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4 ***Brattleboro Police hosts ‘Coffee with a Cop’ at***
5 ***The Works, March 5***

6 BRATTLEBORO — On Thursday, March 5, from 8 to 10
7 a.m., officers from the Brattleboro Police Department and
8 community members will gather at The Works Café, 118 Main
9 St., to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink
10 coffee. which will be between 8 and 10 a.m.

11 All community members are invited to attend this event,
12 which organizers said will “offer community members a unique
13 chance to ask questions and learn about the police department’s
14 work.” The majority of law enforcement’s contacts with the
15 public occur during emergencies or emotional situations, they
16 said, which are not always the most effective times for
17 relationship building. “Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers
18 and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.”

19 This Coffee with a Cop will be the last with Police Chief
20 Norma Hardy, so stop by to wish her a happy retirement. For
21 more information, contact Officer Ryan Washburn or Captain
22 Adam Petlock at 802-257-7950.

23 ***BDCC’s Pipelines and Pathways Program to*** 24 ***hold Practical Skills Fair***

25 BRATTLEBORO — Brattleboro Development Credit
26 Corporation’s Pipelines and Pathways Program will hold its
27 second annual Practical Life Skills Fair at Windham Regional
28 Career Center on Thursday, March 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (snow
29 date is March 6).

30 The Practical Life Skills Fair teaches students skills they
31 need to be successful adults, such as tying a necktie and how to
32 dress professionally; budgeting and personal finance; and basic
33 kitchen and culinary skills.

34 The event will also showcase the Windham Regional
35 Career Center to sophomores at Brattleboro Union High School
36 as an option for their junior and senior years. For more
37 information, contact program manager Christy Betit at
38 cbetit@brattleborodevelopment.com.

39 ***BF Rotary Club hosts free community*** 40 ***spaghetti dinner***

41 BELLOWS FALLS — The Rotary Club of Bellows Falls is
42 pleased to invite the community to a free spaghetti dinner on
43 Saturday, March 7, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on
44 Westminster Street.

45 While the dinner is free, donations will be accepted to
46 benefit Our Place Community Food Center. All are welcome to
47 attend and enjoy a warm meal in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.
48 Meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Dinner
49 includes spaghetti, meatballs, bread, light beverages, and a cash
50 bar; vegetarian options will be available.

51 The Rotary Club of Bellows Falls says it is proud to
52 support local projects and initiatives that strengthen the
53 community, and this event reflects their ongoing commitment to
54 service and fellowship. For more information, email
55 bellowsfallsrotary@gmail.com.

56 ***Senior lunch in Dummerston***

57 DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior
58 Solutions will present their annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef
59 and Cabbage meal Wednesday, March 11, with take-outs
60 available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the in-house meal
61 serving at noon. Reservations are definitely recommended for this
62 one. Call the Grange at 802-254-1138 and leave your name,
63 phone number, the number of meals desired and whether they
64 are for eating in or taking out.

65 The menu will include choice of Corned beef or plant-
66 based burger, cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, and Irish soda
67 bread with Pistachio Breeze for dessert. A donation of \$4 for
68 those over 60 and eating in-house and \$5 for those 59 and
69 younger and all take-outs is suggested.

70 ***District 9 forum to discuss town budget, other*** 71 ***matters March 11***

72 BRATTLEBORO — The fiscal year 2027 town budget and
73 other town matters are up for discussion at the next District 9
74 forum at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, in the Community
75 Room (third floor) of Brooks Memorial Library.

76 For more information, contact Robert Oeser at
77 robt.oeser@gmail.com.

78 ***Kindergarten information night in Brattleboro***

79 BRATTLEBORO — Brattleboro parents and guardians of
80 children entering kindergarten in the fall (children must be 5
81 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2026) are invited to attend an
82 information night at the Green Street School Library Thursday,
83 March 12, from 6 to 7 p.m.

84 Principals from all three Brattleboro Town schools will be
85 there. Participants can learn about what to expect in
86 kindergarten, learn about consistencies across the schools, and
87 get answers to questions they may have about their child starting
88 kindergarten in Brattleboro.

89 Pizza and child care will be provided. To RSVP for child
90 care, contact kbeebe@wsesdvt.org or call 802-579-1013. Those
91 who have not yet registered their child for kindergarten in
92 Brattleboro should reach out to Pre-Kindergarten Coordinator
93 Kerri Beebe using the contact information above.

94 ***Halifax Café hosts Seed Swap March 14***

95 HALIFAX — The Halifax Café at Community Hall, 20
96 Brook Rd., in West Halifax will host a Seed Swap Saturday,
97 March 14, from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. Those interested should bring
98 excess flower and vegetable seeds, or pick up seeds they want, or
99 do both. Seeds should be fully labeled and from 2026 or 2025.
100 Heirloom seeds are welcome.

101 Bonnie Brown and Diana Conway will be on hand to
102 answer your questions and help repackage seeds. Blank re-
103 sealable seed envelopes will be available to transfer seeds and
104 label. Hot lunch, sweet treats, and beverages will be available.
105 Proceeds support the upkeep of this historic building, which is
106 wheelchair accessible, including an accessible bathroom.

107 ***Marlboro Mud Fling is March 14***

108 MARLBORO — Marlboro Community Center, 524 South
109 Rd., will once again host their annual Mud Fling community
110 party Saturday, March 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

111 The Mud Fling, one of the main fundraisers for the
112 Community Center, features a silent auction, live music by Dante
113 & the Moondogs, desserts and savory foods, a cash bar, and two
114 raffle door prizes. There is an entrance fee of \$10 to \$15 at the
115 door, with cash, check, or PayPal accepted.

116 ***Get help with your electric bill***

117 LONDONDERRY — On Thursday, March 19, from 10
118 a.m. to 2 p.m., Neighborhood Connections and Green Mountain
119 Power (GMP) will host an information session and sign-up for
120 GMP's Budget Billing program

121 Budget Billing can keep monthly electric costs even, and
122 for those who qualify, GMP's Energy Assistance Program helps
123 income-eligible customers get 25% off their monthly bill.

124 Green Mountain Power will be on site at Neighborhood
125 Connections for 10-minute appointments. Neighborhood
126 Connections says they will help with Energy Assistance Program
127 applications. Call 802-824-4343 to schedule.

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