

THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

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THETFORD ACADEMY NEWS AND NOTES

***Saturday, October 1** is the **21st annual Woods Trail Run** on the Dan Grossman Trail at Thetford Academy. This year we welcome over 2100 runners from high schools and middle schools all over New England. The event is made possible by the volunteer efforts of more than 150 community members and students, and it represents cross country and Thetford Academy at their finest. We thank everyone for all the time and energy devoted to the day, and we invite you to join us.

*The Thetford Academy Counseling Office will sponsor the **VSAC Paying for College Night on Tuesday, October 4. The evening will start at 6:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.**

*TA's Grade 8 will sponsor a **dance** for students **in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 7.** The dance runs from 7:30-9:30pm in the Anderson Hall Café.

***Thetford Academy's Board of Trustees** will meet on **Thursday, October 13, at 7:00pm** in the TA Library. The public is invited to attend..

*TA will be **closed** for teacher in-service days on **Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21.**

***Wednesday, October 26** will be the night for **Fall Sports Awards.** The event starts at 7:00pm in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium.

***We need you!** Thetford Academy will host the **Vermont State Cross Country Championship Races on Saturday, October 29. Races begin at 10:00am.** There are lots of different jobs, at different times of the day. If you are able to volunteer, please contact either Meet Director Karen Heinzmann at Karen.Heinzmann@Thet.Net or Volunteer Coordinator Karen Buttrey at ksb7579@gmail.com or call Thetford Academy 802-785-4805 x243. Thank you for your continued support.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

BIG TRASH, TIRES & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

Big Trash, Tires, and Electronics collection on **October 15th from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Thetford Town Garage on Route 113.**

Fees will be charged for trash and tires, **electronics recycling is now free for Vermont residents.**

Contact the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District at 296-3688 or guvswd@valley.net for more information.

Submitted by John Hurd, GUVSWD (www.guvswd.org)

LIVE MUSIC AT TREASURE ISLAND

Live music at Treasure Island! Fall Concert, SUNDAY, **OCTOBER 16 at 2pm.** The WALL-STILES will perform on the beach, a folk-rock band. Also, a fire and gourmet "some-mores". Rock-out on Sunday, October 16. Admission is \$5/car.

Submitted by Scott and Ann O'Hearn

SAVE THE DATE

Chicken Pie Supper
Saturday, October 15, 2011
beginning at 5:00 PM
North Thetford Church

Menu: Chicken pie, potatoes, gravy, squash, cole slaw, homemade pies, coffee, tea, milk, and punch.

Proceeds to benefit the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Assoc., Inc.

Submitted by Laurie Ingalls

COW PIE BINGO

Cow Pie Bingo has been **rescheduled** for **Sunday October 9th**.

We will be **selling squares** October 1st on the Thetford Hill Green from 9am till noon and again on **October 8th during Oktoberfest**.

Come watch the action on Sunday October 9th starting at 1:30pm. Our farm is located on VT Route 244 about 1/4 mile east of the Post Mills fire station. Help TA Panthers get to Paris!

Submitted by Gloria Snyder

OKTOBERFEST ON THE COMMON

Oktoberfest on the Common, sponsored by the 2012 TA Senior Class, will be held on **Saturday, October 8th, 3-6 p.m.** This event will include musical entertainment, family friendly carnival games, and contests, such as a decorated pumpkin contest and a costume contest (open to all ages, including you)!

The senior class would like to offer the community an opportunity to participate in this event as well. If you, your club/organization, or your class would like to buy a space (table) at this event for \$15, please contact Cheryl Ulz at ulztribe@yahoo.com

The Senior class will also be hosting a BBQ, selling baked goods and ice cream, along with live performances by **Billy & The Backbeats**, featuring Seniors Billy Ulz, Devon Carey, Zamir Paley and Sophomore Jeremy Kendall; **The Painters**, featuring Senior Joss Swett, and Juniors Paul Moses and Robert Fernandez and the **TA Stage Band**.

This is an event that has something for everyone! Come celebrate Autumn and join in the fun! All proceeds raised by the Senior Class will go towards their Senior Prom and class trip.

For more information on this event, contact Lisa Swett(lmswett2003@yahoo.com) or Cheryl Ulz (ulztribe@yahoo.com).

Submitted by Cheryl Ulz

THETFORD ACADEMY 2012 PROJECT GRADUATION MERCHANDISE

We now have sweatshirts, sweatpants and shorts for sale. These are offered in several different colors, all sporting the Thetford Academy logo with a paw print (Sweatshirts - \$25; Sweatpants - \$22; and shorts - \$16). We have 2 short styles: 9" inseam poly-mesh; and 6" inseam cotton jersey. We still have a few of the tie-dye tee shirts with the "Thetford, Vt" logo available, along with TA tee shirts.

We are collecting orders for long-sleeved tee shirts in the color of your choice with the "Thetford Academy" and paw print logo. We're bringing back the popular option of "we choose the color of ink for the printing of the month; you choose the color shirt". We may spice this up a bit with a unique "Thetford" logo thrown in there for one month. These shirts are offered at \$15.

We are also collecting orders for fleece vests with "Thetford Academy" and paw print embroidered on the upper left. Vest color choices are limited to navy blue, black and charcoal grey. These are offered at \$25 a vest.

For more information, please contact me at lmswett2003@yahoo.com or call me at 333-9792.

All proceeds benefit Project Graduation for TA's Class of 2012. We thank you for your support.

Submitted by Lisa Swett

THETFORD FRIENDS... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Last weekend 28 Thetford Home Energy Action Team (HEAT) volunteers distributed information and resources to 100 homes in the N. Thetford area that will help residents save energy, save money and increase their home comfort. Now we are gearing up to canvass Thetford's remaining 1,100 towns **starting Oct. 15th**.

Please sign up to help volunteer with this effort today at <http://serg.heronhost-4.net/heat-volunteers>. Volunteers will **attend ONE of 3 trainings on Oct. 6 at 7pm, Oct. 8 at 9am or Oct. 12 at 7pm** to become familiar with the materials and how to interface with homeowners you will be visiting. Volunteers will get to canvass in their own neighborhoods. It is a fun experience and you will be helping out your neighbors and your town.

Please sign up today and thanks to all who have helped out so far.

Submitted by Bob Walker, Thetford Energy committee/SERG

SAVE MONEY AND SAVE ENERGY THIS FALL

Here are some easy ideas for using less energy this fall:

- Let the sun shine in! Wash your windows (especially on the south side of the house) to increase solar gain and save on your heating bills. Make your own glass cleaner with one part white vinegar to 5 parts water.
- Rake leaves instead of using a leaf blower -- if you can't rake yourself, consider hiring a student to do the raking for you. Compost those leaves to use on next year's garden.
- Sweep wood and tile floors instead of vacuuming.
- On nice days, hang clothes out on the line instead of using the dryer.
- Clean your dryer vent hose. When lint builds up, your clothes take longer to dry -- and it's a fire safety hazard.
- Dust your lightbulbs -- dirt absorbs light and reduces efficiency.
- Power down! Small appliances, TVs and stereos, and office equipment may draw power even when turned off -- plug them into a power strip that you can turn off when these items are not in use.

Submitted by Alice Stewart, Thetford Energy Committee

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

The deadline for submissions is around the 24th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at sheilafifield@aol.com. Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line. Thanks!