

ELECTION INFORMATION

Petitions for articles for Town Meeting Warning are due to the Town Clerk by Jan. 18, with 105 signatures.

The following elected positions have terms that expire March 1, 2017.

- Town Moderator, 1 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term
- Lister, 3 year term
- Selectboard, 2 year term
- Selectboard, 3 year term
- School Moderator, 1 year term
- School Director, 2 year term
- School Director, 3 year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-year term
- Pick up nominating petitions at the Town Clerk's office or at thetfordvermont.us. They require 24 signatures and are due back on Jan. 29th at 5pm.

*Tracy Borst, Town Clerk, 785-2922
townclerk@thetfordvermont.us*

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

COFFEE KLATCH

Don't forget the 2nd Wednesday Senior Coffee Klatch coming up on Jan. 10th at the Thetford Center community center, 10-11:30. Free coffee, light refreshments, and lots of good conversation! Call for a ride.

Pril Hall, 333-4077

TEN LUNCHEON

Come out of the cold to the warmth of the North Thetford Church Thurs., Jan. 25, at 11:30 to enjoy dinner with old friends and new ones. And what a menu: Meatloaf, baked potatoes with sour cream, carrots and peas; popular beverages; applesauce cake with whipped cream. We'll also trade updates with other community members.

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, mostly on fourth Thursdays. Please consider making the suggested donation (\$5 if you can) to help support future meals.

Would you like to volunteer for one specific task? Call Cathy at 785-3136.

We look forward to a brave New Year and thank all who make these luncheons possible, including our volunteers and our guests!

Susan Rump

COMMUNITY NURSE OF THETFORD

Office hours are every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 starting Jan. 3, 2018, in the Upper Valley Pediatrics Office in East Thetford (corner of Rt 5 and Rt 113, next to Wings Market).

Please call for an appointment. The nurse is available to check blood pressures, review medications, provide assistance and teaching to follow physician medical advice and caregiver support in addition to connecting people to area resources. This service is free and confidential for Thetford residents.

*Cindy Grigel RN, Community Nurse
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THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Art opening: "Wonderland Forever" Thurs., Jan. 4 at 7:00 pm. This multi-artist exhibit is based on Lewis Carroll's classic story *Alice in Wonderland*. The show will include paintings, a sculpture of Lewis Carroll, and props and costumes from TES's production of the play in 2017. Artists featured are Robert Rae of Fairlee, Beth McGee of Thetford, Trisa Tilson of Littleton, NH, and Valery Mahuchy of Bethlehem, NH. Robert Rae was inspired by the 150th anniversary of the publication of *Alice In Wonderland* in 2014 to organize the show. It opened in 2015, and has been travelling all over the area since. Latham Library is the 16th venue to host the exhibit, which will be on display through January and February during the library's open hours.

Refreshments will be served.

Movie Fridays: During the TES ski program we will be showing movies rather than hosting our regular after school activity time. Movies will be shown from 3:15-4:45, and will be rated G or PG. On Fri., Jan. 5 we will show "Alice in Wonderland" to coincide with our "Wonderland Forever" art show. All are welcome, free popcorn.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party Sat., Jan. 13 at 11 am. Come see the "Wonderland Forever" art show (see above) and enjoy a tea party with treats! We will also hear some passages from the classic book by Lewis Carroll, and play Alice in Wonderland-inspired games. All ages are welcome.

Magic Card Night Mon., Jan. 22, 6:30-8:00 pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with friends. All ages and other games welcome.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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 6-8 pm. 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. On Fridays during the TES ski program we will be showing movies from 3:15-4:45.

Latham Library is now **open every Sunday** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm during the winter months.

We now have a **senior resource shelf!** It includes books and other materials relevant to seniors.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Afterschool activities for children in grades K-3 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! Pickup time is 4:30.

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

Emily Zollo

THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to junior Cliffy Ransom on being named the **2017 Mr. TA**. Cliffy won over the crowd with his talent of hula hooping, solving a Rubik's cube and delivering a monologue all at the same time. The event raised enough money to send nine Rwandan students to school next year. Thank you to everyone that participated, attended, and donated to this great cause.

The **TA Holiday Instrumental and Choral Concert** has been rescheduled for Jan. 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Come for an evening of performances in what is sure to be a wonderful show.

TA will celebrate its 199th birthday on February 2, 2018 with the **75th Founders' Day** celebration. The theme this year is animated movies selected by each class: Shrek (seniors), Toy Story (juniors), Ice Age (sophomores), Moana (freshmen), Finding Nemo

(eighth grade), and Wall-E (seventh grade).

The **TA Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome.

Bridget Dugan-Sullivan

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., Jan. 30th at 7 pm. We will be discussing *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* by Gerald Durrell.

This book is about Durrell's childhood years on the island of Corfu in the 1930s. He became a renowned animal collector and conservationist and a pioneer of breeding endangered species in captivity, having founded his own zoo on the island of Jersey.

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

PARISH PLAYERS

The Parish Players would like to express thanks to the Thetford

community for your participation, support, and attendance at our 2017 productions. We wish all a bright New Year and look forward to seeing you at the 11th Annual Ten-Minute Play Festival in February!

S. Davidson Green

12TH ANNUAL 10-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

February 8-11 and 15-18, Th, Fri, Sat at 7:30 and Sun. at 3:00.

Seasoned performers and directors as well as those new to the stage are busy rehearsing the eight 10-minute plays. As always, we want to ensure that our audiences enjoy an evening of entertainment, and these shows, which lean on the side of comedy, will prove no different! Co-produced by Linda Neubelt and Rachel Griggs. Make a reservation at 785-2515 or at parishplayers.org.

Kay Morton

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



Rolling snow in Post Mills: Before snow plows, the snow roller kept the roads fairly smooth. It took a team of six horses and had a tendency to slide into ditches. Covered bridges were another matter: to allow sleighs to travel through them, snow had to be added to make the surface passable.

Courtesy of the Thetford Historical Society