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THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK WELCOMES YOU TO A HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Come to TEN's December luncheon on the 18th of the month at 11:30am at North Thetford Church. We'll be serving baked ham with raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, banana or pumpkin bread, beverages, and selected desserts, which may include cupcakes. Music, a seasonal puzzle, and the good company of friends will add to the festivity. Bring a neighbor or come on your own.

RSVP to Martha Daum 785-4274. Volunteer to help with a single task to Cathee 785-2668.

Susan Rump

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Monday, December 1, 3:15-4:00 pm: **Book Review Club**, a new group for 4th graders and up!

Monday, December 8 at 7:00 pm: **iPad Workshop**. This is the second in Latham Library's fall/winter series of technology classes. iPad Basics, Tips and Tricks: Setting up your iPad to suit your style, time-saving tips, securing your iPad, apps and ebooks. Bring your iPad, no registration required.

Wednesdays, December 3 and 17 at 10:00 am: **Tunes and Tales with Tots**, a playgroup for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers.

Fridays at 10:30 am: **Preschool Storytime**.

Fridays at 12:15 pm: **Lunchtime Storytime**.

PEABODY LIBRARY

After school activities:

- December 3: Mad Libs
- December 10: Twig Ornaments
- December 17: Holiday Party
- December 24 and 31: No after school activities
- December 17 at 7:00 pm: Peabody Library's annual HOLIDAY READINGS with Peter Blodgett.

For more on all of these programs, visit www.thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

THETFORD RECREATION

THETFORD SKI & SKATE SALE

Thetford's Annual Ski & Skate Consignment Sale will take place at Thetford Elementary School on Sunday, December 7th from 12:30 -2:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to obtain quality equipment at an affordable price. All proceeds support the Thetford Ski Program.

We accept consignment of Nordic and Alpine ski gear, snowboards, helmets, skates and ski clothing. (No straight skis or rear-entry boots, please.) Consignment takes place on Saturday, December 6th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and Sunday, December 7th from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

Volunteers can shop before the sale opens to the public! Contact Laurel Mackin, Recreation Director, at recreation@thetfordvermont.us.

Laurel Mackin

THETFORD LISTSERV

Stay up to date on Thetford's news every day, not just once a month! Go to our listserv at lists.valley.net/lists/info/thetford and subscribe today.

THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Elyse Lindahl '15, the Thetford Academy Student of the Month** for November. Elyse is the daughter of Nancy and David Lindahl of Thetford.

Congratulations also to **TA Dean of Students Jade Huntington**, who on November 15, 2014, was inducted into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame. Jade is Vermont's high school basketball career scoring leader and one of the top female point guards to come out of Vermont, both at the high school and collegiate level.

Thetford Academy has been named one of five Vermont state finalists in the **Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest**, a nationwide competition to increase interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) by challenging teachers and students to take topics out of traditional classroom settings and into local communities. Fifty one state winners will be announced in December.

The **Tuesday Evening Film Series** at Thetford Academy continues on December 9. Hero, a 2002 Chinese film directed by Zhang Yimou, will be presented at Thetford Academy in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall at 7:00pm. The movie concerns a man called Nameless who presents to the Emperor the weapons of his three greatest foes. He then recounts how he obtained them. The story is altered with each re-telling. Hero is a beautiful movie - a combination of stunning landscapes, graceful duels and striking compositions, directed by one of China's greatest filmmakers.

The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. The public is invited to attend.

Who will wear the crown this year? Mark your calendars now for the 4th annual **Mr. TA Pageant** on Saturday, December 13, at 7:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. All profits fund scholarships that enable Rwandan students to go to high school. This is an evening not to be missed!

Basketball begins! The first home game of the varsity season for the girls is Saturday, December 13, at 1:30pm against Hartford; and the boys play Randolph in their season home opener on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00pm. Support your Panthers!

The **Thetford Academy Winter Instrumental Concert** will be performed on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Treat yourself to an evening of wonderful music!

Thetford Academy will be closed for the **December break** December 22 through January 2 and will reopen for classes on Monday, January 5. We wish everyone a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Wendy Cole

PARISH PLAYERS

DYLAN THOMAS'S 'UNDER MILK WOOD' AT PARISH PLAYERS

Directed by Sophie Wood and presented by the Parish Players at the Eclipse Grange in Thetford, Vermont, **December 4-7, 2014**

A day in the life of a small Welsh village from before dawn until evening's dark. Poet Dylan Thomas's greatest work is rich in images and fantastically eccentric characters, seen with candor and tenderness. A celebration of everyday life and dream life, with live music, shadow puppetry, and an eclectic ensemble cast from Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Norwich, Sharon, and Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, and Hartford. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 4, 5, and 6 at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinee Dec. 7 at 2:00 pm

Tickets: General \$15, Seniors \$12, Students \$10. Reservations or information: (802) 785-4344 or pancho@parishplayers.org (parishplayers.org)

The cast and crew includes Danielle Cohen, Dan Deneen, Chico Eastridge,

Louisa Holbrook, Sadie Holbrook, Sheila Kaplow, Duncan Nichols, Robert O'Leary, Barbara Swantak, Cynthia Taylor, Jim Schley, Christine Williamson, and Hazel Wood. Director: Sophie Wood. Producer: Patrick Freund. Technical director: Neal Meglathery. Stage manager: Ruth Lichtman. Assistant stage manager: Katie Cawley. Lighting design: Cavan Meese. Poster: Hazel Wood and Tess Holbrook. Musical compositions: Louisa and Sadie Holbrook, Dan Deneen, and Duncan Nichols.

Jim Schley

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com by the 25th of the month or by calling me at 802-356-4542. Newsletter feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French



Robert Bacon teaches the Thetford Academy class of 1958's James Crowley, Carolyn Kelley Porter and a classmate a valuable skill in Vermont: putting chains on tires.

Courtesy of the Thetford Historical Society