

## THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Calling Thetford neighbors for 1-1/2 hours of goodwill!

With the snow finally leaving, the Conservation Commission will be renewing their efforts to control the spread of the invasive plant, garlic mustard, during the months of April and May. We would welcome your support to scout for infestations along the sides of roads when you are out walking. Let us know where you find any, and help us pull plants at specific infestation sites along our town roads.

You may notice signs on some town roads indicating sites where we have found the largest infestations. Feel free to bring a plastic bag and lend a hand. Instructions will be posted at the site.

We will also be scheduling "pulling parties" across town. Please stay tuned to announcements on the listserv. We will also let you know when in May and June you can bring plastic bags of pulled garlic mustard for free collection at the Thetford Recycling Center.

Please consider being an "invasive warrior!" Give 1-1/2 hrs. towards ridding our town of this persistent invader! More information:

*Libby Chapin 333-9308  
Jim McCracken 785-2925*

## SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

The Senior Coffee Klatch meets every month on the second Wednesday, 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center Community Center on April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12 and August 9.

Join us for a morning of community, conversation, and refreshments. There is no charge. The Coffee Klatch is sponsored by Community Nurse of Thetford and TEN. Many thanks to our volunteers who help make it happen! If you need a ride, call:

*Pril Hall, 333-4077*

## 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., April 25th at 7 pm. We will be discussing *I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us and a Grand View of Life* by Ed Yong.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via the Green Mountain ([gmlc.overdrive.com](http://gmlc.overdrive.com)) or New Hampshire ([nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com)) library consortiums; from your bookseller; or at [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com). All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

*EDM Landman MD*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

**Special Children's Program** with Vermont Author David Martin Sat., April 8 at 11:00 am. David Martin has written many picture books for young children, including *Shh! Bears Sleeping*, *Peep and Ducky*, *All For Pie*, *Pie For All* and *We've All Got Bellybuttons*. He'll read and tell stories, sing songs and bring his usual silliness. So be prepared to pop your lips, waggle your tongue and flap your elbows. Best for Pre-K to 4th graders.

**Electric Island** with the Montshire Museum Fri., April 28, 3:00-4:30 pm. Build a 3D structure with paper and cardboard and wire a circuit to light it up! This workshop integrates engineering practices, builds knowledge of electrical circuits and LEDs, and is a lot of fun. At the conclusion of the workshop students have built a glowing model island city. Grades 4-8. Space is limited! Register by emailing [librarians@thetfordlibrary.org](mailto:librarians@thetfordlibrary.org).

### ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Tales and Tunes with Tots** is a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their

caregivers. Wednesdays, 10-11 am.

**Preschool Storytime** Fridays at 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and an occasional craft for preschoolers.

**Knitting Group** Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

**Afterschool activities on Fridays for Grades 4-6** run every Friday that Thetford Elementary School is in session through the school year. Children are welcome to walk to the library from school to participate. Stories, crafts, games, other activities and a snack will be offered. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

### PEABODY LIBRARY

**Spring book discussion series** Tues., April 11 at 7:00 pm: *Stark Decency: German prisoners of war in a New England village* by Allen V. Koop. Books are available for check-out at Latham Library.

Peabody Library's **Annual Spring Fling Dance Party Fundraiser**: Cinco de Mayo Style! Fri., May 5, 7:00-10:00 pm at the East Thetford Pavilion. Music, food and family friendly fun, all to benefit the oldest continually operated library building in Vermont. Thetford/Norwich band Loco Parentis will play rock and roll favorites so come ready to boogie for books! \$15/person, \$25/family suggested donation includes snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. BYOB.

**Afterschool Activities at Peabody Library** are held every Wednesday that TES is in session through the school year, unless noted. Children in grades K-3 (please note, this is a change from last year) are welcome to ride Bus #2, with a note from home, from TES to the Peabody Library. Stories, crafts, games, other activities and a snack will be offered. Pick-up is 4:30 pm.

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

*Emily Zollo*

## PARISH PLAYERS

Parish Players will present New Hampshire playwright Jack Neary's comedy, **Jerry Finnegan's Sister** Fridays April 7, 14, 21; Saturdays April 8, 15, 22; Sunday matinees April 9 and 23 at 3:00pm. Tickets \$15, Seniors \$12, Students \$10. Reserve online at [parishplayers.org](http://parishplayers.org) or by phone at 785-4344. Local actors Erik Gaetz and Erika Wetzel perform the story of their characters' 16-year relationship in alternating monologues and dialogue. In a series of fast-moving, hysterically funny scenes, the two actors play "Brian" and "Beth" from ages seven and six, through their teen years, up to the present when they are both in their early 20s. More information: [pancho@parishplayers.org](mailto:pancho@parishplayers.org).

*Linda Neubelt*

## THETFORD ACADEMY

**2017 Vermont Division III Girls Basketball State Champions!** On March 18, the TA varsity girls basketball team defeated Windsor High School, 53-52, to bring home the second state championship in program history. Down by 15 points with under six minutes to play in the game, the girls battled back and took a one point lead with a minute to go. After two more lead changes in the remaining seconds, senior Regan Covey sealed the victory with a left handed lay up off a drive across the lane with 12 seconds left in the contest. A last second desperation shot from half court by Windsor came up short, and the Panthers rushed the court to celebrate their exciting and well deserved win. Congratulations Panthers!

State champions:  
TA varsity girls  
basketball team

**Middle School Robotics Team Wins VT/NH State Championship, Will Compete at Worlds.** TA is the only middle school team that earned a spot to compete at the VT/NH State Championship on Feb. 18, so they earned the only Worlds middle school slot in the twin states. Our students competed against mostly high school students and a few middle school teams during the season, holding their own, and they were by far the best middle school team in our region. Eighth grader Alex Holzer and 7th grader Tate Whiteberg will be joined by seniors Justin Duguay and Janos Groszek, who will provide support on the sidelines when the team travels to Louisville, Ky., for the big event. TA Robotics alumnus Matt Borst '15, will be mentoring the team.

**March Student of the Month** is senior Mitchell Higgins. Visit the TA website for the full writeup on all the wonderful things Mitchell's teachers had to say about him. Congratulations, Mitchell.

TA Travels: **The 7th graders head to Washington D.C.** They will leave TA on April 10 for the day-long bus ride down the East Coast. They will spend three days exploring the city and learning our nation's rich history. They will make a couple stops on their way out and return April 14, just in time for April vacation.

The annual **spring language trip** is going to Spain this year. They will be traveling to Madrid where they will visit the Royal Palace, Puerta del Sol, and Plaza Mayor; enjoying paella, a flamenco dinner/show, the Prado museum of Art and a bullfighting lesson at a local ranch. We will also visit the medieval city of Toledo and its cathedral, churches and synagogues. A high-speed train will take us to Barcelona for walks and bike rides around the city, the markets, Las Ramblas, Gaudí's Sagrada Familia, Montjuic Castle and the 1929 Olympic Park. Students will also enjoy a Mosaic and tapas workshops and classes.

The **TA Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Apr. 13, at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is invited to attend.

*Bridget Dugan-Sullivan*

## GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send *brief* submissions 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*

