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4 ***Fair and impartial policing policies to be***
5 ***discussed in Putney***

6 PUTNEY — The town of Putney Equity and Inclusion
7 Advisory Committee will host a community conversation about
8 Vermont's Fair and Impartial Policing Policy, its effects on the
9 community, and what it means for local law enforcement and
10 immigration Wednesday, June 17, at Putney Center School.

11 A free dinner will be served from 5 to 6 p.m., followed
12 by the forum from 6 to 8 p.m. Guest speakers will include
13 Windham County Sheriff Mark Anderson; Vermont State Police
14 Lt. Todd Wilkins; Cliff Wood, chair of Sheriff's Advisory
15 Committee; and State Sen. Nader Hashim.

16 Kerry Amidon will be the moderator, and the forum will
17 be recorded by BCTV. All are welcome to join the conversation.
18 To RSVP, go to bit.ly/FairForum.

19 ***Vermont historian to give talk in Wilmington***

20 WILMINGTON — On Thursday, June 18, at 7 p.m.,
21 historian and author Kevin Graffagnino will present “Zadock
22 Thompson and the Story of Vermont” in the Old School
23 Community Center, 1 School St.

24 Zadock Thompson (1796–1856) was a historian,
25 naturalist, professor, and minister who played a significant role in
26 how 19th-century Vermonters viewed their state's heritage and
27 appreciated its natural resources. Organizers said Thompson's
28 *History of Vermont, Natural, Civil, and Statistical* (1842) remains
29 one of the best sources ever published on the Green Mountain
30 State.

31 Graffagnino will review Thompson's life and career, with
32 particular emphasis on how his work shaped several generations
33 of Vermont attitudes toward this state's 18th-century beginnings.
34 Also open for viewing will be one of Wilmington's Vermont 250
35 displays. This event is sponsored by the Vermont 250 Town of
36 Wilmington Committee.

37 ***Senior meal in Halifax***

38 WEST HALIFAX — On Friday, June 19, volunteers will
39 prepare and serve the monthly Senior Meal at the Halifax
40 Community Hall, 20 Brook Rd. The menu for the annual indoor
41 picnic will feature fresh fruit ambrosia; hamburgers, hotdogs, and
42 sausage with rolls, lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles; potato
43 salad; Texas beans; and dessert.

44 Appetizers and socializing will begin at 11:30 a.m. with
45 the main meal served around noon. A suggested \$4 donation (\$5
46 for those younger than 60 years old) will help to support the
47 Halifax Senior Meal. If a large group plans to attend, call Bettye
48 at 802-368-7797.

49 ***Medicinal plant walk at Hogback Mountain***

50 MARLBORO — Allison Turner will lead a plant walk in
51 the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area Saturday, June 20,
52 from 10 a.m. to noon, identifying the lower-growing plants at the
53 edges of the forest and in nearby fields.

54 Participants will see native and non-native plants,
55 invasives, and possibly rare specimens. Turner will explain the
56 medicinal uses for several local plants, according to both folklore
57 and modern science. This will be an easy walk, as hikers will be
58 stopping every few feet to look at a new plant. The event is free.
59 Registration is required by email at hmca@hogbackvt.org.

60 ***Nature Fest at the Athens 1817 Meetinghouse***

61 ATHENS — The first-ever Nature Fest on the 1817 Athens
62 Brick Meetinghouse lawn will take place Saturday, June 20, from
63 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., hosted by the Meetinghouse Committee in
64 conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society.

65 The event will feature “The Caterpillar Lab” from Dublin,
66 New Hampshire. This group of naturalists offers an opportunity to
67 observe many live native caterpillars and learn about their
68 extraordinary life cycles, habits, and metamorphoses. The Nature
69 Museum of Grafton and Athens’ own Bull Creek Common Lands
70 will also be on hand.

71 Organizers say this will be a great day for kids and adults
72 alike to learn something new about local lands and the many
73 creatures we share it with. For more information, contact Sherry
74 Maher at 802-869-2141 or follow Athens Meetinghouse on
75 Facebook.

76 ***Community Pride Service at Centre Church***

77 BRATTLEBORO — A Community Pride Service will be
78 held at Centre Congregational Church, 193 Main St., Saturday,
79 June 20, at 2 p.m., to honor LGBTQ+ strength and resilience
80 through music, readings, and reflection. Sponsored by the
81 Brattleboro Area Interfaith Leadership Alliance (BAILA) in
82 collaboration with Out in the Open, this service is open to all.

83 Out In the Open’s mission is to connect rural LGBTQ+
84 people to build community, visibility, knowledge, and power.
85 They are a multiracial, majority working class, grassroots,
86 movement and capacity-building organization based in
87 Wabanaki territory throughout the states of Vermont and Maine.
88 Find out more at weareoutintheopen.org.

89 The Brattleboro Area Interfaith Leadership Alliance is
90 made up of leaders and members from a variety of faith traditions
91 who are committed to finding unity and common ground,
92 offering support and solidarity within the larger faith community
93 of Southern Vermont.

94 BAILA faith communities include Quaker, UCC,
95 Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Buddhist, Quaker, Ba’hai,
96 Unitarian Universalist and the Brattleboro Area Jewish
97 Community. BAILA is open to anyone involved in a faith
98 community as a leader or member.

99 ***Father’s Day Brunch in Guilford***

100 GUILFORD — Broad Brook Grange will present its 26th
101 annual Father’s Day Brunch Sunday, June 21, from 7 a.m. to 1
102 p.m. at Broad Brook Community Center.

103 The all-you-can-eat brunch features eggs and the
104 signature item: omelettes, any style, made to order. Also on the
105 menu are pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, and roast
106 potatoes, with Guilford maple syrup. Other treats include home-
107 baked coffee cakes, cupcakes, quiche, muffins, gluten-free
108 goodies, and other baked goods, fresh fruit salad, and bread for
109 toasting. A selection of juices will be available, along with coffee,
110 tea, and milk.

111 No reservations are necessary for the meal, which is
112 priced at \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, and \$5 for ages 2–12.
113 Kids under two eat for free. Cash or check payable to Broad
114 Brook Grange; also Venmo and PayPal are accepted with a small
115 extra fee.

116 ***Local legislators host forum on 2026***
117 ***legislative session***

118 PUTNEY — With the adjournment of the 2025–26
119 session of the Vermont Legislature, state Sen. Nader Hashim and
120 Rep. Mike Mrowicki will offer a look back and a look ahead at a
121 public forum for constituents at the Putney Public Library
122 Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m.

123 The public is invited to hear their local legislators report
124 on the 2025–26 session and to offer their suggestions as
125 lawmakers are looking ahead to a new legislative session in
126 January. For more information, contact Mrowicki at
127 mike.mrowicki@vtleg.gov.

128 ***Senior lunch in Dummerston***

129 DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior
130 Solutions will serve their next Senior Lunch Wednesday, June 24,
131 at the Grange Hall in Dummerston Center, with take-outs
132 available between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and an in-house meal
133 served at noon.

134 The menu will be shepherd’s pie with mixed veggies,
135 vegetarian shepherd’s pie with plant-based “hamburger” and
136 mixed veggies, and fruit and veggie (cabbage, carrots, etc.)
137 gelatin salad. Dessert is strawberry shortcake with real whipped
138 cream.

139 Reservations are highly suggested and can be made by
140 calling the hall at 802-254-1138. Leave name, phone number,
141 number of meals desired, and whether eating in or taking out.
142 Suggested donation is \$4 for those age 60 and above eating
143 inside. For those age 59 and under and for all take-outs, the
144 suggested donation is \$5.

145 ***Restorative justice volunteer training offered***
146 ***in Brattleboro***

147 BRATTLEBORO — Interaction (formerly Youth Services)
148 will hold restorative justice volunteer training on Thursday and
149 Friday, June 25 and 26, from 5 to 8 p.m., at its second floor
150 offices at 28 Vernon St.

151 This training is for anyone interested in helping people
152 navigate conflict, repair harm, and strengthen community
153 connections. Participants will learn about restorative justice
154 practices, gain the skills needed to serve on our panels, and
155 connect with others who believe in the power of dialogue,
156 accountability, and healing.

157 Interaction has been providing restorative justice
158 programs for more than 40 years. Anyone interested in
159 volunteering is welcome. No prior experience is required. People
160 with lived justice system experience are welcome to attend this
161 training. Accessible accommodations are available, including
162 elevators and designated accessible parking. To reserve a spot, go
163 to bit.ly/870-justice.

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