

## THETFORD WELCOMES COMMUNITY NURSE

Community Nurse of Thetford, Inc., a recent non-profit organization, is happy to announce that Cindy Grigel RN will be working 10 hours a week as our Community Nurse. Cindy is a longtime Thetford resident, and we are delighted that she will be helping develop this new position.

The Community Nurse will provide support, guidance, and education to individuals and families dealing with illness, aging, disability, or family difficulties. A request for assistance can come from the individual needing help or a family member. A more distant relative, neighbor, care provider, or town agency with concerns can also contact the nurse.

The Community Nurse does not provide hands-on physical care; if that is needed, it can be provided by the Visiting Nurse Association or private caregivers. It is most important to note that the Community Nurse will not respond to emergency calls; the Fast Squad will continue to provide this service through the 911 dispatch.

This free service is supported by grant money and donations. Look for brochures around town and visit us at our table at Town Meeting.

Contact Cindy at 738-9066 or at [communitynursethetford@gmail.com](mailto:communitynursethetford@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping us welcome Cindy to this new role!

*Priscilla (Pril) Hall for the Board of Directors of Community Nurse of Thetford, Inc.*

## THETFORD TOWN CLERK

### UPCOMING ELECTION DEADLINES

- Mid-Feb.: Town Reports mailed
- Feb. 22: Pre-Town Meeting, 7pm, Town Hall

- Feb. 24: Deadline for new voter registration, 5pm
- Sat., Feb. 27: Annual Town and School Meeting at Thetford Elementary School, 9am
- Tues., March 1: Ballot voting\* at Town Hall 8am-7pm for town and school officers, school budget

\*New this election season is our tabulator machine! As required by new Vermont law, the Board of Civil Authority and I will be trained and ready to assist you!

*Tracy Borst*

## FREE PANCAKE SUPPER

Tues., Feb 9th, starting at 5:30 pm, at the North Thetford Church Community Hall.

Come when you can, on the way to a meeting, on the way home from work or sports practice or scouts.

Hosted by members of the community, in partnership with the Thetford Food Shelf.

Questions? Want to volunteer or donate? Please call 333-4741 or email [vermontmom65@gmail.com](mailto:vermontmom65@gmail.com).

*Charlotte Williams*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

**LIBRARY USER FOCUS GROUPS:** As part of our work on the new strategic plan for Latham Memorial Library, we will hold two library user focus groups. On **Fri., Feb. 5 from 3:00-4:00pm** we will hold a focus group for parents of children and teens that use the library. On **Sat., Feb. 6 from 11:00-12:00** there will be a focus group for library volunteers. The sessions will build on our recent user satisfaction survey (134 of you responded. Thank you!). We will be asking you to tell us when you consider the

library and its services to the community, what do you think is working well, what needs attention, and what are your hopes and concerns for the coming years.

**VT HUMANITIES COUNCIL BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES:** "Futures: Utopia & Apocalypse." Mondays at 7:00 pm. Books available for loan at Latham Library.

- Feb. 8: "Herland" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Feb. 22: "Galapagos" by Kurt Vonnegut

### VALENTINE'S DAY TEA PARTY:

Saturday, Feb. 13, 11:00 am. Our third annual Valentine's Day Tea Party! Bring a loved one and enjoy a Valentine's Day themed storytime for children and tea and treats for all. Children of all ages and their caregivers welcome.

### AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Friday, Feb. 5, 3:15-4:15pm: Knitting with Elizabeth Polli. If possible, children should bring a set of single pointed knitting needles, size 8 or above and a ball of yarn (100 grams) of their choice to make a scarf.

Feb. 12, 19, 26: No program. TES ski days and school vacation.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**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

**CHOCOLATE INDULGENCE** Wed., Feb. 10 at 7:00 pm. Peabody Library's annual pre-Valentine's Day event! Bring a chocolate-themed

dessert to share; copies of recipes are also appreciated. All are welcome.

## PEABODY LIBRARY 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.

- Feb. 3: Chinese New Year stories and crafts
- Feb. 10: Stories and crafts for Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17: Balloon Science!
- Feb. 24: No program, school vacation

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit [thetfordlibrary.org](http://thetfordlibrary.org).

Emily Zollo

## THETFORD ACADEMY

**Trevor Litchfield '16** was recently selected as the Outstanding Student of the Second Quarter for his work in the Level II Collision Repair and Refinishing program at the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center. Congratulations, Trevor!

**Robby Root '16** has been chosen as the January Student of the Month and is described as a thoughtful, eager, and principled young man who wants to make the world a better place. He is a strong role model, especially for younger Panthers. Robby's warmth is infectious, and he uses it to enhance the learning experience for anyone sharing it with him. He is well-rounded, with a solid work ethic and positive attitude; he knows how to strike the balance between having fun and moving forward. Congratulations, Robby!

The 73rd annual **Founders' Day** will celebrate Thetford Academy's 197th year on Fri., Feb. 5. The theme for the day is "Book Series," and the public is invited to attend the morning's activities, starting at 7:40am with the Candle Lighting Ceremony. Founders' Night festivities will conclude the day. All TA students are invited to spend the evening on campus and enjoy a wide variety of activities.

The Thetford Academy will hold its **monthly meeting** on Thurs., Feb. 11, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. All are welcome to attend.

**Parents' Back to School Night** for the second semester has been tentatively scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 18, starting at 6:00pm. Call the TA Main Office at 785-4805 x201 for confirmation or more information.

Thetford Academy will be **closed Feb. 22-26** for winter recess. Classes resume on Mon., Feb. 29.

Wendy Cole

## NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting will be at Latham Library on Tues., Feb. 23 at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis. This is about the differences of opinion and controversies among the men who were responsible for the foundation of the United States, and shows how extraordinary the outcome of their efforts turned out to be.

The book may be obtained from your library, via interlibrary loan, as an audio or e-book via interlibrary loan, or via [ListenUp Vermont](http://ListenUpVermont.org) or [NH Downloadable Books](http://NHDownloadableBooks.org). Or obtain the book from your bookseller or at [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com). All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

E D M Landman MD

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### FEBRUARY T.E.N. LUNCHEON

Winter's half-over by Groundhog Day, so let's celebrate together on Thurs., Feb. 25, starting 11:30am, at North Thetford Church with a delicious lunch of baked chicken with rice, squash, tossed salad, a beverage you choose, and apple crisp.

Plans are still in the making, but don't let that stop you from enjoying a wonderful meal with friendly company, puzzles, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Thetford Elder Network Luncheons are held monthly and sponsored by

Senior Solutions. Donations are appreciated. To volunteer, speak with a member of the kitchen team or call Cathy (our hardworking luncheon volunteer coordinator) at 785-3136.

Sincere thanks to our fabulous chef Pam and team of volunteers who made November's, December's, and January's TEN Luncheons into memorable occasions!

This month, let's share another good time on a midwinter day.

Susan Rump

## GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to [thetford@pendane.com](mailto: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



Minnie Randall, Maxine Mouseley and Jacqueline Judd work at a "Sugar On Snow" celebration at Thetford Academy in the late 1940s.

Courtesy of the Thetford  
Historical Society