

Good News travels fast



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This summer, Bellows Falls resident Jennifer Nichols received a car from Good News Garage. Her used Toyota Camry, donated by a generous Vermonter, will transport her and her family to a brighter future. Nichols is just one of more than 5,000 recipients of a vehicle from Good News Garage since the Burlington-based nonprofit began providing reliable transportation to people in need in 1996. The nonprofit says a lack of transportation is one of the biggest reasons why people cannot achieve upward mobility, and it's especially an issue in rural Vermont where cars are essential.

MEETINGS BOX

TODAY

Vernon

Planning and Economy Development Commission: 6:30 p.m. at the Vernon Town Office Building, 567 Governor Hunt Road.

Brattleboro

Brattleboro Union High School District #6 Finance Committee: 9:15 a.m., in Room 106B at Brattleboro Union High School.

The Reformer's Meetings Box is offered as a service and in no way meets the official requirements of warning a meeting.

THURSDAY

Birthday invitation extended

VERNON — The family of Pete Adams is inviting friends and family to a celebration open house on Sept. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Vernon Hall, 61 Greenway Drive, in the activities room, in honor of Adams' 90th birthday.



Adams

The family has asked that visitors bring no gifts; however, cards, photos and shared memories are much appreciated. For those unable to attend, cards or pictures can be sent to Pete Adams, 13 Greenway Drive, Apt. 24, Vernon, VT 05354. For more information or to RSVP, contact Brenda at 802-647-2165 or brenandchip@hotmail.com.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's "Newport woman gets 2-8 for heroin trafficking," the Reformer incorrectly stated the disposition of her case. She was found guilty by a jury on one count of transporting heroin into the state and one count for conspiracy to traffic heroin.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

COMMUNITY

Experienced Goods Thrift Shop: For Brattleboro area hospice, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 77 Flat St., Brattleboro.

Root Social Justice Center: Trans night for trans and gender non-conforming folks of all ages, 6 to 8 p.m., 28 Williams St., Brattleboro. Information: hb@greenmountaincrossroads.org.

Vernon Free Library: Cribbage Club, 11 a.m.; Knitting Group, 1 p.m., 567 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon.

Wardsboro Public Library: Knitting Circle, beginners welcome, 2:30 to 4 p.m., 170 Main St., Wardsboro.

Worn Again Thrift Shop: Operated by volunteers of West River Mission of Putney and churches in Putney, Townshend, Stratton Mountain and Saxtons River, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Edmund of Canterbury Roman Catholic Church, Main Street, Saxtons River.

DANCE

Paneurythy Dance: Uplifting, energizing circle dance taught by Beinsa Douno of Bulgaria and danced around the world, 8 a.m., Living Memorial Park, Guilford St., Brattleboro. Information: 802-490-2213.

Shall We Dance: West Coast Swing lesson, 6 p.m.; American Tango, 7 p.m., \$10 per lesson, \$18 both, Headroom Stages, 17 Elliot St., Brattleboro.

FOOD AND SHELTER

Bellows Falls Drop-In Center: Free breakfast, 9 to 10:30 a.m., food pantry hours 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed for lunch; free lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Our Place Drop-In Center, 4 Island St., Bellows Falls. Information: 802-463-2217.

Brattleboro Groundworks Drop-In Center: Showers, laundry, phone, mailing address, advocacy, case management, coffee; serving families and individuals, call 802-257-0066 ext. 1109 to

be added to the waiting list; Food Shelf, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 81 Royal Road, Brattleboro. Information: 802-257-5415.

Jamaica-Wardsboro Community Food Pantry: 6:30 to 8 p.m., Main Street, Wardsboro. Questions: 802-874-7234.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Shambhala Meditation Center: Meditation Sitting, 7 p.m., 28 Williams St., Brattleboro. Information: 802-257-1984.

Transcendental Meditation Program: Free introductory lecture on the TM Program by appointment. Information: 603-924-7426.

Vermont Insight Meditation Center: Meditation Sittings, 7 to 7:45 a.m., in the Neighbor's Hall at Solar Hill, 229 Western Ave., Brattleboro. Information: 802-258-7035.

HISTORY

Chesterfield Historical Society: The program will explore the stories of rituals, traditions, and history of New Hampshire town meetings as researched by humorist author Rebecca Rule, 7 p.m., Chesterfield Town Hall, 518 Route 63, Chesterfield, N.H.

County Museum: View the Historical Society of Windham County's collection of early Vermont furniture, folk art, Civil War artifacts, clothing, toys and tools, noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment, Route 30, Newfane.

KID STUFF

Boys and Girls Club: Power Hour homework lab, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; Cooking From Scratch, 3:30 to 5 p.m.; climbing wall, 6 to 6:45 p.m.; Smart girls, ages 11 to 13, 4:15 to 5 p.m.; dinner, 5:15 to 6 p.m.; book club for ages 11 to 13, 5:30 to 6 p.m.; Lyricism and Production, 5:30 to 6 p.m., 17 Flat St., Brattleboro. Information: 802-254-5990.

Brooks Memorial Library: Rhyme Time for children under 5, 10:30 a.m., 224 Main St., Brattleboro. Information: 802-254-5290 ext. 1210.

Cheshire Children's Museum:

Wacky Wednesday, BIG Games, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 149 Emerald St., Keene, N.H.

First Baptist Church: Preschool Playgroup, for children up to age 5, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 9 Church St., Bellows Falls. Information: Tracy Binet-Perrin, 603-762-5069.

Walpole Library: Makers Play, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., 48 Main St., Walpole, N.H.

LECTURE

Brown Bag Lunch Series: "The Crisis in Nicaragua," noon, Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 157 Main St., Brattleboro.

MUSIC

Vermont Jazz Center: Community Jazz Jam Session, \$3 requested donation, 8 to 10 p.m., 72 Cotton Mill Hill, Studio 222, Brattleboro. Information: 802-254-9088.

SENIORS

Bellows Falls Senior Center: Knit and Stitch group, 9 a.m., 18 Tuttle St., Bellows Falls.

Putney Cares Activities Barn: The Artist in Each of Us, 10 a.m. to noon, 54 Kimball Road, Putney. Information: 802-722-3607.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon: For friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Putney Friends Meeting House, Route 5, Putney. Information: 866-972-5266.

Changing Tides: Free confidential peer support for those with mental health conditions, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Tyler Conference Room, 17 Belmont Ave., Brattleboro. Information: Sandra, 802-579-5937.

Turning Point: Community meal, noon; Smart Recovery, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Families United, 6 to 8 p.m., 39 Elm St., Brattleboro.

Women's Freedom Center: Peer Support Group for women addressing issues of abuse in intimate partner relationships, noon to 1 p.m. For directions, 802-257-7364.

COMMUNITY MEALS

BRATTLEBORO

Firefighter's benefit

The Brattleboro Firefighter's Benefit Association will hold its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the West Brattleboro Fire Station. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, call 802-254-4831.

GUILFORD

Senior Lunch

The Guilford Senior

Lunch, sponsored by Senior Solutions, will take place at noon on Friday, Sept. 7, at the Guilford Community Church.

The menu includes pecan salmon casserole, vegetable and bread, with cheery cherry dessert.

A suggested donation of \$3.50 for seniors is asked. Books will be available on loan from the Guilford Free Library.

For more information and to make reservations, call 802-257-7317 no later than

Sept. 5.

BELLOWS FALLS

Friday Picnic

First Friday Picnic at the First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., will be held Sept. 7. The menu includes corn on the cob, hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, salads, beverages and dessert.

Serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$6. Proceeds to go to Friends for Change Youth Group. Rain or shine.

Remember loved ones lost to substance abuse

PUTNEY — The Putney Huddle will host an International Overdose Awareness Vigil at the Putney Common on Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join in for an evening of speakers, music, a candlelight vigil and sharing of stories and photos to remember loved ones lost to substance abuse. Educa-

tion materials will also be available and donations accepted for Turning Point of Windham County.

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on Aug. 31 each year and aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related

death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose.

For more information, contact Tammy McNamara: theputneyhuddle@gmail.com.

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