

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Parents of TES and TA students, please note: Students in grades 4 and up may use Latham Library unattended during the after-school hours, but must have a current emergency contact form on file at the library. This form also outlines our policies and expectations for behavior, and should be read carefully with your child. These will be sent home on the first day of school at both TES and TA, and must be turned in on the student's first visit during the 2017/18 school year. Children in third grade and younger are not allowed to use the library after school without a parent, guardian, or caregiver of at least highschool age.

Afterschool activities for kids in grades 4-6 will begin on Fri., Sept. 8, and run every Friday that Thetford Elementary School is in session, unless noted. Children may walk to Latham Library from school for stories, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

STORYTIME Fridays at 10:30 am. All ages are welcome.

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

PEABODY LIBRARY

Afterschool activities for children in grades K-3 will begin on Wed., Sept. 6 and run every Wednesday that TES is in session, unless noted. Kids may take the bus from TES to the library for stories, games, crafts, and other fun activities! Pick-up time is 4:30.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

UPPER VALLEY ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

Drop by the Upper Valley Electric Vehicle Expo on Sept. 9 from 12-4 pm at Dothan Brook School (2300 Christian St, VT Route 5) in White River Junction. Free admission, refreshments, and test rides all afternoon, plus drop-in presentations from 1-3 pm. All the latest electric cars, bikes, motorcycles, and even lawn tools will be on display—learn from your neighbors what it's really like to go electric. Many local energy companies will be on hand to talk with visitors about solar, energy efficiency, heat pumps, modern wood heat, and more. Learn more at tiny.cc/sep17cars.

Preregister online for a chance to win \$250 and other prizes, or drop by on Sept. 9th. Hosted by Vital Communities and Upper Valley Sierra Club.

Alice Stewart

ELIZABETH MINE SOLAR PROJECT

Elizabeth Mine Solar I, LLC proudly announces the ribbon cutting for the 4.99 MW solar project at the Elizabeth Mine site on Mine Road on Friday, September 22 at noon.

Parking is limited at the site. To request VIP parking, please email dori.wolfe@gmail.com. For carpooling and shuttle service, please park at the Strafford Park & Ride or the Rice's Mills Community Center. Light refreshments provided.

Dori Wolfe

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

The Senior Coffee Klatch meets every month on the second Wednesday (Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13) from 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center Community Center. 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! Call Pril Hall at 333-4077 if you need a ride.

Pril Dorman Hall

TEN SEPT. 28 LUNCHEON

Camus wrote, "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." Do you agree?

Thetford Elder Network welcomes you to a delicious luncheon to celebrate autumn in the spacious North Thetford church community room. Doors open at 11:30 with food served soon after that.

This month the team will be serving beef pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, tossed salad with maple dressing, and baked apple. Many ingredients are locally produced.

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, usually held on fourth Thursdays. Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be gratefully accepted.

To volunteer for a specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136. Thanks to all who make these fun events possible, and to the diners!

Susan Rump

LAKE FAIRLEE CROP WALK FUNDRAISER TO END HUNGER

Post Mills Church and United Church of Thetford are starting to organize this year's walk: Oct. 1st from 2PM onward. Walkers, organizers and donations needed.

25% of funds raised are used for local food pantries. The rest helps small farmers around the world.

You can walk around the lake, or do a shorter loop. Learn more at crophungerwalk.org/fairleevt.

Can you help promote the walk in Thetford, Fairlee, Strafford, South Strafford or Vershire? Can you make a donation? Contact:

Peggy Burden: PeggyBurden9@gmail.com
Emily Dixon: (802) 649-1123
ecjdix@gmail.com
Michael Kiess: (802) 299-5864
MichaelKiessVT@gmail.com

PARISH PLAYERS

VEHICLE FOR CHANGE OCT. 7-8

At the Grange Theatre on Oct. 7 & 8, the Parish Players are performing "Vehicle for Change: An Urban Fairy Tale."

The show's plot revolves around a NYC cabdriver and the diverse array of characters that inhabit his cab during the course of an adventurous evening. The show runs about 75 minutes with no intermission.

Suggested donation is \$10. Showtimes: 7:30 pm Sat., 3 pm matinee Sun. The event is a fundraiser for the O'Leary / Gyorky family.

Reserve tickets at parishplayers.org or call 785-4344.

RJ Crowley

THEATRE UPDATES

Renovations to the Eclipse Grange Theater are underway. Recent improvements include new roofing and windows; a non-drip entry, new steps, and an accessibility ramp with railing. There is also improved drainage for the driveway and around the building.

The Parish Players is currently forming its 2017/2018 season, and we invite any of you who are interested in directing or producing to contact our Program Committee at program@parishplayers.org.

If acting, house managing for productions, helping with costuming, set design and construction, publicity, light design and operation, or props are more up your alley, you are encouraged to be a part of what makes our theater thrive.

The Parish Players is an incorporated not-for-profit membership theater group. We are a community organization, staffed and run by volunteers and sustained by people like you. We are funded by ticket sales, grants, and charitable, tax deductible donations. We deeply appreciate your support.

Please visit parishplayers.org for more information or contact us at pancho@parishplayers.org!

Katherine Morton

COMMUNITY NURSE OF THETFORD

The Community Nurse of Thetford is a free service for Thetford residents. The nurse can provide support, guidance, and education to individuals and families dealing with illness, aging, disability or family crisis.

Services include:

- Assisting individuals and families to understand instructions from their providers, especially correct medication taking.
- Assisting in coordination of post-hospital or skilled nursing facility care by communication with discharge planners.
- Helping persons in need of medical care to access the care they need.
- Linking individuals and families to community resources to help with transportation, getting meals and/or groceries, increase social interaction and assist with caregiver fatigue.
- Communicating with primary care providers, specialists and the VNA about changing needs.

This is a free service supported by grants, donations and Thetford residents.

For information, questions or referrals related to this service, please contact:

Cindy Grigel RN
Community Nurse of Thetford
802-738-9066 / fax 802-785-4709
communitynursethetford@gmail.com
communitynurseofthetford.weebly.com

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., Sept. 26th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in*

Crisis by JD Vance.

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

E D M Landman MD

THETFORD ACADEMY

Thetford Academy's 199th Year: We welcomed 61 new students to TA this year, bringing our student body to over 320 students for our 199th year. Energy was high in morning assembly and everyone was excited to be another great school year. This year we have students from Thetford, Strafford, Lyme, Corinth, Topsham, Sharon, Tunbridge, Washington, Orange, Newbury, Brownsville, Hartland, Hanover, Greece, Rwanda and China.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Mon., Sept. 4: Labor Day, no school
- Sat., Sept. 9: Homecoming
- Fri., Sept. 15: Mountain Day

Alumni Events: Do you miss Mountain Day? Want to come back and watch a TA soccer game? We will have events for alumni surrounding one of TA's oldest traditions: Mountain Day, as well as after our homecoming soccer games. Stay tuned for details about those events. We hope to see many alumni soon!

The next TA **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is invited.

Bridget Dugan-Sullivan

GOT NEWS?

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