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THETFORD ACADEMY

*Thetford Academy is once again participating in Operation Day's Work (ODW), a student organization that encourages leadership, responsibility and volunteerism in middle and high school-aged students. ODW encourages participants to view the world in a different way and forges connections between local students and their peers around the world. Each spring, ODW students participate in a "work day" in their community, stacking wood, landscaping, raking leaves, etc. The goal of the work day is twofold: students help to make their own community a better place to live, and all the proceeds from those jobs goes toward the selected ODW project for that year. The profits of this year's ODW day will go to GoodWeave, an international organization that works to end child labor in the carpet industry and give educational opportunities to children in India and Pakistan. This year's work day is Wednesday, May 7.

*Thetford Academy will recognize the outstanding academic accomplishments of 87 scholars at the annual Honors Celebration on Wednesday, May 7. We are proud of our students!

*The TA Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 8, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. The meeting is open to the public.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" will be performed by the musical theater class on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 15, 16, and 17. Performances will be at 7:30pm each evening in the Martha Jane Rich Theater, and tickets are available at the door. Call 802-785-4805 for more information.

*The spring Instrumental Concert will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater.

*Thetford Academy will be closed on Monday, May 26, in commemoration of Memorial Day.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

TOUCHLINE SOCCER TECH AT TA

Touchline Soccer Tech at Thetford Academy camp dates are set, with sessions available for students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

For students entering grades 4-12, sessions are July 28 to Aug. 1 and Aug. 4 to 8, from 9 a.m. to noon, with training taking place within grade level group (4-5, 6-8, and 9-12). The cost is \$95 (\$75 before June 13).

For students entering kindergarten through 3rd grade, camp runs from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. July 28 to Aug. 1 and Aug. 4 to 8. The cost is \$50 (\$40 before June 13). Contact Camp Director Dustin Burnett at touchlinesoccer@me.com or 802-369-9301.

Submitted by Dustin Burnett

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR! :))

Special Thanks to Susannah French for taking over the Thetford Town Newsletter. Starting with the next newsletter all submissions will go to Susannah.



My deadline for submissions was the 20th of each month but Susannah may change that. Send news including contact name and telephone # to Susannah French at susannahfrench@me.com. Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line. Thank you Again Susannah!

T.E.N. MAY LUNCHEON

You are invited to the TEN May luncheon to be held Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 11:30am at the North Thetford Church. On the menu are roast pork, mashed potato, mixed veggies, roll or bread, homemade applesauce, and beverage. We may listen to music and work season-themed puzzles, and we'll certainly have each other's fine company! Details are being worked out.

Would you like to help with a specific task? Please call Cathee at 785-4668. To RSVP, please call Martha at 785-4274. See you there!

Submitted by Susan Rump

TREASURE ISLAND

Summer 2014 - on its way! Treasure Island officially opens Saturday, June 21st! Come all summer, and enjoy the beauty of the lake and summer. Treasure Island is open from 10AM - 8PM everyday of summer through Labor Day. Admission is \$4/ adults, \$2/children, seniors and children under age 2 are free. Season Passes now available! Thetford Residents: Family: \$55, Individual \$30, and Non-Residents: Family \$70, Individual, \$40. NOTE: Buy a pass BEFORE June 1st and save \$10 on a Family Membership, or \$5 on an Individual Membership. Passes can be purchased at the Thetford Town Office, or by mail. Address: Thetford Town Offices, P.O. Box 126, Thetford Center, VT 05075.

Treasure Island Swimming Lessons: Available for ages 4 and up. Session #1 : June 23 - July 3; Session #2 : July 7 - 18; Session #3: July 21 - August 1 ; Session #4 : August 4 - 15. Lessons run for a half-hour daily between 10am - 12:30pm for two weeks, M-F. Please plan to sign-up for one 2-week session first, and only add another session if space permits. "Saturdays - Only" swim lessons: 8 Saturday mornings in summer, beginning June 28, ending August 16.

Lessons cost = \$30/Thetford Residents; \$60 + Purchase of Season Pass/Non-Residents. All classes taught by American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

IN-PERSON SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATION: Saturday, May 24 from 10am - 12pm at Thetford Town Offices. Or, you may register online at www.thetfordrec.com.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMP for children held at Treasure Island! Weekly camp begins July 7, and runs all summer in weekly sessions until August 15. To sign-up, register at www.thetfordrec.com

For Island Rental for parties, reunions or large groups, contact Treasure Island at #333-9731. For any other Treasure Island questions, please call #333-9731. Hope to see you at the beach!

Submitted by Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Treasure Island Managers

THETFORD CENTER RUMMAGE SALE

The United Church of Thetford will hold its annual yard sale. The date for the yard sale is May 17. The sale will be held in Thetford Center in the community building beginning 8 AM and ending 2 PM. Don't miss this sale!!

Submitted by Bev Slack

WE CALL IT BONES!

Those of us who have been attending the twice-weekly class for the last 4 years invite you to join us Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9 am at the Thetford Center Community Center.

Our routine includes weight lifting which builds strong bones and tones muscles, stretching to increase flexibility, and balance postures.

Please wear or bring sneakers or running shoes, a bottle of water, and a yoga mat or blanket.

If you have questions, please call Jody Biddle 785-4508 or Susan Thrane 785-2520

Submitted by Debra Kraemer



Think
Spring!

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Ride Sharing and Van Pooling Made Easy by Go!Vermont
Interested in saving gas money and car expenses? Go!Vermont makes it easy at their website www.connectingcommuters.org. You can find or offer rides for commuting or for trips with people you can trust. The van pool program provides a van and insurance if a group of 7 or more signs up. The Guaranteed Ride Home program provides reimbursement if unexpected events cause you to miss your ride. The Thetford Energy Committee invites you to take a look at the website and see if it can help you or your family. Let us know what you think, and we will pass the feedback to the program organizers. The TEC contact for Go!Vermont feedback is Mike Kiess, MichaelKiess@gmail.com, 802.299.5864.

Solarize Thetford-Strafford is Off to a Great Start!
The joint effort between Thetford, Strafford, and our partners at Vital Communities to double the number of solar-powered homes in our communities is going strong. Enough homes have made the commitment to go solar that pricing has already reached Tier 2, meaning increased savings for all participating homeowners. The more homes that opt in to the Solarize program, the greater the savings for all. The program runs through June 30th, so act now to ensure you benefit from this opportunity to go solar at special pricing. Learn more at <http://www.vitalcommunities.org/solarize/Thetford-Strafford/> or call or email Bob Walker in Thetford (802.785.4126, bwalker@serg-info.org) or Dori Wolfe in Strafford (dori.wolfe@gmail.com).

Submitted by Alice Stewart

OPEN FIELDS MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014

Unto You does Open Fields send Greetings and Salutations.

Hear ye, hear ye. A festive Faire shall occur the twenty-fourth of May, Anno Domini 2014, on the Greene of Thetford Hill. The faire shall commence with the tolling of bells at 11 am and come to completion at 4 pm.

The Medieval Festival is a wonderful Thetford community event hosted by Open Fields School. During this family-friendly festival, the Green comes alive with the sights and sounds of a medieval village. A King and Queen, knights and ladies, peasants, craftsmen, and farmers gather to celebrate the age via music, dance, games of skill and chance, a parade, storytelling, Benny the Dragon, and feats of juggling and acrobatics. Lunch and desserts are available, including choices for those with special dietary needs, so bring your appetites and enjoy some festival feasting.

The 2014 Open Fields Medieval Festival will feature the talents of the No Strings Marionette Company performing their production of The Hobbit. Other entertainment includes morris dancing, musicians, traditional songs, and a maypole dance. As in years past, this year's festival combines the demonstration of traditional arts with hands-on activities. Come try your hand at felting, milling, weaving, calligraphy, candle-making, blacksmithing, beading, and printing, among others. Kids will love maneuvering their steeds through the horse course, digging for treasures in the bran bucket, trying a bit of swordplay, and getting lost in the hedge maze. Come see demonstrations by the Shire of Panther Vale, a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, visit the Highland ponies, or get into the spirit of things by dancing around the may pole. Several area businesses have supported this year's festival with raffle items. Join us on festival day and enter to win any number of wonderful items. Plants and starter sets, generously donated by Cedar Circle and Raven Field Farm, will be available for purchase on the green. Hay bales for mulch will be available for sale at the end of the day.

We are currently seeking artisans, craftsmen and farmers from the Thetford area to demonstrate their talents during the festival. Traditional arts are preferred. There is no booth fee or commission required on artisan sales; we only ask that you enhance the festival by demonstrating your art and by answering questions about how you create your products. Please consider becoming a volunteer to ensure the day is a fun, exciting, and inspirational experience for the children and families who attend. We also rely on donations from individuals and sponsorship from businesses to make the Open Fields Medieval Festival a success. If you would like to learn more about volunteering or becoming a donor or a sponsor, please contact Mindy Wren Barth at mindy@openfields.org or call Open Fields at 802.785.2077. Information is also available on the Medieval Festival website, www.VTMedFest.com.

Admission to the festival is \$7 per person. Children ages 4 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.VTMedFest.com or at the gate on festival day. We hope to see you Saturday May 24th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Medieval Festival!

Submitted by Nellie Pennington