

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES AT THE FIRE STATION

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept. will be hosting a trick or treat site at the Thetford Hill Fire Station on Tues., Oct. 31st from 6-8pm.

This year the maze will have some new surprises and we are excited to share the fun with our community. We also will have a special teal treat bucket with allergy-safe Halloween treats (Non-food items).

We are happy to offer station tours to all who attend. Information on fire safety, injury prevention and E-911 address signs will also be available. Some of our firefighters will even be in costume to welcome you to this fun and safe event. We hope to see you there. Happy Halloween!

Mariah Whitcomb, Deputy Fire Chief

6TH ANNUAL THETFORD GEOGRAPHY BEE

The Thetford Historical Society is sponsoring the Thetford Geography Bee on Fri., Nov. 3rd at 7pm at TA. Three-person teams answer multiple choice questions for prizes. There are two divisions: Youth for grades 5-8, and Adult for grade 9 and up.

This year's theme is "Vermont Critters". How well do you know your local fauna? Questions relate to species here today and those who used to inhabit our region. Adult team registrations are \$30; youth teams compete for free!

All proceeds benefit the Historical Society's Hughes Barn Museum on Route 113. This year is especially significant, as our large barn was badly flooded in the July 1st storm. We are still repairing that damage to the buildings and much of their contents.

Visit thetfordhistoricalsociety.org for full details and registration forms, or stop by the lobby of Latham Library and pick up information on our

bulletin board. Form your team, and join the fun!

Martha Howard

OPEN FIELDS GREAT GOOSE EGG AUCTION

Open Fields School's biennial fundraiser will be held this year at the Newberry Market in downtown White River Junction (between Piecemeal Pies and Tuckerbox).

It starts during the WRJ First Friday (Oct. 6, 4:30 - 8pm), and continues on Sat., Oct. 7 with the 1pm live auction (doors open at 11:30am). This year's goose egg creations include painted, drawn, sculpted and otherwise transformed works. Absentee bidding is accepted at the Opening or at openfields.org. If you can't attend but want all the eggcitement of the auction, sign up for telephone bidding by advance arrangement. Contact us at info@openfields.org.

Nellie L. Pennington

THETFORD ACADEMY

Admissions Open House Wed., Oct. 11 at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater, Anderson Hall. Contact our Admissions Office at 785-2600 or Wendy.Cole@Thet.Net.

TA is hosting the 27th annual **Woods Trail Run** on Sat., Oct. 7, throughout the day for middle school and high school runners from all over New England. The event cannot succeed without its dedicated volunteers and there are jobs for all. Contact us at woodstrailvolunteers@gmail.com.

TA will host the **Vermont State Cross Country Championship Races** on Sat., Oct. 28. Volunteers are needed and always welcome. Contact Blendon Salls, Athletic Director at Thetford Academy, 785-4805 x266, or Blendon.Salls@Thet.Net for more information or to be added to the list.

The next TA **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Oct. 12,

at 7pm in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome.

Wendy Cole

PUBLIC FORUM ON RENEWABLE HEAT

Want to know more about heat pumps or central wood pellet heat? Efficiency Vermont and local heating contractors will be presenting a public forum on modern automated central pellet heating systems and heat pumps.

Tues., Oct 24th in the Martha Jane Rich Theater at Thetford Academy.

- 6pm Refreshments and contractor displays
- 6:30pm Modern Pellet Central Heating presentation with Q&A
- 7:25pm Heat Pump presentation with Q&A
- 8:10pm - Comparative strengths of pellet vs. heat pump systems; testimonials from current users

Sponsored by: Efficiency Vermont, Thetford Energy Committee, Sierra Club, and Vital Communities. Attending Contractors: ARC, Building Energy, Catamount, Lyme Green Heat, SunCommon, Tarm USA.

Attending Vermont residents get a free LED bulb. RSVP at tiny.cc/oct17heat.

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SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

We meet every month on the second Wed., 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center Community Center. Upcoming dates are Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th and Dec. 13th.

Join us for a morning of community, conversation, and refreshments. There is no charge. We are 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

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK LUNCHEON

Doors open Thurs., Oct. 26, at 11:30 for our Halloween luncheon. Get to North Thetford church ASAP for a good seat and a festive treat, tasty as can be: Chicken or tofu veggie stir fry with brown rice, salad, beverage, and fruit crisp and ice cream for dessert.

Plans are evolving; you'll enjoy music, maybe, and talk. Lend your presence to make the event a success.

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!

Susan Rump

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of Thetford's informal nonfiction book discussion group will take place at Latham Library on Tues., Oct. 24th at 7pm.

We will be discussing *In the Company of Bears* by Ben Kilham.

Ben Kilham's work with orphaned black bear cubs, facilitating their return to the wild, has become internationally known, and he has been invited by the Chinese government to advise them on reintroducing giant pandas to their native habitat.

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.

EDM Landman MD

3SQUARESVT BOOSTS FOOD BUYING POWER

Many senior citizens are cutting back on their food budgets as expenses rise, but good nutrition is a key factor

in lifelong health. To encourage healthy eating, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offers the 3SquaresVT program.

The benefits come on an EBT card; there are no "food stamps" anymore. If everyone in the household is 65 or older or gets SSI, then the benefits may be distributed as cash, deposited into the family's bank account.

3SquaresVT is open to individuals and families who qualify based on household income. Anyone over 60 or who has a disability may deduct many medical expenses from their income, which can help with qualification.

To get more information, or help applying for 3SquaresVT, call the Vermont Senior HelpLine at 800-642-5119. This message is funded in part by the USDA, an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Betty Peters

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Sunday hours: Latham Library will be open on Sundays from 10am to 1pm beginning on Oct. 1!

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Tales and Tunes for Tots is a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesday mornings at 10am.

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

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

Afterschool activities for kids in grades 4-6 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.

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

PARISH PLAYERS

Come to "Vehicle for Change: An Urban Fairy Tale," directed by RJ Crowley. Performances will be Sat., Oct. 7 at 7:30pm and a Sunday Matinée Oct. 8 at 3pm at the Eclipse Grange Theater on Academy Road, Thetford Hill.

This loosely scripted, improvisational show brings humor, music and poignancy, with a Frank Capra kind of a twist! Starring RJ Crowley, Michelle Carlson, Robert O'Leary, Iva Wich, Barry Wenig, Betsy Durkee, Noor Taher, and Hannah Malin.

All proceeds will benefit the O'Leary/Gyorky Family. Their daughter, Sierra, suffered a spinal cord injury while skiing last February. She is going to "Journey Forward" in Canton, MA for nerve stimulant treatments. The suggested donation at the door is \$10.

Parking is now available in the lot across the road from Thetford Academy. Reserve tickets at parishplayers.org or call 785-4344.

RJ Crowley

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