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⁴ **Potluck features ‘polite political talk’**

⁵ BRATTLEBORO — On Sunday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.,
⁶ at the downstairs hall at Centre Congregational Church, 193
⁷ Main St., Brattleboro Indivisible and Brattleboro Area Action will
⁸ host a community potluck supper.

⁹ Organizers say all are invited “to connect and get to
¹⁰ know your neighbors, no matter their views. [...] Brattleboro has

11 much to discuss — let's share some polite conversation over
12 food. Fresh conversation starters will be provided."
13 If possible, bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert to
14 share (let them know what you're bringing at
15 signup.com/go/htuhtqO). Bring your own place setting (cup,
16 bowl/plate, spoon/fork/knife) to minimize waste. They will have a
17 limited supply of compostable settings available for those who
18 cannot bring their own. For more information, email
19 BrattleboroAreaAction@proton.me.

20 ***Rock Voices begins new season***

21 BRATTLEBORO — Rock Voices, the choir that sings only
22 rock songs, begins its Spring season Monday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.
23 Rehearsals with the director, Bob Thies, are held every Monday at
24 the Vermont Jazz Center in the Cotton Mill Building at 72 Cotton
25 Mill Hill.

26 No auditions are required — anyone over 18 is
27 welcome. Newcomers can try it out for three sessions before
28 deciding to join. Songs planned for this season are by the Beatles;
29 Crosby, Stills, and Nash; Steely Dan; the Doobie Brothers; the
30 Grateful Dead; Kenny Loggins; and more.

31 A concert with a full rock band will be held in May. For
32 information and to register, go to rockvoices.com.

33 ***Memory Café with art therapy in Chester***

34 CHESTER — On the first Thursday of the month, from
35 Feb. 5 through April 2. St Luke's Episcopal Church on Main
36 Street, Senior Solutions offers an opportunity for music and art
37 therapy experiences at their Memory Café.

38 These café's allow for conversation, informal music and
39 art creation, and fellowship through artistic activities. The
40 program will be hosted by St. Luke's and led by Susan Rosano, a
41 creative aging teaching artist from Main Street Arts. For questions
42 and more information, contact Senior Solutions at
43 memorycafes@seniorsolutionsvt.org or 802-885-2655.

44 ***Guilford Free Library hosts rapid reviews***

45 GUILFORD — The Guilford Free Library invites the
46 community to join them at Broad Brook Community Center in
47 Guilford Center for an hour of book reviews and cookies
48 Saturday, Feb. 7, from 2 to 3 p.m.

49 Five Guilford community members, three adults, and two
50 children will present one-minute reviews of 6 to 8 of their
51 favorite books. All reviewed books will be available at the event
52 for Guilford Free Library card holders to check out. After the
53 event, enjoy cookies and milk generously supplied by The Friends
54 of the Guilford Free Library.

55 This event is free and open to the public. All are
56 welcome. Questions? Call the library at 802-257-4603 or email
57 staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org.

58 ***Chowder/soup cook off at Athens Community***

59 ***Center***

60 ATHENS — Join the Athens Community Center
61 Committee on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., for their second
62 annual chowder/soup cook-off at the Center on 28 Brookline Rd.

63 It's free to enter a chowder or soup. Participants may pay
64 a \$5 admission fee to participate in the judging of the delicious
65 entires. Cash prizes will be given for the top three dishes. There
66 will also be a basket raffle. To enter a chowder or soup, contact
67 Krista Gay at Krista.ann.gay@gmail.com.

68 ***Cribbage at Moore Free Library***

69 NEWFANE — All are welcome to join in games of
70 cribbage at Moore Free Library, 23 West St., Sunday, Feb. 8, from
71 3 to 5 p.m.

72 Cribbage sessions at library will be will be held every
73 other Sunday (Feb. 22, March 8 and 22, and April 5 and 19)
74 through April. For questions, contact Laurie Merrigan at
75 lalamerrigan@gmail.com.

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