

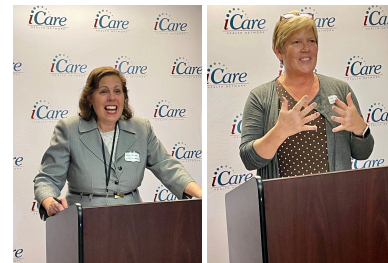
# MissionCare

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## AT BENNINGTON

On Thursday, November 21st, we were privileged to host a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the official launch of MissionCare at Bennington. We were delighted to welcome distinguished guests, including Dr. Jill Bowen, commissioner of the Vermont Department of Aging and Independent Living, and Deputy Commissioner Megan Tierney-Ward.

When we gathered representatives from SVMC, UCS, local legislators, town and state officials, the Bennington Rescue Squad, the Chamber of Commerce, the Better Bennington Corporation, and the Bennington Banner to celebrate this significant achievement for our community, it was evident that we are part of something extraordinary.



Left: Commissioner Bowen  
Right: Deputy Commissioner Tierney-Ward.

Both shared inspiring remarks about the immense effort and dedication that brought MissionCare at Bennington to fruition. Deputy Commissioner Tierney-Ward, who is retiring this month, expressed her sincere gratitude for being involved in the planning and forming this vital partnership from the very beginning. Her vision, now realized at MissionCare—a first of its kind in the state—aims to break down barriers, enhance efficiency, and most importantly, improve the quality of care and life for Vermonters.

This official ribbon-cutting event allows us to have a sense of pride as we moved forward, launching this new program, honoring our community partners, and celebrating the hard work that has gone into establishing this vital resource within Vermont’s healthcare landscape. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our community partners and the dedicated iCare team for joining us in commemorating this important milestone.

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# THANK YOU for 30 Years of Service!

five years to the kitchen and twenty-five in the laundry department. Known for her friendly personality and strong work ethic, Lisa is a beloved figure among her colleagues, who often describe her as a joy to work with and a model of diligence. Residents also appreciate her willingness to assist wherever possible, often noting her uplifting spirit. Throughout her time here, Lisa has witnessed numerous changes in staff and residents, yet her grace, dedication, and positive outlook continue to set her apart. We are truly thankful to have her as part of the MissionCare family, and her presence enhances us all.



## Employee Spotlight: Lisa Bushee

This month, we are thrilled to recognize Lisa Bushee for her incredible commitment and hard work, celebrating an impressive thirty years of service! Over her three decades with us, Lisa dedicated

## Welcome TO THE TEAM



Kyle  
3rd Floor Unit Manager



Dennis  
Transportation Coordinator



Melissa  
Registered Nurse



Tracy  
LPN



Jennifer  
LPN



Regan  
LNA



Jacob  
LNA

We are excited to welcome the newest additions to the MissionCare team and look forward to improving the level of care we deliver to you!





# "Saxta Claus"

Visited the center to help spread Christmas cheer!

# December events

December 6th

Birthday Party w/ Jeff Gonzales

December 11th

Ukulele Ensemble and the  
Woodwind Trio

December 18th

Christmas Gift Opening w/ Santa

December 23rd

Richard Dagenais on the Keyboard

December 31st

New Year's Eve Social

November 27 2024

# 1st Annual

# Pie Eating Contest



WINNER!  
Congrats,  
Ian!

Thank you, Jen, Amanda, Fawzia, Heather, and Ian for being such good sports!!





## The Month of December

Seasonal Affective Disorder  
Awareness Month

### **December 1**

World AIDS Day

### **December 2-8:**

National Hand Washing  
Awareness Week

### **December 6-12:**

National Influenza Vaccination  
Week



Be Sure To Connect With Abby Scott, Business Office Assistant The week of **December 2nd** to withdraw money from your RFMS account for shopping at the Holiday Craft Fair!

*Holiday*  
**Craft Fair**

**Monday**  
**DEC 9**  
1pm - 3:30pm  
1st Floor

*Come & Shop for:*  
Handmade Crafts  
Holiday Gifts  
Pottery  
Photography  
Local Jewelry  
& MORE!

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AT BENNINGTON

Every year, countless Americans experience a condition that causes notable shifts in mood as the seasons change. This condition, known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), is most prevalent during the late fall and winter months when sunlight is scarce and temperatures drop. Fortunately, symptoms often improve in the spring and summer. If you recognize a seasonal pattern in your mood changes, it's wise to prepare in advance. Consider incorporating regular exercise, seeking therapy around September, or engaging in activities offered at your nursing home. We encourage you to share your experiences with us, so we can provide you with the best possible support.

# Entertainment

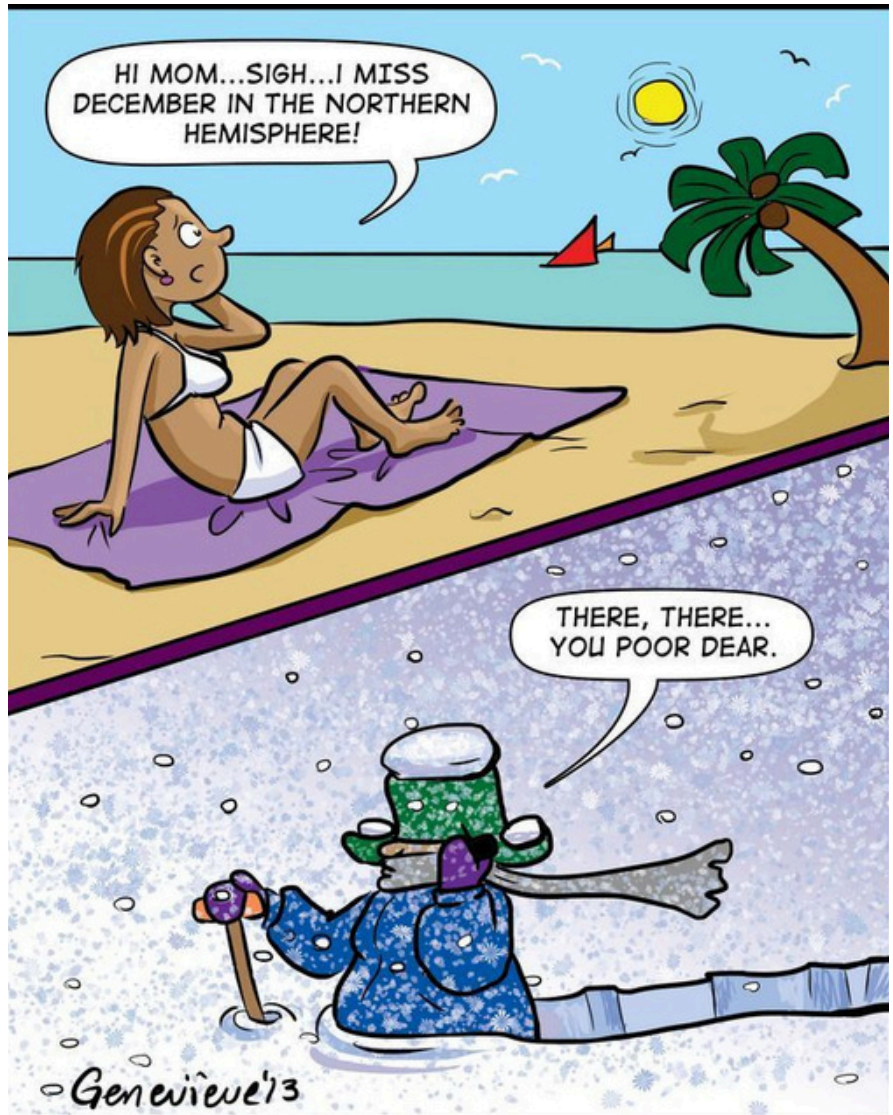
## Joke JOKE OF THE



December!

What did the  
gingerbread man  
put on his bed?

A cookie sheet!



## Riddle of the Month

Spelled forwards I'm what you do every day, spelled backward I'm something you hate.

November's RIDDLE

Answer: LETTUCE!





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