



## Happy Holidays!!!

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Bethel Courier Online. I would like to start out by thanking all of the people who have made submissions to this month's issue.

We have some great items in this edition. Besides the usual club and organization announcement, we have "News Around Town" about a new business in town and a book signing by a local author, and a business taking advantage of our FREE advertisement section for members of the Bethel Business Association. We also have a small topical piece by Jamal Kheiry on holiday diversity that you should find interesting.

### I'd love to get more submissions from:

- the Bethel schools and school board
- the town hall committee,
- the various churches having bingo, dinners, special services, etc.
- the fraternal organizations such as the Masons & Knights of Columbus
- local restaurants with their weekly specials
- local businesses with special events, announcements
- a summary of important Selectboard decisions and similar reports from other town committees
- any other clubs, groups, organizations, businesses or individuals doing things they think their neighbors might want to know about.

**The submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please consider sending something in.**

I would also like to encourage more of our citizens and friends to sign up to receive the newsletter electronically. To do so, just drop me an email at: [Laurelin@sover.net](mailto:Laurelin@sover.net)

- Kirk White

## Organization News:

### Rotary Club Calendar

#### **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Monthly club assembly (business meeting) but we always have a great meal!

#### **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Fruit deliveries for those who ordered oranges, grapefruits and/or pecans through our annual fruit sale.

#### **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Ann Worrell of CVPS will be speaking about the Shared Heat Program, what it is, how to support it, and how to access it.

#### **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

We are looking for an interesting speaker.... Come tell us about yourself!

#### **Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our annual holiday party. Rotarians will be bringing our significant others, dressing up, and having a special dinner.

#### **Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

We're looking for another interesting speaker for this date.

Rotary meets every Monday night from 6 PM to 7:25 PM in the Bethel White Church. Dinner is catered by Maybelle Dumont and costs \$11.

We are always looking for good speakers and topics of local, national and international interest. If you would like to come and tell us about your organization, club, company, hobby, or whatever else is your passion, please contact president Kirk White at 234-9670.

## Organization News:

### **Bethel Historical Society**

The BHS will hold its Annual Christmases Past program on Dec. 15th at the Paradigm building. Beginning at 7PM.

Attendees who would like to participate in the popular Yankee Gift Exchange are asked to bring along a VERY THRIFTY little gift. Emphasis on THRIFTY, after all Yankees are known for their thrift. The program usually consists of a "Show and Tell" session where folks show some of their favorite Christmas items or tell about some favorite Christmas memories.

Refreshments will be served. If anyone would like to bring some of their favorite Christmas cookies that would be great too. There is always enough to share and/or trade.

This is open to non-members as well. But remember, it is still only \$5 to become a member, so we hope you will sign up if you have not done so already.

### **Community/ High School Holiday Chorus**

The annual community concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the United Church of Bethel at 7 PM.

Come listen to your neighbors and local teens as they sing traditional and not-so-traditional songs of the season.

## Organization News:

### **Bethel Business Association**

The BBA meets on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at Paradigm Consulting, Main Street, Bethel, VT.

**Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Monthly Business Meeting

**Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
BBA Holiday Party. Contact Rick Benson at 234-6440 for more information.

## Local Business Events:

### **Mascoma Savings Bank**

**Holiday Open House**  
December 4th 2008, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

### **Northfield Savings Bank**

Northfield Savings Bank is collecting items for the local food shelf thru the month of December. We will be donating the items to Bethel and South Royalton.

## News Around Town:

### New Law Office

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Law Office of Joseph I. Andriano, providing general practice legal services in the Bethel region. Our practice focuses on domestic relations (including divorce), mediation, real estate, wills/estates/trusts/advance directives, and business formation.

Joseph I. Andriano, Esq., is a graduate of Oberlin College and Vermont Law School. While at Vermont Law School, he completed the General Practice Program, which prepares graduates for the general practice of law in small firms. He has also worked with Mayer & Mayer and the Law Office of Frank F. Berk in South Royalton. His office is located on Oxbow Road, where he lives with his wife.

Contact: 234-9243 or [joe@andrianolaw.com](mailto:joe@andrianolaw.com)

### Book Signing

Janet Burnham of My Little Jessie Press will be at Cover to Cover book shop in Randolph from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday December 6th.

It's an author's signing party. Howard Coffin, who recently recorded our Civil War Memoir (Bethel's Charles Fairbanks...*Notes of Army and Prison Life 1862-1865*) on CD will be in attendance, as well as other area authors.

Come and buy your books and CD's for Christmas and have the author sign 'em!

## Local Advertising:

### Black Forest Cafe & Caterers

Catering For All Occasions

Your place or ours?

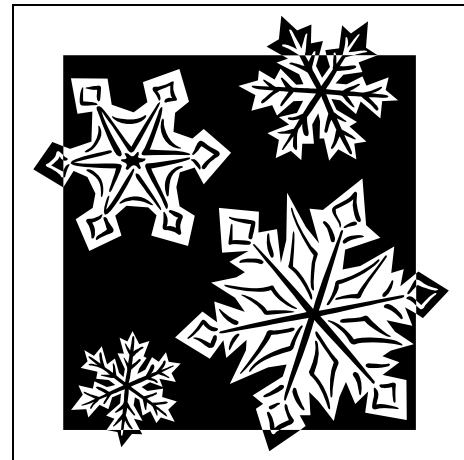
Events up to 25 persons at our Main Street location.

Or larger parties at your own location.

For information call 802-234-5064 or 5171

email: [heidi@sover.net](mailto:heidi@sover.net)

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advertisement here!!!



## Holiday Diversity

By Jamal Kheiry

In Bethel, you can probably count the number of Muslims here on one hand and still have some fingers left over. But those of that faith who are here, and the billion others around the world, will be celebrating one of their biggest holidays of the year on December 8th. It's called Eid Al-Adha, which means "Feast of the Sacrifice." It commemorates the Bible story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, and God's last-minute reprieve that allowed him to sacrifice a sheep instead. Eid Al-Adha is therefore celebrated by the sacrifice of goats and sheep, with the meat then parceled out to the poor. Like any good holiday, it also involves days off of work, lots of big family meals, and visiting friends and relatives, so it meshes perfectly with Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hannukah this time of year.



Please support your local BBA members:

Automotive

Dean's Auto Service  
Ted Green Ford, Inc.  
Valley Motor Sales

Banks and Money

AM Turk Tax Associates  
Grn Mtn Economic Development Corp.  
Randolph National Bank  
Mascoma Savings Bank  
Northfield Savings Bank  
White River Credit Union

Gardening and Flowers

Dandelion Acres  
Purple Iris Florists

Health and Beauty

Kathy's House of Styles  
Kirk White, Licensed Acupuncturist  
Massage by Kathleen

Home and Building

Bethel Mills  
Chuck Adams Builder  
Control Systems Services, LLC  
Eric Richardson Painting  
Hutchinson's Interiors  
Mills Hardware  
Rural Appliance  
Up Country Chimney Sweep  
Used and Unique Home Boutique  
Vallee Improvements

Markets, Stores and Supplies

Bethel Central Market  
Locust Creek Country Store  
Logan Enterprises  
Lukana's Dream

Restaurants and Caterers

Black Forest Cafe and Caterers  
Cockadoodle Restaurant  
Ketner's Second Cup Café  
Toziers Restaurant  
Travelin' Willy B's Catering

Professional Services

Ellis Music Co.  
Eric Benson Appraisal Co.  
Herald of Randolph  
Mills Laundromat  
Mountain View Technologies  
My Little Jessie Press  
Paradigm Consulting Co.  
Ruth Clough, Attorney  
Spaulding Press

Local Industry

Power and Tel  
Rock of Ages  
Ultramotive Corporation

Friends

(tell them "thanks for supporting Bethel")

Jay Caruso  
Chris Costanzo  
Felicia Dieffenbach  
Geneva Gaiko  
Robert Gaiko  
Carroll Ketchum  
Ellen Nobile  
Ola O'Dell  
Richard Perry  
Joyce Richardson  
Margarete Viera