

THE T F O R D NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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OPEN FIELDS SCHOOL

The eggcentric and the eggsquisite meet at the **Great Goose Egg Auction**, Open Fields School's biennial fundraiser, to be held this year at the Newberry Market in downtown White River Junction, VT.

Starting with an elegant Opening Eggshhibition during the WRJ First Friday (Oct. 4, 4:30 - 8 pm), and continuing on Sat., Oct. 5 with the 1 pm live auction (doors open at 11:30 am), these ovoid works by artists young and old, famous and new-to-the-art-world have to be seen to be fully appreciated. This year's goose egg creations (with a couple of ostrich eggs thrown in) include painted, drawn, sculpted and otherwise transformed works of all sorts, combining fine art and whimsy, and a nearly ineggsaustible supply of puns.

Absentee bidding is accepted at the Opening or at openfields.org. If you can't attend but want all the eggcitement of the auction, you can sign up for telephone bidding by advance arrangement.

Leslie Berger

TA SEVENTH GRADE TRIP FUNDRAISERS

WOODS TRAIL PIE SALE

On Sat., Oct. 5, on the Thetford Hill Green (Rt. 113 and Academy Rd.), more than 100 homemade pies will be for sale to benefit Thetford Academy's 7th grade trip to New York City.

The sale will be 9am until all pies are sold. Most pies priced at \$15. Come early for the best selection; we'll have all the seasonal favorites: berry, apple, pumpkin, pecan, gluten-free, and savory pies, too!

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PROFESSIONAL PHOTO SESSIONS

Professional-quality photographs by appointment! Sign up for a 15-minute photo session with volunteer photographer Dan Grossman. Individual or group photos are perfect for holiday, family, or graduation photos. Dogs are welcome!

100% of your donation supports Thetford Academy's 7th grade trip to New York City. After careful editing and uploading, you will have unlimited access to print your photos as you wish. See examples at mapleleafphotos.com and mapleleafphotos.smugmug.com.

Sat., Oct. 12, 8 am - 3:30 pm at Thetford Academy (rain or shine, ideally photos will be taken outdoors amid fall foliage). \$50 minimum donation.

Sign up at bit.ly/7thGradePhotos.

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THETFORD FOOD SHELF

Please help us reach our goal of collecting 100 jars of peanut butter (or other nut butter) and jellies (or honey) for our **October Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge and Food Drive**. Any other food donations are most appreciated as well.

Donations may be left Mondays 6-8 pm or Tuesdays through Thursdays 8-4 at the top of the Town Hall basement stairs. There will also be a special drop-off box for contributions at the Thetford recycling center on Oct. 5th and 26th.

Cynthia Taylor

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Let's celebrate this chilly, colorful month with a tasty luncheon at the North Thetford Church on Thurs., Oct. 24, at 11:30 am. We'll sit down to a tasty meal, hear about coming events and enjoy each other's good company.

Senior Solutions and a generous local donor support the TEN Luncheons, held monthly on fourth Thursdays (except near year-end holidays.) Drop a suggested donation at the greeter's desk (\$5 if you can), and we'll thank you. It's fun to put on these Luncheons, and we hope you like them, too.

Please consider volunteering with a specific task? Call Cathy at 785-3136.

Susan Rump

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Second Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10-11:30 am at the Thetford Center community building. Come visit with friends, neighbors and people you don't yet know, no charge for coffee, tea, cider and treats. We can provide a ride, just call 802-222-7885 to arrange. Hope to see you there!

Pril Hall

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Sunday hours resume at Latham Library starting Oct. 6 and last through April. The Library will be open from 10:00am-1:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Poetry reading Thurs., Oct. 24 at 7:00pm. Thetford resident Elisabeth Horan reads from *Self-Portrait*, her new book of poems in which she gives voice to Frida Kahlo.

Unplugged Game Night Thurs., Oct. 3, 5-7:00pm. Come play one of our games or bring your own! Every first Thursday of the month during the school year. Pizza will be served. RVSP to librarians@thetfordlibrary.org if you would like pizza.

Shadow puppet workshop with Puppetree Sat., Oct. 26 at 1 pm. Come build shadow puppets with the puppeTree! This ancient form of puppetry is really exciting at this time of year with Halloween approaching.

Shadow puppets were actually the first cartoons! So, come make your own Halloween cartoon—that moves. There will be a shadow screen and lighting to practice moving your creation. Make and take your shadow puppets home where you can create and do your own performances, then tape them to the window for trick or treat. Open to children of all ages.

Halloween night at Latham Library Thurs., Oct. 31, 6-8 pm. Trick or treat for a book! Visit our kid-created haunted house in the library basement (if you dare)! Spooky stories by the fireplace, by request!!

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Tales and Tunes with Tots: a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesdays at 10 am during the school year, unless noted. All are welcome!

Knitting group Thursday evenings, 6-8 pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

Storytime Fridays at 11 am unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All are welcome!

After school 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.

PEABODY LIBRARY

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

Peabody Library Book Discussion Series Wed., Oct. 16 at 7 pm. *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos* by Dominic Smith. Books are now available to borrow at Latham and Peabody libraries. All are welcome.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

After school Wednesdays run every Wednesday TES is in session, unless noted. 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., Oct. 29th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard.

After his humiliating election defeat in 1912, Roosevelt set his sights on the most punishing physical challenge he could find: the first descent of an unmapped, rapids-choked tributary of the Amazon. Roosevelt and his men faced an unbelievable series of hardships, losing their canoes and supplies to punishing whitewater rapids, enduring starvation, Indian attacks, disease, drowning, and a murder within their own ranks. Three men died and Roosevelt was brought to the brink of suicide. The book brings alive these extraordinary events in a powerful nonfiction thriller that features one of history's most famous Americans.

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

COMMUNITY NURSE OF THETFORD

Office hours at the Upper Valley Pediatrics Office in East Thetford (former Merchants Bank) across from Isabell's Café are Wednesdays, 1-3 pm.

Blood pressure checks, medication review, caregiver resources, advocacy and education related to health care challenges.

Call or email for an appointment. Services are free and confidential. Available for phone and home visits.

No office hours Oct. 3rd.

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GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Call me at 356-4542 or send *brief* submissions to 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



Eighty-one years ago this month, the famous Hurricane of 1938 ripped out many of the enormous trees ringing the green on Thetford Hill, such as this one that hit the Farnsworth house.