

THETFORD ACADEMY NEWS AND NOTES

***Friday, September 2**, Thetford Academy and the Class of 2012 will sponsor the **Welcome Dance for students in grades 7-12**. The dance will be held in the Anderson Hall Cafe from 7:30-9:30 pm.

***7th Grade Parents Welcome Night** will be **Wednesday, September 7**. The evening starts at 7:00 pm in the TA Library.

***Thursday, September 8**, the **Board of Trustees** will hold their **monthly meeting in the TA Library**. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

***Parents' Back to School Curriculum Night** will be **Thursday, September 15**, starting at 6:30 pm in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium.

***Thetford Academy's annual Mountain Day** will be held on **Friday, September 23**. The rain date is Thursday, September 22.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

REMINDER: LABOR DAY PARADE AND BBQ

Don't forget the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual **Labor Day Chicken BBQ and Parade on Monday, September 5th** at the Post Mills Fire Station. The parade will begin at 11:30 from Kinne field and travel down Rt 244 past the fire station. Chicken BBQ to follow the parade. The cost for the BBQ is \$10 for 1/2 chicken, beans, coleslaw, roll, homemade pie, and soda.

Please come support your local fire department! Come early to browse the flea market and the fire department educational displays, as well as enjoy a day with your Thetford neighbors! Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for a chance at some great prizes! For parade information please contact Jeff Sirjane -785-4405. If you would be willing to help, please contact Robin Pettingell at 333-9882.

ELISABETH VON TRAPP PERFORMING IN THETFORD

Elisabeth Von Trapp will be performing at the **United Church of Thetford in North Thetford** (5470 Route 5, North Thetford, Vermont) on **Friday, September 16th, 2011 at 7:00 PM**. Admission is by donation, and refreshments will be served during intermission.

Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center. More information on Elisabeth: www.elisabethvontrapp.com. For more information on this event, call Karin Bonnett at 802-785-2543.

Submitted by Karin Bonnett

STILL GOOD PADDLING WEATHER...

I would like to thank Treasure Island and Kathi Meyerson and the Thetford Recreation Dept for providing opportunities for children and adults to learn kayaking this summer.

I hope to be able to offer more experiences next summer for people to get out on the water safely and learn good techniques. There is still good paddling weather this fall, let me know if you want to go out. You can contact me at bonna.wieler@valley.net, Bold Paths Adventure.

Submitted by Bonna Wieler

HEATING SEASON IS COMING -- ARE YOU READY?

Keep your house comfortable and save money by not wasting energy during the heating season.

- Check weatherstripping on all doors and windows
- Caulk cracks around doors and windows
- Close your storm windows and lock your windows before you turn on the heat
- Program night temperature setback on your thermostat to 50 degrees
- Clean your heat vents and fin tubing
- Brush your chimney

Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY – UPCOMING EVENTS!

HUGHES BARN MUSEUM

Our last two Sundays fall in September this year. We're hoping for dry weather and your presence at both these events! **The Museum** is located at 2274 Route 113, **open from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on September 4th and 11th**. Tour four buildings filled with artifacts from the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries, relating to Thetford's history. **Free admission**, suitable for all ages. Programs are held outside - please bring a chair or blanket for seating.

2ND ANNUAL PIE CONTEST

Saturday, September 4th: 2nd Annual Pie Contest

Bring your best homemade pie to the Barn Museum between 2:00 and 2:30 for entry into our 2nd Annual Pie Contest. Two categories: Fruit Pies, and Cream or Custard Pies. Two Divisions: Youth (age 16 and under) and Adult. Judging begins at 3:00 pm, audience enjoys samples of pie following awards.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY

A Vermont Humanities Program, with Franklin Pierce law professor Richard Hesse. Historically, individual liberty and social and national security have always presented a dilemma, both for those seeking to exercise and those seeking to limit governmental power. This program explores the history of those tensions leading up to September 11, 2001 and measures current reactions in light of that history. The audience is asked to consider practical national security problems that raise human rights issues.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: LABOR DAY PARADE

It's History on Parade this Labor Day, at the fire department's annual parade. **Parade entries encouraged in the following categories:** Working the Land, Industrious Endeavors, Marvelous Machines, Recreation, Education, Community Involvement, Special Events, and Individual Achievers. If you're interested in entering the parade or you'd like more information, please call Jeff Sirjane (785-4405) or the Historical Society (785-2068) and let us know.

Submitted by Martha Howard, Thetford Historical Society

THETFORD RECREATION - FALL PROGRAMS

KARATE

GRADES K -12 Wednesdays after school from 3:00-4:00 in the TES gym. **Runs Sept 7 thru Oct 12.** Class will be run by Sensei Marshall Van Norden of Green Mountain Dojo. **FEE \$35** for all 6 weeks. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPT 3rd.**

SOCCER

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GRADE K - Coed - Practices will be held on **Saturdays at Noon – 1:00 @ TES.** Sept 10-Oct 29

GRADES 1/2 - Coed - Practices will be held on **Wednesdays from 3-4:15 and Saturday mornings at 11-noon @ TES.** Sept 7 - Oct 29.

GRADES 3/4

Girls Practice Tuesday/Thursday from 3-4:30pm, Sept 1- Oct 20 @ TES.

Boys practice Tuesday/Thursday from 4:30-6pm Sept 1 @ TES.

Games for both teams should be the same days and Saturdays if needed. Games will begin no later than 5:30 PM. Complete game and practice schedule will be distributed by head coach.

GRADES 5/6

Girls Practice Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 3-4:30 PM Starts Sept 2 @ TES.

Boys practice Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 4-5:30 Starts Sept 2 @ TES.

Games for both teams should be the same days and Saturdays as needed. Games will begin no later than 5:30 PM. Complete game and practice schedule will be distributed by coach.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING AT THETFORD ACADEMY

5th and 6th Graders are invited to run cross-country in the fall at TA. The emphasis is on having fun and building community, while gaining the satisfaction that comes from running. **Practices are Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:15-4:30 pm, beginning 9/7, and the season ends late October.** Wear your running clothes to school, so you can walk straight to practice. Participating in the 1.5 mile races is encouraged, but not required.

To sign-up for Cross Country, contact Thomas Chapin, JR.High School Coach: tychapin@gmail.com. With questions, you may also talk with Emily Silver, High School Coach.

Incoming 7th graders are also invited to run cross-country in the fall. Practices for you are four days a week: Monday-Thursday from 3:15-4:30. The first day of practice will be Tuesday, 8/30, which is the second day of school. To sign-up, contact Junior High Coach, Thomas Chapin, at tychapin@gmail.com.

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

For boys and girls ages 11-16. This course is designed around 6 major themes: safety, basic care, first aid, safe play, professionalism and leadership. Excellent training for anyone who babysits. Each participant will take home a useful reference handbook as well as a certificate for completion of the course. Course will be held at TES. Bring a pencil and lunch. Participants will be invited to use their skills, and be paid, during Old School PE nights this fall (see below) **Saturday, Oct. 1st from 9:30 am to 1 PM \$50 fee/\$60 NR (Min #6, max #20) Registration deadline Sept 23rd.**

HOME ALONE COURSE

Instructor Jude Powers will teach children at least 8 years old how to behave, what to do and what they need to know to be home alone in the house after school. Bring something to write on, a pencil and a snack. **Course held at TES. Saturday, Sept 17 from 9:30am – Noon \$40 fee/\$50 NR (Min#8, max# 20) Registration deadline Sept 8th.**

Submitted by Kathy Meyerson, Thetford Recreation Director (www.thetfordrec.com)

AUDITIONS: "ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST" AT THE PARISH PLAYERS

The Parish Players announces **AUDITIONS** for the autumn production of the Tony Award-winning play: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Dale Wasserman, based on the novel by Ken Kesey

Directed by: Ben Hajbaz; Artistic Producer: Helena Binder; Produced By: Alex Cherington, Alan Gelfant, and Jim Schley

Audition Times:

Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9th from 7 – 9 pm

Sunday, September 11 from 10 am – 1 pm

Auditions will be held at the Eclipse Grange, 193 Academy Road, Thetford Hill, Vermont 05074

Rehearsals will start in late September. Performances will be Thursday through Sunday, November 10 – 13 and 17 – 20.

Seeking:

Ten men, ages 25 – 60.

Four women, ages 20 – 55.

One Native American actor for the role of "Chief" Bromden.

Note: the role of McMurphy has been cast.

For more information call (802) 785 – 4344 or email: pancho@parishplayers.org

Submitted by Neal Meglathery

PARISH PLAYERS LOOKING FOR DIRECTORS AND PLAYWRIGHTS FOR THE 2012 TEN-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL!

This exhilarating event was an instant hit at its inaugural production in February 2007, a collection of sharp, funny and moving plays that "said it all" in ten minutes (or pretty darn close)--and our audiences have loved it ever since! Eight directors chose eight plays under the theme of Love, Lust and Language, and, well ... the rest is history.

And now we have a tradition. This year the Players will again be looking for that perfect combination of original and published plays to spark up our fifth annual Ten-minute Play Festival in February. If you're a director interested in bringing a 10-minute play to the stage, or a playwright interested in submitting a play for consideration, we want to hear from you!

Directors: Please contact Pancho@ParishPlayers.org to express your interest, preferably by November 1, 2011.

Playwrights: Submit your play no later than November 1, 2011. Finalists from previous years' selections may be offered to our directors as a possible festival choice. Plays selected will receive a full production in our 2012 Ten-Minute Play Festival. **Note: If your play is more than 10-minutes it may not be considered.**

Please submit your play no later than November 1, 2011, to The Parish Players in one of the following two ways:

1. By email, using PDF format only, to: Pancho@parishplayers.org
 - In the subject line, please put your play's title and your last name, separated by a hyphen.

--OR--

2. In a hard copy printout, sent by postal mail to: The Parish Players Ten-Minute Play Festival, PO Box 136, Thetford, VT 05074

Please note: We cannot guarantee that plays not sent in either PDF or hard copy format will be accessible to our readers, and therefore we cannot guarantee that plays sent in other formats will be read.

Submitted by Neal Meglathery

REPORTING DAMAGES FROM HURRICANE IRENE

Vermonters who have property affected by the storm should report it to the state. There are several phone lines in addition to the 211 number now in operation. Please note that it is critical to acquiring recovery aid that a statewide inventory of the damage is taken. Also, if repairs are made by a property owner, it is important to take pictures of the damage, document the repairs and keep receipts for potential assistance.

Individuals: Individuals reporting property damage should call 211.

Businesses: Businesses should call the Agency of Commerce and Community Development at (ACCD) at 828-3211 to report damage which will be collated for VEM and FEMA. ACCD will also make referrals for financing and technical assistance. The information needed when businesses make the call is: name of business, location (complete address), description of damage, point of contact, date damage occurred. There are additional questions for historic properties.

Farms: To report damages to property including but not limited to barns, milking parlors, crops, fields, equipment, etc., call:

- Your county USDA Farm Service Agency (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=vt&agency=fsa>) OR;
- Your county Natural Resources Conservation Services office (<http://www.vt.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/index.html>).

Organizations such as the Vermont Farm Bureau (802-434-5646) or NOFA Vermont (802-434-4122) can also be called. These organizations will send a summary of the information to the Agency of Agriculture which will forward it to VEM. Farmers experiencing loss of crops due to flooding should contact their crop insurance agent as well as the USDA Farm Service Agency (802-658-2803).

Emergency Flood Assistance Program for Businesses

This program, administered by VEDA, is up and running. It will provide \$10 million of very low interest, no first year payment, loans to businesses which suffered losses due to flooding. Interested businesses should go to VEDA's website (<http://www.veda.org/>) for more information.

Storm Recovery Resources

Vermont Emergency Management Website: This site includes the latest updates and helpful information: <http://vem.vermont.gov>.

Vermont Emergency Management Facebook Page:

The most up to date information for VEM can be found on their Facebook page. If you “like” VEM on Facebook you will be given automatic updates on your Facebook homepage as their status changes. Includes great links to press releases and other information. Find it at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vermont-Emergency-Management/142566220102>

Returning to Your Home: For information on cleaning up your home after flooding, visit: <http://vem.vermont.gov/home/return>.

Fuel Tanks: If you find a fuel tank on your property or floating in flood waters, please contact the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association at 802-223-7750 or info@vermontfuel.com.

Vermont Travel Information Services: For the latest information on road closures, call 511 or visit: <http://www.511vt.com/>.

Ride Share: This site is designed for commuters to find car pools, but can be a valuable asset for individuals whose cars are damaged or destroyed: <http://www.connectingcommuters.org/>.

Submitted by Bob Walker

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

The deadline for submissions is around the 24th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at sheilafifield@aol.com. Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line. Thanks!