

THE T F O R D NEWS

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TOWN CLERK'S NEWS

FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Please join us in welcoming our new Chief of Police, Michael Evans! Stop in and say hello!

FROM TOWN CLERK

Animal Licensing due by April 1.

Rabies Clinic March 21 at Town Garage 10-noon with licensing available at Town Hall.

Tracy Borst

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

MARCH TEN LUNCHEON: HAPPY SPRING!

Come to the Thetford Elder Network Luncheon, to be held at the North Thetford Church at 11:30am on Thursday, March 26. You'll enjoy Corned beef and cabbage potatoes, carrots, and lemon cake, with a beverage and some lively conversation. There'll be puzzles to solve with a friend or take home. We're still planning the program, so come to find out and to socialize with friends known and new!

Susan Rump

PARISH PLAYERS' 3RD ANNUAL HUNGER BENEFIT CABARET

Show Dates: Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm, March 13th and 14th;
Sunday Matinée - 3pm, March 15th

Performances will be at the Parish Players' Eclipse Grange. Tickets: General \$20, Seniors \$18, Students \$15. Reservations: 802-785-4344.

An evening of songs and skits performed by some of the Upper Valley's most talented singers and actors. Casual seating arrangements and great food. Directed by Steve

and Jen LeBlanc, it will raise money for hunger relief agencies (50% of the profit will go to ACT International (Action Against Hunger), and 50% to the Vermont Food Bank), and will help create greater awareness around the issue of hunger.

Performers include Andy Adams, Corey Armstrong, Danielle Cohen, Mark Cookson, Laura Corcoran, Carol Cronce, Neal Cronce, Judi Daigne, Eric Downing, Betsy Durkee, Dan Falcone, Ella Falcone, Amy Fortier, Julie Frew, Lydia Frew, Laine Gillespie, Rick Granger, Gerry Grimo, Margaret Hunton, Katie Kitchel, Jen LeBlanc, Steve LeBlanc, Lori Mather, Duncan Nichols, Lauren Pidgeon, Beata Randall, Susan Rives, Hal Sheeler, Karen Smith, Laura Spratt, Mary Ann Stanford, Erin Stone, Matt Stone, Noor Taher, Barry Wenig, Iva Wich, and Christine Williamson.

Steve LeBlanc

THETFORD BOOK GROUP

Did you know an informal nonfiction book discussion group meets at Latham Library about once a month? The next meeting will be on Tues., March 31st at 7 pm. The book we will be discussing is *Bonk* by Mary Roach, her entertaining investigation into the curious ways of sex researchers and their research.

If the library does not have the book, you can request it via interlibrary loan, look for it at your favorite local bookseller, or online via bookfinder.com, the aggregator site for booksellers worldwide.

E D M Landman MD

THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Finbar Curtin '16, the Thetford Academy Student of the Month** for February.

Finbar is the son of Jim and Jennifer Curtin of Washington, VT.

The works of 10 Thetford Academy students are being featured in this year's **AVA Gallery and ArtCenter's Best of the Upper Valley High School Exhibition** until Friday, March 6. At the opening reception and awards ceremony on Friday, Feb. 13, three TA students received individual recognition: Bayley Day '15 won the Best Digital Art Award for a self-portrait, Ella Farrell-Starr '18 earned the Best Printmaking Award, and Eric Lavik '15 received an Honorable Mention for his handmade garments in the Wearable Art category. In addition to Bayley, Ella and Eric, the TA students whose art is being exhibited are: Daniel Goldberg '17, Jenny Ulz '16, Annaka Balch '15, Rochelle Brown '15, Josh Graber '15, Toria Isquith '15, Abby O'Donnell '15.

Congratulations to the Panthers' #1 seed 22-2 **varsity girls basketball team**, which fell to the #3 Richford Rockets in the championship game of the VPA Division III playoffs in the Barre Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 28. Coach Eric Ward led the girls through a fabulous season, including an impressive 53-32 win over #4 Enosburg in the semifinals in Barre.

Congratulations to the **Boys' Indoor Track Club**. Because the boys do not compete as a varsity-level program, they are ineligible for an official state championship. However, teaming up with runners from Rivendell Academy, the TA club handily outscored and outthrustled the named state champion Rice by the score of 119-80 in the VPA Division II state championship meet on Saturday, Feb. 14, in Northfield, VT. The TA boys won five events and had 10 podium finishes for the day. Members of the club also competed val-

iantly in the 2015 New England events recently and set several new Vermont records.

In a recent competition **TA's robotics team 4886A**, Matt Borst and Frank Zhu, earned a spot in the VEX Robotics High School World Championships in Louisville, KY, this April. This will be the Panthers' fifth consecutive trip to the VEX Robotics World Championships!

On Monday, March 9, from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall, **the TA Student Support Team is sponsoring a Parent Forum** in which a panel of speakers will lead small group discussions on difficult topics such as social pressures to succeed in school, drugs and alcohol (legal issues as well as societal trends), and dating violence. Parents will be invited to select a group or topic area, and there will also be a large group information session with questions and answers from the panel of speakers.

One Act Plays will be performed Tuesday, March 10, and Thursday, March 12, in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. TAPA is putting on a Spaghetti Supper prior to the March 12 performance. All profits raised are designated for student activities. Please call 802-785-4805 for more information.

The Thetford Academy **Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. The meeting is open to the public.

Wendy Cole



THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

"Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie" Film Screening and Discussion Series. Mondays at 7pm: March 9 and 23. Sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

- March 9: Part Five: Ceres' Children. Exploring participatory democracy and ethics in conservation and farming. Discussion led by Alan Berolzheimer.
- March 23: Part Six: People's Power. Exploring contemporary tensions over energy, independence, climate, and the state's future. Discussion led by Nora Jacobson.

Tech Help Nights: Working on creating a website, blog, online store or Facebook page? Need help with a new computer or tablet? Come get some tech help in a relaxed atmosphere! Latham Library lower level, March 5 and 19, at 7:00 pm.

Teen Open Mic Night! Friday, March 27 at 7pm. Latham Library is hosting. All talents and teens welcome! Snacks will be served.

Latham Memorial Library Scholarship: Did you know that if you are a high school student who resides in Thetford, you may be eligible for a college scholarship through the Latham Library? Please visit thetfordlibrary.org and look under the Scholarship tab for more info. Applications are due May 1, 2015.

Ongoing programs

Tales and Tunes with Tots: a playgroup for babies, toddlers and caregivers. First and third Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 am.

Preschool Storytime: Fridays at 10:30 am. All preschoolers and their caregivers welcome.

Lunchtime Storytime: Fridays at 12:15 pm. All ages welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Irish Music Concert: Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm. Join Samantha Moffatt and friends for an Irish music concert in honor of St. Patrick's Day! Free of charge.

Gardening Workshop with Janet Taylor: Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. Janet Taylor from Crossroads Farm will wet our whistles for gardening season. Bring your gardening questions!

Afterschool activities on Wednesdays at Peabody Library are intended for children in grades in K-6, and include a snack, stories, and crafts, games, and other activities. They run from 3:30-4:30 on every Wednesday TES is in session. Students may take the #2 bus from the school to the library with a signed note from home.

For more information on any of these library programs, please visit us at thetfordlibrary.org

Emily Zollo

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. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received and may need to edit for space. Feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French

Gas pumps shiver in the cold outside the Ely grain store, sometime in the 1920s or 1930s.

Photo courtesy of Frank J. Barrett Jr.