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THETFORD ACADEMY

*The annual **Semi-Formal Dance**, "A Night Under the Stars and the Red Carpet," this year hosted as a benefit for the Athletic Department, will be held in the Café in Anderson Hall on **Friday, March 2, from 8:00-10:30pm**. The dance is open to all students and their invited guests in grades 9-12.

***Thetford Academy's One Act Play**, "Felix and the Diligence," by Colby Day will be performed by TA's One Act Play class in the Martha Jane Rich Theater at a **3:00pm matinee on Sunday, March 4, and at 7:30pm on Thursday, March 8**. Here is the description from Pipeline Theater Company: "Fall in love with mermaids, chat with sea monsters, and fight Nazi spies during the greatest play about fishermen in the 1940's you'll ever see. Felix & The Diligence tells the very funny story of how difficult it is to grow up without losing your sense of wonder and joy in the world around you."
All tickets are \$5 at the door.

*The **Board of Trustees** will hold their **monthly meeting** on **Thursday, March 8, at 7:00pm in the TA Library**. The public is welcome to attend.

*The work of ten art students from Thetford Academy is included in the **4th annual Best of the Upper Valley High School Art exhibition at the AVA Gallery and Art Center in Lebanon, NH**. The show **opened on February 17 and runs through March 9**. TA student Stormie Claffey '13 was awarded **1st** place in the painting category, and honorable mentions were received by Tegan Pellerin '14 in ceramics, Matt Diamond '12 in wearable art, and Josselyn Swett '12 in sculpture..

***Winter Sports Awards will be Tuesday, March 20, at 6:00pm** in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. Join us as we recognize our winter coaches and athletes. Congratulations to all our participants for another fine season!

*It's **tournament time for basketball**, and here's hoping we make a trip or two to Barre this year. Join us for the last basketball games of the season. Contact Jade Huntington, TA Athletic Director, at 802-785-4805 for up-to-date schedule information.

*During the 2012-2013 school year Thetford Academy will continue to host several students as part of its **International Student Program (ISP)**. This program provides an exciting opportunity for cultural and academic growth for both Thetford Academy and the community. This year, TA welcomed six students to campus and we look forward to welcoming these students back next year.

How can your family get involved? Volunteer to host a student during the 2012-2013 school year. Host families and support families will provide students with a wide variety of landscapes, activities, and lifestyles. Host families are flexible, open-minded, come in all sizes, and represent the diversity of American culture. A stipend is provided to families in order to cover students' living costs.

If your family is interested in hosting an international student, or would like more information, please contact TA International Student Program Coordinator Laura Fernandez at laura.fernandez@thet.net **802)785-4805 x267**

Submitted by Wendy Cole

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the Thetford Town Newsletter is around the 24th of each month.

Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at SheilaFifield@aol.com. (If you don't have access to email, please call me at 802-333-3577). Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line.

Thanks ~ Sheila

MARCH TIDBITS

March used to be the first month of the year. We changed to the 'New Style' or 'Gregorian calendar in 1752, and it is only since then when we the year began on 1st January.

Weather-lore:

'When March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb.'

*'A dry March and a wet May
fill barns and bays with corn and hay.'*

*'March winds and April showers
bring forth May flowers.'*



**March Flower-
Jonquil**

THETFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Have you always wanted to garden but...

You have a black thumb? Your yard is shady, hilly, or rocky? You can't do it alone? Then this is for you!

Our Community Garden: Makes less work for everyone. Some things, like tilling and soil improvements, can be done together. Offers a team of experienced local gardeners to help those who need growing tips.

Features a series of FREE gardening clinics throughout the season (open to all) with Cat Buxton, courtesy of Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center.

It's a great way to spend time with your community.



Where is the garden? On the Common (across from Town Hall)
How does it work? 12 plots available for Thetford residents!
Rental Fee: \$10 plus a refundable deposit (waivers are available)
~If there are too many sign ups we'll choose by lottery~
Sign up by March 31!



To sign up or for more information, contact: Garden Committee Member: Jim McCracken, at 802-785-2925 or by Email : ThetfordCG@gmail.com with your name, address and contact info, both phone number and email address, if you have one.

Submitted by Jim McCracken

LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Take advantage of ride sharing and public transportation options available in the Upper Valley: There is a commuter parking lot for car-pooling and public transit on Rt. 113 just east of the I-91 Thetford exit.

Stagecoach bus service picks up riders there for trips into the Hanover, Lebanon, White River area, Monday through Friday at 6:40AM, 6:55AM and 7:10AM and drops off back at the Thetford Park and Ride at 5:00PM, 5:20PM, and 5:50PM. Riders with medical issues, disabilities or over 60 years of age can call for special individual pickups. For fares, complete schedules or to schedule pickups, contact Stagecoach at 802-728-3773, 800-427-3553, or www.stagecoach-rides.org.

Advance Transit provides free bus service between the core Upper Valley towns: 802-295-1824, info@advancetransit.com, schedules online at www.Advancetransit.com.

Vital Communities provides a comprehensive map showing all Upper Valley bus routes and park and rides at www.vitalcommunities.org/Transport/transportmap.htm.



Upper Valley Rideshare provides free carpool matching services for commuters in VT and NH, with FREE Emergency Ride Home benefit for all registered carpoolers. Online matching service allows you to find regular carpool partners, find one-time ride matches, locate transit routes and schedules, and find bike and walk partners. See website for details. 802-295-1824 x208, info@uppervalleyrideshare.com, www.uppervalleyrideshare.com and www.vermontrideshare.org.

Submitted by Alice Stewart

DIRTY ENERGY: FROM FRACKING TO TAR SANDS

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 – 8pm

Porter Community Room at the Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich, VT.

Vermont Law School professors Pat Parenteau and Jack Tuholske will discuss legal and environmental concerns related to shale gas hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and tar sands extraction, including the proposed Trailbreaker and Keystone pipelines, water pollution, impacts on climate change, Vermont legislation restricting fracking and the relationship of these dirty fuels to local efficiency and renewables efforts.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Light refreshments, contributed by the Co-op Food Stores and the Upper Valley Food Co-op.

This forum is sponsored by the Thetford and Norwich Energy Committees, Catamount Earth Institute, League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley, Sierra Club, Co-op Food Stores, Upper Valley Food Co-op and Sustainable Energy Resource Group. For more information, contact SERG@valley.net or 802-785-4126.

Submitted by Bob Walker and Alice Stewart