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4           ***Genealogy group meets Feb. 21***

5           BRATTLEBORO — The next hybrid in-person and Zoom  
6 meeting of the Windham County Genealogy Interest Group  
7 (WCGIG) will focus on “Working with Handwritten Records for  
8 Genealogical Purposes, presented by member Lynne Snyder, and  
9 “Using Google’s Gemini AI for Genealogy,” presented by Wayne  
10 Blanchard, Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at  
11 Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St.

12           In case of inclement weather, this meeting will be via  
13 Zoom only. It is free and open to all. Register at  
14 [bit.ly/WCGIG2025](https://bit.ly/WCGIG2025). A Zoom link will be sent before the meeting.

15           ***Meet the candidates at RFPL***

16           BELLOWS FALLS — On Saturday, Feb. 21, from 2:30 to 4  
17 p.m., there will be a Rockingham Selectboard candidates forum  
18 at the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St.

19           This forum is for candidates seeking 1- and 3-year terms  
20 on the Rockingham Selectboard. The forum is a free event and  
21 will be moderated by Library Director Ian Graham.

22           This meeting will be in-person as well as accessible via  
23 live feed from Falls Area Community Television at [bit.ly/853-rock](https://bit.ly/853-rock).

24           ***No public skating on Feb. 22 at Withington***

25           ***Rink***

26           BRATTLEBORO — The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks  
27 Department says that, due to the Brattleboro Winter Carnival’s  
28 annual Glow Skate, there will be no public skating at Withington  
29 Rink on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 1 to 2 p.m.

30           Glow Skate takes place on the from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to  
31 9 p.m. The admission fee for this event is \$5 per person. Skate  
32 rentals are available for \$3. Season passes and fee entry coupons  
33 are not accepted during this event.

34           ***Senior meal in Dummerston***

35           DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior  
36 Solutions will hold their second meal of the month on

37 Wednesday, Feb. 25, with take-outs available between 11:30  
38 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the in-house meal served at noon.  
39 Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling  
40 the grange at 802-254-1138 and leaving name, phone number,  
41 number of meals needed and whether they are for eating in or  
42 taking out.

43 The menu includes meat or veggie lasagna, tossed green  
44 salad, and garlic bread, with bread pudding with raisins for  
45 dessert. Coffee, water, tea, and milk are available by request at  
46 every meal. For seniors 60 and above, a donation of \$4 for those  
47 eating in-house is suggested; For those 59 and under and all take-  
48 outs, the suggested donation is \$5.

### 49 ***Empty Bowls events benefits Townshend food*** 50 ***shelf***

51 TOWNSHEND — Empty Bowls Townshend is a  
52 grassroots event that takes place Thursday, Feb. 26, at Townshend  
53 Church on the Common, with seatings at 5 and 6 p.m.

54 “The concept is simple. The need is vast,” organizers  
55 wrote in a news release. “Be part of a movement to create  
56 awareness and alleviate hunger in our community: area artisans  
57 donate bowls; community members pay to attend an event where  
58 they select a bowl, eat a simple soup meal and reflect on area  
59 hunger.”

60 Tickets are \$20 per person, and reservations are required.  
61 Go to [emptybowlstownshend.com](http://emptybowlstownshend.com) for more information. All  
62 proceeds benefit the Townshend Community Food Shelf, which  
63 serves Townshend, West Townshend, Newfane, Brookline,  
64 Jamaica, Athens, Wardsboro, Windham, and Winhall.

### 65 ***Returnables drive to help Interfaith Youth*** 66 ***Group***

67 BRATTLEBORO — To help local youth take a meaningful  
68 service trip in April, Putney Road Redemption Center at 36  
69 Noah’s Lane in Brattleboro, and behind West Brattleboro

70 Discount Beverages at 157 Marlboro Rd. is accepting donations  
71 of returnable cans and bottles at a "Returnables Drive."

72 Proceeds will be directed to at the the Brattleboro Area  
73 Interfaith Youth Group service and learning trip to Charleston,  
74 South Carolina.

75 The group will volunteer with area nonprofits while  
76 learning the area's history concerning slavery and today's racial-  
77 economic disparities. If you'd like to donate more than a nickel a  
78 can, visit the group's GoFundMe page at [bit.ly/853-IYG](https://bit.ly/853-IYG), where  
79 you can donate with a credit card. For questions, email  
80 [nanci.leitch@gmail.com](mailto:nanci.leitch@gmail.com) or text or call 802-258-8348.

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