
THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

October 2013

THETFORD ACADEMY

*The **Tuesday Evening Film Series** at Thetford Academy continues on **October 8** with **"Ivan's Childhood"** and on **October 29** with **"Rashomon."** Admission is free, and the movies start at 7:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.

*The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will meet on **Thursday, October 10, at 7:00pm** in the TA Library. The public is welcome to attend.

***Thetford Academy** will host an **open house "Meet TA: Discover Your Future"** on **Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30pm** in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. The evening is intended for perspective students and their families and will include panel presentations by students, parents, and faculty. After the conclusion of the information presentation, the TA Ambassadors will lead campus tours. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 785-2600.

*The **VSAC Paying for College Night** will be held on **Thursday, October 17**. The presentation will start at 6:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.

It's race time again, and we need you! **The Vermont Cross Country State Championship races will be held on Saturday, October 26**. We cannot run these races without the help of community members, family, and friends. Contact Meet Director Karen Heinzmann at 785-4805 or Karen.Heinzmann@Thet.Net to find the right volunteer opportunity for you!

***Joshua Jacobs-Rebhun '14** is one of two **Upper Valley** students who were recently awarded the **Rensselaer Medal**, a merit scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The award is given to students who have distinguished themselves in math and science. If Josh attends RPI, he will receive a minimum of \$15,000 a year toward the cost of his education. The medal is the oldest prize of its kind in the United States and is awarded at more than 2,000 high schools in North American, Latin America, Europe, and Asia.

***Thetford Academy English teacher Joseph Deffner** has been chosen as a **"summer scholar"** by the **National Endowment for the Humanities**. He recently attended a workshop on the campus of Millsaps College in Jackson, MS, titled "One Place, One Time: Jackson, Mississippi, 1963." The workshop coincided with the 50th anniversary of the murder of Medgar Evers, a Mississippi native and field secretary for the NAACP. Mr. Deffner is one of 80 teachers chosen from around the country.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

THETFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: TRASH TALK

Last spring the Natural Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) visited TES for a day of education and assessment of our systems to reduce school waste. We received a score of 93% for our recycling and composting efforts and set new goals to divert even more TES waste from the landfill. For example, students are now collecting all (unbleached) paper towels used in classrooms and it's using it as carbon material for our compost system. Because paper towels make up 96% of our classroom landfill waste, this simple, school-wide strategy results in a huge reduction of trash every day. That the paper towels are repurposed as compost feedstock without burning an ounce of gas is another bonus. Our next goal is to significantly reduce the amount of printing paper used at school. Hats off to TES students, staff, families and the many community participants who work together to minimize school waste and protect the environment.

Submitted by Joette Hayashigawa, TES Composting and Recycling Committee

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER - SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH

Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, October 19th at 5:00 PM at the United Church of Thetford, 5740 Route 5, North Thetford, VT.

Menu: Chicken and Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Winter Squash, Coleslaw, Pickles, Cranberry Sauce, Homemade Pies and Beverages.

Donation: \$11.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for Children. Sponsored by the United Church of Thetford.

Submitted by Bev Slack

LATHAM LIBRARY

The Latham Library is very pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the Libri Foundation worth over \$1000 in brand new, high quality children's books. **We will be celebrating and unveiling the books at a party on Saturday, October 19 at 11:00 am.** Come join us for a special storytime, refreshments, and to see (and be the first ones to check out) our beautiful new books!

Wednesdays in October, 10:00 am: Tales and Tunes with Tots, a playgroup for babies and toddlers and their caregivers.

Fridays in October, 10:30 am: Preschool Storytime.

The Latham Library will be open for trick or treating on Halloween night until 8:00 pm!

PEABODY LIBRARY

After school activities have resumed at the Peabody Library. **The Peabody after school program runs from 3:30-4:30 pm every Wednesday that school is in session**, and is geared for children in grades K-6. Kids may take the #2 Bus from TES to the library with a note from home. Snack is served, and we enjoy stories, crafts, games, and other fun activities throughout the school year.

Coming on Saturday, November 19 at 11:00 am: Storyteller Simon Brooks will be presenting a program of stories for children!

For more info on all of these library programs check the Thetford Libraries website: www.thetfordlibrary.org

Submitted by Emily Zollo

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Free Energy Savings Kits from Efficiency Vermont!

While supplies last, Efficiency Vermont is providing free energy savings kits. These kits contain the following tools to help you save energy and money:

- advanced power strip for electronics
- high-efficiency showerhead
- bathroom faucet aerator
- digital thermometer
- compact fluorescent bulb
- Quick Start Guide packed with tips on saving energy - up to \$850 per year!

To order your kit, call 1.888.921.5990 or order online at www.encyvermont.com/energysavingskit.

Weatherization Skillshop Saturday, October 19 from 9am – 3pm at Thetford Academy

This Skillshop is open to all and will teach individuals how to install energy improvements in their homes and help them participate in Efficiency Vermont's "Do-It-Yourself" (DIY) program. The DIY program provides homeowners with financial incentives for making their own home energy improvements. Registration for the Skillshop is required – the \$25/individual registration cost covers lunch, cost of the presenters, and a guidebook. To register for this or other Skillshops taking place around Vermont this fall, go to <https://www.cvent.com/events/weatherization-skillshops-fall-2013/registration-1d0c3bb902964eee90aa135dd1132585.aspx> To learn more about the DIY program, go to www.encyvermont.com/DIY.

For more information on these and other Efficiency Vermont programs, contact Efficiency Vermont at 888-921-5990 or www.encyvermont.com/homeperformance

Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee

OCTOBER'S TEN LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 24TH

Mark your calendar for friends, food, music, and fun! The TEN--Thetford Elder Network--Luncheon welcomes you on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 11:30am at the Church in North Thetford. This month, we'll be serving assorted hearty soups, with egg salad sandwiches, tossed salad, and apple crisp with ice cream. Musical entertainment will be provided by the ever-popular Suite Notes! For more info or RSVP call Martha at 785-4274. **Free admission ~ Donations appreciated. TEN Luncheons are held once a month, usually the fourth Thursday, and everyone--especially over-50s, elders, seniors, and their friends are welcome.** Also welcome are volunteers, especially those who can participate occasionally or frequently. To volunteer, call Cathee at 785-2668.

Submitted by Susan Rump