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THETFORD ACADEMY

*Thetford Academy is hosting the **2nd annual Green Mountain Vex Robotics Tournament** on **Saturday, January 5**, in the **Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium**. The tournament starts at 8:30am and finishes with an awards ceremony at 2:45pm. Admission is free, and concessions will be available throughout the day.

*The **Thetford Academy Winter Choral Concert** will take place at **4:00pm on Saturday, January 5**, in the **Martha Jane Rich Theater** in Anderson Hall. The snow date is Sunday, January 6, also at 4:00pm. Reservations are not required.

VSAC Financial Aid Forms Night will be held **Wednesday, January 9, from 6:00-8:00pm**. Call 785-4805 for more information.

*The **Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, January 10, in the TA Library**. The meeting starts at **7:00pm**, and the public is invited.

*Don't miss the **2nd annual "Great Day to be at TA!"** on **Saturday, January 12**. TA will host cross-river rival Rivendell for a day of basketball, starting with the JV Girls at 1:00, followed by the JV Boys at 2:30. A ham dinner will be offered in the afternoon and early evening. Adults are \$8.00; children \$4.00, and all profits benefit the Athletic Department. At 5:30pm that night, the Varsity Girls will play, followed by the Varsity Boys at 7:30pm. The evening will conclude with a bonfire and hot chocolate across Academy Road, sponsored by TAAA (Thetford Academy Alumni Association). It will be, indeed, a great day to be at TA!

*The always popular **Ten-Minute Play Festival** will be performed **Thursday and Friday, January 17 and 18, in the Martha Jane Rich Theater**. Performances start at **7:00pm** each evening.

***Thetford Academy will be closed Friday, January 18**, for semester break and **Monday, January 21**, for Martin Luther King Day. The second semester of the 2012-2013 school year begins when school resumes on Tuesday, January 22.

*We wish all our families and friends a happy, healthy new year!

Submitted by Wendy Cole

ISABELL'S CAFE HOT MEALS TO GO

Beginning on Friday, January 18th, Isabell's Café will be offering hot meals to go on **Fridays**.

First meal is on Friday, January 18th—Chicken & Biscuits with peas and carrots, coleslaw and dessert. \$9.99 including tax.

Pre-ordering (785-4300) is best but walks-ins are welcome and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis until the meals run out. Pick up time is from 4:00-6:00 pm (that day) at Isabell's Café.

Submitted by Bev Hodgdon,

LIKE SLEEPING IN A COLD BEDROOM BUT NOT A COLD BED?

Many people like to keep their bedrooms cold in the winter -- it's an easy way to save energy and makes for a more comfortable sleep. But no one likes cold sheets. So here are a few tips on how to warm your bed so you can keep your thermostat low.

Use a hair dryer for a few minutes to take the chill off the sheets before getting in bed. Alternatively, if you have an electric blanket, turn it on long enough to warm up the bed, then turn it off. While both of these methods use a little bit of electricity to warm up the sheets, both use significantly less energy than heating your bedrooms.

Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee

THE VERMONT HOME ENERGY CHALLENGE 2013 — AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THETFORD RESIDENTS

During 2013, Thetford will compete to weatherize a higher percentage of our homes than any other Vermont town. This is your chance to **SAVE MONEY ON HEATING BILLS, INCREASE YOUR HOME COMFORT AND REDUCE YOUR IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE!**

Our goal is to get at least 32 Thetford homes weatherized, and as many more as possible. Homeowners can get up to \$2,000 in financial incentives from Efficiency Vermont for this work and the Thetford Home Energy Action Team (HEAT) will help you through the process.

More than 30 Thetford families made energy-saving improvements through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program in 2011, cutting projected fuel use by an average of more than 25%, equaling annual savings of more than \$900 per family.

Your family can get started on the first step now – getting a HPwES energy audit. You can learn more about that program and find a list of certified, participating local Home Performance contractors at www.energystar.gov/homeperformance

The Thetford Energy Committee will be sharing more detailed information in coming weeks, but if you want to learn more right now or get involved in helping us plan and carry out the Thetford Challenge, you can contact Michael Kiess – MichaelKiessVT@gmail.com or (802) 299-5864, and you can get more general information about the challenge at <http://www.energystar.gov/homeenergychallenge>.

Let's work together as neighbors to share information, get our projects done, and enjoy the rewards.

Submitted by Michael Kiess