Fiction and Nonfiction, 4 Best

Distinguished story citations, Ohio Arts Council fellowship, Barbara Deming Memorial Fund Award, AWP award in short fiction, River Teeth award in nonfiction, Leapfrog Press award in adult fiction.

So I am just trying to get a feel whether or not there would be any interest in such a workshop. Just let me know? Thank you, Joan



Christmas Carols &

Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Patrick's Church 218 N. Main St, Wallingford

Saturday December 4, 2021 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handmade crafts including quilted wall hangings Cloth Santa's & Ornaments A Silent Auction of Themed Baskets Large Baked Goods Sale

Including take out Soups, Mac & Cheese, Chili & Baked Beans

As we are not able to have a luncheon this year.

Our front room will have **"Once Loved"** items As well as crafting items for sale.

Masks will be appreciated.



Florida.

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hopes to be on the road by the end of this week. He said he will keep in touch with me (Sec'y) as he travels, and lands, somewhere in Florida. It's been a privilege to serve under you and know you as a Masonic Brother and is going to be missed by us all. Fraternally, Earl Miller, WM - Buster Seward, Sec'y

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November 2021, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Trestleboard

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Many thanks to all the Brothers who helped fill a chair at our District Meeting on Nov. 2nd. Grand Lodge officers said it was a well presented program and enjoyable evening. The turkey supper put on by the Chester OES, was also praised. So thank you my Brothers for all your help.

WM Earl and RW Buster attended 6 District meetings together and Dennis Start and Jim Heald also attended a couple. All the meetings we attended were very informative and well presented. Mt Moriah was mentioned by the Grand Officers at 2 or 3 meetings, which was a pleasant surprise.

Congratulations to our Junior Warden and RWDDGM of District 4, Jim Goss, on his District Meeting which was the best one we attended, and to Dave Walker who received his 60 yr membership pin.

This is a good time for everyone to consider becoming a life member of Grand Lodge. For anyone under 60 yrs old the cost is \$400 and anyone over 60 it's \$200.

Training for Wardens was launched in September and will continue until the end of the year.

We need to set a date for our candidate's EA degree at this meeting too.

Finally Brothers we must say good-bye and safe travels to WM Earl, as he moves to



Mount Holly Town Library

The Mount Holly Town Library wishes everyone a safe, healthy holiday season!

A reminder about Library hours:

Monday 9-1 Tuesday 1-5 Wednesday 2-4 Saturday 9-1 Please wear a mask when in the library as Vermont is experiencing another surge in COVID related illness

Please remember that the library will be closed on Saturday 12/25/21 and Saturday 1/1/22 Joe Galbraith, MLS, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library 802.259.3707



Mount Holly Snow Flyers

The Snow Flyers are getting everything ready for the upcoming season. The Volunteers have been busy clearing & debrushing the trails which are now 90% complete - the remaining section will be done once hunting season is over. We had to do a lot of excavator work on Three Sisters to try & get that trail back in shape after the mess the loggers left behind. Stumps had to be removed along with making the water bars passable. It was a long day in the woods fixing this & we "Thank" those involved. Two bridges were built on the by-pass trail going to the Plymouth Road Parking lot so that trail is also in good shape. The trail in Plymouth will be OPEN again this year - Huge Thanks go out to all those involved getting this major trail reopened. A majority of the signs and stakes have been



Two Letters To Santa

By Annabel Sheila I wrote a letter to Santa To make sure he would know It's only two weeks until Christmas And we still don't have any snow.

Just didn't want his reindeer To have to work too hard. I was afraid they might get stuck In the mud outside in our yard.

I mailed my letter on Monday, Only two days ago. As I dropped it in the mailbox, It slowly started to snow.

It's been snowing ever since, More as each day goes by. I'm getting kind of worried now That Santa will think I lied.

I'll write another letter And mail it off today. Tell Santa not to worry, There'll be lots of snow for his sleigh.







put out. The loggers are again this year are going to cause problems for us - Old Plymouth Road will be plowed for 2 logging operations (using the bypass trail will solve this problem), Rt. 4 up by the Stone House will also have a logging operation & be plowed, final logging operation will be on Summit Road just across from the railroad tracks - we're working on an alternate for that area. We were told by the state Forrester - this should be the Last Year for Logging to be done on our trails for years to come - let's hope that's true!! So far we are all set for The New Year's Eve Fireworks on Star Lake & looking forward to the celebration of the end of 2021 & a better 2022!

Wishing Everyone a Healthy & Happy Thanksgiving Spent With Family & Friends. Think Snow! Mount Holly Snow Flyers www.mounthollysnowflyers.org

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Christmas Long Ago

-Dona M. Maroney Frosty days and ice-still nights, Fir trees trimmed with tiny lights, Sound of sleigh bells in the snow, That was Christmas long ago. Tykes on sleds and shouts of glee, Icy-window filigree, Sugarplums and candle glow, Part of Christmas long ago. Footsteps stealthy on the stair, Sweet-voiced carols in the air, Stocking hanging in a row, Tell of Christmas long ago. Starry nights so still and blue, Good friends calling out to you, Life, so fact, will always slow... For dreams of Christmas long ago.

Chit Chat Deadline in December is Sunday The 19th by 6:00 pm



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Wayne Jones

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State Representative Of Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

Happy Thanksgiving! I was planning on writing an article this month, with the legislative session about to start in January anyway, but now we also have a "special session" on November 22nd. By the time you read this the special session will likely be finished, but I will take this opportunity to offer my thoughts on the special session and the political landscape I'm seeing.

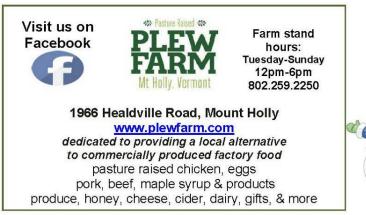
The Governor allowed the "State of Emergency" to end June 15, 2021, which had been in effect since March 13, 2020. At that time, with rising vaccination rates and decreasing COVID case rates, and most importantly very few people in our hospitals, it seemed like we were on a solid path back to normal life. Unfortunately, the virus is still here, our hospitals and ICUs are filling up again, and worst of all Vermonters are dying. The Governor has been hesitant to re-enact the "State of Emergency" because he feels the amount the power he has when it is in effect is dangerous and nothing he could do would make a much of a difference anyway. Part of his reasoning being that most of the cases remain among the unvaccinated, and if you are unvaccinated right now you are not likely to change your mind because of anything the Governor does. To some extent I suppose don't disagree with that logic, but I think we elect leaders to lead, and while I have agreed with him and appreciated his leadership throughout this crisis, I worry that he's too focused now on the potential political repercussions to stick his neck out there and make the hard decisions he made last year.

That is how we have arrived at the special session. Without the State of Emergency, the Governor does not have the authority to enact a statewide mask mandate like we have had before, and again he says he thinks the only people that would care about a mandate are already wearing masks, so sees no reason to declare a State of



Emergency. The Governor does have the authority to allow towns to enact their own mask mandates if they want to, but he doesn't want to do even that on his own, so his "compromise" is to call for a special session of the legislature and ask the legislature to pass a bill that allows towns to enact mask mandates. A bill which he has agreed to sign. To me it seems like he's trying to have his cake and eat it too, he wants to say he's against this policy but if he really was, he wouldn't call the special session. I think to some extent he does think it could help turn the tide on our rising cases, but he'll also gets his headlines about how he opposes the policy and "isn't he magnanimous" allowing the legislature to do it anyway.

I would really love to restart my coffee hours and was almost ready to until cases started to rise again. But with my daughter being only 11 months old and unvaccinated it's just a risk I'm not willing to take with her right now. But I really hope to get back in that schedule and maybe schedule some nighttime hours when I do resume. I left my other job working maintenance at a hotel and have been Dad-ing fulltime since August, so when I do resume my coffee hours my schedule may be a little more open. Talk soon! Logan Nicoll, 802-345-8430





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The Visited Planet

Christmas is about the word *incarnation*. We sing it every year in our carols, especially in "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*." Charles Wesley wrote that one line you've sung, "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the *incarnate* Deity." The Apostles Creed teaches it when it says, "Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary."

My wife and I just returned from a trip which had us in several airports and one of our favorite pastimes is "people watching." When you observe what they do you learn a lot about them. The same is true of God. If you want to know God– to *really* know Him– watch what He does. You can tell the nature of the giver by the gift. At Christmas, God gave us the gift of His Son, Jesus. He said, "I love you." He stretched out His arms on crossbeams and proved it by dying for you.

The story of Christmas is a love story. Don't be confused by the trinkets and glitter. It's not even about babies, stables and wise men. Christmas is about love. "For God so loved the world that He *gave* His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should have eternal life." (John 3:16) Love to be *love*, must express itself. The Bible says that God *is* love; and if that is true, His love must find a tangible expression. That is what the incarnation is all about... Eternal Love wrapping Himself in human flesh to enter time and space to intervene.



God has come,,, and now we have a choice. In God's entrance through the womb of a young virgin to ultimately pay the price for sin, He served the ball into your court. He said: "I love you. I demonstrated my love, but you must come to me yourself. If you are sinful and dirty I will forgive you and clean you up, because I love you. But you must choose to come."

A monk was deep in prayer and had a vision when, suddenly, he was interrupted by a knock at the door. The monk turned away from the vision and went to the door. When he returned, God said to him, "I'm glad you went to the door. Had you tarried, I would have gone."

At Christmas, in becoming a man, Jesus wore our "costume." In 1775, the manager of Baltimore's largest hotel refused lodging to a poorly dressed farmer on the grounds that the farmer would discredit the hotel. To his horror, the manager discovered that he had turned away The Vice President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson.

The manager sent a note to Jefferson, pleading for him to return. In response, Jefferson said to his messenger: "Tell him I have engaged a room. Tell him I value his intentions highly. But tell him if he has no room for a poor dirty farmer, he has no room for the Vice President of the United States."

Someday Jesus is going to return without the "costume." Then it will be too late. He will say, "If you had no room for a Suffering Servant, you have no room for a Conquering King." --*PG*



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Twas The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St Nicholas

came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.



His eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Clement Clarke Moore Miniature Biography

Clement Clarke Moore (1799 - 1863) came from a prominent family and his father Benjamin Moore was the Bishop of New York who was famous for officiating at the inauguration of George Washington. The tradition of reading Twas the night before Christmas poem on Christmas Eve is now a Worldwide institution and tradition.

Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863) wrote the poem Twas the night before Christmas also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas"

in 1822. It is now the tradition in many American families to read the poem every Christmas Eve. The poem 'Twas the night before Christmas' has redefined our image of Christmas and Santa Claus. Prior to the creation of the story of 'Twas the night before Christmas' St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, had never been associated with a sleigh or reindeers!

Clement Moore, the author of the poem Twas the night before Christmas, was a reticent man and it is believed that a family friend, Miss H. Butler, sent a copy of the poem to the New York Sentinel who published the poem. The condition of publication was that the author of Twas the night before Christmas was to remain anonymous.

The first publication date was 23rd December 1823 and it was an immediate success. It was not until 1844 that Clement Clarke Moore claimed ownership when the work was included in a book of his poetry.









Twas The Night Before Christmas

By Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, And to see just who in this home did live. I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by the mantle, just boots filled with sand, And on the wall pictures of far distant lands. With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, A sobering thought came to my mind, For this house was different, so dark and so dreary, The home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, Not how I pictured a United States soldier. Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight. Soon round the world, the children would play, And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day. They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry: The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, My life is my God, my country, my corps." The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still, And we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night, This guardian of honor so willing to fight. Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure." One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

immunologist, and from basic science to medicine.

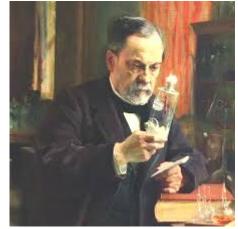
Louis Pasteur, a qualified chemist, was behind the most important scientific revolutions of the 19th century in the fields of biology, agriculture, medicine and hygiene. Beginning his research on crystallography, he soon embarked on a journey filled with discoveries which led him to develop the rabies vaccine.

Louis Pasteur's life was filled with revolutionary discoveries and also marked by a number of events that likely fueled his desire to understand the diseases of his time. A tireless and dedicated scientist, he traveled extensively throughout France to prove his theories and solve agricultural and industrial problems caused by infectious diseases.

Louis Pasteur, the father of immunology?

Louis Pasteur, (born December 27, 1822, Dole, France-died September 28, 1895, Saint-Cloud),

Louis Pasteur is traditionally considered as the progenitor of modern immunology because of his studies in the late nineteenth century that popularized the germ theory of disease, and that introduced the hope that all



infectious diseases could be prevented by prophylactic vaccination, as well as also treated by therapeutic vaccination, if applied soon enough after infection. However, Pasteur was working at the dawn of the appreciation of the microbial world, at a time when the notion of such a thing as an immune system did not exist, certainly not as we know it today, more than 130 years later. Accordingly, why was Pasteur such a genius as to discern how the immune system functions to protect us against invasion by the microbial world when no one had even made the distinction between fungi, bacteria, or viruses, and no one had formulated any theories of immunity. A careful reading of Pasteur's presentations to the Academy of Sciences reveals that Pasteur was entirely mistaken as to how immunity occurs, in that he reasoned, as a good microbiologist would, that appropriately attenuated microbes would deplete the host of vital trace nutrients absolutely required for their viability and growth, and not an active response on the part of the host. Even so, he focused attention on immunity, preparing the ground for others who followed. This review chronicles Pasteur's remarkable metamorphosis from organic chemist to microbiologist



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Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.! As part of this annual event, we are holding a letter writing campaign to hear what young kids in Rutland and surrounding communities wish for the future during this holiday season.

Students who enter will have a chance to have their holiday wish letter read from the stage by our orchestra conductor Peter Askim, one of our musicians, or our guest soloist Melissa Wimbish. Selected students will be provided with two free tickets to the Paramount Theatre concert and will be mailed a special gift from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra.

Students should send their wish letter, along with their name, age and school, via post to: VSO Holiday Wishes, 2 Church St, Suite 3B, Burlington VT 05401 or email it to hello@vso.org no later than Friday December 3.

See the www.paramountvt.org for more information on the VSO's Holiday Pops concert. A limited number of free tickets are available for ages 12 and under with paying adults. Winners of the holiday letter writing campaign will be announced on Monday, December 6. For questions, please contact patricia@vso.org.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra

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Mount Holly Town News

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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.

Special Select Board Meeting - October 26, 2021 Minutes In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487

Present: Select Board: Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews Town Officials: Carol Garrow-Woolley, Diana Garrow, Ryan Harter, David Johnson, Annette Lynch, Jon McCann, Stephen Michel, James Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: Tracie Burns, Eric Hall (Rutland Regional Planning Commission), Ryan Horvath, Amy Turco

1. Call to Order by Mark Turco at 6:30 p.m. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda - Mr. Turco asked to add an invoice received from Ludlow Ambulance Service. It was agreed to do so as Agenda item #4a.

To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 802-259-3179

3. Road Salt Quotes - Approve - Road Foreman Clinton Woolley stated he had three quotes for winter road salt: \$78.00/ton from American Rock Salt; \$91.00/ton from Appalachee; and, \$72.31/ton from

Cargill through the State of Vermont. Jeff Chase made a motion to purchase bulk deicing salt from Cargill for \$72.31/ton, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

4. Summit Road Bridge 49 Box Culvert Replacement - Sign Authorization to Proceed with Otter Creek Engineering – Mr. Chase explained he had reached out to Otter Creek Engineering (OCE) to inform them that their bid for this project was approved. In order to finalize this, OCE needs an authorization to proceed, which Mr. Chase signed.

4a. Ludlow Ambulance Service Invoice - Mr. Turco explained that the Select Board had received an invoice for \$2,500 for runs made by the Ludlow Ambulance Service (LAS) to calls in Mount Holly. Jennifer Matthews forwarded the invoice on to Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad (MHVRS), who returned it to the Town

stating it was not their responsibility. (Recorder's Note: Per the January 7, 2020 Select Board meeting minutes, the Select Board declined to accept the LAS proposal for EMS service to Mount Holly. Per the January 14, 2020 minutes, Kristin Veysey reported Rutland Regional Ambulance Service would cover all calls to which MHVRS was unable to respond.) The Select Board denies any responsibility for the LAS invoice and its charges. Mr. Turco will contact Ms. Veysey, MHVRS President, and urge her to reach out to LAS to resolve this issue.

5. ARPA Funds Discussion with Eric Hall of Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) - Eric Hall, RRPC's ARPA lead planner, explained that the 11 Regional Planning Commissions around the State are tasked with helping municipalities utilize and manage their ARPA funds. At present, municipalities are gathering project ideas from the public and determining those projects' funding eligibility. Mr. Hall stated that ARPA funds are to address pandemic-related issues and its economic fallout, and to help build a stronger, more equitable economy. The six categories for ARPA funds use are: support public health response; replace public sector revenue loss; water and sewer infrastructure; address negative economic impacts; premium pay for essential workers; and, broadband infrastructure. Within these broad categories fall items such as: the purchase of PPE; wastewater, water, and storm water projects; financial assistance to workers and families; supporting small businesses; rebuilding public sector capacity; investments in housing and neighborhoods; and, greater access to affordable childcare. Use of the lost revenue calculation may also allow for some projects. Funds must be used on projects serving more than one recipient and with a broad impact. ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31,

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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Mr. Turco then opened the floor to meeting participants for their www.mounthollyvt.org chitchat@vermontel.net

2024 and fully spent by December 31, 2026. Mr. Hall recommended that municipalities take the time to gather public input, to prioritize

Ms. Matthews noted that VLCT has emphasized using ARPA funds

for forward-looking projects, and for transformative projects with a

lasting impact on the community. This is a once-in-a-lifetime

projects, and to focus on projects with a lasting impact.

investment in Mount Holly.

thoughts and ideas. Discussion ensued with a number of thoughts and ideas proposed. A few of those ideas were immediately deemed ineligible: road crew equipment and standalone solar arrays.

Possible eligible ideas include: water for the Perkins House Museum; access to affordable childcare; water availability, accessibility and recreational use of Star Lake; high-speed internet access; hybrid meeting technological equipment; digitization of land records; VOIP phone system: equipment for the hearing-impaired at public meetings; after school programs; childcare during public meetings; loans or grants to small businesses adversely-impacted by COVID.

In response to a question from Ms. Matthews, Mr. Hall stated that once projects are approved by the Select Board, they can be undertaken at any point.



Mr. Hall emphasized the need to reach out to the public in a variety of different ways for their input and for additional ideas for possible projects.

Mr. Turco thanked Mr. Hall for all the information, and he thanked everyone in attendance for their thoughts and ideas.

6. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed) – Not needed this evening.

7. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews Minutes Approved: 11.9.2021

Mount Holly Select Board Meeting - November 9, 2021 Minutes In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487 Present: Select Board: Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark Turco (Chair)

Town Officials: Phil Crane, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Diana Garrow, Russ Garrow, David Johnson, Annette Lynch, David Martin, Jon McCann, Stephen Michel, Christine Pratt, James Seward, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: Paul Barton, Inas & Maher Elmasri, Zena Gates, Jeb Porter, Donna Seward

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

Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Changes and/or additions to the agenda – Jennifer Matthews asked to add an inquiry from David Martin about a roller for the gravel roads, and the need to purchase a microphone & speaker to accommodate virtual attendees at Planning Commission and other meetings in the town office. It was agreed to add both items: the roller inquiry with agenda item #5.a.i., and the

speaker/microphone with agenda item #5.c.

4. Approval of October 12th, 2021 Meeting Minutes & October 26th Special Select Board Meeting Minutes – Jeff Chase made a made a motion to approve both sets of minutes with the following correction to the October 12th minutes, requested by Ms. Matthews: on page two under Treasurer, Monthly Income & Expense Report, "Other Support Expenses (approved ballot item expenditures) of \$60,229", the correct figure should be \$28,735. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update -

i) **Monthly Update - Clinton Woolley** reported: the Healdville Road railroad crossing has now been repaved; an iPad is needed ASAP; lots of work needs to be done to bring 239 road segments up to standards by 2025 for the MRGP; town garage generator is down, awaiting Cota & Cota for the repair; and, all is well at transfer station.

Addition: Roller for Gravel Roads – David Martin commented that the gravel takes quite some time to pack down and for the roads to be smooth again after grading; with loose stones, it's dangerous, while bike-riding in particular. Mr. Turco noted we had looked at a small roller to go on the back of the grader and it alone, without the arms, was quite expensive. Discussion ensued about roller options, their effectiveness, costs, possible grant-funding and timing. Mr. Turco stated we would look into it further.

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request For The Town Report

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@gmail.com or to the Town Office no later than January 6, 2022. Anything received after that date will not appear in the Town Report. 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



b. Treasurer – David Johnson

i) Monthly Income & Expense Report – Mr. Johnson reported: the Property Taxes Receivable figure of \$307,837 is as of October 31^{st} ; on November first, another \$130,000 in taxes was paid, so there is about \$180-190,000 in delinquent taxes, which is more than last year but less than previous years; the second quarterly payment of \$30,200 from the State for State Aid to Roads and the quarterly payment of \$3,342 from the State for Special State Aid for Roads have both come in; the Solid Waste Labels Sold amount of \$11,960 is \$100 more than last year; Other Support Expenses (approved ballot item expenditures) of \$28,735 were paid this month; Solid Waste Hauling & Disposal Expense of \$14,089 does not include Casella's not yet

received October bill, but solid waste amounts are 22 tons less this year with C&D waste picked up only four times so far this year compared with six times last year; the Purchased amount of \$7,395 (for the mulcher, pressure washer, forks for the tractor loader) is over budget but will be covered in overall road expenses; no Road Retreatment expense to date, but if a large project is to be done in the Spring with additional amounts to come in next year's budget, it's possible to borrow from the Equipment Asset Fund until the start of the new fiscal year. Regarding the Audits, Mr. Johnson reported an additional site visit by the auditor is not necessary, and a draft of the FY'20 audit is forthcoming.

c. **Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann** reported the Planning Commission: held a subdivision hearing on October 20th and their decision on the subdivision is almost done; made some changes to the Building Construction Registration form with the Administrative Officer now to review and approve the forms rather than the Planning Commission; have been in contact with the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department about the utilities and facilities part of the town plan with the dry fire hydrants in town now mapped; participated in the Crown Point Road walk led by Dennis Devereux, who will write up some information on the road for the town plan; and agreed to sign the Municipal Planning Grant resolution.

Addition: Microphone & Speaker for Virtual Meetings - Mr. McCann explained that the Planning Commission was in need of a microphone to accommodate those attending meetings virtually in order for all to be able to hear the proceedings. Discussion ensued about microphones, webcams and cameras, computers. On the recommendation of Patrick Cody from Okemo Valley TV of the Jabra Speak, Ms. Matthews made a motion to purchase the item for use at the Planning Commission and other meetings, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

d. **Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Annette Lynch** reported that the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) has been submitted; a letter of support for the grant was received from the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce; and only three towns in Rutland County have applied for the MPG giving Mount Holly a good chance of success in the

grant award process. Ms. Lynch reported that much of the first year's work of the Conservation Commission has been previously reported on by the former Chair, Fra DeVine, which includes: from the survey, support overall for conservation in town; and, individual members stepping up and taking on projects like Star Lake issues, the Shade Tree Preservation Plan, the iNaturalist program, and an update of forest fragmentation in town. For the coming year, the Commission plans to focus on a number of areas. The first is to know the town's resources by completing and maintaining inventories of the town's natural resources and lands, especially those that have historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural or

Select Board Administrator Needed

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archeological values. The Commission will look at nine individual inventories, beginning with the historical inventory, over the next nine months, and members will work with the Planning Commission, Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT), and residents to gather information. The second is to provide advisory environmental evaluations to the Planning Commission and others. The third is to work with the Planning Commission, Select Board, and other organizations on matters affecting the local environment or natural resources. The fourth is to enhance public understanding of the town's natural resources and conservation needs by using iNaturalist and advisory environmental evaluations. Both could serve as

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an aid to the Planning Commission and to individual landowners in looking at the land in town as a place where both humans and wildlife can live and thrive. The preservation and conservation of small parcels of land, like a wetland, could be purchased by the MHCT and/or the town and set aside as a public natural reserve. An environmental/ecological expert on a small retainer would assist with this work. Once the Commission has completed its work on the nine previously-mentioned inventories, they will report back to the Select Board on the priorities on which they plan to concentrate.

e. Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) Update – Jon McCann reported it was a short meeting this month. He reported to the RRPC members on Mount Holly's discussion on ARPA funds and the work on the town plan. In response to a question from Maher Elmasri, a brief discussion of wind power and wind projects ensued.

f. Rutland Region Transportation Advisory Committee Update – Clinton Woolley reported the meeting focused on the Better Back Roads grants, the process for the Grants-in-Aid program transfer to VTrans, and the repaving project on VT Route 22a. In response to a question from Mr. Turco, Mr. Woolley stated he did need an iPad, which can be purchased at a cost of \$350-400 for a refurbished one or about \$580 for a new one. Mr. Johnson stated that funds are available in the highway budget for the purchase. Mr. Chase made a motion to purchase an iPad for use in the Grants-in-Aid management, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. In response to a question from Mr. Chase, Mr. Woolley stated the Better Back Roads grant applications are due December 12th; they could be used for the gap is short.

bank stabilization. He will look into it, but the time to do so is short.

g. Rutland County Solid Waste District Update – Clinton Woolley reported they are working on the employee policy handbook and the annual budget.

6. New Business

a. **Fowler Brook Road Request – Maher Elmasri** stated he purchased a piece of property for its end of the road privacy. Fowler Brook Road melds into his private driveway with no markings indicating the end of the public right-of-way. He would like to install a gate and his mailbox at the spot where his driveway begins and the public road ends. There is some confusion as to where exactly that spot is. Discussion ensued about the recorded plat, the length of the public right-of-way, current town plowing into the property, the construction of a turn-around, the costs to the town of plowing and maintaining the road, possible costs savings to the town, any road and mileage changes and those effects, possible solutions given the time of year. Mr. Turco and Mr. Woolley will meet with Mr. Elmasri at the property for a site visit and to discuss this further.

b. Ash Tree Removal & Shade Tree Preservation Plans – Phil Crane read from his Tree Warden Presentation pointing out the following: the need to plan for the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB); the fact that 99% of ash trees infected by the EAB die within three-to-five years of infection; insecticide treatment is costly at \$20-40 per tree per treatment and must be repeated every two-to-three years; the best solution is to remove infected trees. Mr. Crane stated that the first step is to do an inventory of ash trees in the town right-of-way, prioritizing those along main roads and then moving on to lesser travelled roads. Mr. Turco stated the need to work with the road crew on the inventory. Discussion ensued on the cost of tree removal, the size of ash trees, notice to landowners. Once the inventory is complete, a plan will be developed to deal with the ash trees, prioritizing those trees at highest risk. Mr. Crane is looking for volunteers to help with the ash tree inventory.

c. Town Office Early Closure on Wednesday before Thanksgiving – Carol Garrow-Woolley announced the town office would close at noon on that Wednesday.

d. Town Office Steps – Mr. Turco noted that someone had taken a spill off the bottom step and that the lighting is poor there. Discussion ensued about different lighting options, timers, reflective tape or paint, solar lights. Mr. Turco stated he would take care of it.

e. National Opioids Settlement – Ms. Matthews stated a letter had been received about the settlement. The nationwide settlement has been reached with the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and one manufacturer of opioids. The State of Vermont has joined the settlement, and municipalities can as well as subdivisions. The more subdivisions that join, the larger the funding amount will be. Ms. Matthews noted that the Town of Weston, with less than half the population of Mount Holly, might receive over \$40,000, so Mount Holly could receive \$80-90,000. The town does not need to prove adverse effects. The settlement funds can be used for a variety of projects, including syringe disposal boxes and pick-up,

EMS support, and possibly, additional sheriff coverage of the town. Discussion ensued. Ms. Matthews made a motion for the Town of Mount Holly to join the National Opioids Settlement, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

Regional Emergency Management Committee f. Appointments - Per RRPC, the committee is to coordinate and support regional all-hazards emergency planning and preparedness activities in order to improve each region's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters. Discussion ensued on possible appointees with Mr. McCann volunteering to be the second representative. Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Jeff Chase and Jon McCann as the Town of Mount Holly's representatives to

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the Regional Emergency Management Committee, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

g. Board of Adjustment – tabled until the December meeting.

h. Planning Commission Appointments – Two Terms to November 2024 – to be discussed in Executive Session.

i. Other – There was no other New Business this evening.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Traffic Safety Plan Update – Mr. Chase reported that it has taken three weeks to do the studies on the agreed-upon eight roads. We are now waiting for the data, which we should have in hand by the December meeting.

b. Junk Ordinance Enforcement - The citation to the Blue Spruce House is in the works. A 30-day warning letter will be sent to the property on VT Route 103 currently in violation of Equipment

the ordinance. There has been no additional clean-up on the other property on VT Route 103. Ms. Matthews will reach out to them about their next steps in the clean-up.

c. Retail Cannabis – Ms. Matthews stated that the town must vote to allow retail cannabis in town; if the town does not vote, or if the town votes down an article, retail cannabis is not allowed. Discussion ensued about an informational meeting, speakers, the article and vote. It was decided to hold a discussion at the December meeting and to put an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warning and ballot.

d. ARPA Funds Meeting – Next Steps – Mr. Chase suggested we start with the technology needed for hybrid meetings. Patrick Cody will send us equipment proposals from three vendors for consideration at the December meeting.

e. Other - There was no other Ongoing & Old Business this evening.

8. Citizen Comments - Mr. Turco spoke with the school about the donation of flags from Paul Barton. Mr. Barton will need to contact the school superintendent about the donation. Mr. Barton remains concerned about damage to the gravestones in Tarbellville Cemetery. Mr. Turco will talk with Brian Sanderson at VTrans.

9. Announcements/Other Business -

a. Reminder: Town Office Closed on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11th & on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25th

b. **Other** – There were none.

10. Review & Sign Orders – To be signed by Select Board members.

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) - personnel - Ms. Matthews made the motion, citing Statute, to enter Executive Session at 8:13 pm, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Mr. Turco made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:33 pm, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved. No actions taken.

12. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews



Kuntz of Lisa Brigantino and Susan Haefner in concert. By Ralph Pace December 2021 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

Music Returns to the Ludlow Auditorium

It may have been the onset of a winter storm but the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium was ringing with the sound of "It might as well be Spring" and many other popular melodies from the Great American Song Book last Saturday. All of this was made possible by the melodious talents of Susan Haefner and Lisa Brigantino in the 'Blue Sky Cabaret' concert sponsored by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium). Pictured above are Lisa Brigantino, at the digital keyboard, and Susan Haefner as they perform "I'm a Cockeyed Optimist". In addition to featuring numbers from the Great American Song Book, the duo also performed several numbers composed by Lisa as well as one composed by Susan. It was certainly a great way to ignore the inclement weather outside the auditorium. Photo by Kevin





Ludlow Rotary Donates to Mountainside And Hears State of the Town Address

The recent luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) featured two special events: 1 - Ludlow's Municipal Manager's 'State of the Town' and 2 - the LRC donation to Mountainside, part of the Windsor County Youth Services.

In keeping with its tradition of making awards to local community organizations that provide necessary and important services, the LRC presented a \$2,000 check to Mountainside, located on Mill Street in Ludlow. Accepting the award was Jacqueline Hanlon, Director of the youth shelter. The award recognized the important contribution Mountainside makes in supporting and assisting young people from troubled home situations. Half of this amount was contributed by LRC members, the other half by the district headquarters.

Scott Murphy, Ludlow's Municipal Manager, presented a detailed outline of recent town activities and projects plus some plans for the future.

Among the subjects Murphy covered were:

 \cdot The recent High Street water line replacement and run-off controls

• The Vail Bridge over Jewell Brook will be replaced starting next summer

• A burst waterline in front of The Timber Inn saw a loss of 360,000 gallons of water where to pipes involved were relatively new

• No progress as of yet on the rental registration proposals

 \cdot $\,$ A local option tax planned may be discussed in the near future

 \cdot The proposed local charter to permit the select board to determine whether elections are done by Australian ballot or town meeting is in progress

Pictured above is, left to right, Rotarians Brigid Sullivan and

Paul Rix; Jacqueline Hanlon, Mountainside Director; and Rotarian Kim Lampert as the LRC presents a \$2,000 check to Mountainside, a Ludlow emergency shelter for youth. Photo by George Thomson of the check presentation to Jacqueline Hanlon of Mountainside. Ralph Pace



Work Based Learning Program

The Expeditionary School at Black River is pleased to announce the launch of their Work Based Learning Program. By entering into a partnership with Assisting Children Today, Calcuttas, Fox Run Golf Club, Fox Run Inn, and Okemo Valley Equipment, the school's program design is now equipped to serve as the fulcrum from which an ecosystem of learning can revolve here in the Okemo Valley and beyond. Each of these partnering entities are led by Troy Caruso, whose donation of time and marketing advice continues to help efforts to sustain the school's impact as well.

In its second year of operation, The Expeditionary School has taken the next step toward building out 11th and 12th grade learning pathways in Agricultural and Food Systems, Resort and Hospitality Management, and Information Technology. During the first phase of implementation, job-embedded Resort and Hospitality Management coursework will take place at <u>Calcuttas</u>, <u>Fox Run</u> <u>Golf Club</u>, and <u>Fox Run Inn</u>.

The second phase entails building out work based learning opportunities for the Agricultural and Food Systems pathway. By design, these career academies will not only help students develop the skills essential to meeting changing industry demands, it will also establish an innovative employment pipeline between graduates and local employers. Okemo Valley Equipment is one of Caruso's multiple entities, with his deep knowledge of the construction industry, the Expeditionary School intends to leverage his insight when designing projects that instill the technical skills needed to be competitive in the jobs of the future.

Equally as valuable to students will be exposure to Assisting Children Today (A.C.T), a non-profit organization. As stated on its website A.C.T., "assists Vermont families with sick children to make sure they get the help that they need." A.C.T.'s goal is to make sure children battling terminal illnesses get the absolute best care in the world. Through this partnership in particular, students will have access to learning opportunities, where compassion and empathy are the criteria for success. Invaluable life lessons that are best absorbed when engaging with the community. Caruso's willingness to give a little, so that a lot can change, is the cornerstone to ensuring the Expeditionary School's vision for community development will become a reality. Contact: Kendra Rickerby/krickerby@esblackriver.org



Rotary District Governor Updates Ludlow Rotary Club on Foundation

Ludlow Rotary Club heard about the plans for the future of the southern VT and NH Rotary district at lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Hosted by Ludlow Rotary President Art Randolph, District Governor John Bob Siemienowicz addressed the club accompanied by several other Rotary district officers.

John Bob spoke about the importance of change as a way for Rotary to stay relevant in their efforts to be an important vehicle of change in the world. The motto of Rotary International this year is Serve to Change Lives. John Bob emphasized the importance of service internationally, nationally and locally.

John Bob congratulated the Ludlow Rotary Club on the number of new members it has recruited in the past couple of years, the fundraisers it has held and the support it has offered to Rotary International's high priority campaign to eradicate polio in the world.

Emphasis on service to others is embodied in the work of the Ludlow Club, he said. He also recognized the major contribution of the Ludlow Club, and its incoming president Jim Rumrill, in the area of the international Youth Exchange program which focuses on improving global relations through this important program.

He encouraged those in attendance to look for ways to be more inclusive in recruiting and

retaining new members. He encouraged the club to look at all aspects of the organization to make membership more attractive to prospective members and to work to retain its new members. Consider the cost of being a member, as well as welcoming non-traditional members such as younger members of the community, gay and lesbian residents, and those who have been excluded for reasons of ethnic or racial heritage.

As a thank you for his service to Rotary, President Art presented the District Governor with a gift basket of Vermont foods from Green Mountain Sugar House.

District Governor John Bob Siemienowicz is pictured above as he calls for some basic changes to foster growth of Rotary International and its millions pof members. Photo by Sharon Bixby.

Venu Rao, District 7870 Rotary Foundation Chair, was the guest speaker at the Tuesday, Nov. 2 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC).

He presented a detailed explanation of what the foundation was all about, its funding of local and global programs, and its sources of income.

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 and during the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. Some of the hundreds of projects funded by the foundation include:

• The elimination of 99.9% of polio cases

- · Rebuilding homes in Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria
- · Installing lighting in off-the-grid Navajo homes in Colorado
- · Creating a network of physicians to help refugees in Berlin
- · Developing clean water systems in Central America
- · Promoting literacy development throughout the world

These we just a few of the thousand of programs funded by the Rotary Foundation.

Venu also explained the various sources of revenue that underwrite the programs funded by the Foundation. He noted that individual Rotarian contributions through the thousand of Rotary clubs globally were prime contributors.



The meeting also saw the formal membership of new LRC member, George Thomson. Pictured above Venu Rao and Art Randolph

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Venu Rao, District 7870 Rotary Foundation Chair, and Ludlow Rotary

President, Art Randolph, are pictured following Venu's speech to the Ludlow Rotary Club on the Rotary Foundation. Pictured to the left Tom



Harris and George Thomson

Toh Harris, Ludlow Rotarian, is shown as he welcomes new Rotarian, George Thimson, into the Ludlow Rotary Club. Ralph Pace

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Here is the link to buy your TMA: <u>https://vtvast.org/online-tma-purchase-eb.html</u>

Members can easily be able to look up your own VAST Member IDs in order to buy. An individualized email will be sent to all last year members with the ID number this week with a dynamic link taking you directly to the form with your member ID already filled in.

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IMPORTANT: Because of the national paper shortage VAST will not have stickers and forms for us to mail to you until early Dec. We ordered them the first possible day we could after the annual meeting. Everyone that buys on or before Dec 15, will have a temporary 10-Day (that will be for Dec 16-26) TMA emailed to them the same day they buy their online TMA. Make sure to check your spam folder too, and it is very important you write down your email correctly, or you will not get the conformation or temporary TMA.

VAST Insurance is Changing

To operate and manage the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS), the State of VT requires VAST to maintain a general liability insurance policy. As many of our members know, over the course of the last several years we have encountered an increasingly difficult and costly market for this important policy. In each of the last several years we have received a notice of non-renewal from our insurance provider. This has been followed a short while later by a letter informing us that we will be able to purchase a new policy for a significantly increased premium. In addition to the annual questions about being able to obtain an appropriate policy, VAST has not always been happy with other aspects of its relationship with commercial insurance companies. This type of instability not only makes planning for the future difficult, but it is also a threat to the SSTS itself. To address these issues, the Long-Term Planning Committee was tasked with researching alternatives to traditional insurance. Much of our research was focused on captive insurance, specifically Risk Retention Groups (RRGs).

An RRG is a company formed to provide liability insurance to its member organizations. RRGs, like credit unions, are owned by its members. RRGs provide member organizations many benefits, chief among them:

- · Program control
- · Long-term rate stability
- · Customized Loss control and risk management practices
- Stable source of liability coverage at affordable rates

In short, an RRG can address many of the issues VAST has had with traditional insurance. At its July meeting, the VAST Board of Directors voted to authorize the creation the American Outdoors Risk Retention Group. Over the coming weeks and months American Outdoors RRG will begin to take shape. Because Vermont is an internationally recognized leader in the captive insurance/RRG industry, VAST has been able to find locally based, knowledgeable professionals to work with during this process. The goal of American Outdoors RRG is to be able to provide VAST (and clubs and volunteers) with liability coverage that comes with the benefits listed above within the next year. As we move forward, we will keep our members informed.

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EAB Detected in Hartford in Windsor County

The VT Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation has advised area foresters and loggers that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been detected in Hartford (White River) area. This is the first detection of EAB in Windsor County.

The detection was identified by first responders of the Forest Pests Detection Program.

The process of detecting EAB normally involves finding evidence of EAB activity, caused by the larva of the pest as it embeds itself under the bark of ash trees. Detection usually means that the larva has already developed into the adult EAB and is no longer present in the infected tree.

EAB has destroyed an estimated 95% of the ash trees it invades. Since the adult ash tree, as EAB gradually kills it, becomes extremely brittle. This can result in dangerous situations from falling limbs of the tree.

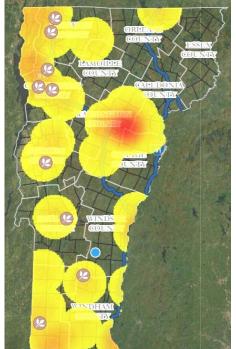
Since its discovery in Michigan in 2002, the emerald ash borer (EAB) has:

Killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in North America.

 \cdot Caused regulatory agencies and the USDA to enforce quarantines and fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs or hardwood firewood from moving out of areas where EAB occurs.

 \cdot Cost municipalities, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries hundreds of millions of dollars.

The active flight season for EAB is May through September. The larva implanted under the bark of infested ash trees can be active all year. Cold temperatures do not appear to halt that activity. For information on EAB, go to <u>vtforest.com</u>. Ralph Pace









Manager, as the check is handed over to the town.

Puppies' Christmas

~ Anon It's the day before Christmas And all through the house The puppies are squeaking An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily Hung on the door Is scattered in pieces All over the floor.

The stockings that hung In a neat little row Now boast a hole in Each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected To bright-eved whims, And now, although splendid, It's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them. "Be good", I insist. They lick me, then run off To see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them The thought comes to me, That their's is the spirit That Christmas should be.

Should children and puppies Yet show us the way, And teach us the joy That should come with this day?

Could they bring the message That's written above, And tell us that, most of all Christmas is love.



FOLA Donates \$7,000 to Ludlow for Auditorium Upgrade FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) has donated \$7,000 to the Town of Ludlow to help underwrite the costs of a major video and audio upgrades in the Heald Auditorium and Barton Conference Room. The upgrades will provide the town with a user-friendly control facility to manage audio levels in the auditorium, add up-to-date video equipment for streaming and enhanced camera management, and provide the town with the full capability of remote access to town meetings for both residents and video recorders. This project will be implemented by Boston Soundworks after extensive study by the town, FOLA, and Okemo Valley TV. Pictured above are, left to right, Ralph Pace, FOLA; David Almond, FOLA Treasurer; and Scott Murphy, Ludlow Municipal

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Vermont Home Gardener: Holiday Garden Thoughts

Like it or not, the gardening season in the Green Mountains has ended, mostly. Before our thoughts turn completely to the holiday season there are a few tasks worth attending to before we're totally snowed in. There are also a couple easy tips to help keep your Christmas green and fresh longer.

Indoor pest prevention. If you brought indoors a few of your favorite plants, as I did, this is a good time to give them a close health exam to avoid hidden pest problems. Remove any dead or unhealthy looking parts, clean away dead leaves, and over grown stems. I sprayed all plants with Insecticidal soap and then with Neem oil over a couple weeks before bringing them in. There still might be a few harmful insects lurking under leaves or in tiny crevices of those plants. Give them all a good spray (top and bottom of all leaves, stems, and blossoms) of Insecticidal soap. Repeat this about every month or if you see pest activity. You can do this without concern for any toxins in your house (it's just soap) but careful that the spray doesn't get onto windows or it'll leave an unsightly residue. Plants that are especially susceptible to indoor pests like aphids, white flies, spider mites include fuchsia, hibiscus, and petunias. Geraniums seem the most pest-free of all and tolerate long dry spells between watering.

Garden Beds. In order to minimize spring weeds, I've found the most complete control comes from covering entire beds with woven ground cover (called tarping). This material is heavier and more durable than the polyethylene plastic commonly used plus it allows air and water to get to the soil. I like to cover the beds with a couple inches of compost before tarping so come spring I peel back the

cover to expose a nearly weed-free, compost enriched bed ready to plant. I dislike the plastic but not as much as I dislike weeding in the spring before planting.

Pruning. Once woody perennials have gone fully dormant (early December) you can start pruning for next spring. Without their leaves it's much easier to see the plant structure and problems that need pruning. Take

a good look and remove all dead, diseased, and damaged branches, then work on shaping.

Reflections. While your memory is fresh, this is an excellent time to note what worked and what didn't this season. Make a few written notes to help avoid the same mistakes next year and build on your positive experiences. For example, which varieties did the best, which flowers were your favorites, which places gave the strongest plant growth, where did you have less satisfactory results, etc.? It's not too early to start planning next year's garden. Some seed catalogues have already arrived and more will be here soon. I'm already looking over the micro-greens selections to grow over winter!

Christmas tree protection. Do you like the looks and smell of a fresh-cut Christmas tree? Here are two simple tips that will help your tree stay green and hold its needles longer: 1) Just before placing your tree in the stand, cut off 2 inches from the trunk so there is a fresh wood submerged in the water. Of course, keep the stand reservoir filled with clean warm water through the holidays. 2) Do not place any fresh fruit in the same room as your tree. Fruits emit a natural vapor of ethylene gas that stimulates ripening.



The effect of this gas on a cut evergreen tree is to trigger it to drop its needles. Keep all fresh fruit such as apples, bananas, pears, etc. well away from your tree and you'll be sweeping up fewer needles. **Happy**

Remember the Reindeer Hang up the stockings. Decorate the tree. Presents placed perfectly. What a sight to see! · COMPANY Milk and cookies are out, Kids are tucked in tight. There's so much to do On Christmas Eve night! Before you take a snooze And dream of the next day, Don't forget some food For the friends who pull the sleigh! You see, reindeer need snacks, too A little love and fun To help Santa through the night, Control 111 And get the important job done! -Anonymous **Country Living**

Holidays and keep on composting!



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What Reminds You of Christmas? —Ernestine Northover

A holly wreath hung on the door, Or presents strewn across the floor, Tall Christmas tree with baubles bright, Which fills our hearts with such delight.

Carols sung out in the snow, A Snowman built with eyes aglow, Crackers pulled, a song to sing, Candles lit, and bells that ring.

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