

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING LECTURE SERIES

As Old As The Hills: Timeless Topics for Thursday Evenings. All programs are free and open to the public, and begin at 7pm. Learn more at thetfordhistoricalsociety.org.

METAMORPHICALLY SPEAKING

April 12, MJR Theater at TA

Ryan McKeon of Dartmouth's Geography Department leads us through the processes of land formation, mountain building, and important local minerals, including slate, copper and lead.

BEWARE OF ICE!

Apr. 19, United Church of N. Thetford

Glaciers! Up to one mile thick! Right here! Stephen Wright, UVM Geologist, explains where they came from, what they did, how and why they receded, and what they left behind.

OH, WELL...

April 26, TES Cafeteria

Water, water everywhere... Jon Kim of the Vermont Geological Survey discusses aquifers - origins, mapping, contaminants, and protection efforts. Bring your drinking water questions!

THE LAST DAM PROGRAM

May 3, Union Village Church Hall (school house)

Construction of the Union Village Dam reshaped the land to control the flow of water. Heather Morse, Army Corps of Engineers, presents a history of the Dam and its role in flood control for the region.

Martha Howard

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

TEN'S APRIL LUNCHEON

Why not ditch mud season for awhile and roll on down to the North Thetford Church Thursday, April 26, at

11:30 for a tasty midday meal? Thetford Elder Network will be serving salad with beans (ideal for vegetarians & others), pork roast with applesauce, roasted potatoes, and beverage. There'll be blueberry bars created by professionally guided young local chefs. We can gather to share updates and perspectives on the fresh--if muddy--season around us.

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

To volunteer for one specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136. We're grateful to all who make these fun events possible--volunteers, our chef, and you, our diners!

Susan Rump

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Come celebrate Spring at the second Wednesday Coffee Klatch, April 11, 10-11:30. Coffee, tea, homemade treats, good conversation, and friends old and new. No charge. Call Pril Hall if you need a ride, 333-4077.

Pril Dorman Hall

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

We are showing *Thetford 2050: The Good Life In A Post Fossil Fuel Era* on April 10 at 6:00PM at Thetford Academy's Martha Rich Theater. Not sure what Net-Zero means or how homes can be heated without wood stoves or furnaces and cooled with no air conditioner? Learn from Paul Biebel of Prudent Builders how to make your existing or future home super energy efficient and save \$ over time. VSECU's VGreen Program Director will present financing options for energy efficiency, renewables, and alternative energy products.

Mary Bryant

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THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Latham Library will be **closed on Sun., April 1**. Sunday hours will be ending after April 29.

A special program for Earth Day! A presentation with Cat Buxton on Thurs., April 19, at 6:00 pm. **The Little Things: Cultivating Community Above and Below the Ground** is about whole systems thinking and the parallels in creating conditions for thriving human and soil ecosystems. In the hour talk Cat will compare her work with communities, schools and groups, to learning from our understanding of the soil food web and the great cycles of the sun, carbon, nutrients and water. Features Thetford Elementary School's edible schoolyard and compost system.

Magic Card Night Mon., April 16, 6:30-8:00 pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with friends. All ages and other games welcome! The library has extra decks to borrow.

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. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All ages are 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.

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

Chess Club will be happening every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30, unless noted! Fifth graders and up are welcome to come play and get some tips from an expert.

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 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Calling all Thetford neighbors – Let's get a jump on garlic mustard!

Now that the snow is starting to disappear, it's time to find those pesky garlic mustard plants. These aggressive invaders stand out in early spring since they are one of the first plants to green up. This makes identifying them especially easy at this time of year. April is also the best time to pull garlic mustard before the plants have a chance to set deep roots. Learn more at tiny.cc/apr18garlic.

You may notice signs on some 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. Help us pull plants at specific infestation sites along our town roads.

We will let you know the date in May when you can bring plastic bags containing pulled garlic mustard for free collection.

Please consider being an "invasive warrior" - everyone's small efforts will go a long way towards ridding our town of this persistent invader! For more information, please contact Libby Chapin: 333-9308 or Jim McCracken: 785-2925

Jim McCracken

THETFORD ACADEMY

The **Thetford Academy Outdoor Program** ran its own maple sugaring operation this winter. Starting in February, they tapped trees in the state forest, collected the sap, boiled it down, and then bottled the syrup, a process that all members of the class

have enjoyed and learned a lot from. Pick up a copy of the March 21 issue of *Seven Days* or visit tiny.cc/7daysTA to learn more.

Congratulations to TA senior, **Emma Bauer**, on being named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Emma is one of just 15,000 high school students in the U.S. to earn this distinguished academic achievement. Well done, Emma!

Congratulations to the **One Act Play** class for advancing to the State Drama Festival with their performance of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [abridged]* at the Regional Festival! They will perform in the State Finals on April 6 and 7 in Springfield, VT.

Winter Sports: The girls and boys varsity basketball teams both advanced to the Barre Auditorium in this winter's VPA tournament. The boys lost to Windsor in the semifinals, and the girls lost to Windsor in the finals. This was a Div. III record 5th straight appearance in the finals for the girls team. The ski team also had a very exciting end to their season, advancing to the state championship meet for the first time in 23 years.

If you are a 7th or 8th grader at **Newton School** (or the parent of one), and you have any questions about Thetford Academy, please contact our Admissions Director, Wendy Cole at wendy.cole@thet.net or 802-785-4805 ext 235.

This month the 7th graders will make their annual **trip to Washington D.C.** to tour the Nation's capital and learn about our rich history. Art and French students will head to France during April vacation, spending 10 days traveling around the country, taking in the new culture.

The **TA Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Apr. 12, at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is invited.

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., April 24th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *The Day The World Came To Town* by Jim DeFede.

When 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada by the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island swelled from 10,300 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill.

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

OFFICE HOURS FOR COMMUNITY NURSE

- Wednesdays, April 4 & 25th 1-3
- No office hours on April 11 or 18

Location: Upper Valley Pediatrics, East Thetford (corner of Rt 5 and Rt 113, next to Wings Market).

We provide blood pressure checks, medication review, assistance with caregiving resources and managing health challenges. Please call or email for an appointment.

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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). I welcome your feedback.

Susanna French