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THETFORD ACADEMY

*TA said goodbye and happy retirement to longtime employee Dan Whitcomb on October 30. Happy fishing, Dan!

***Congratulations** to Thetford Academy seniors **Joshua Jacobs-Rebhun and Andrew Sharp**, who were recently named as commended students by the National Merit Scholarship Committee. Well done, scholars!

*The Class of 2015 will sponsor a **dance on Friday, November 8, from 7:30-9:30pm**. The dance is open to TA students in grades 7-12.

*The **Fall Sports Awards** night will be **Thursday, November 7, starting at 6:30pm** in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. Join us to celebrate our athletes, coaches, and their families.

*The **Board of Trustees** will hold its **monthly meeting on Thursday, November 14, starting at 7:00pm**. The meeting will be held in the TA Library and is open to the public.

*The **Tuesday Evening Film Series** continues on **Tuesday, November 19, with "Sanxia haore' (Still Life)**. The film will be shown at 7:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall, and admission is free.

*TA's fall play "**The Revenge of the Space Pandas: or Binky Rudich and the Two-Speed Clock**" will be performed on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 20, 21, and 22**. The show starts at 7:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.

***Saturday, November 23**, will be the annual **Thetford Academy Alumni Association (TAAA) Crafts Bazaar**, starting at 9:00am. Get a jump on holiday shopping and catch up with old friends.

*TA and the Thetford Historical Society will host a **Geography Bee on Saturday, November 23, from 7:00-9:00pm** in the TA Gymnasium. Contact Martha Howard at the Historical Society 785-2068 for more information or to enter a team.

***Thetford Academy will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 27, 28, and 29**, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Rest, relax, and give thanks.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

The deadline for submissions is the 24th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at Sheila.fifield@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

TEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

Mark your calendar for a holiday community gathering. The TEN-Thetford Elder Network--Luncheon welcomes you on Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 11:30am at the Church in North Thetford.

This month, we'll be serving a hearty turkey dinner with fix in's. Please bring a Thanksgiving tale or poem to share if you like. We'll have good table talk and assorted puzzles and brain-teasers.

For more info or RSVP call Martha at 785-4274. Free admission ~ In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Thetford Food Shelf, if you choose. It will be greatly 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.

THETFORD ACADEMY'S TUESDAY EVENING FILM SERIES NOVEMBER 19 AT 7:00 PM

Sānxiá hǎorén (Still Life), directed by Jia Zhang-ke
China | 2006 | 108 MINUTES

Hailed by the New York Times as "one of the world's most important filmmakers," Jia Zhang-ke is one of China's so-called Sixth Generation directors. While some of Jia's early films were not allowed to be screened in "legitimate venues" because of their satirical social commentary, *Still Life* was positively received by the Chinese press after it premiered at the Venice Film Festival and won the top prize, the Golden Lion Award.

Here is a summary of the film from *Entertainment Weekly*:
"The steep price of progress in his home country is a favorite theme of the great Chinese filmmaker Jia Zhang-ke, who here turns his extraordinary eye [to] the Three Gorges Dam. More than a million people have been displaced in central China in the cause of generating electrical power to meet the needs of the future; Jia's flowing river of a picture washes over a few of them as they adjust to life's currents in the present."

Admission is free to the public, and movies start at 7:00 pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Student-written program notes offering background and commentary will be provided for each film. For more information, e-mail Ray Chapin at ray.chapin@thet.net

NOTE: For this film, there will be a post-film discussion hosted jointly by TA's Chinese international students and students from TA's Film Analysis class.

Submitted by Ray Chapin

THETFORD REC DEPARTMENT YOUTH PROGRAMS - WINTER 2013

Outdoor Adventure/Natural Arts & Crafts

Seasonal outdoor activities to include kayak skills, mapping, camping & survival skills, team building activities, hiking, cross country skiing, and environmental education. Indoor activities in fiber arts, candle-making, pottery, tie dying and batik. **Mondays 3:15 - 5:15 @ Open Fields School** (Staff member will walk students to OFS). This is a year round program, fee varies month to month based on number of sessions.

DARTMOUTH AU - DODGEBALL/HANDBALL

Game days will be on Sundays from 3-4:30 and practices will be at TES Tuesdays 4:15 - 5:15. The first kick-off game day was on Sunday, September 29 and the last day will be Sunday, November 10. We will be playing dodgeball and handball this fall. **FREE, DROP-IN PROGRAM**

BASKETBALL

The basketball game schedule will be completed late November, and it will be put on the web site. The following information may not be final, coaches will provide complete game and practice schedules by Thanksgiving. **FEE FOR basketball IS \$30, 3rd - 6th. REGISTRATION DEADLINE November 22.**

GRADE K - Coed - Practices will be held on Saturdays at 1:00 - 2:00 @ TES. \$25 Jan. 4 - Feb. 15. **COACHES NEEDED. Registration deadline December 20.**

GRADES 1/2 - Coed - Practices will be held on Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 @ TES. \$25 Jan 4 - Feb 15. **COACHES NEEDED. Registration deadline December 20.**

GRADES 3/4

Girls: Practice Tuesday & Thursday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Nov 25 - Feb 20 @ TES.

Boys: practice Tuesday & Thursday from 4:30 - 6:00 pm Nov 25 - Feb 20 @ TES.

Games for both teams should be the same days and Saturdays if needed. Games will begin no later than 5:30 PM. Complete game and practice schedule will be distributed by head coach.

GRADES 5/6

Girls: M/W/F, 3-4:30 pm in November/December, no Fridays during ski program, Jan/Feb Wed. 4:30 - 5:30

Boys: M/W/F 4:30 - 6:00 pm in November/December, no Fridays during ski program, Jan/Feb Wed. 5:30 - 6:30

Games for both teams should be the same days and Saturdays as needed. Games will begin no later than 5:30 PM. Complete game and practice schedule will be posted on web site and distributed by coach.

Registration deadline is November 22. Schedule may change depending on registration numbers.

Babysitter's Training Course

For boys and girls ages 11-16. This course is designed around 6 major themes: safety, basic care, first aid, safe play, professionalism and leadership. Excellent training for anyone who babysits. Each participant will take home a useful reference handbook as well as a certificate for completion of the course. Course will be held at TES. Bring a pencil and lunch **Saturday, Nov. 16TH from 9:30 am to 1 PM @Thetford Town Hall \$50 fee/\$60 NR Min #6, max #10 Registration deadline Nov 11.**

Ski Sale - December 1

The Thetford Ski sale is always the first Sunday in December from 12:30 - 2 PM. This year the ski sale will be held on **Dec 1st, 1:00 - 2:30**. A reminder that volunteers may shop early! Volunteers needed Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning. Sign up to volunteer!

SKI PROGRAM: Registration will begin mid-November. Cross country, skiing and snowboarding will begin following the Holiday vacation, Fridays - noon - 3:00pm

Submitted by
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AN EXCERPT FROM 60 THINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR BY CELESTINE CHUA

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude." ~Cynthia Ozick

How often do you pause to appreciate what you have in life?

When I was young, I sort of took things for granted. I believe many other kids did so, too. After all, we were young and we didn't know what life could be like on the other side.

One thing we took for granted was education. In my country, it's compulsory for all kids to go to school, so it was a given. We never thought about how lucky we were to be educated.

Another thing we took for granted was our teachers. We never thought about how lucky we were to have teachers who cared for our growth so much, and poured their heart and soul in their lessons.

Then slowly as I grew up, I began to appreciate things around me more. As I saw more and more of the world out there, I realized all the things I'd been given are not rights, but privileges.

I realized that being literate is a not a right, but a gift. I realized there is a lot of war and violence in the world, and I'm lucky to live in a country where it's safe and peaceful. I realized there are people out there who don't have their five senses, and to have mine is a gift.

I realized the world is so beautiful, and we're lucky to live in such an amazing world.

Sometimes it's easy to feel bad because you're going through a tough time in life. However, remember no matter how bad your situation may seem, there are tens of thousands of things to be grateful for in life.

