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Senior lunch in Newfane

NEWFANE —The monthly senior lunch will be held

Thursday, Nov. 13, at noon at Newfane Congregational Church.

The menu consists of crackers and dip for an appetizer,
followed by shepherd's pie with peas and corn, green salad, and
pumpkin bread for the main course. Gingerbread with cream will
be served for dessert.

This meal is sponsored by Senior Solutions and prepared and served by volunteers from the church and community. Suggested donation is \$3.50. Call Winnie Dolan at 802-365-7870 for information.

Chair yoga at Senior Center

BRATTLEBORO — Chair Yoga with Martina at the Brattleboro Senior Center will run Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Gibson-Aiken Center. The fee is \$5 a class.

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is accessible to people of any age and fitness level. It is ideal for those who have limited mobility, who are healing from injury, those new to an exercise program, and those who have difficulty standing and balancing. For more information, contact the Brattleboro Senior Center at 802-257-7570 or sclark@brattleboro.gov.

Living Earth Action Group hosts talk by Betsy

Damon

WESTMINSTER WEST — The Living Earth Action Group and the Congregational Church of Westminster West, 44 Church St., will host a presentation by world renowned writer, artist, activist, mentor, and Keeper of the Water Betsy Damon on Friday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

For the past four decades, Damon's work has focused on a central subject: water, which she reveals as "the connective, creative, and collaborative medium behind all life," wrote organizers in a news release. Her work traverses the complexities of water and has been archived by Asia Art Archive, available at aaa.org.hk/en. Damon's book, *Water Talks*, is available at bit.ly/840-damon.

She has directed many collaborative public performance events, most notably in Chengdu and in Lhasa, Tibet. Damon's awards include the Guggenheim Foundation, Bush Foundation, Heinz Foundation, NEA, and UN Habitat. In 2021, a solo exhibition of Damon's performance work, curated by Monika Fabijanska, was held at La MaMa Galleria in the East Village.

Board Game Café at RFPL

BELLOWS FALLS — Join the Rockingham Free Public Library (RFPL) for a Board Game Café — a game gathering for all player levels — at the library Saturday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Board Game Café will have adult games of all types including party games, strategic and collaborative games, building games, and classics. Drop in anytime for a fun, shorter game (30 minutes or less) or come at 11 a.m. and stay for a longer game. Ppre-registration is recommended for long games. Child and family games will be available in the Youth Department. To pre-register for a longer game, visit rockinghamlibrary.org/board-game-cafe.

This is a community event for people of all ages and experience. In addition to providing games and space for play, the RFPL will serve refreshments. For more information about this and other programs, contact 802-463-4270 or rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St.

Learn needle felting at Brooks Library

BRATTLEBORO — Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St., will present a needle felting workshop Saturday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. In anticipation of the miniature world springing up along Main Street this holiday season, attendees will have the opportunity to make a simple shape, a critter, or a fuzzy friend from a ball of wool.

The class will be held concurrently with the weekly Stitchers meet-up and is open to anyone 13 years old and up. Materials will be provided, but space is limited and advance registration is required.

The event is free, thanks to the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library. It is accessible to people in wheelchairs. To sign up and for more information, contact circulation@brookslibraryvt.org, 802-254-5290 ext. 0, brookslibraryvt.org, or come by the library in person.

Wreath making workshop in Chester

CHESTER — Wreath decorating workshops are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, November 20–22, in Willard Hall at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. Those who register and pay by Saturday, Nov. 15, may take advantage of a \$5 discount on the price of \$55 per wreath.

The workshops will benefit both the church and the Chester Conservation Committee’s youth environmental-camp scholarships.

Since the number of wreaths and workshop sessions is limited, participants must register early to ensure both a wreath and choice of workshop.

Choose from one of eight different 90 minute workshops: Thursday or Friday beginning at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. Each session will offer all the essentials to create a one-of-a-kind wreath. People are welcome to come alone or register with a friend or group, and participants are encouraged to bring clippers and glue guns if they have them.

Greens, berries, nuts and other natural materials, bows, and different embellishments will be provided. Wire, glue guns, and other supplied equipment “will make the decorating easy and successful,” say organizers.

For additional information and required registration, contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

Grange serves early Thanksgiving luncheon

DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior Solutions will present their only meal this month Wednesday, Nov. 19, with take-outs available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and in-house seating at noon. This will be their annual Thanksgiving meal, with a menu of roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter squash, and Harvard beets. The vegetarian option will be half an acorn squash with a rice and vegetable stuffing. The dessert will be pumpkin upside-down pie.

114 Reservations are highly recommended and can be made
115 by calling the Grange at 802-254-1138. Leave name, phone,
116 number of meals, and whether eating in or taking out. This is
117 usually a sell-out meal. A donation of \$4 for those 60 and above,
118 \$5 for those 59 and under and all take-outs is suggested.

119 ***Food drop in Putney***

120 The Vermont Food Bank and Putney Foodshelf co-
121 sponsor this service, offering a selection of produce and assorted
122 foods. The drive-thru service is usually on the 4th Thursday of
123 every month, from 9:00-9:45 a.m, free and open to all. Because
124 of the Thanksgiving holiday, the next food drop is Thursday, Nov.
125 20.

126 Putney Food Drops are located at 78 River Road. (This is
127 the parking lot of what used to be Five Maples, Corp.) More
128 details, including a map, can be found at
129 putneyfoodshelf.org/food-drop.

130 ***New seasonal hours for Guilford Town Clerk***

131 GUILFORD —The Guilford Town Clerk seasonal hours
132 from November through March will be Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4
133 p.m., and Tuesdays–Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. From April
134 through October, the hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and
135 Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

136 Note that the Town Office will still be open regularly
137 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m, Monday through Thursday, but the Town
138 Clerk will only be available during the hours mentioned above.

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