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## Santa Express rides in to the North Pole

BY SHAWN TAE 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 SHAWN TAE 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

PHOTO BY SHAWN TAE STILLWELL

"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)

## Do you want to go solar? —

BY PADRAIC SCANLON

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - SunCommon will be teaming up with The Good Commons Community Solar Project to discuss changing regulations for outfitting a home to use solar energy.

The public informational meeting will be at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at the Pot Belly Pub in Ludlow.

The meeting was originally supposed to take place at the Ludlow Community Center on Dec. 5, but due to certain incentives awarded to people for switching to solar expiring in December, SunCommon and Good Commons wanted people to have a chance to get grandfathered in on the incentives.

The meeting will be moderated by Becca White, a Solar Community organizer for SunCommon, a community outreach group for the solar community, and Tesha Buss, owner of Good Commons, along with the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce.



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Lunch will be served during the meeting, and all are welcome, whether someone is ready to switch their house to solar or are just interested in getting information. White said that all things solar will be discussed.

"It's exciting to have both (energy) options available," White said. Both companies want to promote a viable alternative for energy, along with letting the public know of the great incentives.

## Veteran's Day Assembly feted in Black River's Presidential Hall —

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Veteran's Day Assembly at Black River High School brought hundreds of students and members of the community to Presidential Hall recently to honor military veterans.

Students from Mount Holly Elementary, Cavendish Elementary, Ludlow Elementary, and Black River Middle and High School attended the ceremony, and several students honored those who have served their country.

Historically, Veteran's Day was called Armistice Day and served to

commemorate the truce made between the Allies and Germany on Nov. 11, 1918, following the end of World War I. In 1954, the name of the holiday was changed to Veterans' Day to honor all men and women who are serving or have served our country in any

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## New fire and rescue vehicle for Windsor

BY WILL COLEMAN

The Vermont Journal

WINDSOR, Vt. - The Windsor Fire Department has recently gained a new tactical vehicle to help fight fires and rescue crash victims.

Tac-22 is its radio ID, since each emergency response vehicle is given an identifier so communications during an emergency can easily and accurately identify a dispatched vehicle and all its associated equipment and capabilities.

In this case, Tac-22 has one side equipped to respond to fight forest fires and the other set up to respond to vehicular extractions.

Windsor Fire Chief Kevin McAllister explained that the vehicle was obtained by using Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement money from Tropical Storm Irene. It was originally designed as a brush truck.

While visiting the facility in Florida where the vehicle was being assembled, it became evident that using it just for forest fire response was overkill, and the chief decided to have it outfitted for vehicle crash entrapment extrication.

The driver's side compartments are filled with portable air tanks called Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or SCBA, rakes, shovels and other gear necessary to create fire breaks. The bed con-



Windsor has a new fire and rescue truck.

PHOTO BY WILL COLEMAN

tains a reservoir and a pump which can draw either from the reservoir or from a secondary source such as a pond. There are compartments for extension ladders and additional fire hose.

The passenger side contains hydraulic equipment used in vehicular extractions such as wedges, the Hurst Jaws of Life extraction tool, air bags, cribbing, ropes and some hazmat cleanup supplies.

Chief McAllister describes the Tac-22 as a crucial piece of equipment for the emergency response team.

Next, McAllister is working on a proposal to retire two pieces of apparatus from 1991, and replace them with a new piece that will consolidate their capabilities. He explained that advancements in technology have reduced the size of equipment.

By consolidating vehicles, they reduce upfront as well as maintenance costs.

The Windsor Fire Department serves the town of Windsor, and provides emergency medical services for Windsor, West Windsor, and Hartland, and Cornish and Plainfield, NH.

Additionally, they share reciprocity agreements with towns as far away as Hanover, NH.

The department has both part-time and full-time personnel, staffing the station 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Windsor Ambulance is staffed by certified paramedics, bringing advanced medical care to the citizens in the service region.

The department responds to almost 2,000 calls for service every year, the chief said.

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# Big Eyes Bakery is a comfortable place at 126 Main St.

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – Big Eyes Bakery has finished settling into a homey new location at 126 Main St., behind Engel and Volker Real Estate.

They now enjoy a spacious kitchen, cafe/dining area, and window seating.

Brigid Faenza, chef and baker, said the new location feels like home and puts customers in a bright and cheerful mood.

“A lot of people feel like they’re in their own kitchen, and everyone loves the aroma when they walk in the door,” she said.

This new location not only pro-

vides the opportunity to sit down and relax with a cup of coffee, lunch, or a pastry, which are all made from scratch, but there’s also great parking, and it’s in the middle of downtown Ludlow.

Visitors say they love the homey feel and firsthand knowledge, imparted by Brigid Faenza’s “tour guide” knowledge of the plethora of things to do and places to go while they’re visiting Vermont.

In the past two years, the bakery’s reputation and selection has grown. The most recent addition to their menu, by customer request, is baked donuts.

In fact, many of their specialty items have been customer requests

over the years, and owners Brigid and Paul Faenza are welcoming of new ideas from their customers.

The bakery offers coffee from the Mountain Grove Coffee Company, a family-owned coffee roaster in White River Junction. They offer five varieties of coffee, with seasonal specials, and also water, hot chocolate, tea, and juice.

With muffins in three flavors, Morning Glory, Apple Cider, and Blueberry, and four different breads, Vermont Honey Wheat, Italian, Finnish Coffee Special Pulla, and Dinner Rolls, how could you go wrong?

The bakery keeps its cases well-stocked with eight different pies, apple, apple crumb, blueberry, strawberry rhubarb, and their seasonal specials, pumpkin, pecan, and mince. They also make lemon cheesecake, with their own raspberry sauce, cannoli, and seasonal cookies.

This season, the bakery offers seasonally flavored soup during the week, and mouth-watering sausage rolls every day. For other lunch specials, they offer mini quiche in eight varieties, made daily, and chicken pot pie, but only on the weekend or by special order.

Big Eyes Bakery also bakes cakes, including carrot cake, Guinness chocolate cake, spice cake, and special occasion cakes.

The bakery welcomes custom orders for anything on the menu, especially around the holidays, Brigid Faenza said.

The bakery is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and customers are welcome to stop by all day long for coffee, meals, or snacks on their way through town.

Paul Faenza said the bakery is a social gathering spot.



Brigid Faenza of Big Eyes Bakery making pies for the holiday. PHOTO BY AIYANA FORTIN

to talk to everybody. Every now and then we get to sit down and chat and have a good laugh. We love to hear that people enjoyed themselves and our products.”

Feel free to stop in and post a review on TripAdvisor, Yelp, or Facebook, he said.

For photos of everything Big Eyes Bakery has made and a complete menu, visit [www.bigeyesbakery.com](http://www.bigeyesbakery.com), or visit their Facebook page @ LUDLOWBAKERY. Call the bakery at 228-2400.

Big Eyes Bakery is looking forward to participating in Holiday on Main Street in Ludlow on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m., and Paul Faenza will present a magic show for kids.

Santa Claus will be arriving at 5:30 p.m. at the Gazebo in Ludlow.

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### Donating to the Cavendish Library

The Fletcher Farm Foundation's President Steve Birge presented a check to Robert Evans in the amount of \$5000 for the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library. The presentation took place at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in November. Pictured from left to right are George Thomson FFF Board member, Bob Evens FFF Board Member, Steve Birge and FFF Executive Director Doug LeMire.

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## Holiday Food Applications are due

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Good Neighbor Services has announced that they are accepting applications for the 2016 Holiday food basket program. They ask that completed applications be submitted by December 1, 2016.

Food Program Administrator Krey Kellington and the entire BRGNS staff are eager to see that no person or family goes without food, and no child goes without a gift to unwrap during the holidays.

“Last year a lot of area families received food through our Holiday Program and we believe that the number will probably increase again this year. Even though the economy has significantly improved, there are still too many unemployed and underemployed individuals who need our help. There are also far too many seniors

trying to live on far too little income. We want to make the holiday season a little brighter for all of them,” said Kellington.

Qualified individuals and families living in Ludlow, Proctorsville, Cavendish, Mount Holly, Belmont or Plymouth need only stop by Black River Good Neighbor's Food Shelf and Thrift Store at 37B Main Street in Ludlow to pick up an application, or can download the application from the BRGNS website, [www.brgns.org](http://www.brgns.org). If you don't know if you qualify but think that you do, please call 228-3663 to find out.

Even if a family or an individual received a food basket in past years, they must complete a new application this year. Those people who are unable to get to the store may call 228-3663 for assistance.

### VETERANS

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conflict. Traditionally, we have honored soldiers and veterans with a color guard ceremony that represents all branches of the military at the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

This program began with the Black River High School/Middle School Band's performance of “Land of Liberty,” directed by Katherine Herrle.

The Ballard-Hobart American Legion Family Post #36 Color Guard followed, and Mount Holly Elementary School and Cavendish

Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Black River High School/Middle School Chorus, also directed by Katherine Herrle, performed an incredible sopranos, altos, and basses arrangement of “The Star Spangled Banner.”

Past Legion Commander Ned Bowen, who served in the U.S. Coast Guard, presented the POW/MIA

Service to commemorate those who remain unaccounted for.

The Black River AP English Class presented their research honoring veterans, from the Ludlow area, who fought and died in WWII. Each student researched two of 17 names listed on a plaque located on the second floor of Black River High School/Middle School, and has worked relentlessly over the past two months to research the lives and family of these veterans in great depth.

The AP English Class took advantage of resources of Black River Academy Museum, Ludlow Town Hall, Fletcher Memorial Library, Pleasant View Cemetery, family connections, and did Internet research about their military enlistment and service records.

This unique presentation honored the men who served their country and paid tribute to their families.

Ludlow Elementary School and Mount Holly Elementary School's first and second grades performed “You're a Grand Old Flag,” accompanied by Elementary Music teacher Claudia Pawlikowski.

The Black River National Honor Society presented “Betcha Didn't Know,” a collection of little known and surprising facts about Veteran's Day.

This was followed by the Ludlow Elementary School Chorus's performance of “God

Bless the USA,” also accompanied by Claudia Pawlikowski.

The third grade at Ludlow Elementary School presented the “Military Bill of Rights,” and the fourth grade presented their own special “Thank You!” to our veterans, both those in the room and across the country.

The Black River Art Department created flags to represent each branch of the military. Deb Tiernan presented the meaning of the emblem on each flag.

The Air Force was represented by Bill Schmidt, the Army by Dave Steeves, Coast Guard by Ned Bowen, Marines by Dave Montressi, and Navy by Charlie Holden.

The presentation concluded with “Let There Be Peace on Earth” by Vince Gill and a second performance by the Black River Band.

Andrea Sanford, organizer of this event, said she wanted to thank everyone for their contributions to this program: The Ballard-Hobart American Legion family, Ned Bowen, Marcia Dockum, Aiyana Fortin, Hailey Gates, Abi Karner, LPCTV, Bailey Matteson, the maintenance crew, Deb Tiernan, and all of Ludlow's sons and daughters who have served their country.

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# Act 46 Study Committee agrees merger is advisable

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - At their meeting at the Flood Brook School in Londonderry on November 14, the Act 46 Northshire Merger Study Committee unanimously voted that it was advisable for the towns of Londonderry, Weston, Landgrove, Peru, Manchester, Dorset, Danby, Mt Tabor and Sunderland to merge into a single district governed by one school board with a single budget and tax rate.

The committee was appointed by local school boards in the spring and has worked throughout the summer and fall to draft a merger plan. The new Taconic and Green School District would operate the current K-8 schools in Londonderry, Manchester and Dorset, and the elementary schools in Danby and Sunderland. Since none of the current districts operate a high school, all 9-12 students in the merged district would

continue to have high school choice. The new district would remain in the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union.

The committee will now send its study report, which details the merger proposal, to the Agency of Education and State Board of Education in hopes that the state board will act on it at its December 20 meeting.

Chair of the 17-member committee Jon Wilson was pleased with the result of the advisability vote: "For a committee of this size, that represents a variety of communities, to vote unanimously is a testament to its confidence in our proposed merger. The committee has explored every imaginable benefit and implication of merging. While this has been an exhausting process, we have the peace of mind that it has been a fruitful one. With the help of the excellent

Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union office and consultant, this committee has produced a proposed governance structure that we believe would lead to sustainable innovation in our school system for generations to come."

The merger committee will not meet again until early January. In the meantime, some of its members will develop community engagement strategies in anticipation of educating residents on a vote likely to occur next Town Meeting day.

To this point, Vice-Chair Rich Grip said, "Now that we have determined merger is advisable and have justified our reasoning with our report, we will move into the next phase of our work which is educating the public on what precisely it is voting on."

## 410 visitors Model Engineering show



94 students attended the show. PHOTO PROVIDED

WINDSOR, Vt. - Thank you for a great Model Engineering show! We are very grateful to all the people who made this annual event a great success.

First our sponsors: The Town of Windsor, Windsor Improvement Corp, Mascoma Savings Bank, Windsor Mansion Inn, Blood's Ca-

tering, L.F. Trottier & Sons and Cota & Cota and many generous individuals.

This year we welcomed over 40 modelers, makers and presenters and 410 visitors including 94 students. More than 15 volunteers plus the Windsor football team helped make it all happen!

## Cavendish calendar

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's 2017 Cavendish calendar is now on sale, just in time for the holidays. CCCA selected the pictures that grace each month from their annual calendar photography contest in which entrants submit photos during the spring.

The 2017 calendars are on sale now at Crow's Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville, at Jill's Place in Cavendish Village, at the Village Clipper on Main Street in Proctorsville, and at Singleton's Market in Proctorsville. For additional information please call Cheryl Leiner at (802) 226-7820.



## Donating to Chester Legion

The Chester Car Club gave a donation of \$300 to the Chester American Legion. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

## Stuff-A-Bus to benefit local food shelf

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Good Neighbor Services has announced that it will hold its annual "Stuff-A-Bus" food drive on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Shaw's Market parking lot in Ludlow.

BRGNS employees and volunteers are very busy at this time of year as they prepare to deliver gifts and a full holiday dinner to those in need. Over one hundred

families will be helped this holiday season.

At the Stuff-a-Bus, food shelf volunteers will hand out holiday dinner menus and will ask shoppers to help with the foods most needed: canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pickles, olives, mac & cheese, hot chocolate, cookies, tea, cereal, candy, canned carrots, peas, green beans and corn, gravy, stuffing, soup and coffee.

Donations of money are always

welcome and greatly appreciated since much food will still need to be purchased.

Volunteers are needed to sort the food as it comes in, and countless other tasks are required to make sure that the Holiday boxes find their way to everyone who needs help. Please call Krey or Audrey at BRGNS' Food Shelf, 228-3663 or visit 37B Main Street to ask how you can get involved.

## Farm to School Program

CHESTER/ANDOVER, Vt. - Chester Andover Elementary School is always expanding Farm to School Program. We are purchasing local organic fruits and vegetables on a weekly basis and have been for some time now. We have been purchasing from Windham Farm and Food. We are purchasing apples, potatoes, Squash, kale, and some wonderful greens. We have showcased both Sweet Potatoes and fresh Kale in our Harvest of The Month taste test. The children loved both recipes!

We fed over 80 parents and over 140 children at our annual Turkey Dinner. There was music playing and everyone had a wonderful time.

I would like to remind everyone we still offer a great Breakfast every morning from 7 - 8 a.m. The menu changes daily and is quite extensive. The cost is \$1.50 and free for our students that qualify for free or reduced meals.

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# Inndulge for the holidays

**BY BRANDY TODT**  
*The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*

**REGION** – Take two days and travel to 10 Vermont country inns on the Inndulgence Tour passport.

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.

Skip the customs forms, airports, and security checks, and instead inndulge in two days of self-guided tours through the beautiful Okemo Valley region.

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 Cinema 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 Hospital 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 perform 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).

# 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

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 roadmap 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 longstanding 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

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

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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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Displaying a handmade Christmas wreath and faces beaming with holiday delight, pictured left to right, are Sebastian Lennon, Dylan Skandera and Kevin Delkab. PHOTO PROVIDED

## 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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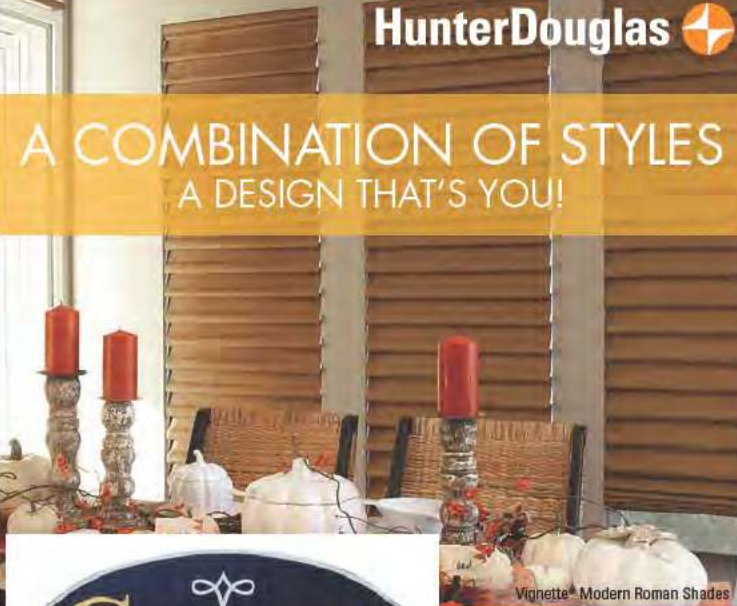
Go to the Claremont Opera House to see Stardancer Studios version of The Nutcracker. PHOTO PROVIDED

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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



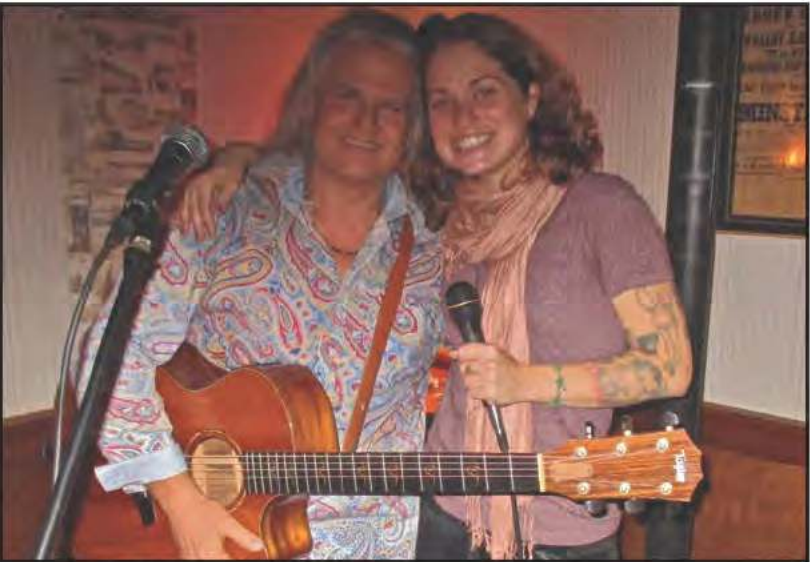
Williams Octet to perform in Weston.

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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

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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.

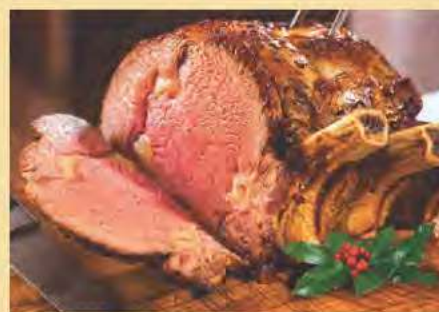
- Make frequent stops. During long trips, rotate drivers. If you're too tired to drive, stop and get some rest.

- 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 with 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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Holiday on Main Street in Ludlow, Vt.

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## Candlelight Christmas

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Candlelight Christmas in the village, Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. An evening of holiday music at the Com-

munity Church on Route 106 in the Village. The program will include readings, music, choirs, and plenty of congregation participation.

## 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

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## Advent retreat on Hildegard of Bingen

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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](http://www.immanuel-retreat.org).

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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.

CHESTERFIELD, N.H. - Come

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

READING, Vt. - Sponsored by Reading Historical Society find the perfect gifts for the people on your holiday shopping list. 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Support local artists, craftspeople and businesses. Free admission. Robinson Hall on Route 106.

**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

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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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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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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. HCERS, 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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