

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Join us for the second Wednesday Senior Coffee Klatch on June 13th at the Community Center in Thetford Center, 10-11:30. Free coffee, tea, lemonade and treats to go along with conversation and community!

For a ride, call Pril Hall at 333-4077.

Pril Hall

LATHAM LIBRARY COMES TO YOU

This summer, Latham Library and Thetford Elder Network will bring free print books and audiobooks to those in Thetford who can't get to the library. Someone from the library will make an initial home visit to discuss the program and find out what sort of books the person would want. Then, once a month, we will deliver requested books and pick up those ready for return.

If you are interested in this service for yourself or someone else in Thetford, please call 785-4361.

TEN LUNCHEON

Come to the North Thetford Church Thurs., June 28, at 11:30am for a satisfying picnic-themed lunch with friends: Potato salad, bean salad, sliced tomatoes, local all-beef uncured (no nitrates) frankfurters from Shire Beef, beverage, and strawberries!

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 wonderful summer and thank all who make these luncheons possible, including our generous donors, volunteers and guests!

Susan Rump

CAR SEAT SAFETY DAY

JUNE 2, 10AM TO 1PM AT TES

Certified technicians will be on site to check for proper car seat installations and bike helmet fittings.

Local police and fire officers will be on hand with a fire engine to explore, as will a State K9 unit.

Local Motion will be selling bike helmets for \$5. There will be a raffle for car seats, helmets and bikes.

The Vermont Humanities Council will be giving away books, and there will be free refreshments. Free car seats for income-eligible families.

Tammie Hazlett and Melanie French

TOWN MANAGER FORUM

JUNE 19, 7-9:30 PM, TOWN HALL

The Thetford Selectboard has created a committee to research and present information for a possible town-wide vote on changing our current local governmental structure to that of a Town Manager form of government.

Please attend to listen critically, ask questions and offer comments throughout the evening! It's vital that the committee can present information to residents and engage in thoughtful, open conversation about this serious and very substantial potential change in our town governance.

Tracy Borst

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Privacy on the Internet Workshop
Thurs., June 7 at 7:00 pm. Learn about personal data security in today's online world. Topics include an overview of personal data and social media, privacy policies, terms of service, regulatory protections, and techniques and tools for regaining control.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Mon., June 18 at 6:30 pm. Come hear storyteller Simon Brooks spin yarns to kick off our "Libraries Rock" summer reading program! Folk and fairy tales are filled with rocks, from the fey living beneath rocky mountains, to not-so-smart heroes with rocks in their heads (or people thinking it so), to the stories of giants throwing rocks at one another. Simon will be sharing stories like his almost scary *Three Billy Goats Gruff* to *Hans and the King's Well*, and *Clever Gretel*, for families and kids over the age of five. Children will be able to sign up for a "Libraries Rock" reading log to keep track of books they read over the summer.

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

Boogie for Books: Peabody Library's fifth annual dance party fundraiser will be held on Fri., June 1 from 7-10 pm at the East Thetford Pavilion. Music, food, and family friendly fun, all to benefit the oldest continually operating library building in Vermont.

Thetford/Norwich band LOCO PARENTIS will play rock and roll favorites so come ready to boogie for books! \$15/person, \$25/family suggested donation includes snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. BYOB.

Summer Book Discussion Group
Wed., June 20, 7:00 pm. A new spin on our traditional book discussion group: bring and review a book that you have read recently. All are welcome. Refreshments.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT 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

Do you know what's in your backyard? Come find out on Sun., June 3rd, 2:30-4:30 pm at the Thetford Hill State Forest.

The Thetford & West Fairlee Conservation Commissions will offer outings this summer and fall to shine a light on the rich display of nature in our public access lands. Our first outing is a collaboration with The Outdoor Program at TA, which has used the State Forest as its classroom this year.

Please join Scott Ellis, TOP Coordinator, for a 1.5-mile loop hike on the wonderful trails of the State Forest, showcasing TOP's student accomplishments. Participants will learn about trees and the history of the state park, have a tour of the new yurt and outdoor classroom space, and share natural history knowledge.

Simple refreshments will be served and there will be a chance to mingle with your neighbors. We will meet on the TA quad a little before 2:30 pm. Contact Libby Chapin at 333-9308 or Jim McCracken at 785-2925.

Libby Chapin

THETFORD ACADEMY

Rita Brown DeGoosh '62 scored 1000 points playing basketball at TA from 1958-1962. Women's sports were not recognized then, so Rita's name was never put on the 1000-point banner. That changed on May 16, when Rita and Dylan Thorburn, TA's most recent 1000-point scorer, joined that elite club made up of only 16 TA athletes. Congratulations to Rita and Dylan!

With over 100 donors, TA's first **Day of Giving** exceeded our \$10,000 goal by 50% with a grand total of \$15,420! It really was the #mostgenerousdayatTA!

Students volunteered to work in the community to raise money for the **AFCA Greenhouse Work Project** for Girls in Zimbabwe. TA raised almost a third of the ODW USA's total contribution to the organization. Thanks to all who hired TA students.

TA students in the spring musical class put on a wonderful rendition of *Annie*. Directed by Jenn Langhus and produced by Ray Chapin, the show starred sophomore Morgan Gaffney as Annie, senior Hallie Zens as Ms. Hannigan and junior Alden Nichols as Daddy Warbucks.

Our April student of the month is junior **Ian Spelman**! Congratulations!

Sun., June 3: **Baccalaureate** 7 p.m.
Thetford Congregational Church

Fri., June 8: **Graduation exercises**
for the Class of 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Class Day and Awards Ceremony
8 a.m. Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium

Sat., June 9: **Alumni Day**.

TA **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., June 14, 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., June 26th at 7 pm. We will be discussing *The Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong.

In 1962, Karen Armstrong entered a convent. After seven unhappy years as a nun, she left to pursue English literature at Oxford. Her deep solitude and epilepsy marked her forever as an outsider, until she stumbled into comparative theology. What she found, in learning, thinking, and writing about other religions, was the ecstasy and transcendence she had never felt as a nun.

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

COMING EVENTS

PARISH PLAYERS

True West, a drama by Sam Shepard, will run Thurs.-Sat., July 19-21 and 26-28 at 7:30pm. Sunday matinees will run July 27 and 29 at 3pm.

Kay Morton

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Tour a zero-energy modular home on Sat., July 14th from 10am-3pm at TA. Contact Mary Bryant at 785-4512 or Erica Ko at ericako@gmail.com.

Michael Kiess

THETFORD HILL FAIR

Sat., July 28, 11:30am-3:30pm on the Thetford Hill Green. To help, contact Sam VanDam at 207-775-0443.

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