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Whitingham Library temporarily closed

JACKSONVILLE — Due to the culvert construction at the Municipal Center, the Whitingham Free Public Library will be closed until early November. Their tentative re-opening date is Monday, Nov. 10.

Library staff remind patrons that their digital and streaming services remain available 24/7, but that they have

11 suspended interlibrary loan services until they reopen. For more
12 information, visit whitinghamvt.org/library.

13 ***Main Street Arts to hold clothing swap***
14 ***fundraiser***

15 SAXTONS RIVER — Main Street Arts, 35 Main St., will
16 hold a clothing swap on Friday, Oct. 17, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.
17 Clean out the closet and refresh the wardrobe by bringing gently
18 used, clean, and unstained clothing to swap with the community
19 — while enjoying a crisp apple cider mimosa (by donation).

20 Find out more at mainstreetarts.org/clothing-swap.html
21 and feel free to contact Nora at nora@mainstreetarts.org to drop
22 clothing off beforehand.

23 ***Halifax plans two senior meals during October***

24 WEST HALIFAX — On Fridays, Oct. 17 and 31,
25 volunteers will serve senior meals at the Halifax Community
26 Hall, 20 Brook Rd.

27 On Friday, Oct. 17, the menu will feature a choice of
28 roast lamb with mint jelly or roast pork with applesauce, pea
29 salad, roasted potatoes, vegetables, cheese bread, and dessert.

30 The second meal, hosted by Halifax due to the hiatus in
31 the Jacksonville Senior Meal while the Whitingham Town Office
32 and Library are closed, Friday, Oct. 31, will be a Halloween
33 celebration featuring pumpkin soup, fried chicken, potatoes,
34 pickled beets, green beans, roasted corn, and apple crisp with ice
35 cream. Organizers hope that all guests will wear Halloween
36 costumes to make this special event even more festive.

37 For both meals, arrive around 11:30 a.m. for a convivial
38 gathering and maybe a starter course. The main meal will be
39 served at noon. A suggested \$4 donation (\$5 for those younger
40 than 60 years old) will help to support these events. The hall is
41 wheelchair-accessible, including an accessible bathroom. For
42 more information or if a large group plans to attend, call Bettye at
43 802-368-7797.

Guilford Historical Society to hold annual

meeting Oct. 19

GUILFORD — The Guilford Historical Society's annual business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m., at the museum, 4063 Guilford Center Road. Members and the public are welcome; anyone who wants to become a member can pay the \$10 annual fee and vote on the proposed board for the coming year.

Concert, raffle benefits River Gallery School

PUTNEY — On Sunday, Oct 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill, join River Gallery School of Art for a benefit concert with Zara Bode, Concerto Incognito, and Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults (\$40 at the door), \$15 for under 18. A child aged 3 and under can share a seat with caregiver at no additional charge.

There will also be a raffle for a seven-night stay in a Paris, France, apartment for up to six guests (double occupancy). Travel expenses not included. Tickets are \$25 each, three for \$50, and ten for \$100. A 50/50 raffle will also be offered, with 50% of the raffle pot going to one lucky participant. Tickets are \$10 each. Entry and winnings for the 50/50 raffle are not combined with the Paris Raffle. For more information, visit rivergalleryschool.org/concert.

Last chance to buy raffle tickets for historic mural fundraiser

ROCKINGHAM — Time is running out to purchase raffle tickets for the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission's fundraiser supporting the restoration of two historic murals with deep local roots.

The fundraiser features a handmade lap quilt titled "Burgoyne Surrounded," created and donated by local quilters Karen Engdahl and Linda Diak. The quilt's pattern honors the

77 Battle of Saratoga and the surrender of British General John
78 Burgoyne — a key victory in the American Revolution.

79 Proceeds from the raffle will help conserve two WPA-era
80 murals by Vermont artist Stephen J. Belaski, recently returned to
81 Rockingham for restoration and public display.

82 Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 and can be
83 purchased at the Rockingham Meeting House, Rockingham Town
84 Hall, Village Square Books, and Bellows Falls Historical Society.
85 The winning raffle ticket will be drawn Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m.
86 at the Rockingham Meeting House during the Southern Vermont
87 Flannel Festival weekend held at nearby Rockingham Hill Farm.

88 ***Pop-up health screening event in Londonderry***

89 LONDONDERRY —NorthStar Health's Delores Barbeau
90 Mobile Van will be coming to the offices of Neighborhood
91 Connections, 5700 Route 100, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on
92 Tuesday, Oct. 21, for a free health screening pop-up event.

93 Basic health screenings, plus information on community
94 resources such as housing, dental and vision care, and other
95 support services, will be available to all who come. Call
96 Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343 to reserve a spot, or
97 just drop in.

98 ***Advanced care planning offered at Senior*** 99 ***Center***

100 BRATTLEBORO — Come to the Brattleboro Senior
101 Center at 207 Main St. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 12:30 p.m. for a
102 presentation on Advanced Care Planning led by the Center for
103 Solace (formerly Brattleboro Area Hospice). They will have
104 Advanced Care Directive forms and will be able to answer
105 questions and provide information about the process.

106 Sessions will be offered at the Senior Center monthly on
107 the third Tuesday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m, through Jan. 20, 2026.
108 Participants must sign up in advance by calling 802-257-7570 or
109 emailing sclark@brattleboro.org.

Food drop in Putney

PUTNEY — The Vermont Food Bank and Putney

Foodshelf co-sponsor a monthly food drop, offering a selection of produce and nonperishable foods. The drive-thru service is on the fourth Thursday of every month, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. It is free and open to all.

The next food drop is Thursday, Oct. 23. While construction is being done on Alice Holway Drive, Putney Food Drops will be located at 78 River Rd. (This is the parking lot of what used to be Five Maples). More details, including a map, can be found at putneyfoodshelf.org/food-drop.

Clothing swap at Putney Central School

PUTNEY — On Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Putney Central School hosts a clothing swap. Building on the success of their spring clothing swap, they'll be including a mending station as well as a snack bar and café. Along with adult and kids' clothes, they'll be taking donations of toys, games, and sporting equipment.

Donations can be dropped off Wednesday–Friday, Oct. 22–24, at the school's front entrance during student drop-off and pick-up times. There will also be donation bins at the Putney Food Coop and Maple Coffee. The event is free, and it's not required to donate items in order to shop.

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