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Danville Cancels 90th Annual Community Fair

Only the second time in its history

Danville, VT — It is with heavy hearts that the Danville Chamber of Commerce announces the closure of the 2020 Danville Fair. The Danville Fair will be canceled for the second time on its 90th anniversary. The Fair has only been canceled once previously, due to World War II. This year's cancellation is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chamber of Commerce has been planning the 90th Anniversary since the week after last year's Fair in August where many improvements were planned, including larger amusement rides, more Fair foods, a restructure of the Horse and Pony Pull and a large investment into the Grand Street Parade to honor the Danville School as the Citizens of the Year. Unfortunately, plans did not include the COVID-19 virus and the unexpected closure of our community and its businesses.

First and foremost, the Chamber wanted to ensure the safety of our dedicated Fair goers. At this point there are still too many unanswered questions regarding how the community will open back up, when social distancing will be relaxed and even if there will be a second round of the virus in our area. These uncertainties left questions about the ability for the Chamber to hold a physically and socially safe event.

The second concern the Chamber faced was funding. Many of our dedicated sponsors are currently closed or only open in a limited capacity, making it impractical for us to expect their financial support this fair season.

On a positive note, the Chamber is planning a have a socially distanced parade on August 1st at 10:30am! We want to bring our community six feet apart to celebrate our local businesses and community organizations. We will be announcing more details shortly but look forward to seeing you all there showing your support for our amazing community. Be sure to wear your green and white to honor our citizens of the year- the Danville School!

The Danville Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our regular sponsors and wish them and the community a safe and healthy summer.

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