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THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to Nicolas Buonanduci '16, the Thetford Academy **Student of the Month** for December. Nic is the son of Linda and Michael Buonanduci of Bradford.

Congratulations to **TA robotics team** Matt Borst '15, Frank Zhu '16 and robot 4886A! The team won the tournament championship in a robotics meet at Rivendell Academy on Saturday 12.13.14 and simultaneously achieved an incredible #2 world ranking in Programming Skills.

VSCA will hold a **Financial Aid Forms Night** on Wednesday, Jan. 7, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Computer Lab, located in the TA Library.

The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:00pm in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome to attend.

The World Literature class at Thetford Academy recently read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini and is now raising money and awareness to support the Afghan Women's Mission. This organization provides shelter, education, and protection for women and children in Afghanistan. On Friday, Jan. 9, at 7:00pm, the movie, **View From a Grain of Sand** will be shown in Thetford Academy's Martha Jane Rich Theater. The movie examines the issues in Afghanistan through the eyes of three Afghan women: a doctor, a teacher, and a human rights activist. After the show, there will be a discussion and bake sale. Admission is by donation to support the organization.

The **Tuesday Evening Film Series** continues on Tuesday, Jan. 13, with *Hero*, a 2002 Chinese film directed by Zhang Yimou. 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 film, 99 minutes in duration, will be shown at Thetford Academy's Martha Jane Rich Theater at 7:00pm. If you have questions about the series, please contact Ray Chapin at ray.chapin@thet.net.

The annual **Ten-Minute Play Festival** will be held on Friday and Saturday Jan. 16 and 17 in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. Plays this year are written and directed by current students, alumni, and a 5th grader from Lyme Elementary School. Performances start at 7:00pm.

College Night for TA juniors and their families will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29, in the Martha Jane Rich Theater and will begin at 6:00pm. For more information, contact Mary Daum in the Counseling Office at 802.785.4805 x202. (Snow date, if needed, is Thursday, Feb. 5.)

Wendy Cole

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

0% TO 1.99% ENERGY FINANCING AVAILABLE

Most Thetford residents can now access low interest (0% - 1.99%) PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing to make home energy improvements. Actual interest rates and information are available at efficiencyvermont.com/PACE.

Improvements that can be financed through these low rates include energy audits, weatherization measures, cold climate heat pumps, high efficiency oil, propane and wood pellet central heating systems, heat pump water heaters, and solar hot water heaters. Renewable electric generation systems can also be financed through PACE at the standard program rate, which is currently at 6.375%.

Financing these measures through PACE often results in homeowners saving more on energy costs than they are paying for the improvements, so they save energy and money from day one. Efficiency Vermont, will conduct a free analysis of your project plan to let you know how cost effective your project is and assist you through the PACE process. Other PACE advantages include no credit score check, no closing costs and no down payment required.

Thetford residents can learn more at a PACE forum, Jan. 20th, 2015, Thetford Center Community Center, Thetford, VT 6:30pm. Bob Walker, Director of SERG, and representatives from Efficiency Vermont will present about PACE financing and contractors providing energy services will be available to answer your technology related questions.

If you can't make the forum, but want to learn more about PACE or SERG, call 802-785-4126. Efficiency Vermont can be reached at efficiencyvermont.com/PACE, PACE@efficiencyvermont.com or 888-921-5990.

This forum is being cosponsored by Sustainable Energy Resource Group, Upper Valley Sierra Club, Vital Communities and the Thetford Energy Committee.

Bob Walker

PARISH PLAYERS

OPEN AUDITIONS!

9th Annual Ten Minute Play Festival - a feast of short plays

To be performed: Fri-Sun Feb 13th thru 22nd. Auditions: Fri, Jan 2, 7pm and Sat Jan 3, 1 pm

Location: Eclipse Grange Theater, Academy Rd, Thetford Hill, 05074

Contact: Barbara Payson (802) 785-2727, Neal Meglathery 785-2016

The 3 Annual Hunger Cabaret-appetizers, song and comedy

To be performed: Fri-Sun Mar 13th, 14th and 15th. Auditions: Comedy skits: Thurs Jan 8th; Musical numbers: Fri Jan 2nd thru Sun Jan 11th

Location: Director's house in Lebanon, NH

Contact for appointment: Stephen LeBlanc, director, nights and week-

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Almost Maine, by John Cariani - a moment in time in a small village in Maine

To be performed: Fri Apr 2-Sun Apr 5, Thurs Apr 9-Sun Apr 12. Auditions: Sun Jan 11th 2-5, Mon Jan 12th 6:30-9

Location: Eclipse Grange theater, Academy Road, Thetford Hill, 05074

Contact: Alex Cherington, producer, (802) 356-5795

Love, Loss and What I Wore by Nora and Delia Ephron: women, clothes, mothers, memories and more

To be performed: May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. Auditions: Wed Jan 28th, Thurs Jan 29th 6-8:30

Location: Latham Library, on the green, Thetford Hill, 05074

Contact: M Carl Kaufman, director, (603) 727-8143

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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

SNOW ROLLER IN POST MILLS

Before snow plows, the snow roller kept the roads fairly smooth. It took a team of six horses and had a tendency to slide into ditches. Covered bridges were another matter: to allow sleighs to travel through them, snow had to be added to make the surface passable.

Courtesy of the Thetford Historical Society

