

ADVENTURES IN THE DRAMATIC ARTS CAMP

JULY 18 - 22, 2016, 9AM – 3PM

Open Fields School, Thetford, VT

A day camp for 8-12-year-olds filled with drama, creative arts, and outdoor fun.

Within one week, the group will attempt to write a script, create props, design a set and perform a simple play—all by Friday afternoon!

Friday performance: 7/22 at 2:30 pm.

Cost: \$225 (Discounts available for siblings)

For more information or to register, contact facilitators:

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Teachers at Open Fields School

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

EAT WELL TO AGE WELL

Good nutrition is a key factor in lifelong health. Senior Solutions helps older adults access two programs that support healthy eating for seniors.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to seniors who have difficulty preparing or shopping for meals due to temporary health problems or longer-term challenges. This program is for people aged 60 and up, and there is no income qualification. There is a suggested donation, but no one is denied service due to inability to pay.

3SquaresVT helps eligible Vermonters buy more nutritious food with an EBT card that looks like a debit or credit card. If everyone in the household is 65 or older or gets SSI, the benefits may be distributed as cash deposited directly into the family's bank account. 3SquaresVT is open to individuals and families who qualify based on

household income. Anyone who is over 60 or has a disability may deduct many medical expenses from their income, which can help with qualification.

For more information or help applying, call the Vermont Senior HelpLine at (800) 642-5119.

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Senior Solutions

THETFORD HILL FAIR

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Mark your calendars now for one of summer's highlights: the 111th celebration of the Thetford Hill Fair! As always there will be fun for all:

- Antiques & Collectibles
- Food, Pie & Bake Sales
- Plants, Books, Games
- Fortune Teller and Face Painting
- Town-wide Rummage Sale

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ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES TABLE SEEKS DONATIONS

If you've been putting off cleaning out your cupboards or organizing your attic, here's the perfect opportunity! Items can include furniture, china, glassware, jewelry, silver, brass, linen and quilts.

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THETFORD ACADEMY

TA has named **Qingyuan "Leo" Chen**, a senior, as Student of the Month for May 2016. Leo is multi-talented, multi-faceted, and multicultural. The phrase "has come a long way" very appropriately describes this student. He has repeatedly traveled 7,000+ miles across several time zones from China to live and study in Thetford for the past few years as a

member of TA's International Student Program, and he has also undergone a remarkable personal transformation during his time here. Whether building a computer, assembling a robot, creating a piece of furniture in the wood shop, or designing something on a 3-D printer, Leo is willing to learn from his mistakes, doesn't get discouraged, and keeps pushing forward.

Baccalaureate for the Class of 2016 will be held Sun., June 5, at the First Congregational Church of Thetford. The evening will start at 7 pm. Seating is limited.

The **Spring Sports Awards and Barbeque** will be held on Mon., June 6, starting at 6 pm. Keep fingers crossed for nice weather!

School will **dismiss for the summer** at noon on Fri., June 10. The Academy bell will toll, signaling the close of the 2015-2016 school year.

Thetford Academy will proudly **graduate 41 scholars** on Fri., June 10. The ceremony will start at 6:30 pm, and weather permitting will be held on the lawn in front of the White Building. In the unlikely and unwanted event of rain, the program will be moved into the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. A reception for the Class of 2016 will be held immediately following the ceremony.

The Thetford Academy Alumni Association (TAAA) will hold its annual **Alumni Day banquet** on Sat., June 11. Campus tours and Social Hour will run from 4-5:30 pm, followed by the annual meeting at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Contact Jessica Eaton or call the Alumni Office at (802) 785-2600.

The TA **Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thurs., June 23, starting at 7 pm in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is invited to attend.

Wendy Cole

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: The "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" summer reading program starts on Mon., June 13!

Children of all ages may register for an "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" Reading Log, starting any time after the last day of school. Stop by Latham Library to sign up. Your child will start a logbook to record the titles of books he or she reads this summer, along with stickers, a bookmark, and a free book to take home. Then, come back to the library as often as you can over the summer to fill out the reading log and check out more library books. Everyone who participates by reading at least three books over the summer will be invited to a final celebration, receive a certificate and a prize.

The library will also be hosting special events in July and August to go along with the summer reading theme. Children do not need to be registered for the Summer Reading Program to attend these events.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

After school program: Kids in grades 3-6 are invited every Friday TES is in session. Activities will run from 3-4:15pm, including snacks, stories, games, crafts, and other activities.

Tales and Tunes with Tots, a playgroup for babies and toddlers and their caregivers. 10am Wednesdays.

Preschool Storytime Fridays at 10:30am. Children of all ages and caregivers welcome.

Knitting Group Thursdays from 6-8pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

SUMMER BOOK

DISCUSSION SERIES: "Retellings"

A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by the George Peabody Library. Classic works of fiction reimagined from a different character's perspective.

Wednesdays at 7 pm. Free and open to the public. Books are available on loan in advance.

- June 15: *Grendel* by John Gardner, discussion led by Jean Gerber
- June 29: *Finn* by John Clinch, discussion led by Jim Schley
- July 13: *March* by Geraldine Brooks, discussion led by Mary Hays
- July 27: *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Jeter Naslund, discussion led by Rachael Cohen

STORY TIME AT TREASURE ISLAND BEACH starts Wed., June 29, and continues every Wednesday at 11 am through Aug. 10!

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of Thetford's informal nonfiction book discussion group will take place at Latham Library on Thetford Hill on Tues., June 21st at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *SPQR* by Mary Beard, the brilliant classical scholar whose writing style is as far as possible from dense academes!

Unlike many of our recent choices, *SPQR* - about the Roman Empire and what we can learn from ancient Rome even nowadays - is a New York Times bestseller! All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via [ListenUp Vermont](#) or [NH Downloadable Books](#); from your bookseller; or at bookfinder.com.

E D M Landman MD

BOARD OF LISTERS

NOTICE OF GRIEVANCE HEARINGS

In accordance with VSA Title 32 Section 4416, the Board of Listers will be holding grievance hearings on Thurs., June 16, 2016, from 8:30 am to 4 pm at the Thetford Town Offices.

Letters will be accepted any time BEFORE the hearing date of June 16, but no later than 4 pm that day. Letters may be delivered in person, sent via regular mail (postmarks are not accepted!) or by email.

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THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

JUNE LUNCHEON

Thetford area diners and their guests are invited for a just-Summer Luncheon. Doors open at North Thetford Church at 11:30 am Thurs., June 23. We'll serve ham quiche with potato crust, salad with many ingredients, tomatoes, and a strawberry dessert.

Providing live music will be a trio of favorite performers who'll offer tunes both fresh and familiar in a new arrangement that's sure to please (Come and see who!!)

Senior Solutions supports our monthly luncheons along with donations at the door (not expected, but gladly accepted.)

Bring a friend or neighbor who doesn't drive...or one who does. If you wish, volunteer to do one helpful task by calling Cathy at 785-3136.

Thanks to all who make these fun events possible!

Susan Rump

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com or by calling me at 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