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THETFORD ACADEMY

*Thetford Academy seventh grader Owen Deffner has been chosen as one of the top 20 young writers in U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders' annual State of the Union essay contest for Vermont high school students. According to Sen. Sanders' press release, five Vermont teachers judged the contest, awarded four top prizes, and named 16 finalists, including Owen.

*Senior Shyann Josler scored the 1000th point of her Thetford Academy varsity basketball career in front of a capacity crowd during the varsity girls match-up between Thetford Academy and Oxbow Saturday, Jan. 25, a contest the Panthers won 53-29.

*Senior Logan Wich, a TA student enrolled in the Computer Technology Applications program at Hartford Area Career and Technology Center, has received HACTC's Outstanding Student of the Quarter Award for his work in the cooperative education program at the Bugbee Senior Center in White River Junction. Logan worked one-on-one with senior citizens, teaching them how to use whatever form of technology they needed help in using. The supervisor at the Bugbee Senior Center spoke highly of Logan in regards to his knowledge, patience, and compassion.

*Founders' Day 2014 will be held on Friday, February 7. This year's Founders' Day theme is "Let the Games Begin," with the seniors designing their events around the boardgame Clue, the juniors Candy Land, the sophomores Monopoly, the freshman Scrabble, the 8th grade Operation, and the 7th grade Life. Events start at 7:40am in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium and conclude at the morning; the public is welcome to attend for any or all of the morning. For more information, call 785-4805.

*The Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 13, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. The meeting is open to all.

*The next Thetford Academy Parents Association (TAPA) meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room in the Science Building. Come lend your support! TAPA will be voting in the first ever TAPA By-laws, planning next year's Officer Elections and brainstorming fun spring events. Bring your energy and good ideas to the table!

Submitted by Wendy Cole

APOLOGY

I'm very sorry for the short newsletter this month. I forgot to send out the reminder note until 3 days before I needed the submissions.

Life got busy and I completely forgot about it. If you have an interest in submitting something for any newsletter, it's ALWAYS safe to get it to me on or before the 24th of the preceding month. I typically don't do the newsletter until a little (or a lot) later but if you mark the 24th on your calendar, you'll be safe and your submission will make the newsletter. Again, my apologies for the lateness of the reminder which resulted in a very short newsletter.

On another note, if anyone would like to take over the newsletter, I'd love to pass the torch. I type it in Microsoft Publisher and save it as a pdf for posting to the listserve but am guessing it might work in other programs ... as long as it can be saved as a pdf. It just gets pasted into the newsletter exactly as you receive it. THANKS!!

Submitted by Sheila Fifield

T.E.N. FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Thetford Elder Network extends a warm welcome to our older folks and their friends to the February luncheon at North Thetford Church on Thursday the 27th at 11:30.

The menu this month includes spaghetti with savory sauce, maybe a salad or vegetable, beverage and dessert. If we're lucky, we'll have a brief musical treat. And of course, we'll enjoy visiting with old friends and new ones, too. T.E.N. luncheons usually happen the fourth Thursday of each month. Please consider bringing a neighbor who needs a ride. To RSVP, call Martha at 785-4274. To volunteer, call Cathee at 785-2668.

Submitted by Susan Rump

ANNOUNCING SOLARIZE STRAFFORD-THETFORD!

Strafford and Thetford are teaming up with Vital Communities and a local solar installer for a 15-week campaign this spring to double the existing capacity of residential solar photovoltaics (PV) in our communities. Our campaign will launch in March, once we've competitively selected our partner installer.

Visit www.vitalcommunities.org/solarize to learn more and to sign up for email updates so we can keep you in the loop.

Do you already have a residential solar PV or hot water system? Please complete our survey (<http://bit.ly/LUB1QU>) to help us establish a baseline against which we can measure our success.

Want to Help? Become a Solar Ambassador! Solarize Strafford-Thetford relies on volunteers to help spread the word and encourage our neighbors to go solar. There are many ways to help. Let us know if you're interested in adding your energy to our efforts by contacting our Solarize team leads: Bob Walker (Thetford), walker@serg-info.org, and Dori Wolfe (Strafford), dori.wolfe@gmail.com.

If you want to learn more about Solarize Strafford-Thetford and whether it might be right for you, come to the Thetford Hill Congregational Church Sunday, March 9, 6pm where we will be launching the program, explaining details, and introducing the installer we have chosen.

Submitted by Alice Stewart

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

The deadline for submissions is the 20th 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!