

## THETFORD ACADEMY

The AVA Gallery and Art Center "**Best of the Upper Valley High School Exhibition**" recognized four TA students during the opening reception and award ceremony on Feb. 19: **Edie Langdell '16**, First Place, Wearable Art; **Julio Lopez '16**, First Place, Sculpture; Rachel Twerdowsky '16, Honorable Mention, Mixed Media; **Grace Veracka, '17** Honorable Mention, Digital Print (through HACTC).

The AVA Gallery is exhibiting the artworks of 11 TA students until March 11. In addition to the four students who won awards, the following students have works on display: Daniel Goldberg '17, Ella Farrell-Starr '18, Morgan Lavoy '18, Artemis Tangelidou '18, Alan Wang '18, Breanna Williams '18, and Hannah Young '18.

**Ellenor Koppers '18** has been selected as a 2015-2016 winner of the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing. She is being recognized for her computing-related aspirations and for her demonstrated aptitude and interest in computing; solid leadership ability; good academic history; and plans for post-secondary education.

Congratulations to **Hyla Maddalena '17, Student of the Month** for February 2016. Hyla is described by faculty as "quiet, but she truly has the heart and spirit of an adventurer. With the courage of her convictions and interests, she is always willing to take a chance."

In the **middle school spelling bee** on Feb. 9, Samara Spelman '21 and Riley Burkins '21 lasted into the 19th round, before Samara correctly spelled the championship word for the title. Congratulations to both!

The **varsity girls basketball team** defeated Leland and Gray 38-20 in the quarterfinals! They will head to Barre for the fifth straight year, playing #3 Williamstown in the **semifinals on March 3**. Let's hope for a great ending to a terrific season.

The **winter sports awards evening will be Wed., March 9**, time TBA. Call the Main Office 802.785.4805 for more information.

The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thurs., March 10, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. All are invited to attend.

It's that time again! **TA's One Act Play performances** will be offered on Wed. and Thurs., March 16 and 17, at 7:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall, in preparation for the regional competition on Sat., March 19. Break a leg, thespians!

Wendy Cole

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### CELEBRATE EARLY SPRING WITH A LUNCHEON

March brings in the bluster, the blarney, and plenty of good food and fun! Come to the Thetford Elder Network March Luncheon at North Thetford Church at 11:30am on Thurs., March 31.

You'll enjoy a sumptuous meal of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, tossed salad, a beverage, and bread pudding. If our luck holds, we may have a special visitor. And we'll have puzzles and good company to usher in spring, in any event.

Thetford Elder Network Luncheons are held once monthly and sponsored by Senior Solutions. Donations are appreciated. To volunteer for a task, speak with a

member of the kitchen team or leave a message for Cathy (our friendly luncheon volunteer coordinator), or call her at 785-3136. Sincere thanks to our fabulous chef Pam and team of volunteers who make each luncheon one to remember.

Susan Rump

## NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting will take place at Latham Library on Thetford Hill at 7 pm on Tues., March 29th.

While discussing February's book, *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis, we noted that he was inspired by Lytton Strachey's masterpiece, *Eminent Victorians*, and were therefore inspired to choose it as our next book. The book is free on Kindle!

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

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## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

MAGIC CARD NIGHT: Mon., March 14, 6:30-8 pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with friends. All ages welcome. Please bring your own deck.

**AFTER SCHOOL 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.

March 4: No program, TES ski day.

March 11: Knitting with Elizabeth Polli. If possible, children should

bring one set of single pointed knitting needles, size 8 or above and a ball of yarn (100 grams) to make a scarf.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**TALES AND TUNES WITH TOTS:** a playgroup for babies and toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

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

**KNITTING GROUP:** Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm. Both beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

### PEABODY LIBRARY

**AFTER SCHOOL 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, unless noted. Students can ride the school bus to the library in Post Mills.

There will be **NO Peabody Library children's program on March 2.** Our regular Wednesday program returns on March 9.

**CELTIC CONCERT!** Wed., March 16 at 7:00 pm. Our annual Celtic Concert for St. Patrick's Day features Samantha Moffatt and Friends. Free and open to all, donations for the musicians gladly accepted.

**GARDENING TALK WITH JANET TAYLOR:** Wed., March 23 at 7:00 pm. Gear up for gardening season with our annual gardening talk with Janet Taylor of Crossroads Farm. Bring your gardening questions!

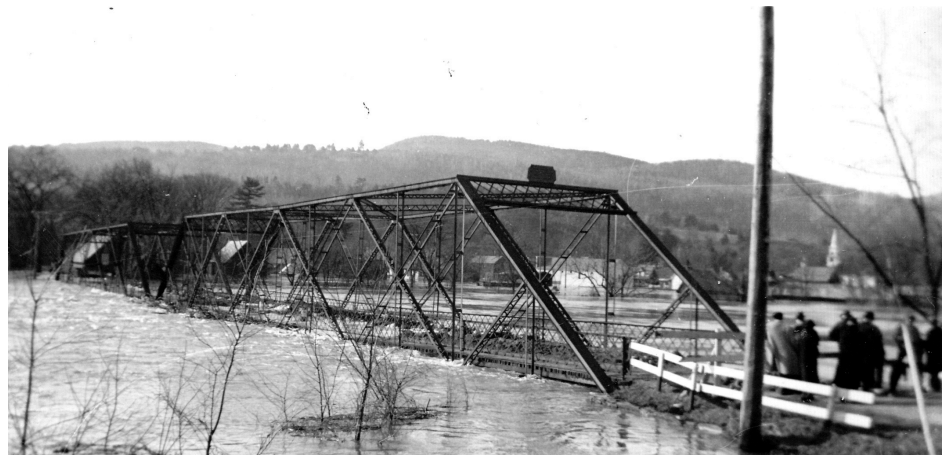
For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit [thetfordlibrary.org](http://thetfordlibrary.org).

*Emily Zollo*

### 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*



80 years ago this month, in March 1936, record floods hit North Thetford. The village did not sustain severe damage, but nearly 200 people died across New England as up to 30 inches of rain and snow fell over a period of two weeks. That same year, President Roosevelt signed the Flood Control Act of 1936 that led to the construction of the Union Village Dam in the 1940s.

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