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THETFORD ACADEMY

*Congratulations to Aibhlin Moye-Linehan, a senior at Thetford Academy. It was recently announced that Aibhlin is a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Well done!

*Congratulations to the TA girls' basketball team, the Division III Vermont State Champions! The #1 ranked girls defeated Williamstown, the #2 seed, on March 1 at the Barre Auditorium by a score of 90-84. This marks the first championship for girls' basketball in the school's history. Thanks to all the loyal fans who supported the team during this championship season!

*TA's intrepid middle school robotics team – Eli Kaliski, Clare Swanson, and Ellenor Koppers – had a fantastic performance at the VEX Robotics New England Regionals in Worcester, MA, Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. They made it to the semi-finals (where they were bested by the team that eventually won the meet) and earned the competition's Build Award.

*TA's Robotics Team 4886A, junior Matt Borst and senior Audrey Wakefield, have been invited to the Vex World Championship in Anaheim, CA, April 23-26, based on the results of their Skills Challenge performance at the New England Regional Championship in Worcester. This will be Thetford Academy's fourth consecutive appearance at the VEX World Championships.

*Congratulations to Carlie Ulman, who was recently awarded first place in the Mixed Media category in the Ava Gallery's annual Best in the Upper Valley art show. Other TA students whose work is being exhibited include Jonathan Leib, Bayley Day, Helena Gaffney, Gannon Walsh, Patience Kasten, Jody Kifner, Tegan Pellerin, Autumn Cornellier, and Erica Freund. The show runs through March 14.

*Congratulations to Aiden Cudhea '19, who has been ranked as one of the top 12 U14 (under age 14) ski jumpers in the country.

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

*Thetford Academy's One Act Play, "The Actor's Nightmare," will be performed at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 20, in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Admission is \$5.00, and tickets are available at the door.

*THE INTERNET & SOCIAL NETWORKING: WHAT IS YOUR CHILD UP TO? Jennifer Frank, a special investigator at Plymouth State University, will give a presentation designed for parents on the subject of "your child and social networking" from 6:30-8:00pm on Tuesday, March 25, in TA's Martha Jane Rich Theater. The event is sponsored by Thetford Academy, with the support of the Thetford Academy Parent Association (TAPA) and Thetford Elementary School PTO. Childcare will be provided.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

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!

T.E.N. MARCH LUNCHEON

There will be a luncheon presented by Thetford Elder Network for older Thetford area residents and their friends Thursday, March 27, at 11:30am at the church in North Thetford, and you're invited. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, side vegetables, potato, roll, dessert, and beverages. The luncheon is free of charge and is supported by Senior Solutions.

We must reserve the right to change menu offerings depending on availability. To RSVP for the meal, call Martha at 785-4274. We welcome volunteers. To offer your help, call Cathee at 785-2668.

For a good time, do dine with us! See you there!

Submitted by Susan Rump

THETFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP BY MARCH 15 ALL THETFORD RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

Have you always wanted to garden but you have a black thumb? Your yard is shady, hilly, or rocky? You can't do it alone? Then this is for you!

Our community garden:

- Makes less work for everyone. Some things, like soil improvements, can be done together.
- Offers a team of experienced volunteer local gardeners to help those who need growing tips.
- Offers learning opportunities in the garden throughout the season.
- Includes a Teaching Garden that provides fresh produce for the local Food Shelf
- Is a great way to meet new people in a fun endeavor that contributes to your community.

Where is the garden? On the Common (across from Town Hall).

How does it work? Plots available! Sign up by March 15! Plot rental fee: \$20 plus a refundable \$10 deposit (waivers are available). If there are too many sign-ups, we'll choose by lottery.

How do I sign up? To sign up or for more information, contact the Thetford Community Garden Committee by phone: Andy Rowles – (802) 785-2290 or by email: ThetfordCG@gmail.com

Submitted by Claudia Reeder

APOLOGY

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

It's ALWAYS safe to get submissions 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.

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 listserv 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!!

TREASURE ISLAND CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Treasure Island Camp registration is open, please go to

http://www.thetfordrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=23505

or

www.thetfordrec.com

and click on summer adventure camp to register. Sign up for individual weeks or all 6.

All six weeks of camp are open to students going into grades 1-7.
In addition, week three will offer a five year old session.

Early registration discount \$50 per camper per week. Must be paid by April 30th.
Note there are resident and nonresident rates for all programs!!

Registration deadline June 15th unless space is not available.

If you have questions, you can email or call the director
bonna.wieler@gmail.com
802-333-3549

Submitted by Bonna Wieler

COMMUNITYWIDE LAUNCH OF SOLARIZE THETFORD-STRAFFORD

Join us for our solar launch!

Sunday, March 9, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Thetford Hill Congregational Church.

The energy committees of Thetford and Strafford are teaming together with Vital Communities to double the number of solar-powered homes in our towns.

- Cost savings passed on to you when you go solar between now and June 30th. The more neighbors go solar, the greater the savings.
- We have competitively selected a solar installer you can trust – chosen based on training, experience, reliability, and price.
- Come meet the installer, learn about the current pricing, payback, and financing opportunities. We make it simple!
- Get expert advice & answers to your questions. Support provided throughout the installation process.
- By joining together, Thetford and Strafford have increased the opportunity for savings for all.

For more information, call or email Bob Walker in Thetford (802.785.4126, bwalker@serq-info.org) or Dori Wolfe in Strafford (dori.wolfe@gmail.com).

Join us March 9 for homemade cookies and learn more about how you can go solar in 2014!

Submitted by Alice Stewart