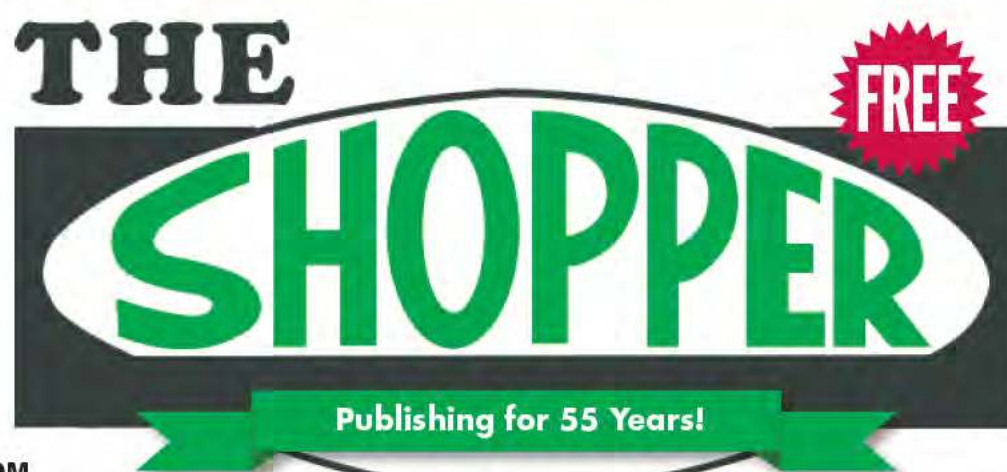




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# Santa Express rides in to the North Pole

BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CHESTER/BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Families gathered at the Bellows Falls Green Mountain Railroad train station on Sunday to ride the Santa Express to the North Pole, which is also known as the Chester train station.

This is the fourth annual Santa Express event coordinated to benefit the Bellows Falls Middle School Band.

Passengers boarded the older coaches, which were decorated with lights and stockings, in Bellows Falls. Each train car had different activities; the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who greeted families, Mrs. Claus read to the children, the Bellows Falls Middle School band students dressed up and sang Christmas carols, and cookies and hot cocoa were passed out to enjoy.

The train filled with passengers arrived at the Chester station, which was decorated with candy canes and North Pole signage. Some of the Bellows Falls Middle School Band students dressed as gingerbread men,



Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted children and took pictures.

PHOTO BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL

a Christmas tree, a snowman, and Rudolph, and greeted all of the passengers during their arrival.

men cutouts and took pictures with their faces popping through, or they sat in Santa's Sleigh for a snapshot.

There were tables set up outside with a few local vendors. A stand sold red festive t-shirts that said, "I rode the Bellows Falls Santa Express." Sarah James, owner of Smokin' Bowls in Rockingham, set up a table with soups, snacks and beverages. And next to her, Kevin Lescord was selling hats and braided bracelets and necklaces.

Children stood in snow-

Inside the North Pole, the Saxton River Bell Ringers played festive music, Christmas trees twinkled, and Santa greeted all of the children and families with candy canes. Parents took pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Cindy Lou Who.

When asked what their favorite part about the train ride, answers differed from child to child.

"It was awesome!" one family exclaimed together.

"There were magic tricks!" another child talked about with excitement.

"I got to see Santa," said a little girl with a big smile on her face.

Much fun was to be had at the North Pole, until the train was ready for departure and everyone boarded again to return to Bellows Falls.

The train held two rides to the North Pole; one morning ride and another in the afternoon, which brought a lot of joy, excitement, and smiling faces to the local families and children. It was all to benefit the Bellows Falls Middle School Band, so they can take trips, explore, and play their music in different places.

"They get to see the world," said Evan, one of the event coordinators,



Bellows Falls Middle School band students dressed up to greet the Santa Express passengers. Béla as Rudolph, Liam and Owen as gingerbread men, Elliott as a Christmas tree, and Kevin as a snowman

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"which is great when you're 12."

This year they have planned their trip to Washington, D.C. to play their music at the Lincoln Memorial, which will take place in April.

"It's a trip that the kids will remember," Evan expressed.

So if you missed the Santa Express this year, be sure to visit them next year for more fun and Christmas spirit.

See plenty of pictures with this article at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com)

## "Palomita" documents Q'ewar dolls

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A radiant old woman in traditional Peruvian Quechua dress and a doll fill the poster for "Palomita."

Teresa Saval's movie, "Palomita," that documents how dolls change lives, plays at the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Hand-sewn dolls like Palomita (little dove in Spanish), the doll won in a raffle by Gwen, a 6th grade student at Kurn Hattin, improve life for families in Andahuaylillas, Peru.

At 12,000 feet, Andahuaylillas, outside of Cuzco in the Andes mountains, is big on grandeur due to the peaks and a famous church, but short on economic opportunities. Lucy Terrazas grew up in the region. She and her partner Julio Herrera moved back. Herrera came with experience in making wooden puppets and teaching at a Waldorf School in Lima.

The idea of making dolls had turned in his head for awhile. Terrazas and Herrera hired some women to help them fill a mattress with wool.

What to do with the extra wool? How to keep four needy women employed?

The wool became the stuffing for dolls designed in a Waldorf inspired style by Herrera. The women embarked on artistic careers hand sewing dolls. Wool from sheep is washed and carded to use for stuffing or spun into thread. Weavers on traditional looms create cloth. Doll hair is spun alpaca wool.

Herrera says use of all-natural materials gives texture, and the soft shape of the dolls allows for a child to imagine and to feel more than plastic allows.

The workshop grew as the doll market grew from the plaza by the church to Australia, Europe, Canada, and the USA. Terrazas, in a video about the Q'ewar project on [www.saffronrose.com](http://www.saffronrose.com), speaks of the vision of economic stability for women as a foundation for growth as human beings.

Natural light in the workshop, a shared hot meal, day care for young children, a Waldorf style kindergarten, an afternoon program for older children, education on hygiene and nutrition, above minimum wage salaries, and a month's paid vacation make for a good work/life balance.

Herrera figures 100 families in

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Hand-sewn dolls in Fiesta and Village dress.

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## Susan Sebastian Foundation purchases art for VT hospitals

BY MARILYN LEDOUX

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Patient hospital rooms throughout Vermont will be more pleasant now with a gift from the Sebastian Foundation used to purchase art to brighten the rooms.

Springfield hospital, the last hospital in Vermont to receive the gift, received a check for \$18,820 to purchase 38 pieces of art created by several local artists.

The art was purchased through the Gallery at the Vault, located in downtown Springfield.

The check was passed at a ceremony held at Springfield Hospital Library last week. Attorney Gilbert Myers, now retired, presented the check to Vault Board Chairman John Hughes and Vault Director Marilyn Miller.

Myers had established the foundation for client Susan Sebastian, whose goal was to put artwork in all Vermont hospitals. Sebastian passed away before her goal had been reached, and Myers, through the foundation, fulfilled her wishes. Springfield Hospital Director

Larry Kraft and a staff committee worked with members of the Gallery at the Vault to select the artwork. All the pieces were not in the hospital at the time of the ceremony because some paintings had picture framing glass that creates a glare.

With the patient lying down in bed, the light reflection would cause a glare. The framed glass was being

given an anti-reflective surface treatment or new matt finish glass. The plan was to place two pictures in each room, depending on the local scenery and available wall space.

The new pictures include works in pastels, oils, watercolors and photography and are sunsets, flowers and other plants, bushes and trees, all designed to make the patients stay brighter.



Left to right: Board Chairman John Hughes, Vault Director Marilyn Miller, Atty. Gilbert Myers, and Director of Development Larry Kraft.

PHOTO BY MARILYN LEDOUX

## Questions remain after new manager's hire

BY JOEL SLUTSKY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Interim Municipal Manager Shane O'Keefe conducted his first Rockingham Town Selectboard meeting recently.

He had to contend with the public dissatisfaction over the mutual agreement that ended former municipal manager Chip Stearns' tenure,

as several members of the public questioned the process of O'Keefe's hiring.

Villager Doug MacPhee noted that he left the previous meeting very disturbed with the process of the previous manager's separation from the municipality.

"It is my understanding that the Bellows Falls (Village) Trustees had no prior knowledge that the (joint)

executive session held Nov. 3, 2016 was not to evaluate Mr. Stearns, but to dismiss him," MacPhee said. "That during the session, you, Mr. Chairman, (Lamont Barnett), threatened the Bellows Falls Trustees by stating that if they did not support your actions you would change the locks on the town hall and not allow Mr. Stearns access to his office."

"Prior to the Nov. 3 meeting, at least

one person had been contacted to fill the position as an interim manager," MacPhee continued. "That until (they) entered the second executive session on Nov. 8, the Bellows Falls Trustees had no prior knowledge of the hiring of Mr. O'Keefe as the interim manager and therefore did not have the necessary information about Mr. O'Keefe's work history."

MacPhee also had questions about

how much Stearns was paid as severance.

"What was the gross amount paid to Mr. Stearns for his forced resignation? Do any other selectmen care to answer my questions?" he said. "I have not spoken to any selectman, trustees or Mr. Stearns since the Nov. 8 meeting."

The charges MacPhee made were largely unconfirmed by the board,

except Barnett disclosed that Stearns was paid six months salary, plus earned compensation and vacation time, when he left.

Villager Deborah Wright said that O'Keefe's hiring was brought up as already done, and there were no other options in the board's second executive session on the issue, which

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# Autumnal Dionysus performed at Springfield

BY BRANDY TODT  
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield High School Theater Department has been working since the end of September to prepare two short plays performed in Autumnal Dionysia.

Twenty-five students rehearsed for, designed and directed the modern tellings of Greek tragedy and comedy.

The first 40-minute play, “Antigone Now,” was a modern adaptation of the Greek tragedy, “Antigone,” written by Sophocles. Directed by Hannah Beaulieu, the play opens in the city of Thebes at the end of a bloody

war.

Both of her brothers, Eteocles and Polyneices are dead, slayed in the battle against each other. Polyneices is left to rot in the street to the horror of Antigone, played by Kylee Charest. Her uncle Creon played by Brandon Bryant, the new king declares that no one shall bury the dead that fought against Thebes; if they do they will also be put to death.

Her older sister Ismene, played by Madison O’Brien, pleads with Antigone not to go against the law. However, Antigone chooses to disobey the man-made law and buries Polyneices at the cost of her life.

The second play, “The Frogs,” was also a modern adaptation of the



Antigone played by Kylee Charest stands in prison waiting for her execution. PHOTO PROVIDED

Greek play written by Aristophanes.

Jenna Knight and Ainsley Bertone directed the comedy, Dionysus, played by Marcus Allen is tired of the lack of talent on TV and decides to embark on a journey with his servant, Xanthias played by Tori Amsden, to Hades to resurrect the great playwright Shakespeare, played by Gabriel Freeman. To get directions he visits Hercules, played by Devin

Richey.

On the journey, Dionysus encounters a community of frogs that refuse to let him go to Hades because they like the reality TV shows and don’t want to change.

Poison dart tree frog was played by Jocelyn Hunt, Psychoactive Toad by Xandrea Luurtsema, Cane Toad played by Nik Jendrewski, Myasia Martin played Red-eyed Tree Frog and Harry Valentin played Dr. Tomato Frog as well as Hades.

In order to pacify the frogs, Xanthias makes a deal that instead of Shakespeare; Dionysus will resurrect Jane Austen, the woman that started reality TV.

Later in Hades, Jane Austen, played by Grace Guy and Ariel Day, and Shakespeare have a play duel over whom can create a better reality TV show, using the frogs as their actors.

Dionysus, Xanthias, Hades and Hades wife, Persephone played by Jenna Knight are the judges of the contest. Shakespeare wins, is resurrected and has his own HBO TV show.

Stage manager for the plays was



Dionysus, played by Marcus Allen is surrounded by frogs that are preventing him from resurrecting Shakespeare. PHOTO PROVIDED

Jasmine Eastman, lights were by Anthony Thibodeau and Velcea Kae, on sound were Ari Chisamore and Miranda Todt. Costumes were by teacher Rebecca Skrypeck, with assistance from Erin Demerchant and Dana Hoisington. Set design was by Mrs. Skrypeck, Barrett Skrypeck,

Kayla Hammond and Jasmine Eastman. Kayla Hammond designed the poster and program artwork.

Arts and theater are important to the community. Heed the words of Dionysus, “Get to the theater and see something that moves you, inspires you and makes you think.”

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## Fallon Vancor good role model

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - It is a pleasure to announce that Fallon Vancor has been named the October Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Fallon, a senior, is the daughter of Kevin and Gloria Vancor of Bellows Falls, Vermont.

Fallon has impressed her teachers with her willingness to get involved. She works hard in her classes and is eager to put in the extra time to do well. With an excellent attitude, Fallon always has a smile on her face. She is

a good role model who willingly helps other students or teachers. Genuinely kind and considerate, she encourages her teammates and classmates to do their best and is always supportive of others. On the field hockey field and in track, she is a model teammate who exemplifies excellent sportsmanship.

Fallon is active in the school community and outside the classroom. She gets involved, and does not wait to be asked. She is an active leader in class activities, and has served as captain for both the field hockey and

track teams. She is a great representative of BFUHS on the sports fields due to her sportsmanship and work ethic. She was a key part in winning state championships in both of these sports, as well.

Fallon is also active in the community by volunteering to help serve holiday dinners to the less fortunate and by having an after school job.

In all respects, Fallon serves as a positive representation of BFUHS, and we are proud to have her represent us with this award this month.



Fallon Vancor, Elks Oct. Student of the Month. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Congratulations to Israel Cavanagh

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Israel Cavanagh was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on November 5.

Israel, the daughter of Ginger Cavanagh and the late John Cavanagh, is a student at Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts.

She is a conscientious student

who is always prepared, participates in class discourse, and takes pride in her academic work.

Israel will complete her Associates Degree in Dance this semester, and she looks forward to transferring to a four-year institution to complete her Bachelor's Degree.

As she anxiously awaits responses from her dance auditions, her family and friends congratulate Israel on her accomplishments thus far, and wish her luck in all future endeavors.



Israel Cavanagh. PHOTO PROVIDED

### DOLLS

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the town of 6,000 benefit now from the Q'ewar project of doll making, felting, and sweater-making.

Teresa Saval is an early childhood educator. She suggests parental discretion for children under 12 years due to sensitive subject matter. Q'ewar dolls range in price from \$20 to \$100. Dolls will be available to buy on cash or check basis.

Saval's documentary runs 54 minutes. The show has a \$5 suggested donation.

### QUESTIONS

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she said was not done properly.

Wright asked that the board ratify the vote, but was told that couldn't be done unless there was a joint board meeting. Wright noted that the Vermont League of Cities and Towns has policies that cover how a board should handle an employee, covering documentation, reprimand, and conversations to repair and fix problems, and “none of those have been done by the board.”

However, there is a clause in the mutual agreement that each party agrees that with respect to all matters set forth and covered by this agreement, they shall not disparage or make negative statements about the other parties. For purposes of this section the term “disparage” means any comments or statements that would adversely affect in any manner the conduct of a party's employment or the business or personal reputation of any party.

Stearns left after the two boards commissioned a report on how he disposed of the debris from a covered bridge destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 and held executive sessions on the issue. The remains were owned by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, but some residents and officials felt Stearns should have notified them of what he was doing.

On a different note, Selectboard member Josh Hearne announced that he's done.

“Effective this evening, I am resigning from the Rockingham Selectboard,” he said.

Hearne said that the reason for his resignation is that he is moving to Grafton, and will no longer be a resident of Rockingham.

Hearne thanked the public for voting for him and stated that he has enjoyed his tenure on the board.

Hearne received a round of applause and the board thanked Hearne for his years of service. The Town of Rockingham is now taking applications to fill Hearne's seat until the town election in March 2017.

Hearne requested his last act on the board be to adjourn the meeting, which he did at 8:10 p.m.

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# Santa is coming to town —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Once again, Springfield On the Move and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce are bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to Springfield!

The annual family holiday program will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 2, at the SOM office at 6 Valley Street. Children will pick up their sticker maps and visit downtown businesses and organizations to get special treats and stickers to put on their map. When the map is full, children will return to the SOM office for their big goodie bags filled with surprises.

Caroling will begin in the People's United Bank parking lot on Main Street near Santa's House at 5 p.m. Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. to light the town's Christmas tree. He will then greet children who have been standing in line, talk with them, and give them his present! Santa will also be



Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to Springfield!

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available for a visit in the days leading up to Christmas. His schedule

will be posted when it is received from the North Pole.

# Westminster Center School receives grant

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Vermont Lottery and Vermont Agency of Education today announced Westminster Center School, in Westminster, Vermont, a K-6 public school, as the Fall 2016 winner of the Educate/Innovate Grant Program. This is the fourth round of a program that has awarded technology devices to a total

of four schools during the past two years.

The program, funded by the Vermont Lottery, will provide a cart of iPads to the school in support of their proposal, which describes a project called "Discover Westminster." Working with the Westminster Historical Society, the community and a local

author, the third and fourth graders will photograph various historical sites, interview community members and share their stories and visuals via a website devoted to the project. Students will seek old photographs, mementos and artifacts to paint a picture of Westminster through the ages. The project culminates in a presentation at Town Meeting Day in March 2017.

# AARP recognizes the BF Area Senior Center as the Vermont Host of The Year —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - AARP Driver Safety recently recognized the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center with the "Vermont Host of The Year 2016" Award for its outstanding support for over 20 years. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center supports AARP Driver Safety by collaborating with local volunteers to host its classroom-based driving refresher course, designed to help drivers age 50 and older stay safe and confident behind the wheel.

Nationwide, AARP Driver Safety volunteers work with more

than 18,000 local community organizations to offer more than 30,000 AARP Driver Safety courses each year.

Presenting the award is AARP Driver Safety Volunteer, Estelle Schwartz, accepting on behalf of the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is

Executive Director Teagen Kosut.

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Grafton and Windham voters sent a visual thank you to Iberdrola for honoring the voters NO decision.

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## Support Hearts of Hope

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Hearts of Hope 2016 is a project sponsored by Springfield Medical Care Systems and the Volunteers of Springfield Hospital. Please join us in remembering a loved one, a friend, a co-worker, or someone battling cancer with a personalized handmade ornament. When you make a contribution, an ornament will be placed on a holiday tree at Springfield Hospital.

All funds will go towards the purchase of items for the support and comfort of our patients at the Springfield Hospital Oncology Clinic.

The tree dedication ceremony will be on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Springfield Hospital, 25 Ridgewood Road. For all donations received by Nov. 30, the name of your honoree will be included in the program. You may also pick up your ornament(s) at the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the tree will be on display at Springfield Hospital

in the Level C Lobby just beyond the main entrance and the Information Desk. If you are unable to attend the dedication ceremony, you may stop by the hospital until Dec. 15 to pick up your ornament(s); or they will be mailed to you or your designee.

Contribution forms will also be available at the Information Desk and Oncology Clinic at Springfield Hospital, Rockingham Medical Group in Bellows Falls, Ludlow Health Center, Chester Health Center, Springfield Health Center, and Charlestown N.H. Family Medicine.

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The participating inns are: Echo Lake Inn, Ludlow; Andrie Rose Inn, Ludlow; Castle Hill Resort & Spa, Cavendish; Golden Stage Inn, Proctorsville; Inn at Weathersfield, Perkinsville; Inn Victoria, Chester; Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern, Chester; Inn at Weston, Weston; Blue Gentian Lodge, Londonderry; Grafton Inn, Grafton.

This is an opportunity to experience each inn's distinctive characteristics as well as sample the various delicious treats being served. Maple butternut squash bisque, braised pork butt, mini beef wellingtons, Saturday night chocolate cake, baked brie with homemade chutney, and mini crab cakes are just a few items on their menus.

Not only will you see each inn decorated specially for the holidays, but many will be hosting special events such as candle making and crafting paper ornaments. When you visit six inns you will be entered into a grand prize raffle for a free night in the inn of your choice.

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The Inndulgence Tour begins Saturday, Dec. 3 and continues Sunday, Dec. 4. Tour hours for both days are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Passports and maps are available for purchase at \$10 per person at any of the participating inns or at the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce office in Ludlow.

Visit [www.yourplaceinvermont.com/inndulgence](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/inndulgence) for more information on each inn.

# Shop local on small business Saturday

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Black Friday is just around the corner, don't forget about Small Business Saturday on November 26.

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce is partnering with local businesses to promote healthy commerce in our region.

The Springfield Co-op will be offering free food and beverage samples, and 20 percent off all non-sale gift items. The Gallery at the VAULT will be providing refreshments and will have many beautiful locally handmade items on sale. Dark Mountain Games

is doubling the redemption value of Dark Mountain Coins. And don't forget about Clever Cow Designs for all your promotional needs.

The EdgarMay is featuring some amazing one-day-only Give a Gift, Get a Gift specials. Tina's Hallmark Shop will be serving refreshments and offering a door prize. At Woodbury Florist, for every \$50 spent, you'll get a free Yankee Jar Candle.

Catch a flick at Springfield Cinemas 3 and buy one large popcorn, get one free! Jake's South Street Market will be running a raffle for a gift basket filled with wonderful Vermont

products. Route 106 Market and Deli will be offering double punches on their Grinder Club Cards. Youngs Furniture will be offering free coffee and cookies, and running storewide sales.

After all that shopping, you'll have worked up quite an appetite, so be sure to treat yourself to a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. Sheri's Place will be doing 10 percent off one entrée per check. The Hartness House Inn Tavern will be open from 5 – 9 p.m. serving fantastic farm to table food. Black Rock Steakhouse, with the purchase a \$100 gift card,

you will get a \$10 gift card free. Grab some local brews from Joe's Discount Beverage, open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Small Business Saturday.

After you've wine and dined, it wouldn't hurt to burn a few calories! Our favorite bowling alley is under new ownership, "Up your Alley" will be running Open Bowl from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Cosmic Bowling from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The holidays are a great time to support our local economy. Visit the Chamber's Facebook page and like our small business Saturday event to stay in the loop.

# Children's Apple Blossom Cotillion applications due Dec. 5

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Elementary school children in grades Kindergarten through 4th are invited to participate in the 61st annual Apple Blossom Cotillion, presented by Springfield Hospi-

tal and Springfield Medical Care Systems. These young performers, always a popular feature of the show, are introduced in couples, just like the high school participants and escorts, and they per-

form several singing and dancing numbers.

Children should apply in couples – a girl and her male escort – just like the high school participants. Submit a completed application by

the due date of December 5.

Obtain an application on the website [www.springfieldmed.org](http://www.springfieldmed.org), from the Springfield Hospital Development office, 802-885-7644, or [lkraft@springfieldmed.org](mailto:lkraft@springfieldmed.org).

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# Nepal: Medicine, Misery and Magic at OLLI

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Kathleen Fellows will present the next OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program on Tuesday November 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St.

Fellows is an English-trained

nurse, Canadian-educated midwife and clinical instructor for midwives, pilot and FAA certified aviation mechanic. She'll tell of her experiences then and when she returned to Nepal where she currently operates an NGO, Dharma Nepal Volunteers, and managing volunteers in

the Pokhara region of Nepal. She'll speak of the medical care system, or lack thereof, in Nepal. Through her photographs, we'll experience

the magic of Nepal in its incredibly beautiful country with delightful people. There is a small fee for admittance.

# I-91 bridge replacement

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Please be advised that starting beginning the week of November 28, 2016, the Vermont Agency of Transportation in conjunction with Reed & Reed, Inc. will begin the complete bridge replacement on the I-91 bridges in Rockingham. This

project has an anticipated completion date of May 18, 2020.

The work to be done over the next 4 to 6 weeks will have minor impact on traffic. We will keep the lines of communications open to inform you of the anticipated work schedule and how it will impact the traveling motorists.

It is anticipated that actual construction work on the bridge will begin spring 2017 however, the weather will play a large role in the date be it sooner or later.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the project may contact Stephanie Barrett, Public Relations Officer at 802-862-6085 or toll free at 866-602-6868. You may log on to <http://countonitinc.com/rockingham-vt-bridges-91/> for project information/updates.

If anyone would like to receive weekly updates via email they may email a request to [sbarrett@coib-sinc.com](mailto:sbarrett@coib-sinc.com) and reference Rockingham Bridges.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, Historian at Olive Branch Lodge #64 and a lifelong antiques dealer. He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

## Deer Hunting Memories —

It's that time of year when I look back on the days my father, my older brother Brian and I went deer hunting together. I was eight years old before I could join my father and Brian deer hunting.

My father began instructing me with guns when I was five years old. He always stressed safety. I remember my father telling me over and over, year after year, "It doesn't matter how big the finger is on the trigger. Once you pull the trigger, you can't put the bullet back in the cartridge. Make sure of your target before you fire and keep the muzzle down."

Hunting with my father and brother was exciting. We'd get up at four in the morning and have a big breakfast while the rest of the family slept. I remember bacon and eggs, toast and oatmeal. We always made fried egg sandwiches to take with us for lunch. My mother baked chocolate chip cookies the night before to take with us. My father always made a Thermos of coffee.

We'd sit around the kitchen table in our long johns, eating breakfast and planning the day. I was so excited that I slept little the night before.

We hunted a lot in Mount Holly. We'd get out of the Scout before the sun was up and quietly close the doors instead of slamming them shut so as not to announce our presence. We each had a pre-selected stand cleared out of leaves and twigs so we could move around a little. I saw many mornings 10 degrees above zero or colder. No matter how warm

you were dressed or how warm your boots were, sitting for hours, the cold would set in. It was nice to be able to get up and move around a little without making any noise. A hand-warmer was your best friend.

At noon we would meet back at the Scout to have our lunch and compare notes on what we'd seen. That's when my father would open the Thermos. I didn't like coffee but I happily drank some, as I was now one of the men.

My brother was very excitable and how he would curse. He'd seen a doe being followed by what he knew was a buck but never saw its head to see antlers. Another thing about Brian was he never fired just one shot. He always emptied his gun. My father got a deer every year for over 30 years and only fired but once. He drilled it into my head, "Make the first shot count." I guess Brian didn't learn that.

In those days you could only shoot one deer a year, be it archery season or rifle season. One archery season, when I was 14, I shot my first deer with a bow. It was a small deer about

70 pounds. When rifle season came I had to stay home while my father and Brian went hunting. I learned my lesson.

I was 12 years old and in the sixth grade at Chester Elementary School when I shot my first buck in rifle season. My father and Brian had already got their deer. It was in the afternoon of the last day when I got my deer. He was an eight-pointer and weighed 160 pounds. I shot him with my great-grandfather's single-shot 20-gauge shotgun using a slug at about 40 feet distant. It hit him so hard that it knocked him over. He never got up.

My classmate in the sixth grade, Kevin Gould, also got his first deer the last day of the season that year. Kevin's was a spike-horn weighing 114 pounds. The Gould family was well known for their hunting abilities.

I asked my father if I could have the head mounted. "No", he said, "We can't afford it. You can cut the antlers off and keep them as your trophy." That winter I saw an ad in the Outdoor Life magazine about a taxidermy course from the Northwest School of Taxidermy.

I sent my money and the first lesson soon arrived in the mail. They were instructions to mount birds. The second lesson came a few weeks later and were instructions to mount deer heads. Bud Nadeau took the course at the same time I did. I did mount a couple deer heads but preferred mounting birds. I wasn't that good at it but at least I learned how it was done.

This week's old saying, "You can't eat the horns so why bother?"



13 year old Ron Patch at Shrewsbury Peak bear hunting.

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## College of St. Joseph announces enhanced transfer agreements with CCV



College of St. Joseph and Community College of Vermont are working together. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CCV WEBSITE

RUTLAND, Vt. - While College of St. Joseph and CCV have had an articulation agreement in place since 2002, the updated 2+2 agreements allow students to graduate with an associate's degree from CCV in two years, before continuing on to CSJ to earn their bachelor's degree using CSJ's Guided Pathways Initiative.

The Guided Pathways provide incoming students with a road-map to completing their degree on time, listing the courses they should take and when.

Each institution brings something different for students to the table, said Dr. Jonas Prida, interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at CSJ.

"The College is able to provide clear paths to meaningful careers for students who have graduated from CCV," he said. "In turn, students from CCV bring their long-standing community ties to CSJ, as well as the unique skills made possible by their attendance at CCV."

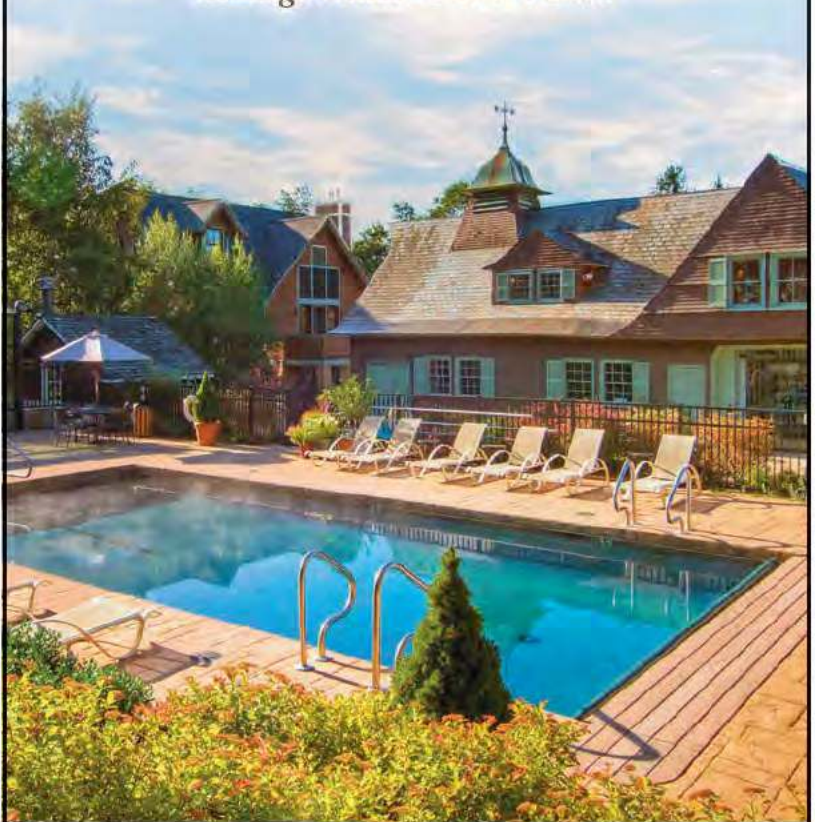
CSJ's bachelor's degree programs include Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Liberal Studies, Psychology, Radiologic Sciences, Health Sciences and more.

Applicants successfully completing the articulated associate's degree programs with a 2.0 or better grade point average are automatically accepted into a non-science bachelor's degree program at CSJ.

All CCV graduates who pursue full-time enrollment at CSJ automatically qualify for CSJ's Provider Scholarship Program, starting at \$15,000 per year for full-time residential students. The Provider Scholarship Program incorporates a commitment to academic curiosity, personal and professional growth and community engagement.

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OBITUARIES

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Sundays at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Maureen Lasell. Find us on Facebook (Third Congregational Church) or call 603-835-6358.

**ASCUTNEY, VT**  
**OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 168 CEMETERY RD.**  
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Fellowship meal at 12 p.m. Afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: obbcvt.org. Pastor Ralph Fryman at 603-293-3265

**BELLOWS FALLS, VT**  
**CURRIER HALL, 12 CHURCH ST.**  
Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The service may include: song, chant, instrumental music;

verbal and silent prayer; readings from the Old and New Testament; stories of Celtic saints; a brief meditation; social time follows the service.

**CHESTER, VT**  
**ST. LUKES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 313 MAIN ST.**  
Services are held Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday mid-week worship service and study beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

**FIRST UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF CHESTER, RTE. 103. 211 NORTH ST.**  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. between Sept. and June. Fellowship with refreshments follows the service. www.chestervtuu.org or 802-875-3257.

**GRAFTON, VT**  
**THE GRAFTON CHURCH (UCC AND ABC), 55 MAIN ST.**  
Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Reverend Christine Dyke welcomes everyone!

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Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. 802-228-4211 (Sandra Russo), Email: unitedchurch@tds.net. www.unitedchurch.us. Services by The Reverend Dr. Donald E. Harpster.

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Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship at 10:30 a.m., Singing at 10:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. www.ludlowbaptist.org or Pastor Tom Deibler at 802-228-2631

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Worship and Praise Service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship time and classes. 802-886-8107 or www.nsbcbvt.org. Call Pastor George Keeler at 802-886-2672.

**PRECISION VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 69 RTE. 106**  
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Obituaries

Ronald D. McGivern, 1946 – 2016

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Ronald D. McGivern, 70, of Picknell Road passed away unexpectedly November 14, 2016. Ron was born March 6, 1946 in Newport, Vt., the son of Harold and Hattie (Woodward) McGivern. On July 16, 1988 he married Dale (Kennett) Kingsbury. He worked as a cook at Rita's Coffee Shop in Bellows Falls for several years and he owned and operated, along with his wife, the BF Taxi in Bellows Falls for over 20 years. He enjoyed watching WWE, doing jigsaw puzzles, going fishing, and just being outside. He also enjoyed taking care of his beloved pets and being surrounded by friends and family, reminiscing about the good old days. He had a big heart and was always willing to help out.



Ronald D. McGivern, 1946 - 2016. PHOTO PROVIDED

He is survived by his wife Dale McGivern; his daughter Heaven; his sisters Pauline Bosley, Iris Tracy & husband Paul, and Gloria Jacobs; his brothers Robert McGivern & wife Christine and Reginald McGivern, Sr. & wife Sandra; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, his sisters Gertrude Abbott and Virginia Locke, and brothers Harold Jr. and Raymond McGivern.

There will be a celebration of Ron's life Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Bellows Falls, Vt.

David R. Quelch, 1937 – 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - David R. Quelch, 79, formerly of Bellows Falls died Wednesday, November 9, 2016. David was born in Leicester, VT on October 12, 1937, the son of Robert and Eleanor (Anderson) Quelch.

Mr. Quelch is survived by his step sons Dale and Steve Hall; his step daughter Catherine Laine & husband Sean; his cousin Maurice Quelch; step granddaughter Amanda; and his nieces Tammy Gould, Sheila Quelch, Sharon Snide, Robin Stankevich, Deanna Alexander, Kimberly

Lamoureux, Doreen Aldrich, and Melinda Cyr. He is predeceased by his parents, his wife Earlene Jeffs Quelch, and his brothers Gordon and Edward.

There will be calling hours 6:00

- 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 2 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be a graveside service 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 3 in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

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Martha Park Desrocher, 1939 – 2016

GRAFTON, Vt. - Martha Park Desrochers, 77, of Woodchuck Hill Road passed away Thursday, November 17, 2016. Martha was born in Grafton, Vt. on January 6, 1939, the daughter of Avery and Marion (Hall) Park. She was a 1957 graduate of Springfield High School and earned a bachelor degree from Keene Teachers College, graduating in 1961. On June 24, 1961 she married Richard Desrochers in St. Edmunds Church in Saxtons River, Vt.

She worked as an elementary school teacher for two years in Hancock, N.H. and 33 years for Bellows Falls Central Elementary School. Martha was a member of the Grafton Church, where she also served as janitor, and

enjoyed the Grafton Cornet Band. She also loved her horses and taking care of them.

Mrs. Desrochers is survived by her husband of 55 years Richard Desrochers; her brother Arthur H. Park of Grafton; Christy Boris & husband Michael who were like children to her; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

There will be a graveside service 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 27 in the Middletown Cemetery in Grafton, Vt. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Grafton Cornet Band, PO Box 82, Grafton, Vt. 05146.

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# arts & entertainment

## Christmas in Weston

WESTON, Vt. - December 3 at 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at The Vermont Country Store. A celebration of family fun bringing in the Holiday Season. It is a Weston tradition and has been selected as a 2016 "Top Ten

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## Beyond the unicorn Christmas craft fair

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Kick off your Christmas shopping at Springfield's version of a super mall with 98 vendors showcasing their unique and unusual creations at "The Beyond the Unicorn Christmas Craft Fair" at Riverside Middle School, Route 11 on Saturday, the 3rd day of December. The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and

will host a large array of artisans and crafters. 98 vendors are selected based on the diversity and quality of their creations. There will be Christmas decorations galore. Books available from local authors will include "19th Century Springfield," "A Touch of Springfield," plus thriller mysteries and children's books.

There will be face painting and gift-wrapping by Springfield High School students and "Clown Purple" will turn her balloons into adorable little creatures for the children. Outside you will find fresh balsam wreaths and a kettle corn popper will fill the air with the aroma of freshly popped corn! Continental breakfast and lunch are served by the Alumni chefs and two

raffles will be on-going throughout the day. Don't miss this opportunity to support local vendors and the Springfield High School Alumni Association with our largest fundraiser. This event helps to support our annual weekend activities as well as our scholarship funds. Contact Marie Gelineau at 885-3579 or [mgelineau@vermontel.net](mailto:mgelineau@vermontel.net)

## Holiday bazaar, Santa's workshop and Gingerbread contest

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Annual Holiday Bazaar held inside the gymnasium at the Flood Brook Union School on Friday, December 2 from

8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Craft holiday treasures in Santa's workshop. Gingerbread Contest. Santa visits 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Munch on treats. Shop arts, crafts,

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## Santa to light Springfield's town tree

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Once again, Springfield on the Move and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce are collaborating to bring the Holiday Program to downtown Springfield. The Chamber has invited Santa and Mrs. Claus to come to town, arranged for the tree, Santa's house, and caroling. The annual family holiday program will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 2, at the SOM office at 6 Valley Street. Children will pick up their sticker maps and visit downtown businesses and organizations

to get special treats and stickers to put on their maps. When maps are full, children will return to the SOM office for goodie bags filled with surprises. Caroling with the Springfield Community Band and the Springfield Holiday Community Chorus will begin in the People's United Bank parking lot on Main Street near Santa's House at 5 p.m. Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. to light the town's Christmas tree. He will then greet excited children in his special house.



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Performers of all ages participate in the play The Nutcracker. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# arts & entertainment

## Famed Williams Octet —

WESTON, Vt. - The Williams College Octet will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, in Weston's Old Parish Church as part of OPC's



Williams Octet to perform in Weston.

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## Hayley and Bud take the stage

CHESTER, Vt. - The Pizza Stone will be hot on Friday, December 2 when Hayley Jane, of Hayley Jane & The Primates, teams up with Bud of

the Kind Buds. The duo takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. for an acoustic evening of Grateful Dead, original music and other groovy tunes.



Bud and Hayley Jane will be performing at The Pizza Stone in Chester.

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"Hearts and Voices" performance series.

As they describe themselves, "The Williams College Octet is an all-male, Taylor Swift-approved, a-cappella group founded in 1940, making it one of the oldest collegiate a cappella groups in the country. Each year, the group performs two mid-semester and two final concerts, plus a few local events and several road trips to other schools." Expect a range from the traditional to the most contemporary, employing a variety of harmonic styles.

Patrons are asked to give a monetary donation, which will benefit three local food pantries.

Old Parish Church is located on Route 100, on the left as you enter Weston from the South. Check [www.oldparishchurch.org](http://www.oldparishchurch.org) or call Bob Brandt at 802-824-5486.

## Wendy Schwarz art exhibit

CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library, located on Main Street is pleased to present a multimedia exhibit of the work of Wendy Schwarz. Wendy Schwarz was born in Hamilton, N. Y. With a major in environmental and elementary education, art became a means of instruction during her teaching career, from creating fos-

sils, incentive t-shirts, and CO2 racers. She has created overlay maps of a wetland study for the city of Springfield, Massachusetts and commissioned work for a children's book cover and other fine arts projects.

Her work will be on display at the Library through December 30. Whiting Library call (802) 875-2277



A 2016 Wendy Schwarz painting.

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## The power of Yoga

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Kundalini Yoga is a powerful practice designed to give you an experience of mind, body, and soul connection. Participate on Thursday, Dec. 1

from 4 - 5 p.m. at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. Cindy Gogan, PhD, will demonstrate. Space is limited, so call 824-4343 if you would like to register. No charge to

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Springfield Cosmos: Top row L - R: Coach Lyndsie Perkins, Paige Congdon, Meranda Keough, Alli Worster, Ericka Schoff (C), Aunna Parker (C), Maddi Macie (C), Emilia Battista, Maddee Stagner, Coach Kelly DeAngelis Second row L-R: Sophia Gulick, Katie Worth, Makenna Goodrich, Katie Masure Third row L-R: Lucy Cutermarsh, Emily Therrien, Miranda Todd, Hailey Perham, Angelina Bigwood, Karlee Brown, Ashleay Wilcox.

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Fall Mountain: Front Row L - R: Co. Capt. Joslin Gilbo,, Co. Capt. Dana Dearborn. 2nd Row L - R: Ali Stoddart, Grace Bushway, Montana Robar, Alexis Parker, Maddie DiBernardo, Louise Groton, MaryBeth Groton. Back Row L - R: Ashley McNamara Athletic Trainer, Haley St. Pierre Assistant Coach, Ella Stewart, Maddie Parrott, Ali Monty, Zoey Luopa, Isabelle Lord, Sydnie Rogers, Ellen Beck, Amber Beliveau, Krysta Gay, Bruce Ferland Head Coach. (We apologize for the photo quality, this is what we were provided.)

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Congratulations to the Bellows Falls Terriers Football Team becoming our Fourth area State Championship Team in the fall of 2016. Look for their salute story from Bill Murphy in our Dec. 14 edition!

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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the article on the Springfield Cosmos Field Hockey championship has been postponed, and will be in the next publication on November 30. The Fall Mountain Girls Soccer and Bellows Falls Football stories will follow as listed below. Thank you for your understanding.

November 30 - Springfield Field Hockey  
December 7th - Fall Mountain Girls Soccer  
December 14 - Bellows Falls Football

## Basketball Hoop Shoot

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Elks Lodge #1619 will sponsor their annual Hoop Shoot at the Walpole Middle School gym, Walpole, N.H. on December 10. Registration for both boys and girls will begin at 1 p.m. The contest will consist of 25 Free Throws, starting at 1:15 p.m. The fun filled competition is open to all Boys and Girls (ages 8-13) as of April 1, 2017. If you already participated elsewhere, you cannot shoot at Walpole.

The boys as well as all the girls will shoot against each other in their own age division (8 & 9, 10 & 11, 12 & 13). All competitors are invited from; Charlestown, North Walpole, Alstead, Walpole, Kurn Hattan Homes, Westminster, Rockingham, Compass School, and Bellows Falls.

Questions contact ELK Directors; Ric Aumand or Smokey Aumand 802-463-4555.



The Bellows Falls Elks Lodge will host their annual Hoop Shoot.

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## Killington Resort has green light for upcoming Alpine World Cup Races

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Killington Resort, the largest four-season resort in Eastern North America, is pleased to have received a positive snow control announcement from FIS (International Ski Federation), the governing body of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup.

According to FIS: "This is to inform you that the Audi FIS Ski World Cup races in Killington (USA) are confirmed following the official snow control from today 17 November 2016. As scheduled, the races will take place on 26 - 27 November 2016."

With this announcement, Killington Resort can assure international race teams and ski racing fans traveling to central Vermont for Thanksgiving Weekend that both the Giant Slalom and Slalom races will take place as scheduled.

"This positive snow control news from FIS reinforces what we already knew - that Killington has ample snow on Superstar to host the world's fastest female ski racers, and our mountain operations team has the knowledge and horsepower to make more snow

in the early season than any other ski area in the country," says Mike Solimano, president and general manager of Killington Resort and Pico Mountain.

Killington Resort opened to the public for skiing and snowboarding on October 25, and plans to make snow across multiple mountain areas during the approaching week-long window of very cold weather. With snowmaking now mostly concluded on Superstar trail, the World Cup race venue, Killington snowmakers will work to add a training run for World Cup racers on Skye Lark while also connecting open ski terrain to K-1, Snowshed and Ramshead base areas for public use, and adding more beginner and intermediate terrain ahead of the holiday period.

"Killington has worked around the clock to ensure a successful return of the World Cup to the east for the first time in 25 years," said USSA Vice President, Events Calum Clark. "Killington and Powdr have been strong partners in this endeavor and we are looking forward to showcasing our sport in our largest membership region."

A full schedule of events at Killington Resort during World Cup Weekend including race start times, autograph signings, movie premiers and a free concert by O.A.R., plus information on many free parking and shuttle bus options is available at [www.killington.com/worldcup](http://www.killington.com/worldcup)

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Killington to host the Alpine World Cup race.

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# The EdgarMay Thanksgiving Day 5k

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will host its Annual Thanksgiving

Day 5k Road Race and Walk on November 24. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and the race starts at 9:00

a.m. Call 802-885-2568 to register, or visit [www.myreccenter.org](http://www.myreccenter.org)

This year there will be prizes for the family with the largest number of participants, and for both the most experienced and youngest walker or runner. The event is timed by Springfield High School's Cross Country program, which benefits from the races proceeds. Participants are also encouraged to bring food donations for the Springfield Family Center.

The 5K Fun Run and Walk will begin and end at Springfield Hospital. The route begins at the bottom of Ridgewood Road and turns onto Park Street, following Park Street to Union Street and Union Street to South Street. Participants turn around at Springfield High School and head back to Springfield Hospital. The course is flat.



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# Happy Safe cooking & travel tips as Thanksgiving approaches

REGION - Thanksgiving is almost here - a time when many people will travel home to visit loved ones and households will prepare the holiday feast.

"Cooking is the number one cause of home fires," said Lloyd Ziel, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer for the American Red Cross in New Hampshire and Vermont. "Thousands of people will travel over the holiday. We want people to stay safe and offer steps they can take to avoid a kitchen fire and reach their destination safely."

#### Cooking safety tips

- Don't wear loose clothing or leevies that dangle while cooking.
- If you are frying, grilling or broiling food, never leave it unattended - stay in the kitchen. If you just leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you're simmering, baking, roasting or broiling food, check it regularly.
- Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.

• Keep kids and pets away from the cooking area. Make them stay at least three feet away from the stove.

• Keep anything that can catch fire - pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains-away from your stove, oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.

• Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.

• Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen. Contact your local fire department to take training on the proper use of extinguishers.

• Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving the home to make sure all stoves, ovens, and small appliances are turned off.

• Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

#### Highway safety

• If driving, check the weather along your route and plan for travel around any storms that may be coming. Watch weather predictions for your

entire route so you know what to expect along the way.

• Buckle up, slow down, and don't drive impaired. Give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones.

• Be well rested and alert.

• Follow the rules of the road.

• Use caution in work zones.

• Observe speed limits - driving too fast or too slow can increase your chance of being in a collision. Don't follow another vehicle too closely.

• Make frequent stops. During long trips, rotate drivers. If you're too tired to drive, stop and get some rest.

• Clean your headlights, taillights, signal lights and windows to help you see, especially at night.

• Turn your headlights on as dusk approaches, or if you are using your windshield wipers due to inclement weather. Don't overdrive your headlights.

• If you have car trouble, pull off the road as far as possible.

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## Bring holiday cheer to loved ones behind bars

**REGION** - It's difficult – but not impossible – for the festive atmosphere associated with the holiday season to penetrate the walls of America's prisons and jails.

"Holidays are supposed to be a time for being with family and friends, along with being a time for reflection," says Christopher Zoukis ([www.ChristopherZoukis.com](http://www.ChristopherZoukis.com)), a prison-reform and inmate-education advocate who is serving time at Federal Correctional Institution Petersburg Medium in Virginia.

But behind those gleaming rows of razor wire, he says, there is no family

and reflecting often brings up feelings of failure. This can be doubly so for prisoners with children. Meanwhile, family members on the outside have their own stress and depression to cope with, and may feel guilt that they aren't doing enough for the inmate.

But be of good cheer. There are several ways family members can help both themselves and the family member behind bars cope for Thanksgiving and the Holiday seasons to come.

- Pay a visit. This not only provides that special, personal interaction, but gives loved ones a chance to hug, hold and simply be with each other during

the holidays when family and being thankful is most important.

- Write a letter. A family member who can't visit can still reach out with a heartfelt letter. "A letter can mean a lot to a prisoner and they'll most certainly re-read it over the next several months," Zoukis says. Any photographs included with the letter likely will make it to the inmate's locker door. If the inmate has children, they might consider writing their own letter or creating a drawing.
- Send money or a care package (when allowed). A check isn't as meaningful as a visit, but inmates can

always use extra money for purchases in the commissary or to put on their phone account. Many prison systems severely limit what they provide for free to indigent prisoners, so even \$25 or \$50 can make a real difference. In some prison system, family members can send care packages, either as a regular activity or sometimes just at the holidays. Check first with the prisoner's counselor.

So spend a little time this Thanksgiving, and the Christmas and New Year holidays as well, thinking about an incarcerated friend or family member.



**Pilgrimage**  
The Pilgrimage to Plymouth - Finding the First Thanksgiving.  
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## Top tips for holiday family road trips

**StatePoint** - The holiday season is one of the busiest travel times of the year, which means congested roads under potentially difficult driving conditions. To keep holiday road warriors comfortable and content on their drives, Autotrader editors offer some of their top holiday travel tips.

- **Tune up.** Do a quick check on the essentials before you head out. Check the wear and pressure on your tires, and be sure your fluids (oil, coolant and wiper fluid) are topped off. For do-it-yourselfers, you can perform these quick and easy inspections on your own. For added peace of mind, visit your local mechanic or dealership where you can have your car serviced by an accredited technician. Tending to potential issues proactively means you are more likely to avoid having to deal with them while you're on the road.
- **Avoid "are we there yet?"** Technology features like built-in screens and DVD players can be saviors on the road, but if your car doesn't

come equipped with these, consider bringing along a handheld device so kids can play games or watch videos. And if technology isn't your thing, remember that magnetized board games and word games can work just as well. You can also encourage kids to stay occupied by having them help you navigate and by playing DJ.

- **Have patience.** These days, your

car's navigation tools can offer realistic travel times, but be prepared for the unexpected. Inclement weather, traffic and bathroom requests can set you back. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.

- **Have fun!** Holiday road trips can be a great pastime for the whole family while creating wonderful memories. Enjoy the adventure of it!

To learn more, visit [Autotrader.com/HolidayDrivingTips](http://Autotrader.com/HolidayDrivingTips).

"Family time this holiday season starts the moment you hit the road," says Tara Trompeter, managing editor at Autotrader. "A little bit of planning ahead before you get on the road will go a long way toward filling the experience with more fun and laughter for everyone involved."

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## Pawliday pet supply drive



The "Pawliday" pet supply drive is collecting products for the Lucy McKenzie Humane Society for pets for Christmas.  
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LUDLOW, Vt. - The Fletcher Memorial Youth Library is excited to lend a hand to the community this season by organizing a "Pawliday" Pet Supply Drive. The drive, which started running Monday, November 21 and will continue through Friday, December 16, aims to collect

an array of pet products to help the four legged residents of the Lucy McKenzie Humane Society located in Windsor.

Items sought include: Dog and cat toys, pet food, cleaning supplies such

as bleach, paper towels and laundry detergent along with clean, gently used or new blankets and towels. All donations may be dropped off at the Fletcher Memorial Library during regular business hours.

## Weston's wonderful Christmas Bazaar is back!

WESTON, Vt. - While millions of Americans are cramming themselves into big box stores on the days following Thanksgiving, others will be enjoying a very different shopping experience: the Weston Christmas Bazaar, a Vermont village's answer to Black Friday. Think of it as Easy Friday and Small Business Saturday.

The 36th annual Christmas Bazaar will take place in the Weston Playhouse November 25 & 26. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and there is no admission charge.

This year more than fifty vendors

will be occupying booths throughout the Playhouse building. Almost all are local or regional artisans with crafts on display. Artisanal food vendors will be offering fancy baked goods as well as Vermont-produced maple syrup. A raffle with prizes to be won.

Shop till you drop? Not at the Christmas Bazaar. Book a chair-massage for revival (and maybe an acting lesson) from Weston Theatre favorite David Bonanno.

You'll find the Playhouse on the West side of Route 100 in the center of Weston Village.

## Advent retreat on Hildegard of Bingen

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Saint Hildegard (1098 - 1179 CE) was a German magistra or monastic leader, mystic, healer, artist, author, counselor, and composer of music. Recent interest in women in the medieval church has led to a popularization of Hildegard - and particularly of her music. Approximately eighty compositions survive. Hildegard also wrote books and articles on medical, botanical and geological subjects, and she

even invented an alternative alphabet.

Hildegard was a powerful woman by the standards of the Middle Ages. She counseled popes, statesmen, emperors, abbots and abbesses. She traveled widely, giving public speeches, a rarity for a woman of the time.

The weekend also includes a public concert of Hildegard's music on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Advent retreat December 9 - 11. Bed and breakfast accommodation (or commuter option), all meals and tuition are included in registration costs. To register, please call 802-460-0110 or visit www.immanuel-retreat.org.

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**TUESDAYS -** WOODSTOCK, Vt. – The Freelance Family Singers of Woodstock will begin practicing for their Dec. 3 and 4 holiday concerts. The weekly Tuesday rehearsals are held at Woodstock's First Congregational Church, 36 Elm St., from 7 to 9 p.m. All ages may participate and there are no auditions. There is a small participation fee, with scholarships available.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main Street from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive through. Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President, Tesha Buss at teshabuss@gmail.com

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EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23-** WINDSOR, Vt. - The Mt. Ascutney Hospital Auxiliary is having a Thanksgiving Bake Sale held at the American Legion Hall on State Street in Windsor, Vt. from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 26-** WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The First Congregational Church of Westminster Women's Fellowship will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. At 11:00 a.m. Santa will visit! Children of all ages are invited to do a craft project and take a photos with Santa. The Christmas Café will be open from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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out from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. for the annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Town Hall. A portion of the day's proceeds will also benefit 'Operation Christmas,' a local mission project of Asbury United Methodist Church. Stop by the 'Christmas Cafe' in the annex and sample some delicious food The Town Hall is located across from the Post Office on Route 63 (off of Route 9) between Keene and Brattleboro.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 1-** LUDLOW, Vt. - The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library and the Book Nook will team to host a "Book Tasting" event at 6:30 p.m. at the Book Nook in Ludlow. In a book tasting, books are a restaurant experience, but instead of serving food, attendees sample different types of books to decide if they'd like to read them. The books are grouped in different types like a restaurant menu, from light starters, to more meaty dishes and sweet endings. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

RUTLAND, Vt.- RSVP Operation Dolls & More Project will hold its annual event on Thursday, December 1 at the Trinity Church on West Street from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. This project provides families and children holiday support. All volunteer driven and serving 55 non-profit organizations. Please visit the display and let is dazzle you!

**FRIDAY, DEC. 2-** ALSTEAD, N.H. - Tree lighting ceremony on the Millot Green in Alstead. Christmas Carols led by area students. Santa will arrive by fire truck to light the tree and share a treat with every child. Horse drawn wagon ride, free snack and hot drinks. Event starts at 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 3-** BROWNSVILLE, Vt. - Bazaar will start at 9 a.m. until 2:00 at the West Windsor Town Hall (Route 44 & Brownsville Hartland Rd.) At 11 a.m., the ladies of the

United Methodist Women's group will be offering a delicious lunch. A fine group of artisans and crafters will be selling their wares. Rev. William (Bill) Sheldon, retired pastor of the Brownsville Community Church, will be on hand signing copies of his new book, "Flap of His Sandals."

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join us at 2:00 P.M. at the Bellows Falls Opera House for DreamWorks KUNG FU PANDA 3. Refreshments served in the lower theater room following the arrival of Santa at 3:45 p.m. Admission sponsored by the Bellows Falls Rotary Club Refreshments sponsored by the Bellows Falls Woman's Club and Bellows Falls Emblem Club. Candy courtesy of Mr. G's

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**SUNDAY, DEC. 4-** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - An annual event for all Elks Lodges in the country is a memorial service for their Absent Members. Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 service at 12 p.m. at their lodge on Park Street. This service takes about twenty minutes and it honors all deceased members of Springfield Lodge.

WSETMINSTER, Vt. -On 4-5:30 p.m. the Westmoreland Town Band will present a Christmas Musical Extravaganza at the First Congregational Church, 3470 Route 5. A selection of Christmas music will be performed upstairs in the church. After the concert refreshments will be served and there will be a chance to meet Santa, the band, purchase a cd and visit with friends and neighbors.

**MONDAY, DEC. 5-** LUDLOW, Vt. - Give the gift of life this holiday season. Walk-in or for an appointment please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Ludlow Community Center at 37 Main Street. 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 10-** LUDLOW, Vt. - Holiday on Main Street starting at 4:30 p.m. Businesses will be competing for best decorated business in town! Need a last minute gift? Many businesses will be open late including a gift-wrapping station for charity. A Magic Show, music, hot chocolate and cookies courtesy of local businesses. Santa Claus and his Elves will be visiting at Veteran's Park. Children will receive a small gift from Santa. A photographer will be available. Please visit our Facebook page @holidayonmainstreet.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 11-** PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Candlelight Christmas in the village, at 5 p.m. An evening of holiday

TOWN OF ANDOVER  
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The Town of Andover is seeking bids for the demolition, disposal and subsequent sitework of a FEMA-buyout property.

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Bids will be received until December 12, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened at the Select Board Meeting on December 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Office.

The Town of Andover reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover this 18th day of November, 2016.

Jeanette Haight  
Town Clerk

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COALITION (BRACC)  
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Energetic self-starter, creative, with follow through to implement programs that further organizational goals. Grant writing desirable.

For details contact Black River Area Community Coalition, PO Box 197, Ludlow, VT 05149, Bracc7878@yahoo.com

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF  
NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE DISTRICT

Notice is herby given that a continuance of the previous hearing will be held at the North Walpole Village Hall, 70 Church St. at 7:00 p.m. on December 1, 2016 concerning a request by DCR Real Estate, 10 LenTex Land, North Walpole, NH for appeal from administrative decision RSA 674:33 concerning article VI of the zoning ordinance.

Applicant proposes that the proposed use of the subject property is not permitted under Article VI of the zoning ordinance on the property located at 8 Len-Text Lane, North Walpole, NH in the industrial zone.

Signed: Shane Lake, Chairperson  
North Walpole Village District  
Zoning Board of Adjustment

NOTICE OF VACANCY  
TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
ROCKINGHAM SELECTBOARD


The Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, hereby gives notice of vacancy on the Selectboard due to the resignation of an elected member.

Any Rockingham resident interested in this position should submit a letter of interest to:

Shane O'Keefe,  
Interim Municipal Manager,  
P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101,  
email to manager@rockbf.org  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
Estate of Robert E. Pelkey  
Parcel #565050

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes and water/sewer fees assessed by the Town for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Edward P. Pelkey (now deceased), Hazel S. Pelkey (now deceased) and Robert E. Pelkey (now deceased) by Warranty Deed of Edward P. Pelkey and Hazel S. Pelkey dated September 14, 1999 and Recorded in Book 84, Page 239 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 14th day of December, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 10th day of November, 2016.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Pisha  
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE  
Dylan J. Graves  
Parcel # 262037.300

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Dylan J. Graves by Warranty Deed of Jean-Pierre Poncelet and Yvette Poncelet dated June 20, 2014 and Recorded in Book 154, Page 198 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 14th day of December, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 10th day of November, 2016.

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### THURSDAYS-

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**MONDAYS -** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is an mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges

regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1 - 2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit [www.namivt.org](http://www.namivt.org).

### FIRST TUESDAY -

WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill is Proud to Announce our New Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. From 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Dr. (off Rte. 5).

### SECOND TUESDAY -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. FREE. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email [cht@springfieldmed.org](mailto:cht@springfieldmed.org)

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY -** LUDLOW, Vt. - Wit's End

Support Group for family members of a person struggling with addiction. Fletcher Memorial Library at 6 p.m. For more info call BRACC 802-228-7878.

### WEDNESDAYS -

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

### THURSDAYS -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at: 802-289-1982.

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## Sanders announces annual State of the Union essay contest

**REGION -** U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders launched his seventh annual State of the Union essay contest Tuesday, calling on Vermont's high school students to address what they view as the major issues facing the United States.

Last year, nearly 800 students from 39 Vermont high schools wrote essays detailing their own view of the "state of the union."

The U.S. Constitution calls for the president to "give to the Congress information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient." Sanders is again asking Vermont's high school students to consider writing an essay of 250 to 500 words detailing their own view of the state of the union.

The essay contest is an opportunity for Vermont high school students to articulate what issues they would prioritize if they were president. A panel of Vermont teachers will judge the essays and select a winner. The finalists will have their es-

says entered into the Congressional Record -- the official archive of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Sanders will also hold a roundtable discussion with the finalists.

"Our students are the future of our country -- and they must be involved in the discussion about where our country needs to go. This is a great opportunity for students to articulate their views and concerns," said Sanders, who serves on the Senate education committee.

Since Sanders' State of the Union essay contest was first held, roughly 2,400 students from schools throughout Vermont have written essays on topics such as the declining middle class, climate change, health care reform, the rising cost of a college education, and many other issues.

The deadline for student essay submissions is Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017. More information can be found on the senator's webpage at <http://www.sanders.senate.gov/stateoftheunion/> or by calling (800) 339-9834.

## Rutland refugees

**RUTLAND, Vt. -** RRISPNet is to keep service providers informed about refugee and im-

migrant activities and arrivals, members networking and exchange of information and support the refugee resettlement activities. Training on specific topic of interest to this group is also offered as needed.

For the inaugural meeting, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), will provide an overview of their services to refugees and Discussion on the timing and content of future meetings, training needs, and resources available, and how this networking group can best support your work in providing services to a new population of refugees, and a diverse population.

Martha Friedman will hold the initial Refugee Health Committee (RHC). The Refugee Health Committee is an opportunity for providers from a variety of health professions to collaborate on refugee health needs. If you work in a health-related field, you are welcome to join the RHC.

It is not expected that refugees will arrive in Rutland before December. In the meantime, USCRI is busy looking for space, finalizing a grant agreement, case management and employment and English language training to new arrivals, contacting future partners and hiring employees to support the program.

The first RRISPNet meeting is on November 30, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Refugee Health Coordinator Martha Friedman will hold the initial Refugee Health Committee (RHC) in the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library.

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outdoor news

Muzzleloader antlerless permits are mailed

REGION – Antlerless permits for Vermont’s muzzleloader deer season were mailed to recipients on November 14, according to the Fish & Wildlife Department.

Antlerless deer permits are allocated in 16 of Vermont’s 21 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) for the December 3-11 muzzleloader season, which is expected to result in an estimated 2,700 antlerless deer being taken.

“The number of muzzleloader season antlerless deer permits was increased to account for the expected increase in the deer population following the exceptionally mild winter of 2016,” said Nick Fortin, deer project leader for the Fish & Wildlife Department. “The permit allocation is intended to allow moderate population growth in most of the state while stabilizing or reducing deer densities in a few areas.”

Hunter success with muzzleloader antlerless permits typically ranges from 10 to 35 percent depending on WMU. WMU-specific success rates are taken into consideration each year when issuing antler-

less permits in order to better manage the harvest of antlerless deer.

Some unallocated antlerless permits are still available for WMUs A, K and N on Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s website [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

Hunters receiving permits as lottery or landowner applicants are also listed on Fish & Wildlife’s website.



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