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4 ***Townshend Farmers Market opens for the***
5 ***season***

6 WEST TOWNSHEND — The 2026 season of the
7 Townshend Farmers Market begins Friday, May 22, from 4:30 to 7
8 p.m. Organizers said the market “is handicapped accessible,
9 family and all human friendly, and even well behaved leashed
10 dogs are welcome.”

11 The market is at 6573 Vermont Route 30 in West
12 Townshend, behind the West Townshend Country Store, and
13 features a variety of local vendors old and new. For more
14 information, visit westtownshend.org/farmers-market.

15 ***Local artists on display at Welcome Center***

16 GUILFORD — Ann Newsmith will be showing her
17 watercolor paintings at the Guilford Welcome Center through
18 June 4. Her work focuses primarily on flowers and landscape
19 scenes from Vermont and Mexico.

20 Also on view is a series of photographs, “Faces of
21 Mexico,” that she and Norm Oakes have taken over the many
22 years they’ve spent in regions of Mexico.

23 A reception is planned for Saturday, May 23, from 4 to 6
24 p.m. The Welcome Center is located on Interstate 91 northbound
25 between Bernardston, Massachusetts, and Brattleboro, and is
26 open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Newsmith’s recent paintings can be seen at
27 facebook.com/annnewsmithwaterccolors.

28 ***Rock Voices begins summer season***

29 BRATTLEBORO — Rock Voices, the choir that sings only
30 rock songs, begins its summer season in Brattleboro on Monday,
31 May 25, at 7 p.m. Rehearsals will be held at American Legion
32 Post 5, 32 Linden St., every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

33 No auditions are required — anyone over 18 is
34 welcome. The first three sessions are open for anyone to try it out
35 with no commitment. The theme this summer is “Music from the
36 Movies,” and some of the songs that are planned are from
37 *Mamma Mia*, *K-Pop Demon Hunters*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Hair*,
38 *Footloose*, *Grease*, *The Graduate*, and a James Bond medley. For
39 information and to register, go to rockvoices.com.

40 ***Senior lunch in Dummerston***

41 DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior
42 Solutions will serve their next Senior Lunch on Wednesday, May
43 27, at the Grange Hall in Dummerston Center, with take-outs

44 available between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., and in-house meal
45 served at noon.

46 The menu will be red flannel hash, blueberry fruit salad,
47 and cole slaw. The vegetarian option is a plant-based “meat” in
48 potato, carrots, and beets. A gluten-free option is also available.
49 Dessert is red velvet cake.

50 Reservations are highly suggested and can be made by
51 calling the hall at 802-254-1138. Leave name, phone number,
52 number of meals desired, and whether they are for eating in or
53 taking out. The suggested donation is \$4 for those age 60 and
54 above eating inside. For those age 59 and under and all take-
55 outs, the suggested donation is \$5.

56 ***Grafton Library hosts author Peter Canellos***

57 GRAFTON — Grafton Public Library’s first “Neighbor-to-
58 Neighbor Discussion Series” program of 2026 will be
59 Wednesday, May 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with award-winning
60 author and journalist Peter Canellos, as he discusses his most
61 recent book, *Revenge for the Sixties: Sam Alito and the Triumph*
62 *of the Conservative Legal Movement*.

63 Canellos began his journalism career at *The Boston*
64 *Globe* and more recently served as executive editor at Politico.
65 He has received numerous citations for his work, including being
66 named a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction.

67 A graduate of Columbia Law School, Peter is noted for
68 his writing about the Supreme Court. In *Revenge for the Sixties*,
69 Canellos examines the forces that shaped Justice Samuel Alito’s
70 judicial career and outlines why understanding Alito’s story is
71 essential to understanding the future of American law and
72 democracy.

73 There will be time for discussion after the presentation,
74 and signed copies of Canellos’s book will be available for
75 purchase. It is necessary to register to attend this event, as seating
76 is limited and the program will not be recorded. Email
77 librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org to register.

78 **Moore Free Library seeks donations for**

79 **Summer Book Sale**

80 NEWFANE — The Friends of the Moore Free Library are
81 gearing up for the summer book sale to be held Saturday, July 11,
82 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be accepting donations on the
83 following days only: Saturday, May 30, 9 to 11 a.m., and
84 Monday, June 15, 4 to 6 p.m. Guidelines for donating are
85 available at the library, at moorefreelibrary.org, or from
86 julielavorgna@gmail.com.

87 They are always looking for new volunteers to help with
88 the book sales. For those who are new to the community, this is a
89 great way to get involved. Stop in at the library to get more
90 information about how to help.

91 **Red Cross needs volunteers**

92 BRATTLEBORO — Volunteers carry out 90% of the
93 humanitarian work of the American Red Cross, organizers said in
94 a news release. “Whether helping one displaced family or
95 thousands, providing care and comfort to an ill or injured service
96 member or veteran, or teaching others how to respond in
97 emergencies, it’s through the efforts of ordinary people that the
98 Red Cross can do extraordinary things.”

99 Volunteers are urgently needed in Southern Vermont.
100 Members of the disaster action team assist individuals and
101 families who have been impacted by a home fire or local disaster,
102 support local fire and rescue efforts, support local blood drives,
103 and much more.

104 There are many ways to help through the Red Cross. To
105 learn more, visit redcross.org/VolunteerNNE or contact Frank
106 Grima, the volunteer recruiter for Vermont, at
107 Frank.Grima2@redcross.org.

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