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‘Taking Solace’ series continues

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BRATTLEBORO — On Wednesday, February 4, from 6 to

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8 p.m. at Brooks Memorial Library, Center for Solace will present

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the film *Holding Our Own* with a discussion to follow. This one-

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hour film includes the work of local artist Deidre Scherer and the

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music of Center for Solace chorus Hallowell.

10 The film will be followed by a community dialogue
11 about the unique power of the arts to help offer solace in difficult
12 times.

13 This event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.
14 For more information, call 802-257-0775 or email
15 info@cfsolace.org. Center for Solace (formerly Brattleboro Area
16 Hospice) offers services and support free of charge for serious
17 illness, hospice, and grief, while engaging our community in
18 conversations about mortality and life. To learn more, visit
19 centerforsolace.org.

20 ***Pre-kindergarten registration now open***

21 BRATTLEBORO — Windham Southeast School District is
22 now accepting Pre-K registrations for children who will be 4
23 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2026. Registration forms are due
24 by Feb. 13.

25 Classes follow the school day and calendar.
26 Transportation is available, and there no cost to attend. Contact
27 Oak Grove School at 802-254-3740 or nzolnoski@wsesdvt.org to
28 learn more on how to register. Space is limited; if there are more
29 children than spots available, they will use a lottery system to fill
30 the classes.

31 ***RFPL invites community to ‘Pawject Runway’***

32 BELLOWS FALLS—Rockingham Free Public Library
33 invites pet lovers of all ages to celebrate creativity and
34 companionship this February with “Pawject Runway,” a month-
35 long series of no-sew, pet-themed activities held every Saturday
36 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and ending with an online photo show at
37 the end of February.

38 Each Saturday features a different hands-on project that
39 participants can make for their pets or favorite stuffed animal. To
40 participate in Pawject Runway, attendees simply need to join one
41 or more “No-Sew Saturdays” and create a project. Then, take a
42 photo of your pet (or stuffed animal) wearing, snuggling, or
43 playing with the handmade item and send it to the library.

44 Submitted photos will be featured in the library's Pawject
45 Runway Photo Show. All photos must be submitted by Feb. 28 to
46 be included; photos can be emailed to
47 pawjectrunway@rockinghamlibrary.org. Photos should be of pets
48 and stuffed animals only.

49 Pawject Runway is free and open to all ages, and no
50 sewing experience is required. For more information or to submit
51 a photo, contact the library at 802-463-4270, or stop by at 65
52 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

53 ***Lydia Taft Pratt Library hosts Mrowicki***

54 WEST DUMMERSTON — Lydia's Friends Inc., the
55 friends-of-the-library organization that supports the Lydia Taft
56 Pratt Library, will host a visit with Dummerston's state
57 representative, Mike Mrowicki, Sunday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m. in
58 the Community Room of the Dummerston Community Center,
59 150 West St.

60 The community is invited to hear him speak on the
61 importance of active participation in our democracy, as well as
62 the benefits of service to the community. The public is invited to
63 bring questions and learn what's on the agenda in the Statehouse.
64 For more information, contact the library at 802-258-9878 or
65 dummerstonvtlibrary@gmail.com, or call Catherine O'Callaghan
66 at 802-380-7935.

67 ***Send your legislator a Valentine card***

68 BRATTLEBORO — On Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 5 to 7
69 p.m., Brattleboro Indivisible and ACLU-VT will host a postcard
70 and letter writing session Vermont legislators at Centre
71 Congregational Church, 193 Main St.

72 "We will write postcards to our Vermont legislators to
73 thank them for their good work in saving democracy and
74 encourage them to keep it up!" organizers wrote in a news
75 release. The event is free; stamped postcards and writing
76 materials will be available. There will be scripts for possible
77 messages with updated information on the status of key

78 legislation related to immigration and housing. For more
79 information, contact indibrattleboro@gmail.com.

80 ***Senior meal in Dummerston***

81 DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior
82 Solutions will present their second Wednesday Senior Luncheon
83 Feb. 11, with take outs available between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
84 and in-house serving set for noon. The menu includes turkey pot
85 pie, vegetarian beef pot pie, mashed potatoes, and marinated
86 carrots, with pineapple-cherry crisp with pretzel topping for
87 dessert.

88 Reservations are strongly encouraged to help with
89 shopping, but they won't turn anyone away until they run out of
90 food. Just call the Grange at 802-254-1138 and tell the machine
91 the name, phone number, number of meals needed, and whether
92 they're for eating in or taking home. The answering machine is
93 always on, so call whenever you want. A donation of \$4 for those
94 60 and over eating inside and \$5 for those 59 and under and all
95 take-outs is suggested.

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