

THE THETFORD TOWN NEWS

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THETFORD ACADEMY

Retiring trustees were recognized at a recent meeting of the Thetford Academy Board of Trustees. Leaving the board after many years of service are Bill Weyrick, Tom Yurkosky, and Curtis Richardson. As a special note, Board Chair Cameron Cudhea read a resolution honoring Curtis for his 22 years as a dedicated trustee. We offer our deep gratitude to you all!

Fun Runs at TA continue each Tuesday at 6pm. Runners and spectators should gather near the boys' (lower) soccer field next to the gym. All ages and abilities are welcome. Participants may walk or run the 5K course. Choosing to do only 1/2 of the course (the lower loop) is also an option.

Runs are hosted by the Thetford Academy cross-country coaches and continue every Tuesday throughout the summer. Any questions can be directed to joseph.deffner@thet.net

Wendy Cole

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

The Latham Library is pleased to now offer the New York Times daily!

LOCAL AUTHOR READING! Come hear Mimi Baird read from her new book, *He Wanted the Moon: the madness and medical genius of Dr. Perry Baird and his daughter's quest to know him*. Wed., July 6 at 7pm.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: The "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" summer reading program has begun! Your child can register at Latham Library to 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. At the end of the summer certificates will be awarded, plus any child who reads at least three books will receive a special prize!

THETFORD HILL FAIR

JULY 30, 11AM - 3PM

Experience a unique, old-time country fair, quintessential Vermont. Since 1905, the fair has presented Vermont at its finest. This is a not-to-be-missed attraction is for young and old alike—all love this locally run country fair.

Town-wide rummage sale, antiques and collectables, pies & bake sale, hamburgers and hotdogs, plants and books and games, super-soaker seat, petting zoo, fortune teller and face painting. The tea garden boasts locally-baked artisan cookies and tea overlooking a lovely Vermont landscape.

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ANIMAL ATHLETES: An interactive program featuring live animals, presented by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Mon., July 11 at 4pm. Free and open to the public, best for ages 6 and up.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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 SATURDAYS: Peabody Library will be open on Saturdays from 10am-1pm, July 9-Aug. 20.

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES: "Retellings:" A Reading & Discussion Series, a Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by the George Peabody Library. Classic works of fiction reimagined from a different character's perspective.

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

- 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.

PEABODY LIBRARY STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 11am at Treasure Island Beach, July 6-Aug. 10.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ! FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm: July 6, July 20, and Aug. 3. Free popcorn!

VINS PRESENTS "THE NOBLE SPORT: FALCONRY" Sat., July 16 at 11am. Featuring live falcons! Free and open to the public and best for ages 4 and up.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit www.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., July 26 at 7pm.

We will continue to discuss *SPQR* by Mary Beard, the brilliant classical scholar whose writing style is as far as possible from dense acadamese! 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!

Those who braved the construction on VT Rte 113 to attend the June meeting had mostly not finished the book, so it was decided to continue reading it for more discussion at the July meeting. So if you didn't attend because you hadn't finished reading it in time for our June meeting, you can still enjoy discussing it in July.

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](#).

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

EDM Landman MD

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK TEN'S MIDSUMMER LUNCHEON!

Thetford Elder Network invites you and a guest to the Summer Luncheon on Thurs., July 28, at 11:30am at North Thetford Church. We'll enjoy sumptuous fare: Pam's Famous

Chicken Thighs, potato salad, tossed salad with tomatoes, basil, and Pam's own maple balsamic dressing, mint tea (to sweeten or not), and watermelon.

Dynamic guest speaker Elliott Greenblott of the Vermont AARP anti-fraud division will give us a look at current scams aimed at all of us as we get older--and what to DO about them! Look forward to a brief introduction at lunchtime and stay on for a detailed follow-up afterward.

Sponsored by Senior Solutions, monthly TEN Luncheons are held on fourth Thursdays with occasional exceptions. Donations are greatly appreciated. To volunteer for a

specific task, call 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



Top left: Camp Lohearn girls pose, stockings fashionably rolled down, by Lake Fairlee. **Top right:** Sisters Ellen Farnsworth, Harriet Farnsworth Gulick, and Charlotte Farnsworth Little ride the Thetford Hill Fair's ubiquitous hobbyhorses. Their brother Charles Farnsworth and his wife, Charlotte, founded Camp Hanoum in 1909. Harriet and her husband, Edward, founded Camp Aloha in 1905. **Bottom right:** Camp Hanoum celebrated all its campers' birthdays on Charlotte Farnsworth's birthday, gathered around each of 12 birthday fires. **Bottom left:** Cars line up at Ely Station, waiting to take campers to their destinations on Lake Fairlee on July 1, 1914. Demand was such that special trains were enlisted to bring campers from New England's population centers. If a local had a car, he could make good money ferrying campers to and from the train station or to church on Sundays.