

JACKSON HOLE WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL

Celebrate the natural world and our place in it by watching this selection of award winning films from the acclaimed Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival. This event is the premier nature film competition celebrating the world's best science, conservation, wildlife films.

Our afternoon will feature short and medium length films which inspire wonder, catalyze change, and broaden horizons. Come for one or come for all!

Sun., Feb. 11, 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm (with a short intermission) at Thetford Academy's Martha J. Rich Theater. Admission is free. All ages welcome, light refreshments served.

Proudly sponsored by the Thetford & West Fairlee Conservation Commissions. For more information, please call Libby Chapin at 333-9308.

Libby Chapin

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

TOWN MEETING RESOLUTION

The State of Vermont has set a goal of 90% renewable energy by 2050 and is asking regional planning commissions and towns to develop plans to reach this goal. The Thetford Energy Committee has been working for years to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in Thetford and the Town is currently engaged in the enhanced energy planning process with Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission to meet our share of the state goal.

However, the state has taken actions that are at odds with its own renewable energy goal, including the expansion of fossil fuel pipelines, and insufficient support for both weatherization and adoption of renewable technologies.

Therefore, the Thetford Energy Committee has endorsed a resolution to come before town meeting asking the State to firmly commit to its goal of 90% renewable energy by 2050, while acknowledging the needs of low-income people and the nature of our rural communities. We hope all town voters will educate themselves on this important issue.

Alice Stewart

IMPORTANT TOWN DATES

Town reports mailed mid-month.

Pre-Town Meeting

Town Hall, 7:30pm Feb. 26.

Town Meeting

Thetford Elementary, 9am, March 3.

Town Voting

Town Hall, 8am-7pm, March 6.

*Tracy Borst, Town Clerk, 785-2922
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THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Movie Fridays: On 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. All are welcome, but children younger than fourth grade need to have an adult or high school student accompany them to the library. February 2: "Wall-E", February 16: "Beauty and the Beast".

Teen Open Mic Night Fri., Feb. 16 at 7:00 pm. Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to come show off a talent in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Sing, play an instrument, recite a poem, tell jokes, etc.! Or, just come to watch. Refreshments will be served.

Pajama Storytime Thurs., Feb. 22 at 6:30 pm. Come in your pajamas to cuddle up and listen to stories on a winter evening. All ages are welcome.

Magic Card Night Mon., Feb. 26, 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.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Chocolate Indulgence Tues., Feb. 13 at 7:00 pm. Peabody Library's annual Valentine's tradition! Come celebrate Valentine's Day early at the Chocolate Indulgence potluck. Bring a favorite chocolate dish to share!

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

OFFICE HOURS FOR COMMUNITY NURSE

Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 at Upper Valley Pediatrics, East Thetford (corner of Rt 5 and Rt 113, next to Wings Market)

Please call or email for an appointment. The nurse is available to check blood pressures, review medications, provide assistance and teaching to follow physician medical advice, 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 ACADEMY

TA will celebrate its 199th birthday on Feb. 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 (8th grade), and Wall-E (7th grade). All students are invited back to TA for Founders' Night, to have some fun playing laser tag, dancing, singing karaoke, enjoying fondue, playing board games and so much more!

February break will be from Mon., Feb. 19 – Fri., Feb 23. Enjoy the week!

If you are a 7th or 8th grader at **Newton School** (or the parent of one), you're probably thinking about where you would like to go to school next year. If you have any questions about TA, please contact our Admissions Director, Wendy Cole at 785-4805 x235 or wendy.cole@thet.net. We would be happy to chat with you!

The TA **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome.

Bridget Dugan-Sullivan

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH ON VALENTINE'S DAY!

We hope to see you at the 2nd Wednesday Senior Coffee Klatch, coming up on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th at the Thetford Center community center, 10-11:30. Free

coffee, light refreshments, and lots of good conversation! Call for a ride: Joanne Sandberg-Cook 785-3101

Pril Dorman Hall

TEN LUNCHEON

By the time of our Feb. 22 Luncheon, says the old almanac, "The back of winter is broken." Let's get together at 11:30am at the North Thetford Church Community Room for a savory meal of brown rice & beans with salsa, seasoned chicken thighs, squash, your choice of beverage, and apple crisp with ice cream for dessert. Come on time for a good seat! Have dietary restrictions? Speak to our greeter when you arrive!

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, mostly on fourth Thursdays. If you can, please leave the suggested donation (\$5) to help support future meals. To volunteer for one specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136.

We look forward to a jolly George Washington's birthday and thank all the volunteers and diners who make these luncheons so much fun!

Susan Rump

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. Feb. 27th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Act 1*, the autobiography of the playwright and director Moss Hart. His best known plays were "You Can't Take It With You" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner". He directed many musicals, most notably "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot".

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

12th Annual **10-minute Play Festival** Thursday thru Saturday, Feb. 8, 9, 10 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30pm and Sun. Feb. 11th and 18th at 2pm.

In today's climate, now more than ever, the Parish Players believe that a night of comedy is just the medicine we need to cure our winter and political blues. Beginning in August 2017 co-producers Linda Neubelt and Rachel Griggs, along with a team of readers undertook the arduous task of reading a record breaking 500 play submissions from around the globe. After much review the team selected eight of the very best plays to make their debut on the Eclipse Grange stage from an eclectic mix of writers. Tickets: General admission \$15; Seniors \$12; Students \$10.

Make a reservation at 785-4344 or at parishplayers.org. For more information, contact us at pancho@parishplayers.org.

Linda Neubelt

HOUSING FORUM

Data show a need for more affordable and senior housing throughout the Upper Valley. This forum will look at the efforts of the Thetford Senior and Affordable Housing Committee during the last ten years to find a suitable site for a housing project. Please join us on Feb. 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Thetford Town Hall to discuss housing needs in Thetford and neighboring towns.

Heinz Trebitz

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