

THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

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THETFORD ACADEMY

* The Art Exhibit by the fall semester Advanced Art Class at the Perfect Pear Restaurant (Route 5, Main St., Bradford, VT) is up now and will run until early June. **A reception for the 11 TA artists** will be held at the **Perfect Pear Restaurant on Saturday April 7, 2012, from 4-5pm**; all are welcome to attend. Our thanks to Annie and Adam Coulter for inviting our class to exhibit for a third year in their lovely space.

* **Tuesday, April 3** Thetford Academy 8th graders will be out in the community for their annual **Job Shadow Day**. Thanks to all of you who volunteer to share your time with our students.

* The TA Counseling Office will sponsor Incoming 9th **Grade: Parents' Transition Night on Tuesday, April 10**. Tours will start at 5:45pm, and the presentation will start at 6:30pm. Call 802-785-4805 x202 for more information.

* **The Board of Trustees** will hold their **monthly meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 7:00pm** in the TA Library. The meeting is open to the public.

* **Thetford Academy will be closed from April 16-20** while our students, faculty, and staff enjoy the **Spring break**. Classes resume on Monday, April 23. We wish everyone a happy spring!

Submitted by Wendy Cole



It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

~Charles Dickens

THETFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Cal Ripkin registration with payment due April 7
Softball & Rec Ball registration & payment due April 14.

INDOOR SOCCER CLINIC \$25

Thursdays April 26 – May 31, 3:00 – 4:00 TES Gym

BEGINNER TENNIS \$30

Mondays April 30 – June 11

K – 2: 3:00-4:00 TES basketball courts

3-6: 4:00-5:00 TES basketball courts

TREASURE ISLAND SEASON PASSES – Available now

TREASURE ISLAND SWIM LESSONS –

On line sign up beginning May 1

TREASURE ISLAND TENNIS LESSONS - TBA

RECREATION DAY CAMP –

July 9 – August 17 8:30AM – 3:30 PM

\$120/week (save \$10 by registering by June 1)

AFTER CAMP CARE –

July 9 – August 17 3:30-5:30

\$5/day per child (for registered campers only)

KAYAK LESSONS –

Beginner and Advanced classes available 

May 19 & 20 through Sept. 22

Check our website for a listing of classes

TEEN WEEK: August 13 – 18

MOUNTAIN BIKING – Friday afternoons TBA

Check out our classes and events at www.thetfordrec.com

Registrations are not complete until payment is received.

Submitted by Kathi Meyerson

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

THETFORD ACADEMY ROBOTICS CLUB FUNDRAISER FOR WORLD'S



Pasta Dinner and Robot Demonstration

Friday, April 6, 2012

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM ~ Dinner

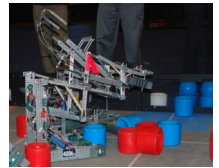
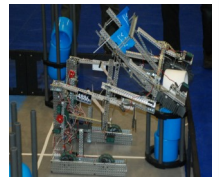
Pasta, choice of sauces, veggies and home baked desserts

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ~ Robot Demonstrations

\$\$ Donations for dinner gratefully accepted \$\$

Thetford Academy's Café (Gym Entrance)

For more info: Tracy Borst 802-333-4625 *or* tlborst@yahoo.com



Submitted by Tracy Borst

THETFORD'S HIDDEN TREASURE

Do you have out-of-town company coming to visit this spring or summer? Company or not, you're welcome to visit Post Mills Airport. Brian Boland has a private museum (free admission) with a vast collection of balloons, airships, special interest vehicles, and lots of other rusty dusty stuff that you are invited to view. Often there are sailplanes and airplanes flying mid-day, and Brian generally flies his balloons at 6 AM and 2 hours before sunset, conditions permitting. You are welcome to watch – but use caution and look both ways as well as up before crossing the runway.

Brian is also looking for volunteer balloon crew-drivers, museum helpers, and airport help. He can say thanks by offering balloon rides or gift certificates in exchange for assistance. The airport also has 5 guest cottages for your company overflow – google "Cottages Post Mills." Feel free to call 333-9254 for more information.

Submitted by Brian Boland

FOREST FORENSIC EXPERT COMING TO THETFORD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH!

Have you ever walked through the woods and been challenged to see the forest through the trees?

Don't miss an eye-opening slide show and talk by celebrated author-ecologist Tom Wessels on Thursday, April 26 at 7p.m. in the Thetford Elementary School Cafeteria. This program, based on Tom's highly-esteemed book, "Reading the Forested Landscape, A Natural History of New England", will make you feel like a forest detective as you master techniques to interpret a forest's history while wandering through it.

Tom Wessels is an ecologist and founding director of the master's degree program in Conservation Biology at Antioch University New England. He previously served as an ecological consultant to the Rain Forest Alliance's SmartWood Green Certification Program. Tom is also the author of several books including the new field guide "Forest Forensics".

The April 26th talk is the kickoff event for our "YEAR OF THE TREE" series of educational programs offered by the Conservation Commissions of Thetford, West Fairlee and Corinth.

Submitted by Connie Snyder

VERMONTASAURUS UPDATE

Last July 12, the dinosaur received official approval, an Act 250 Permit, and a nice letter from the environmental commission.

On Aug 28, "Irene" had her way with much of Vermont, and many Big Rainy Days followed.

On Oct 3, I looked out my front window and was aghast to see how the Vermontasaurus had relaxed during the night.... Very, very wet wood and very, very soggy ground allowed the entire midsection to gently settle onto the ground – she now looks more like a komodo dragon. People still visit to see this bit of Vermont folk art.

I thought of burning it down, leaving it as is, or now, as more people ask, about unbuilding and then rebuilding the mid-section. I'd need a team of volunteers and 3-4 pickup trucks' worth of old/grey scrap wood (any burn piles out there?). I would hope for this rebuild between June 3 and 13th. Call 333-9254 or email balloons@vermontel.net with your suggestions or to volunteer.

Submitted by Brian Boland