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4 WARDSBORO — On Thursday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. at
5 Wardsboro Public Library, 170 Main St., the Wardsboro Garden
6 Club will present Erica Bowman, licensed landscape architect,
7 garden designer and owner of Evernest Designs.

8 She will discuss how to develop a wildflower meadow
9 that will attract pollinators and describe the newly developed
10 meadow created by the Jamaica Community Pollinator Project in

11 Jamaica Village. For more information, visit
12 wardsboropubliclibrary.org.

13 ***Theatre Adventure hosts Coffee House Variety***

14 ***Show***

15 WEST BRATTLEBORO — Theatre Adventure’s Thursday
16 Troupe presents a “Coffee House Variety Show” Friday, April 3, at
17 7 p.m. at the West Village Meeting House, 29 South St.

18 Organizers said in a news release that the evening “will
19 feature a dynamic mix of monologues, dances, songs, and
20 vignettes.” The performers will demonstrate their skills and
21 showcase their talents. They invite all to come celebrate the
22 performers “as they take the stage with courage and creativity,
23 offering an unforgettable experience” for the audience, who will
24 “witness the power of the arts to ignite stellar performances.”

25 This night will also launch Theatre Adventure’s Spring
26 Appeal.

27 This show will be sensory-friendly. ASL interpretation
28 will be provided, and the venue is wheelchair accessible. Enjoy
29 coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and a selection of delicious bakery
30 items available for purchase.

31 Tickets for show are available online and at the door,
32 sold on a sliding scale starting at \$15. \$20 is suggested. No one is
33 turned away for lack of funds. Find out more at
34 theatreadventure.com/tickets.

35 ***Easter egg hunt in Brattleboro***

36 BRATTLEBORO — On Saturday, April 4, the Brattleboro
37 Recreation & Parks Department presents its annual free “Egg
38 Hunt” at the Lower Softball field at Living Memorial Park. Each
39 egg hunt will start promptly at the following times: 9:30 a.m.,
40 ages 4 and under; 9:45 a.m. for ages 5 and older.

41 There will be six stuffed animal prizes for each age
42 group. Each child needs to have a basket or container to collect
43 the eggs. Eggs do not need to be returned after the event. In case
44 of mud/rain, the alternate location will be inside the Nelson

45 Withington Skating Facility. For more information, call the
46 Gibson-Aiken Center at 802-254-5808, or follow the Rec. Dept.
47 on Facebook or Instagram.

48 ***Landmark offers Universal Design Learning***
49 ***workshop***

50 PUTNEY — On Tuesday, April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30
51 p.m., Landmark College will continue its efforts to advance
52 inclusive practices in STEM education by offering a valuable
53 professional development opportunity through its Institute for
54 Research and Training (LCIRT).

55 Marie Saddle mire, Ph.D., of LCIRT will draw on her
56 extensive experience in curriculum design, accessibility services,
57 and working with neurodiverse students for this in-depth
58 workshop. Participants will explore and build a strong foundation
59 for integrating Universal Design for Learning (UDL) into STEM
60 classrooms, grounded in UDL's three core pillars: Representation,
61 Action and Expression, and Engagement.

62 This three-hour workshop blends practical theory with
63 real-world classroom applications, offering concrete strategies
64 and inspiration for supporting learners with a wide range of
65 strengths, preferences, and needs. The event is free and open to
66 all and will be held in person at the Brooks O'Brien Auditorium
67 in the Lewis Building the Landmark campus in Putney.
68 Registration is open now at strivevt.org.

69 ***Flood resilience discussion in Dover***

70 DOVER — On Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to noon
71 at Dover Town Hall, 189 Taft Brook Rd. in East Dover, the
72 Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District and a
73 team of Dartmouth students are hosting a community meeting for
74 landowners and community members of the Rock River
75 watershed.

76 This is a chance to help shape more responsive and
77 inclusive flood preparedness strategies across the region. It will

78 be a space for community members to share their stories and
79 discuss how they are building resilience.

80 The goal, organizers said, “is to better understand on-the-
81 ground challenges, identify gaps in resources and response, and
82 work together to create more effective, community-informed
83 approaches to flood preparedness and response. We plan to do
84 this through discussion of flooding impacts and sharing out
85 resources available to community members.”

86 This is a free event. Snacks and refreshments will be
87 available at the meeting. Register at bit.ly/dover_flood.

88 ***Red Cross offers free smoke detector*** 89 ***installation***

90 BRATTLEBORO — The American Red Cross is holding a
91 free smoke detector installation event Saturday, April 11, in
92 Brattleboro, Putney, and the surrounding towns.

93 “Home fires claim seven lives every day, but having
94 working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half. That’s
95 why the American Red Cross is rallying volunteers to install free
96 smoke alarms nationwide, as part of our Sound the Alarm
97 events,” organizers said in a news release. “This year, we’ll install
98 free smoke alarms, create escape plans, and share fire safety
99 information.”

100 Request a smoke detector installation in your home by
101 going to bit.ly/859-smoke, or call 800-464-6692 and select
102 Option 4 when prompted.

103 ***Summer schedule begins for Guilford Town*** 104 ***Clerk***

105 GUILFORD — Starting this week, the Guilford Town
106 Clerk’s office will be changing over to summer hours.

107 The Town Office will still be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
108 Monday through Thursday, but the Town Clerk will only be
109 available during the following hours: Monday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
110 and Tuesday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winter hours will
111 resume after the November General Election.

112 In a news release, Guilford Town Clerk Uriel Najera said
113 that “these hours allow me to focus on my other job, farming,
114 while maintaining consistent hours for all Town Clerk–related
115 needs.”

116 ***Youth Chess Tournament results***

117 BRATTLEBORO — The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks
118 Department reports that there were 13 participants in the 17th
119 annual Chess Tournament that was held March 14. Six current or
120 former students from Rec. Dept. classes were in the field.

121 Among the seven who have no previous history of chess
122 at the Rec. Dept, two came in from Townshend, one from
123 Wardsboro, and one from Easthampton, Massachusetts.
124 Participants were evenly spread across the age range from first
125 grade through eighth grade.

126 First place was won by Eli Anolik of Massachusetts, while
127 first place for fourth grade and under went to Anderson Weng of
128 Brattleboro. First place for second grade and under went to Leif
129 Pritts from Townshend.

130 ***Funding available for organizations through*** 131 ***Crosby-Gannett Fund***

132 BRATTLEBORO — Funding is now available for Vermont
133 organizations in the Brattleboro area through the Crosby-Gannett
134 Fund grant program. The purpose of the fund is to support
135 endeavors that contribute to the betterment and vitality of the
136 Brattleboro area.

137 The Crosby-Gannett Fund awards a grant to one
138 applicant annually. The grant term will be active for three years,
139 and the grantee will receive \$7,500 per year, totaling \$22,500
140 over the three-year period. The goal of this model is to provide
141 reliable capacity-building support to creative ideas and
142 community-based organizations, enabling meaningful
143 improvements in the Brattleboro area.

144 Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday,
145 April 28. Visit vermontcf.org/crosby-gannett to learn more and
146 apply.

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