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**FERNS PICKLE BARREL E-News \*\*Issue 22\*\***

The free e-news that gives you the latest lowdown on happenings at Ferns Country Store and musings heard 'round the pickle barrel.

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**FERNS COUNTRY STORE**

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Family isn't about whose blood you have. It's about who you care about.

--Trey Parker & Matt Stone, South Park

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You've made our email list along with hundreds of other Fernites worldwide because you signed up or someone who likes you forwarded it to you. Now forward it to someone YOU like! Remember - our e-news is an old-fashioned word document with no heavy graphics because things are simple here at Ferns... just like life used to be. The PICKLE BARREL E-News is published on an irregular schedule dictated by newsworthy news and time for us to send it out. Your friends and Santa's Elves can sign up by simply clicking on the button at the end of this newsletter. Want off the list? Do the same thing. See how easy we are?

Ferns never gives out, sells, rents or trades it's email list.

As we always say "What happens at Ferns, stays at Ferns."

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Fa-la-la-la-la from Ferns

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

During this Holiday season we wish you joyous celebrations.time with family and friends.time for peaceful reflections. Enjoy the special moments - the wonderment in your kids eyes, the beauty of a new snow dotted with rabbit tracks, soft moments with your lover, the sparkle of Christmas lights, the crispness of our winter nights, time in front of a warm fire, the smile that an old friend's letter brings. Special moments that adds luster to your heart.

You warm us with your continued business, your support, your friendship. Thank you! Thank you...a thousand thank you's!

Robin, Larry and the entire "Fernville" staff

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 1. HOLIDAY HOURS... So our staff can spend time with their families:

- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 6 - 11am for coffee, bakery & newspapers. Deli closed
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Closed
- Dec. 26 Monday 6 - 8 (Regular hours, regular services)
- Dec. 31 New Years Eve 6 - 11am for coffee, bakery & newspapers. Deli closed
- Jan. 1 New Years Day Closed
- Jan. 2 Monday 6 - 8 (Regular hours, regular services)

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 2. STYLIN TRAVEL MUGS... New Ferns' Travel Mugs - what the trendsetters are all using! Road tested in Larry's 56 Chevy Pickup! Stylish design, stainless steel interior, double-walled to keep your beverage hot or cold, ergonomic handle, spill-proof lid with slide closure, tapered base fits cup holders, sports the Ferns' logo on one side and our motto on the other "Work Hahd. Play Hahdah.tm"

The cups have a 20 oz. capacity which is our large cup size. BUT when you use the mug for refills, you only pay for a medium cup - save every time you refill!

Only \$9.95 - first cup of coffee FREE

BONUS GIFT!! Buy a mug and a Medium CoffeeExpress Pre-Paid Card for only \$24.95 and save \$2.50!

GREAT STOCKING STUFFER!!!

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3. SPEAKING OF COFFEE... Our Ferns Featured Flavor during this Holiday Season is Egg Nog... sorry, it's unspiked. \*\*\*COFFEE TAKE TWO... All of our coffees are certified Kosher by the Rabbinical Council of New England. \*\*\*COFFEE TAKE THREE... Congrats go out to our friend Jim Kaloyanides, President, New England Coffee who was recently named "2005 Food Service Person Of The Year" by New England Food Service Magazine. Jim is the third generation family member to take the helm at New England Coffee. Founded 90 years ago, the firm is now enjoyed from Maine to Florida...with a large customer base here in Carlisle! So, what are Jim's secrets to success? "There are no secrets," he replies. "There is no substitute for quality and hard work. The caring attitude that our employees show everyday is the secret." Small world gets smaller real life story: <http://m1e.net/c?41350970-mucse0/LrcbAQ%401345130-/0b4ZNZ3AfCEA>

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4. LAST MINUTE GIFT NEEDS GOT YOU CRAZED??... We're right here on the rotary in the village center. \*\*\*PRE-PAID CoffeeExpress CARDS...good for 10 cups of coffee so that you can quickly bounce in and out in the morning or between meetings! We employ the Ferns Honor System, you punch your own card! It's convenient and hassle free! \*\*\*FERNS GIFT CERTIFICATES...you choose the amount, they choose the gift! \*\*\*BOOKS BY CARLISLE AUTHORS...Tracy McArdle & Linda Kistler...plus Images of Carlisle & Trails of Carlisle. \*\*\*CARLISLE ARTISAN CRAFTS & QUALITY GIFTS...Hand drawn note cards by Phyllis Hughes, beautiful photo cards by Joan Rolfe, Hope Soap, artistically crafted potpourri boxes, Carlisle Historical Society's 2nd Annual Collectable Ornament. \*\*\*DANTE CHOCOLATES...we just got a resupply in. \*\*\*WARREN FARM GIFT BASKETS...chock full of delectable pure, maple syrup goodies made on a for-real family farm! \*\*\*GOAT MILK ORGANIC SOAPS \*\*\*ARISTON RESERVE OLIVE OILS \*\*\*STOCKING STUFFERS for the kiddos, kitties and fidos \*\*\*AND LOT'S MORE!!

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5. GOIN' SKIING?... If your Christmas/Hanukkah vacation plans are to hit the slopes for some turns pick up your discount Loon, Waterville Valley & Cranmore Mountain adult lift tickets at Ferns before you head out! The tickets are live...so you go directly to the lift! And the tickets are good ALL season! HINT: Why not stuff tickets in his/her stocking?!!

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6. CHRISTMAS TREE TIPS... Always, always keep the trunk in water...Room temp water is best...If your tree has been out of water for a period you may need to lop off an inch from the bottom then add boiling water to the bowl to help melt the sap plug that may have formed...You can tell if your tree REALLY is fresh if it doesn't drink much in the first day or so. Tips courtesy of JayBear, Mahoney's Garden Center in Tewksbury. They've got beautiful trees and a nice little animal farm set up for the kiddos! Ask for Jay and tell him Ferns sent you! (I've offered these tips up because Jay stopped by the house the other day and chastised me for letting the bowl go dry. The world is indeed round...)

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7. FERNS CAUSE OF THE MONTH...TOYS FOR TOTS... Thank you for the tons of toys you dropped off at the store! Once again, Carlisle shows it's true spirit of giving... it never ceases to amaze me, when asked, whether it's Toys for Tots, Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, Old Home Day, the CEF/CSA School Auction, etc, Carlisle residents give. Thank you! Note: Toys will be collected until the end of the day today (Monday, Dec. 19)...

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8. WANTED...Have an old wooden ladder kicking around. the kind with the round steps? One of the long types, not a step ladder...It can be covered with paint, etc...doesn't matter. We're looking for 1 or 2 about 8-10ft long that we can use in the store for display purposes... if you've got one or two you'd like to get rid of give me a shout and I'll pick it up! Cell 617.584.5001 or [Larry@FernsCountryStore.com](mailto:Larry@FernsCountryStore.com) Because our Pickle Barrel E-news travels worldwide, I'd like to confine this search to the Greater Boston area...my old 56 Chevy pickup complains when she has to travel more than an hour out of town.

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9. WE'LL KEEP REMINDING YOU...Order your Boar's Head Holiday Dinner Ham by email: [Larry@FernsCountryStore.com](mailto:Larry@FernsCountryStore.com) or by stopping by the store...Sweet, lightly smoked, extra lean, fully cooked, boneless, 100% meat, 100% Boar's Head! Serve cold or hot! Average 5-6 lbs, Serves 7-10... Serving Suggestion: Coat full ham with Boar's Head Brown Sugar & Spice Glaze, heat in oven and serve! Cook on Christmas? Bah Humbug.

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10. FERNS' STRESS RELIEVER WEBSITE PICK ...Have a snowball fight with Santa and his elves. but DON'T hit Santa!!  
<http://m1e.net/c?41350970-/Kd7SQa.xGS7Q%401345131-Egyg/A/RwOmWg>

Another fun Santa ditty for the little kiddos: <http://m1e.net/c?41350970-agfyQM7oLxc.k%401345132-0DhIBw5OyUzsU>

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11. TOWN CRIER..... \*\*\*CAROLING ON THE COMMON, If you like to sing Christmas Carols and/or play a musical instrument then come on over to the Common at 6:15PM on Christmas Eve...Meet at the gazebo...\*\*\*CCHS WINTER CHORUS CONCERT, Wed. Dec 21, 7:30pm at the high school auditorium \*\*\*CCHS WINTER

BANDS CONCERT , Thurs, Dec 22, 7:30pm at the hs auditorium as well \*\*\*COA  
MEN'S BREAKFAST Thur, Jan 12, 8am @ Sleeper Room \*\*\*2006 TOWN  
TRANSFER STATION STICKERS now available @ Police Station...bring your  
registration to prove residency (and \$15) \*\*\*POST OFFICE REMINDER...please keep  
access to your mailbox clear of snow and ice. If you need guidelines, I'm sure the PO has  
a fact sheet about it with exacting dimensions...I'd suggest you just use old fashioned  
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You're reading the Ferns PICKLE BARREL E-News.... Offering a slice of life, a moment  
to stop and ponder, some stuff that may be interesting and stuff that you may care less  
about... But it's always news to someone. And remember... follow the Red Road.

We appreciate your business.... 'Til next time... Work Hahd. Play Hahda.(tm)

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