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THETFORD ACADEMY

***Basketball continues!** The boys' play in **Barre on Thursday, March 7, in the state semifinals.**

***The girls** will play on **Tuesday, March 5 at Vaughan Alumni Gym at 7pm** - #3 Panthers vs. #14 Northfield HS in first round playoff.

***The Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold their **monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 7:00pm** in the TA Library. The public is invited to attend.

***The One Act Play** will be performed **Tuesday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 20** in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. Call 785-4805 for times and ticket information.

***Winter Sports Awards** will be held **Thursday, March 28**, in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. The evening starts at 6:30pm and acknowledges our coaches, players, families, and fans. Show your Panther support!

Submitted by Wendy Cole

THETFORD ACADEMY ROBOTICS

Congratulations to the Thetford Academy robotics teams, two of which (one high school team and one middle school team) have already qualified to go to "Worlds," the VEX Robotics World Championship competition in Anaheim, California. To buy raffle tickets for great prizes (including a quilt) and to support the team, look for team members selling raffle tickets at recycling, or e-mail marcia.groszek@dartmouth.edu. Good luck, TA robots!

Submitted by Marcia Groszek

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK - TEN

Come to the TEN--Thetford Elder Network--Luncheon on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 11:30am at the Church in North Thetford. A sumptuous entree with savory sides and a lip-smacking dessert will be served, followed by entertainment. Very likely we'll see and hear a dramatic piece to celebrate the coming of spring recreation. Details are being polished, yet we're certain that all who attend will have fun and strengthen community ties. Elders - Sages - Senior Citizens - Over-Fifties and Their Neighbors, Friends and Guests. See you there!

For more info or RSVP call 333-4082.
Free admission ~ Donations appreciated

Submitted by Susan Rump

CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT WKSHIP

Beginning on Wednesday, March 6th, the Thetford Elder Network in partnership with the Vermont Blueprint for Health, will be hosting a Chronic Pain Self-Management workshop. This workshop will meet for **6 weeks** at the **N. Thetford Congregational church from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Participants will learn which tools and strategies work best to help manage chronic pain. For more information or to register, call Andrea Z-Covey, Community Care Coordinator, at (802) 439-5321. *Submitted by Andrea Covey*

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Rabies Clinic – March 23 – 10am –noon at the town garage. Rabies Vaccinations available for dogs and cats. Licensing available at the Town Clerk's office too!

Animal License renewal – Due for renewal by Monday April 1, late fees apply Tuesday April 2.
Submitted by Tracy Borst

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK (T.E.N.)

T.E.N.--Thetford Elder Network--invites you, especially if you're 60+, to come on your own or with a friend, family member, or neighbor and enjoy our monthly luncheons at the church in North Thetford. The event is free (although we appreciate donations.)

The next luncheon is set for **February 28. Doors open at 11:30, and food is served about 11:50am.** Informational program and/or entertainment comes after we've eaten. This month we'll host a visit from our town's lively Assistant Fire Chief, who'll give a fact-filled & helpful talk on getting what we need if we ever have to call 9-1-1. Your questions will be addressed, too.

Watch Thetford Listserv or call 333-4082 for details, changes, and menu.. Next luncheon date will be March 28. Usually, it's the fourth Thursday. Coming this season: music, games and mini-contests, and other forms of fun. See you there!

Submitted by Susan Rump

THETFORD CONNECTS

Thetford Connects seeks to create positive environments and opportunities for members of our local communities to strengthen their connections with one another. "How can we make Thetford a more fun, supportive, engaging and vibrant community?"

Please join us on **Saturday, April 6th, at 2 p.m. at the Thetford Academy Café** to discuss the many possibilities. Using a format that will draw out the collective genius of those gathered, we will quickly brainstorm 8 to 12 ideas for discussion, then meet in groups. Anyone can lead a discussion, and you can move to a new group anytime you want to! Potluck to follow.

Tentative schedule:

2:00 – 2:30 pm	Describe process Welcome and Overview
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Brainstorming topics
3:00 – 3:45 pm	First round of discussion breakout sessions
3:45 – 4:30 pm	Second round discussion breakout sessions
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Closing & Potluck dinner

Questions, please contact: Didi Pershouse 802-785-2503, Didi.pershouse@gmail.com or Marty Jacobs 802-785-2606, marty@systemsinsync.com

EGGSTRAORDINARY FARM EASTER PARTY

March 30, 2013 at The Thetford Community Center, Thetford Center. **10AM-1PM—Easter Egg Party—Door Fee \$5.00 per child—**eggs for dyeing, easter crafts, face painting, food tasting. **Free Easter Egg Hunt 1:00-2:00PM—**rain, snow or shine. For more info—call Ruth Turner 785-4206 or email: East459@gmail.com.
Submitted by Amy Vance

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION and SPRING SPORTS ALTERNATIVES
REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10 LATE FEE.

TO REGISTER

Register on-line at www.thetfordrec.com and then submit your check with the on-line receipt. **OR** Complete a paper registration form AND Emergency Contact Information Sheet (if you have not done so this school year), and return them to the Recreation Department at the Town Hall or to the Recreation Folder in the TES office.

MAJORS BASEBALL FOR GRADES 5/6

FEE: \$40 Open to 5th and 6th graders**. The team follows Cal Ripken league rules. Practices are expected to be M/W/F at 5:00pm at the Post Mills baseball field. A detailed practice schedule will be made available by the coach. The preliminary game schedule will be available before April vacation. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 5th.** Coaches: Andy Boyce & Mike Pepe

MINORS BASEBALL FOR GRADES 3/4 - coaches needed

FEE: \$40 Open to 3rd and 4th graders**. The team follows Cal Ripken league rules. Practices are expected to be Tuesdays and Fridays 3:15 - 5:00pm at the Post Mills baseball field. A detailed practice schedule will be made available by the coach. The preliminary game schedule will be available before April vacation. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 5th.** Coach Mark Malloy

Cal Ripkin practices begin the week of March 7th on Thursday evenings 4:30 - 6:30 in TES gymnasium.
Outdoor practice for all baseball & softball begins the week of April 22nd.

**** A limited number of 4th graders may need to play up in order to complete two full, equal teams.**

SOFTBALL FOR GRADES 5/6 GIRLS – coaches needed

FEE: \$35 Open to 5th and 6th grade girls. Practice begins after April vacation on M/W/F, 3:00 - 4:30. Games will be primarily on the same days. Practices and home games will be at the TES softball field. A detailed practice schedule will be made available by the coach. The preliminary game schedule will be available before April vacation. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 12th.**

SOFTBALL FOR GRADES 3/4 GIRLS – coaches needed

FEE: \$35 Open to 3rd and 4th grade girls. Practice begins after April vacation on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00-4:30. Games will be primarily on the same days. Practices and home games will be at the TES softball field. A detailed practice schedule will be made available by the coach. The preliminary game schedule will be available before April vacation. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 12th.**

RECREATIONAL BASEBALL (REC BALL) FOR GRADES 1/2 - Coaches needed

FEE: \$25 Open to 1st and 2nd graders who have previous baseball experience. Practice begins after April vacation on M/W after school from 3:15 -4:30 on the TES baseball field. Details about any games will be delivered by the coach. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 12th.**

Spring Sports Alternatives

Dartmouth AU Soccer: Tuesdays 4:00-5:00, April 7 - May 19. This is a drop in program taught by Dartmouth Athletes @ TES

Outdoor Adventures & Natural Arts & Crafts: Ongoing program, Tuesdays 3:00 - 5:00, \$15/session

Beginner Tennis: Mondays April 29 - June 3. K-2: 3:00-4:00 3rd-5th: 4:00-5:00 TES BB courts. \$30

Keep your eye out for Summer Camp registration information in the coming weeks. Camp at Treasure Island will be July 8 - August 9. This summer's theme will be Outdoor Adventure & Nature Crafts. You can also find up to date information on-line at www.thetfordrec.com.

Submitted by Kathi Meyerson, Thetford Rec Director

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Latham Library Upcoming Events

Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm: Thetford resident Ginger Wallis will be reading from her new book, A Gentle and Curious Path. A Gentle and Curious Path is the author's way of reaching out to people who are newly diagnosed with cancer, their friends and family, or people who like true stories and wisdom. Copies of her book, which includes Mary Holland's wildlife photographs, will be available for purchase and signing.

Ongoing: Preschool Storytime at the Latham Library, every **Friday morning at 10:30 am.**

Peabody Library Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm: Celtic Music Concert with Samantha Moffatt and friends!

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm: We welcome back Janet Taylor from Crossroads Farm in Post Mills for her annual gardening talk. Come with your questions about growing vegetables!

Ongoing: After School Activities for children in grades K-6 on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Stories and snack are always included, and kids may take the #2 Bus from Thetford Elementary School to the Peabody Library (with a note from home).

Wednesdays in March: We will be reading and doing activities based on this year's Red Clover Book Award titles.

All library events are free and open to the public. Call Peter Blodgett at 785-4361 for more details on any of these programs.

Submitted by Emily Zollo