

THETFORD TOWN CLERK NOMINATING PETITIONS DUE

The following elected positions have terms that expire March 5, 2019. A nominating petition must be presented for your name to appear on the town ballot. They can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office or found at www.thetfordvermont.us. Petitions require 24 signatures and are due back on Jan. 28th at 5pm.

- Town Moderator, 1-year term
- Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term
- Lister, 3-year term
- Selectboard, 1 year to complete 2-year term
- Selectboard, 2-year term
- Selectboard, 3-year term
- Town Clerk, 3-year term
- Town Treasurer, 1 year to complete 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

UPCOMING TOWN ELECTION DATES

- March 2, Town Meeting at TA
- March 5, Town Hall voting 8am-7pm

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THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

JANUARY TEN LUNCHEON

Happy 2019! Dress warmly and move mindfully in January to the first TEN Luncheon of the year: Thurs., Jan. 24, at 11:30, at the North Thetford Church. On the menu are meatloaf, vegetarian option (speak with the chef or your server), mashed potato, gravy, carrots, salad, beverage, with a chef's-choice dessert. Program will be discussion--at our tables of our own news and maybe a focal issue. Come warm up with TEN!

Senior Solutions sponsors the TEN Luncheons, held monthly on fourth

Thursdays (except near holidays.) Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be accepted with thanks.

Could you help with one specific task? Call Cathy at 785-3136.

We're glad to be part of an enthusiastic team who make these fun events possible. We appreciate our diners, regular and new!

Susan Rump

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Our December Senior Coffee Klatch brought out over 30 friends and neighbors and was a festive time. Let's keep it going, time to get out of the house for a bit of socializing! Wed., Jan. 9th, 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center Community Center. Bring a friend. If the weather is iffy, check to see if schools are closed (vpr.net/apps/school-closings is a good source) we won't have Coffee Klatch. If you aren't sure, stay home and stay safe. If you need a ride, call me at 802-222-7885. Hope to see you there!

Pril Hall

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Film showing Mon., Jan. 7 at 7:00pm. "Vanishing Point", a 2012 documentary about the Inuit communities on Baffin island and Greenland. Discussion to follow.

Sexuality educator and comedian Cindy Pierce will give a presentation for the parents of middle school-aged children on Fri., Jan. 11 at 7:00pm. You can learn more about Cindy's work at cindy-pierce.com.

Winter book discussion Mon., Jan. 14 at 7:00pm. Discussion of *On Kingdom Mountain* by Howard Frank Mosher. Books available to borrow.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Storytime Fridays now start at 10:30am, unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All ages are welcome!

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

Afterschool activities for students in grades 4-6 run every Friday that TES is in session, unless noted. Children may walk to Latham Library from school for stories, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities. Students younger than grade 4 must be accompanied by an adult or high school student while in the library. **On TES Ski Fridays**, Latham Library will show movies from 3:00-4:30. All movies will be rated G or PG and are open to fourth graders and up (younger with an adult or teen guardian). Popcorn will be served.

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

PEABODY LIBRARY

Saturday Salon: The George Peabody Library will host an Open House at the Library on Sat., Jan. 26, from 10am-2pm. Do you live in Thetford but have never visited this gem of a historic building? Been awhile since you stopped in? Come see what the Peabody Library has to offer, including a wonderful selection of books and movies for all ages to borrow, and treasures from the original collection to peruse during your visit. Refreshments will be served.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

Afterschool Wednesdays run every week that TES is in session. Students in grades K-3 may take the school bus from TES to the Peabody Library for stories, activities, and a snack. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook [@thetfordlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/thetfordlibraries).

Emily Zollo

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. 29th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Public Opinion* by Walter Lippmann. "It was written in 1922 and is an insider's view of how news is made. That is, news is a made thing. ... News is good at recording the overt act everyone can see but it's less equipped to determine the how and the why of the event."

— Lorraine Adams, Washington Post

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

Parish Players is proud to host **Rob Mermin**, founder of Circus Smirkus, Dean of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College, and mentored under Marcel Marceau, for two evenings of family entertainment!

- Fri., Jan. 25, 7:30pm: Silents Are Golden: A Celebration of Silent Film
- Sat., Jan. 26, 7:30pm: Adventures in Mime & Space: The Legacy of Marcel Marceau

Please make reservations online or call 802-785-4344. Pay at the door by cash, check, or card. Adults \$15 Seniors \$12 Students \$12.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Pieces of Work, directed by Toni Egger, is a devised evening of storytelling by Upper Valley residents about their experiences with work based loosely on the Moth story hour format. This will complement the production of **WORKING**, produced by Perry Allison, opening at the Briggs Opera House on March 1. Songs about work, written and performed by Matt Protas, will be part of the event.

Think home work, the evil boss, the job no one else would take, the first summer job, the work that changed your life, that romance at the office, and work on the sly. No need to memorize for the audition. Any and all are welcome. No previous acting experience required.

Auditions Wed., Jan. 9, and Thurs., Jan. 10, from 6 to 8pm at Eclipse Grange Theater. For more information please contact Toni Egger at (540) 219-9630 or ToniEgger81@gmail.com.

Performances Fri.-Sat., Feb. 8-9, & 15-16 at 7:30pm. Sunday matinées Feb. 10 & 17 at 3pm. Eclipse Grange Theater, 193 Academy Road, Thetford.

Katherine Morton

THETFORD ACADEMY

On December 5th, TA hosted the 8th annual "**Mr. TA**" pageant, an irreverent and hilarious spoof on beauty pageants. The student-led benefit supports Raise Rwanda, a non-profit that provides funding for Rwandan students to attend high school. This year, Alden Nichols '19 took home the title of Mr. TA. The event raised over \$4,000 for the cause, enough to send six Rwanda students to school next year.

At the annual **choral and instrumental concert** on Dec. 19, approximately 40 student musicians and the choral ensemble played to a packed house, showcasing classical and modern works.

Panther fans are excited to see our **basketball teams** off to a great start. TA senior Jake Colby joined the ranks of TA's 1,000-point scorers. The girls' varsity team recently came out on top in a tight game versus Windsor High School, their former title rival.

TA's sugar shack is ready to go! With help from Mike Wells and Jere Linehan, Scott Ellis's Environmental Studies and Outdoor Education class built the shack. Lumber harvested in Thetford was donated by Thetford resident John Morton. Through the Woodbury Foundation's generosity, the school has acquired high-quality, second-hand sugaring equipment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bicentennial Gala: TA celebrates its 200th birthday with an evening gala celebration on Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. For more information, contact Patty McIlvaine at patty.mcilvaine@thet.net or visit thetfordacademy.org/bicentennial-gala.

The **Bicentennial Speaker Series** continues! All events will be held in the Martha Jane Rich theater at TA and are free and open to the public.

Jan. 21, 7pm: Professor Derrick White, Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of History / African & African American Studies at Dartmouth College. Professor White is a scholar of modern Black history with an emphasis on intellectual, political, and sports history. He is the author of *The Challenge of Blackness: The Institute of the Black World and Political Activism in the 1970s* (Florida, 2011) and co-editor of *Winning While Losing: Civil Rights, The Conservative Movement and the Presidency from Nixon to Obama* (Florida, 2014).

Fri., Feb. 1, 7pm: Mark Breen, Senior Meteorologist at the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium in St. Johnsbury. Along with weather forecasting, Mark Breen's work at the Museum involves teaching weather and science, as well as serving as the Planetarium Director in Vermont's only public planetarium.

Mon., Feb. 11: Scott Finn, VPR President and CEO. Finn is an active contributor to the national dialogue about public media's future.

Patty McIlvaine

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