

THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Christian Jones '16**, Thetford Academy's Student of the Month for November 2015. Christian's teachers say he brings a unique mixture of enthusiasm and kindness to everything he does and is very comfortable working quietly on behalf of others.

The Thetford Academy Alumni Association (TAAA) **Memory Tree** will be lit at 4:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 6, on the front lawn of the Academy. All may attend. Light refreshments will be served after the names of those being remembered are read.

The **TA Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:00 pm in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome.

It is almost time to crown a new **Mr. TA!** Join the fun and cast your votes for this year's winner on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:00pm. Tickets will be available in the Main Office after Mon., Dec. 7. Current TA students are \$8.00; all others are \$10.00, and all monies benefit students in Rwanda. Get your tickets early; this event is always sold out!

The **Winter Instrumental and Choral Concert** will be performed on Wed., Dec. 16, at 6:30 pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. Don't miss this newly combined musical delight.

Thetford Academy will be **closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 4** for the winter break. We wish everyone a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Wendy Cole

SELECTBOARD NEWS

The following elected positions have terms that expire March 1, 2016.

- Town Moderator, 1 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner, 2 years to complete 3 year term

- Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year term
- Lister, 3 year term
- Selectboard, 2 year term
- Selectboard, 3 year term
- Town Clerk, 3 year term
- Trustee of Latham Library, 4 year term
- School Moderator, 1 year term
- School Director, 2 year term
- School Director, 3 year term

Nominating petitions can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, or contact us to request one. Petitions require 22 signatures and are due back on January 25 at 5pm. Please contact me for more information at townclerk@thetfordvermont.us.

Tracy Borst

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

The board of trustees of the Latham Memorial Library in Thetford Hill are planning to update the library's Strategic Plan. The purpose of this survey is to help us understand how well the library meets your needs and where we can improve services.

Please help us and complete a survey at tiny.cc/latham1215, or complete a paper survey at Latham Library.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING AT LATHAM LIBRARY: Children in **grades 3-6** are invited every Friday TES is in session, aside from Fridays during the ski program. Activities will run from 3:00-4:15 pm. There will be snacks, stories, games, crafts, and other activities each week.

TALES AND TUNES WITH TOTS is a playgroup for babies, toddlers and caregivers. Wednesdays, 10 am.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Fridays at 10:30 am. All preschoolers and caregivers welcome.

KNITTING GROUP Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

PEABODY LIBRARY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY READING: Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 pm. Join Peter Blodgett for a night of holiday stories from different traditions to help you get in the spirit of the season! Light refreshments will be served.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING: Children in grades K-2 are invited on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 for stories, activities and a snack every week that TES is in session. Students can ride the school bus to the library in Post Mills.

For more info about the Thetford Libraries (including lists of new books and movies!) please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

HOME WEATHERIZATION CANDIDATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT

The Thetford Energy Committee is seeking potential homes for our next Volunteer Assisted Weatherization (VAW) effort and tax-deductible contributions to support the work. The VAW program provides a free energy audit and weatherization services to Thetford residents who can't afford it.

Qualifying income levels for participation, by number of residents in home and income range:

- 1 - \$27,960 to \$41,940
- 2 - \$31,920 to \$47,880
- 3 - \$35,940 to \$53,910
- 4 - \$39,900 to \$59,850
- 5 - \$43,080 to \$64,620
- 6 - \$46,260 to \$69,390
- 7 - \$49,500 to \$74,250

Those interested in participating can contact Bob Walker, Thetford Energy Committee chair, at (802) 785-4126 or bobwalkervt@gmail.com.

Those with qualifying incomes should contact Capstone Community Action at (800) 639-1053 or capstonevt.org/weatherization and sign up for their free Weatherization Assistance Program.

Charitable Donations

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation to support this effort can send a check made out to Ompompanoosuc Community Trust Inc. with "Thetford VAW" in the memo line. Thanks to a very generous donor, every dollar you give will be matched one for one.

Donations should be mailed to OCT Inc., PO Box 2, Post Mills, VT 05058. For more information on donations, contact Manny Grewal, Chair of OCT Inc., at manohar.grewal@gmail.com or (802) 333-3292.

Bob Walker

THE PARISH PLAYERS

AUDITIONS FOR THE TENS 2016

The 10th anniversary of our always sold-out winter spirit-lifter: a collection of original 10-minute plays. Producer: Leah Romano, leah.romano@gmail.com

Performances February 12-14 & 19-21, 2016. Learn more about auditions at parishplayers.org.

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

Arthur Miller's riveting Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about the search for the American Dream.

Director: Ray Chapin; Producers: Kay Morton & Ray Chapin. Contact thehawk42@gmail.com or (802) 785-4321; Katherine.h.morton.gr@dartmouth.edu or (802) 522-2445.

Performances May 20-22 & 27-29; June 3-5, 2016. Auditions for 13 roles, men & women of all ages, Dec. 4 & 6, 2015, 7:00 pm.

Eclipse Grange Theater, 193 Academy Rd., Thetford. 785-4344.

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THETFORD ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The TAAA will be lighting the 26th annual Memory Tree on the lawn near the south entrance to TA at 4:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Weather permitting we will be outside to plug in the lights, read the names, sing, contemplate and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

Bulbs for the Memory Tree may be named with a \$3 donation for each name. Please send to TAAA, PO Box 99, Thetford VT 05074.

All are welcome!

Jessica Eaton, 333-9491

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 29th at Latham Library. We will be discussing Thetford's own Elmer Brown's memoir, From Shank's Mares to Quad Chairs. Copies are available at Latham Library; ask at the checkout desk.

EDM Landman, M.D.

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

A HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Celebrate the coming of winter and holidays with friends and community members.

December's Thetford Elder Network Luncheon will be wonderful, so plan to come and dine with us at North Thetford Church on Thursday, Dec. 17, after doors open at 11:30am.

You'll savor a pork roast dinner that includes roasted potatoes, apple sauce, tossed green salad, rolls, a delectable local veggie to be selected by our chef, chocolate cake, and a choice of beverage. You'll hear live seasonal music, and please sing along if the spirit moves you!

TEN luncheons are sponsored by Senior Solutions. Donations are accepted, tho' not expected. If you can, bring a non-perishable item for Thetford's Food Shelf.

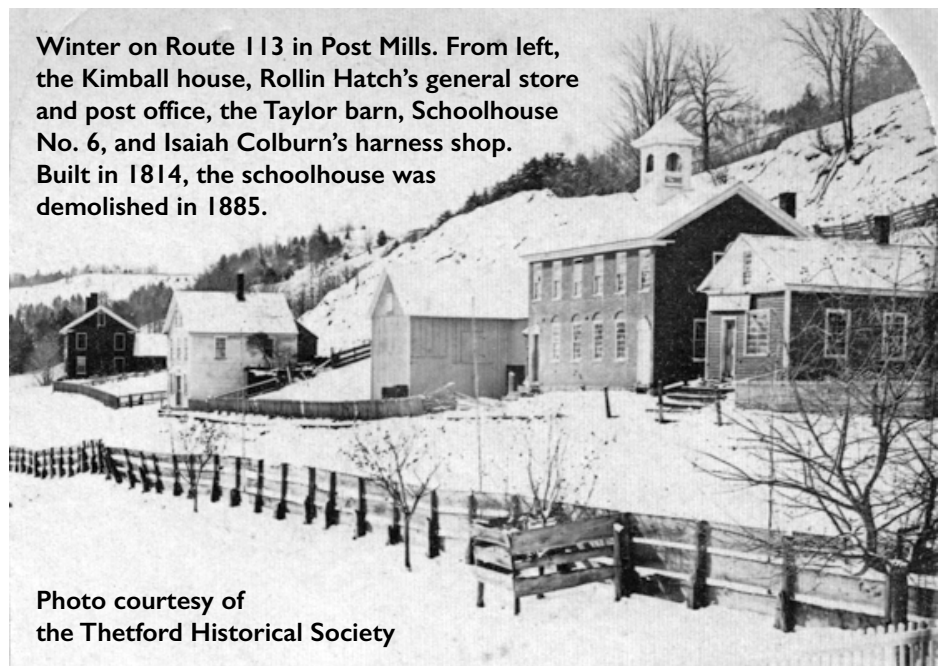
To volunteer for a task at the Luncheon, call Cathy at 785-3136 or speak with a server or TEN committee member. Happy holidays!

Susan Rump

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com or by calling me at (802) 356-4542 by the 29th of the month. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received, and may need to edit for space. There may not be room for late submissions (but I do my best). Feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French



Winter on Route 113 in Post Mills. From left, the Kimball house, Rollin Hatch's general store and post office, the Taylor barn, Schoolhouse No. 6, and Isaiah Colburn's harness shop. Built in 1814, the schoolhouse was demolished in 1885.

Photo courtesy of the Thetford Historical Society