

## MEET YOUR COMMUNITY NURSE, CINDY GRIGEL

Community Nurse of Thetford, Inc. invites you to stop by the Thetford Center Community Center on April 16 from 9-11 am to meet Cindy Grigel, our part-time Community Nurse. We'll have free coffee, tea and treats as you meet Cindy, find out about her services, and visit with your neighbors (after visits to recycling and Big Trash dropoff!)

The Community Nurse provides support, guidance, care coordination, and education to individuals and families dealing with illness, aging, disability, or difficult discussions and decisions related to healthcare, at no cost to those being served. The position is funded through grants and donations.

We hope you can join us in welcoming Cindy to this new role!

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

*Pril Hall*

## PARISH PLAYERS

The Parish Players is thrilled to announce their upcoming production of the international hit *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* by Nora and Delia Ephron at the Eclipse Grange in Thetford from April 8-24.

The production, directed by M. Carl Kaufmann, is a thought provoking, funny and often poignant play about women's clothes and the memories they evoke. The cast includes Charlotte Albright, Rachel Griggs, Darby Hiebert, Jeannie Hines, Margaret Hunton, Kim Meredith, and Kay Morton. Performances Fridays (April 8, 15, 22), Saturdays (April 9, 16, 23) Thursdays (April 14, 21) at 7:30 pm. Sundays at 3 pm (April 10, 17, 24).

Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for students or seniors. Reserve tickets online at [parishplayers.org](http://parishplayers.org) or call 785-4344.

The Parish Players, celebrating their 50th anniversary, is a non-profit organization dedicated to presenting high-quality dramatic productions created by people who participate for the love of the work. Their intimate theater venue is accessible, affordable, and welcoming to audiences and artists. They are known for presenting challenging and new works and strive to inspire, encourage and support the arts culture of our communities by raising expectations of community theater.

*Linda Neubelt, Production Manager*

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### CHEERS FOR COMMUNITY AND POETRY: APRIL'S LUNCHEON!

Happy Spring, dear Friends and Townsfolk! With sugaring done and budding underway, are you looking for ephemeral blooms, listening for peepers, or simply enjoying the gentler air on your cheeks?

Come to the TEN April luncheon at 11:30 am Thurs., April 28, at the North Thetford church. It will feature ham, scalloped potatoes, perhaps some locally grown corn, tossed salad, a beverage you choose, and brownies—simple but delicious fare.

We'll welcome a well-known local author who will present her newly published, long-awaited book.

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*

## DRIVE CAREFULLY!

The seventh grade science classes at Thetford Academy are learning about some of Thetford's environmental resources. Jim McCracken, a member of the Conservation Commission, visited classes and shared a presentation about vernal pools and the animals that rely on them. After learning about these unique habitats, the 7th graders brainstormed ways that they could help to protect vernal pools and the animals that frequent them.

We are asking all Thetford residents to be careful driving in Thetford this season. Amphibians such as frogs and salamanders cross roads to get to vernal pools (small pools that appear in spring and give them a place to mate and lay their eggs). This occurs in spring on the first warm, rainy nights of the season. These creatures are very vulnerable. Every year about this time, frogs and salamanders are killed en masse by cars driving through Thetford.

To continue the reproduction of these important species, residents must drive slowly and with caution on rainy nights. If all residents participate, amphibians can reach their vernal pools and continue to live in our town.

*TA class of 2021*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

**VINS Owl Presentation** Mon., April 11, 3:30-4:15 pm. Latham Library is pleased to welcome the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Discover owls' incredible adaptations that enable them to be fierce predators in our nighttime skies. Compare two common owls and listen to their calls. Touchable artifacts round out this live animal encounter. Best for elementary school-aged children.

**Magic Card Night** Mon., April 11, 6:30–8 pm. Come play Magic the card game with your friends. Please bring your own deck. All ages welcome.

**School vacation movie** Mon., April 18, 3:30–5 pm. Movie TBA. All ages welcome. Popcorn will be served!

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

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

**Preschool Storytime** Fridays at 10:30 am. All preschoolers and their caregivers welcome.

**Knitting Group** Thursdays from 6–8 pm. Both beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

### PEABODY LIBRARY

**After school program:** 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.

**Live music with Dixie Dee and the Diamonds** Wed., April 20 at 7 pm. Featuring Dixie D. Eastridge, Skip Truman, and Ed Eastridge. Listen to seasoned professionals in the lovely, intimate setting of the Peabody Library. All are welcome! Admission is free; donations will be accepted.

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

Emily Zollo

### THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to senior **Ria Leveret**, Student of the Month for March 2016. We are proud of you, Ria.

The last performance of the play **Agnes of God** will be on Sat., April 2, at 7 pm in the Rich Theater. Admission is \$5 at the door. Support our thespians as they prepare for the next round of competition in the

State Drama Festival in St. Johnsbury on April 9. Break a leg, TA!

Eighth graders will be out in the community for the 2016 **Job Shadow Day** on Tues., April 5. Thanks to all who have so graciously offered to spend time with a student or two.

The Thetford Academy **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., April 14, at 7 pm in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome to attend.

**Spring recess** will be April 18–22. Classes resume on Mon., April 25.

Students in the Class of 2022 and their families are invited to the Incoming 7th Grade Student & Parent Transition Night on Thurs., April 28. Campus tours start at 6 pm, followed by a faculty and staff presentation at 6:30pm in the Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. Contact Mary Daum at 785-4805 x202 for more information.

Wendy Cole

### NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting will take place at Latham Library on Thetford Hill on Tues., April 26 at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *The Political Brain: The Role of Emotion in Deciding the Fate of the Nation* by Drew Westen. As we are now in the throes of election season, it seems appropriate to discuss the influences of political propaganda.

Obtain the book from your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book; via [ListenUp Vermont](http://ListenUpVermont.org) or [NH Downloadable Books](http://NHDownloadableBooks.org); from your bookseller; or at [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com).

E D M Landman MD

### 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 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

## COMING EVENTS

### POST MILLS BALLOON MEET

May 20–22: Fri., 6 pm; Sat., 6 am and 6 pm; Sun., 6 am. Possible tether rides both mornings at 6 am. Pancake breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings; burgers and hot dogs Friday and Saturday evenings.

Brian Boland 333-9254

### THETFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

May 21, 11 am–2 pm. Learn more about our work, training and volunteers. We will have firefighting games for the kids, station tours, fire and injury prevention information, fall risk screening, free 911 address signs and much more.

Chief Mariah Whitcomb

### BOOGIE FOR BOOKS!

Dance party Fri., May 20, 7–10 pm at the East Thetford Pavilion. Benefits the Peabody Library, featuring the music of Loco Parentis!

### SPRING BOOK SALE

Sat., May 28, 9 am–3 pm. All proceeds benefit the Latham Memorial Library. Donations of good quality books, DVD movies, music and book on CD, and puzzles are now being accepted.

Emily Zollo

### OPEN FIELDS MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL ON THETFORD GREEN

Sat., May 28, 11 am to 4 pm. Many tasks are involved in putting on this event: sewing, painting, food prep, construction, setting up the Green, etc. To volunteer, contact [leslie.berger@openfields.org](mailto:leslie.berger@openfields.org). Learn more at [vtmedfest.com](http://vtmedfest.com).

Leslie Berger

### TOUCHLINE SOCCER TECH

At Thetford Academy Aug. 1–5 and Aug. 8–12 for grades 4–5, 6–8 and 9–12. Players train within their grade cluster from 9 am to noon each day. Contact Dustin Burnett at 369-9301 or [touchlinesoccer@me.com](mailto:touchlinesoccer@me.com).

Dustin Burnett