

## GREEN UP DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 4, 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Thetford Center Green

After greening up your road and community, join us on the Thetford Center Green for Green Up Day Festival! Enjoy family entertainment and good food with your neighbors!

Yoga at 12:30

Live music by Bow Thayer and Chris Powers

Children's activities: touch a truck, face painting, games, arts and crafts, story time with Latham Library

Artwork by Thetford Students

Food and Beer garden by Trailbreak Taps + Tacos

## FILL-A-PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Thetford Public Works Department is joining hundreds of Public Works Departments from across New England to collect food and household goods to support our local community food bank needs.

Our Fill-A-Public Works Truck Food Drive will be occurring during National Public Works Week, and will support the Thetford Food Shelf.

Please drop off non-perishable foods and household goods to the Thetford Town Garage, Monday, May 20th-Friday, May 24th, between 6am-4pm.

Also, please visit our Yard Sale on Saturday, May 25th, between 8am - 3pm at the Thetford Center Community Building! (Rain or Shine!)

All collected items and proceeds will benefit The Thetford Food Shelf (which serves Thetford, Fairlee, West Fairlee, Vershire & Strafford) and We Thank You for your support!

*Diane Osgood*

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### TEN MAY LUNCHEON

Doors are open to you at the North Thetford Church Thursday, May 23 at 11:30, for a scrumptious lunch: Fajitas that you can put together as you like—turkey and chicken, beans with red rice, lettuce, cheese and salsa! Dessert will be created by professionally supervised young chefs at TA! We'll enjoy a great meal and the news and stories shared by folks in our community.

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*

### MAY SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Please join us for the second Wednesday Senior Coffee Klatch on May 8 at the Thetford Center community center from 10-11:30. We've continued to have a good turnout recently and hope you will help that continue. Celebrate May flowers! Call Pril for a ride, 802-222-7885.

*Pril Hall*

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN THETFORD

### SPRINGTIME COUNTRY AUCTION!

Saturday, May 4, 2019

- 11:30am: Doors Open (free admission!)
- 12pm: Silent Auction and light lunch available by donation
- 1:15pm: Live Auction

There'll be vacation rentals, art, antiques, furniture, jewelry, classes, and much more!

Cash or check preferred. All proceeds to benefit the historic First Congregational Church, the oldest continuously operating meetinghouse in the state of Vermont.

*Terry Barker*

## YOUR SHOES CAN CHANGE LIVES!

The First Congregational Church is collecting gently-worn shoes, which will be shipped to micro-businesses in developing countries, where they will be refurbished and sold in the local community. YOU clean out your mudroom and closet, THEY get the raw materials to make a better life, and less waste is diverted to landfills. It's a win-win-win!

ALL SHOES ARE WELCOME, so long as they are dry and not damaged, including boots, high heels and children's shoes. No skates, please.

Shoes can be dropped off at the church, Thetford Elementary School, Thetford Academy, Stateline Sports in West Lebanon, Oxbow High School, Mascoma Valley Regional High School, the Borwell Building at DHMC, the Remsen-Vail buildings at the Geisel School of Medicine, and at the law office of Schuster, Buttrey & Wing, 79 Hanover Street, Lebanon.

*Charlie Buttrey*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

**Now accepting donations for spring book sale:** Latham Library is now accepting donations of new or lightly used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles for our spring book sale on Saturday, May 25. Drop off anytime the library is open now through Monday, May 20. Please no textbooks, reference books, Reader's Digest condensed books, outdated travel guides, or musty, dirty or torn books that cannot be sold. Thank you!

**New museum and cultural site passes:** Did you know that Latham Library has passes for free or discounted entry to many area

museums and cultural sites? And we have just added more! All passes are available first come first serve, and are checked out with your library card for three days at a time. See the list of passes at [thetfordlibrary.org](http://thetfordlibrary.org).

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Unplugged Game Night** Thursday, May 2, 5:00-7:00 pm. Every first Thursday of the month, come play our games or bring your own! If you would like pizza, please RSVP to [librarians@thetfordlibrary.org](mailto:librarians@thetfordlibrary.org).

**Thetford poet Corey D. Cook reads from his new collection** Monday, May 6 at 7:00pm. Corey D. Cook's fifth collection of poems, *The Weight of Shadows*, was released by Finishing Line Press in January (2019) and can be purchased online. His poems have recently appeared or are forthcoming in Akitsu Quarterly, the Aureorean, Bloodroot Literary Magazine, Freshwater, The Henniker Review, Mountain Troubadour and Northern New England Review. Corey edits Red Eft Review and lives in Thetford Center.

**Spring Book Sale** Saturday, May 25, 9:00am-3:00pm. New and vintage books for both children and adults, movies on DVD, audiobooks and music on CD, games, and puzzles will be for sale at low prices (regular books are \$1 softcover, \$2 hardcover, half price for children's...select items are priced higher). From 1:00-3:00pm there will be a bag sale (\$5 a bag for regularly priced books, all other items excluded).

**Thetford Poet Elisabeth Horan Book Launch:** Thursday, May 30 at 7:00pm. Elisabeth Horan will be launching her debut solo collection of poetry, *Bad Mommy Stay Mommy*, at Latham Library. Thetford poet Horan found herself in the grip of postpartum depression after the birth of her second son. In this debut collection, published by Fly on the Wall Press on May 10th, Horan finds the courage to survive, and she shares that strength with others experiencing this silent illness.

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Storytime** Every Friday at 11:00 am, unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All are welcome!

**Knitting group** Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm. Both 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 the library from school for stories, games, arts & crafts, and other activities. Students younger than grade 4 must be accompanied by an adult or high school student while in the library.

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

#### PEABODY LIBRARY 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](http://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 Tuesday May 28th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *In Patagonia* by Bruce Chatwin. Beautifully written and full of wonderful descriptions and intriguing tales, *In Patagonia* is an account of Bruce Chatwin's travels to a remote country in search of a strange beast and his encounters with the people whose fascinating stories delay him on the road.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via the Green Mountain

([gmlc.overdrive.com](http://gmlc.overdrive.com)) or New Hampshire ([nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com)) library consortiums; from your bookseller; or at [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com). All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

EDM Landman MD

#### THE PARISH PLAYERS

It is 1956 and the ladies of the Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein are gathering for their annual Quiche Breakfast. They gather in their community center, recently renovated to serve as a bomb shelter, while cold war tensions grow. Not deterred by the threat of nuclear attack, the leaders of this sisterhood move forward to award top prize in this year's competition.

5 Lesbians is an immersive play/meeting for this quirky group of women. After disaster strikes, long-kept secrets are revealed as the play climaxes to its hilarious and touching conclusion.

Directed by Jonathan Verge with a cast featuring Kay Morton, Memory Apata, Jenn Langhus, Perry Allison and Katie Kitchel.

Show dates at the Eclipse Grange Theater are May 3, 4, 10, 11 at 7:30 PM and May 5, 12 at 3:00.

For tickets, go to [bpt.me/4210701](https://bpt.me/4210701). Don't miss the fun!

Katherine Morton

#### GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Call me at 356-4542 or send *brief* submissions to [thetford@pendane.com](mailto:thetford@pendane.com) 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