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4 ***Senior meal in Halifax***

5 HALIFAX — On Friday, Jan. 16, volunteers will serve the  
6 monthly Senior Meal at the Halifax Community Hall, located at  
7 20 Brook Rd. in West Halifax. The menu will feature corn  
8 chowder, shepherd's pie, peas, rolls, and dessert. Come at 11:30  
9 a.m. to socialize and enjoy an appetizer. The main meal will  
10 begin around noon.

11 A suggested \$4 donation (\$5 for those younger than 60  
12 years old) will help to support the Halifax Senior Meal. The hall is  
13 wheelchair-accessible, including an accessible bathroom. For  
14 more information, or if a large group plans to attend, call Bettye  
15 at 802-368-7797.

16 ***MLK Day 'Speak Out' in Brattleboro***

17 BRATTLEBORO — Join Brattleboro Solidarity for its  
18 annual "Martin Luther King Day Speak Out for Hope and  
19 Courage" at Brooks Memorial Library Saturday, Jan. 17, from 2 to  
20 4 p.m.

21 "In these dark winter days, it's important for us to  
22 continue looking forward and come together to create better days  
23 for all humans," said organizers. "Bring your poems and short  
24 readings to share and speak out for hope and courage."

25 There will be musical performances, sing-alongs, and  
26 poetry and short historical quotes and readings shared; and they  
27 will have extras readings available.

28 ***Learn about the Elephant Bridge in Putney***

29 PUTNEY—Master diver and underwater explorer,  
30 Annette Spaulding, will speak on "The Elephant Bridge and Other  
31 Adventures" during the annual meeting of the Putney Historical  
32 Society Saturday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m.

33 After a brief business meeting at the community room  
34 inside Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill, Spaulding will give a  
35 presentation on her discoveries in the Connecticut River in  
36 Putney, focusing on the "Elephant Bridge" that she and her  
37 daughter located in 2001. The event is free.

38 ***Food distribution in Putney***

39 PUTNEY — The next Putney food drop will be Thursday,  
40 Jan. 22, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. The Vermont Food Bank and Putney  
41 Foodshelf co-sponsor this service, free and open to all, offering a  
42 selection of produce and assorted foods.

43 Putney Food Drop is located at 78 River Rd. More  
44 details, including a map, can be found at  
45 [putneyfoodshelf.org/food-drop](http://putneyfoodshelf.org/food-drop).

46 ***Brooks Library launches technology support  
47 series***

48 BRATTLEBORO — Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main  
49 St., announces the introduction of “Talking About Tech,” a  
50 monthly drop-in opportunity where technology users bring their  
51 questions and their advice about electronic devices and how to  
52 get the most from them.

53 Intended as an interactive gathering — a bit like a book  
54 club, crossed with a crafting group, with a touch of a drop-in  
55 bike repair clinic — each session will begin with a 30-minute  
56 presentation on a tech topic of interest, followed by an hour for  
57 mutual tech support on the focus topic, other areas of need such  
58 as password maintenance, or discussion of trends in technology  
59 like A.I. Attendee input will help guide the content.

60 The initial gathering will take place Saturday, Jan. 24,  
61 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in meeting Room D. Matthew Wojcik,  
62 the library’s electronic services specialist, will provide an  
63 overview of the streaming video, e-book, and audiobook  
64 platforms available for free with your Brooks Memorial Library  
65 card. Users of all levels of experience and expertise are  
66 encouraged to attend.

67 “Come if you’re curious about tech, need help with your  
68 tech, or if you’re tech-savvy and interested in helping your  
69 neighbors and peers. Maybe you have the answer someone else  
70 is looking for,” Wojcik said in a news release. “Bring your phone,  
71 tablet, or laptop. Did you get a new device over the holidays? The  
72 informal group support time after the presentation will be the  
73 perfect time to show it off, or learn how to turn it on.”

74 The program is free. All are invited, and the event venue  
75 is accessible to people in wheelchairs. For more information,  
76 contact the library at 802-254-5290 or visit [brookslibraryvt.org](http://brookslibraryvt.org).

77           ***Area towns offer rabies vaccination clinics***

78           Several area towns will be hosting rabies vaccination  
79           clinics for dogs and cats, set up by the Windham County Sheriff's  
80           Office. Owners must provide proof of prior rabies vaccine to  
81           receive a three-year vaccine. The cost is \$26. Clinics will be held  
82           on Saturdays at the following locations:

83           • Brattleboro: Jan. 17, Feb. 28, and March 21: 10 a.m. to

84           1 p.m., Windham County Sheriff's Office, 185 Old Ferry Rd.

85           • Newfane: Jan 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Office, 555

86           VT Route 30.

87           • Grafton: Jan. 31 and March 7, 10 a.m. to noon, Town

88           Hall, 117 Main St.

89           • Westminster: March 28, 10 a.m. to noon, Town

90           Highway Garage, 67 Town Garage Rd.

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