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4      ***Volunteers needed at winter overnight shelter***

5      BRATTLEBORO — The Beloved Winter Shelter, an  
6 emergency overnight shelter that located at the Beloved  
7 Community church at 18 Town Crier Drive, operates seven days a  
8 week from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. It has space for 15 people. Only  
9 adults are allowed, and pets must be registered in advance as  
10 service animals to be admitted.

11 This community-driven effort has brought local  
12 neighbors, clergy, nonprofits, and volunteers together to make  
13 this shelter happen, and they have an urgent need for additional  
14 volunteers.

15 Shelter staff say they are in need of volunteers for shifts  
16 all days of the week, with their most pressing need for overnight  
17 hosts/volunteers. They say there are generally more volunteers on  
18 the weekend, and volunteers for weeknight shifts are especially  
19 appreciated. They have some flexibility depending on people's  
20 availability; ideally volunteers will offer a minimum of two-hour  
21 shifts.

22 The established shifts are 7:30 p.m. to midnight,  
23 midnight to 6 a.m., and 6 to 9 a.m. Overnight shifts from 10 p.m.  
24 to 2 a.m., and from 2 to 6 a.m. are also available. If you would  
25 like to learn more, send an email to  
26 [belovedwintershelter@gmail.com](mailto:belovedwintershelter@gmail.com). You will be paired with a  
27 more-experienced volunteer and given training at the beginning  
28 of your shift.

29 ***Landmark College Academic Speaker Series***  
30 ***continues with presentation on the history of Moon***  
31 ***exploration***

32 PUTNEY — Landmark College Assistant Professor of Life  
33 Science Eric Rhomberg will present "Journey to the Moon: The  
34 Remarkable Early History of Human Space Exploration and Its  
35 Enduring Significance" Thursday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m in the Brooks  
36 O'Brien Auditorium within Lewis Academic Building.

37 The presentation, part of the college's ongoing Academic  
38 Speaker Series, will use archival NASA photographs to form a  
39 visual narrative of the early milestones of space exploration  
40 leading to the 1960s Apollo program. Rhomberg will discuss the  
41 scientific and cultural impacts of this story.

42 Anticipating today's new plans to return humans to the  
43 moon, he will consider the questions: "Why has it taken us more

44 than 50 years to go back?” and “What is the significance of  
45 sending humans into space today?”

46 This presentation will be recorded by Brattleboro  
47 Community Television and available for viewing afterward on  
48 their website. For more information, visit [landmark.edu/events](http://landmark.edu/events), or  
49 contact Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs Justine Gaskamp  
50 at [justinegaskamp@landmark.edu](mailto:justinegaskamp@landmark.edu).

51 ***Grace Cottage’s Cabin Fever Online Auction***  
52 ***begins Feb. 13***

53 TOWNSHEND—Grace Cottage’s “Cabin Fever Online  
54 Auction” takes place Friday, Feb. 13, through Tuesday, Feb. 24,  
55 with items that organizers described in a news release as  
56 “practical, delectable, delightful, and inspirational.”

57 Each year, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital’s  
58 Cabin Fever Online Auction includes exotic vacations, Vermont  
59 foods, local gift certificates, handcrafted items, jewelry, art, and  
60 more. Generous local businesses and individuals donate these  
61 items. With a wide variety of offerings, there’s something for  
62 everyone, whatever your interests or budget.

63 This year, all proceeds go toward the construction of  
64 their new primary care clinic building. Visit  
65 [32auctions.com/GraceCottage2026](http://32auctions.com/GraceCottage2026) to register to start bidding on  
66 Valentine’s Day weekend. For more information, visit  
67 [gracecottage.org/auction](http://gracecottage.org/auction) or e-mail [info@gracecottage.org](mailto:info@gracecottage.org).

68 ***Spaghetti Dinner to support Troop 428***

69 NEWFANE — Boy Scout Troop 428 will be holding an  
70 eat in/take-out spaghetti dinner on Friday, Feb. 13, at the  
71 NewBrook Firehouse on Route 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. Each dinner  
72 will be \$10 and will include pasta, sauce, meatballs, rolls, and  
73 choice of dessert.

74 Meals are available for pre-order as well. Complete the  
75 form at [bit.ly/852-NewBrook](http://bit.ly/852-NewBrook) and they will have your order  
76 waiting for you at the time you designate. All proceeds will go

77 toward helping the troop fund sending scouts to Leadership  
78 Camp this summer.

79 ***Free yoga class at the RFPL***

80 BELLOWS FALLS — On Saturday, Feb. 14, from 11 a.m.  
81 to noon, join the Rockingham Free Public Library (RFPL) for a  
82 free hour-long yoga class. The class will take place at the library  
83 and be led by Yoga on Main of Saxtons River. No yoga  
84 experience is necessary, and newcomers are welcome and  
85 encouraged to attend.

86 The RFPL has a limited number of yoga mats and blocks  
87 available. Participants are welcome to bring their own yoga mats.  
88 Attendees are invited for snacks and hot beverages afterwards.  
89 This yoga class is part of Rockingham Free Public Library's  
90 Rockingham Gathers program, made possible by a 2025 AARP  
91 Vermont Winter Placemaking Grant.

92 For more information about this and other programs, call  
93 802-463-4270, visit [rockinghamlibrary.org](http://rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library  
94 at 65 Westminster St.

95 ***New vendors sought for Brattleboro Area***

96 ***Farmers Market***

97 BRATTLEBORO — The Brattleboro Area Farmers Market  
98 on Western Avenue is now accepting applications for the 2026  
99 season.

100 The market coordinators say they seek farmers, food  
101 producers, makers, and artists from Windham and Cheshire  
102 counties "to join southern Vermont's premier farmers market and  
103 be part of a vibrant, community-focused tradition."

104 Applications are available at  
105 [brattleboroareafarmersmarket.com](http://brattleboroareafarmersmarket.com) under the Vend tab. For more  
106 information, contact the market manager at  
107 [farmersmarket05301@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarket05301@gmail.com).

108 ***Applications for housing at Alice Holway***

109 ***Drive begins soon***

110 PUTNEY — Windham & Windsor Housing Trust  
111 (WWHT) says that building crews at their new 25-unit housing  
112 development on Alice Holway Drive is slightly ahead of  
113 schedule, and they are able to begin the leasing process a little  
114 earlier than originally anticipated.

115 According to a news release, WWHT will be able to start  
116 accepting applications beginning mid-February. Putney Cares,  
117 Putney Town Hall, The Sweet Spot Café, the Putney Diner, and  
118 the Putney Foodshelf will all have flyers with more information.  
119 The listing page can be found at [bit.ly/852-home](http://bit.ly/852-home).

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