

THETFORD NEWS

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TREASURE ISLAND 2015

AMERICAN RED CROSS LEARN-TO-SWIM SESSIONS

- Session 1—July 6—17
- Session 2—July 20—31
- Session 3—Aug. 3—14

These half-hour group lessons run Monday through Friday mornings from 10AM—12:30PM. Note: Level 6 is only available during Sessions 1 and 3. Also, GuardStart (ages 11-14) runs only during Session 2 at 12PM.

"Saturdays-only" Swim Lessons: Eight sessions beginning Saturday, June 20 and ending August 15 (no lessons July 4). Half-hour small group lessons run from 10am-12pm.

Lessons are for children ages 4 & up. Registration will be held on Saturday, May 16th at the Thetford Town Offices, from 10AM-12PM.

Swim lesson fee is \$35/Resident; \$65/Non-Resident plus the purchase of a season pass.

2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Work Day—Sat., May 9, 10-12pm, bring a rake and gloves.

Treasure Island Season Passes available at the Thetford Town Offices. Residents: Family, \$60, Individual, \$30; Non-Residents: Family, \$80, Individual, \$40.

Ann and Scott O'Hearn

EASTER ACTIVITIES

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 4th at the TCCA in Thetford Center from 10:00 to Noon.

Decorate cookies, play games, get a tattoo, and bring your baskets to fill with eggs! Candy donations welcomed, especially if you can drop them off before 10 AM.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sun., April 5th at the United Church of Thetford, North Thetford, fellowship Hall from 7:30 – 8:30 am.

Join us for a full breakfast with eggs, sausage, potatoes and coffee cake. There is no charge. Donations are welcome, as are friends from neighboring churches and the community.

Michael Kiess

PARISH PLAYERS

JOHN CARIANI'S "ALMOST, MAINE"

When the northern lights are active this dark winter night, human emotions go haywire and people connect in unpredictable ways in a community so small, it's "almost" a town, so far north it's almost Canada, and so familiar, it's almost real.

Thurs-Sat, April 2-4 and 9-11 at 7:30pm; Sun., April 5 & 12 at 2pm.

\$15 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$10 Students. Call 802-785-4344, visit parishplayers.org or email reservations@parishplayers.org.

Eclipse Grange, 193 Academy Road, Thetford. Pay at the door with cash or check.

Directed by Samantha Davidson Green, Produced by Alex Cherington.

Ensemble Cast: Allison Brown, Michelle Carlson, Erik Gaetz, Rob O'Leary, Justin Pomerville, Leah Romano, & Noor Taher.

Neal Meglathery

SYRIA PRESENTATION

Heinz and Inge Trebitz will present photographic memories of SYRIA (before it fell apart) at the Latham Library on Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 pm. Questions? 802-785-2129.

Heinz Trebitz

THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Claire Weider '15** for being selected as the **NSDAR Northeast Division Winner** for the DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Essay Contest. Her essay was selected from several thousand entries written by participating students across the nation. "You are a wonderful example of the qualities we look for in DAR Good Citizens – dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism," Melodye G. Brown, the National Chair of the National Chair of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, informed Claire, who received a \$500 scholarship check as well. Claire was one of eight students in the country to reach the national level competition. One boy and one girl will be chosen from among the eight to receive a \$5,000 scholarship award this June.

Thetford Academy 8th Graders will be out and about on Thurs., April 2, for their annual **Job Shadow Day**. Thanks to all who have offered to walk a student or two through the paces for the day.

Parents and families of incoming 9th grade students (Class of 2019) are invited to the **Parents' Transition Night** on Tues., April 7. Optional tours available at 5:45pm, and the presentation will begin at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. For more information, call the Counseling Office at 802.785-4805 x 202.

Wednesday, April 8, is the annual **Learn About TAPA Dinner** in the TA Library at 6:30pm. Enjoy a free dinner and casual conversation! Hear an update about what the Thetford Academy Parents Association has done so far and hopes to do going forward, and share your own ideas. Learn about opportunities to become more actively involved on

specific committees, on the executive board, for special events like Back-to-School Picnics, Sports Awards Nights, and community-building and fund-raising events... or suggest your own way to become involved! RSVPs are appreciated. tracyborst@gmail.com.

The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting in the TA Library on Thursday, April 9. The meeting starts at 7:00pm and is open to the public.

Parents and families of the incoming 7th graders (The Class of 2021) are invited to attend the **7th Grade Parents' Transition Night** on Thurs., April 30. The event will start at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Call the Counseling office 802.785.4805 for more information.

Thetford Academy will be closed April 20-24 for **spring recess**. Green grass and warm breezes can't be far off now! Enjoy!

Wendy Cole

VIRTUOSIS! K-6 INSTRUMENT IMMERSION WEEK

Thetford Elementary School, Thetford Center, 9 am to 3 pm, April 20-24. \$95; \$90 Thetford residents.

Intensive instruction and practice with expert teachers on Guitar/Bass, Voice, Piano/Keyboard, Ukulele, Mandolin and Percussion/Drums. Beginner and/or intermediate level.

If you'd like to try out an instrument before spending the money, OR have taken lessons for years and want new inspiration, OR really work hard to deepen your skills, join us! Expert instructors will help you reach the next step on your journey in music. Loaner instruments available, or bring your own; beginner and intermediate levels only.

Registration is now open at tiny.cc/nc7awx. A partnership of D&J Music and Thetford Recreation. Contact jennifer@dandjmusic.com.

Jennifer Grossi

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

HAPPY POETRY MONTH— WITH A DELICIOUS LUNCH!

Come to the April luncheon sponsored by Thetford Elder Network and Senior Solutions, to be held Thursday, April 23rd, at North Thetford Church. Doors will be open from 11:30 a.m. on.

We'll be serving scrumptious baked ham, roast potatoes, peas, salad, rolls or bread, carrot cake, and a beverage.

Please bring a favorite poem—a famous favorite or one that you wrote—one you'd be willing to share by reading aloud or asking a friend to do the honors.

We will inspire each other!

Susan Rump

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

SCHOOL VACATION FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! Friday, April 24 at 6:30 pm. Come see "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb," rated PG. Free of charge, and popcorn will be served.

TECH HELP NIGHTS: Thursdays, April 9 and 23, 6:30-8:00 pm. Creating a website, blog, online store or Facebook page? Need help with a new computer or tablet? Get some tech help in a relaxed atmosphere!

DIGITAL CAMERA WORKSHOP: Thurs., April 30, 7:00-9:00 pm. Want to use your digital camera more effectively? This two hour class, taught by a professional photographer, will give you the tools to take better photographs. Class size is limited: sign up at librarians@thetfordlibrary.org.

LATHAM LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP: If you are a high school student who resides in Thetford, you may be eligible for a college scholarship through the library. Look under the Scholarship tab at thetfordlibrary.org. Applications due May 1, 2015.

SPRING BOOK SALE AT LATHAM LIBRARY: Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Books for children and adults, books on CD, and movies on DVD will be for sale at great prices.

We are now accepting donations of new or lightly used books, CDs, and DVDs. Please no cassettes, VHS tapes, encyclopedias or textbooks, or books in poor shape. Thank you!

ONGOING PROGRAMS

BOOK REVIEW CLUB: Love to read? Want to be the first to read new library books? Come to Book Review Club, a monthly group for 4th graders and up where you will get to check out new books, learn how to write a book review, and have your reviews posted in displays and on the library website. First Mondays of the month.

TALES AND TUNES WITH TOTS: a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Fridays at 10:30 am. All preschoolers and their caregivers welcome.

KNITTING GROUP: Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Both beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

After school activities at Peabody Library for children in grades in K-6, and include a snack, stories, and crafts, games, and other activities. They run from 3:30-4:30 on every Wednesday that TES is in session. Students may take the #2 Bus to the library with a signed note from home.

April 1: Spring chicks and bunnies

April 8: Planting flower seeds

April 15: Legos

April 22: No program - vacation

April 29: Making kites

Emily Zollo

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com by the 25th of the month or by calling me at 802-356-4542. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received and may need to edit for space. Feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French