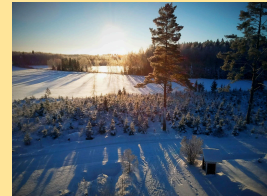




Lunenburg - Gilman Newsletter Volume 1 Issue 4 Autumn 2025



This newsletter is the result of our work with the Vermont Council on Rural Development Task Force to Increase Community Events, Social Engagement, and Community Recreation.

Mission Statement: Our goal is to inform our community residents about activities, cultural and social events. We publish a newsletter four times a year. It is available at the Alden Balch Memorial Library, The Senior Center, The Lunenburg Variety Store, The Transfer Station, The Lunenburg and Gilman Post Offices as well as via email.

We invite members of committees, organizations, churches, and other groups to send us information about upcoming events (three months in advance) in time for us to publish the events. A suggested date by which to guarantee acceptance would be the following:

December 12th for the January - March Newsletter
March 12th for the April - June Newsletter

Please submit event information to email address:
lunenburggilman@gmail.com or by calling Carol Wenmark at (802) -892 -5914.

~~ If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter please send an email to the above address and we will add you to the list.

Reminder that TAXES ARE DUE OCTOBER 10th by 9 pm.

2025 Lunenburg Community Volunteer Project



The Historic Gazebo on the Common in Lunenburg was scraped and painted by various volunteers. The finished product looks so nice.

The Lunenburg-Gilman Community Trust is compiling a list of those who attended the former Gilman Middle School. Did you go to school there? Do you know someone who went there? This will be a private list and not shared outside of the Trust. If you attended the Middle School, please email trust@onelunenburg.org your name, the years you attended and your email address. THANKS!!



The Town of Lunenburg and Village of Gilman are celebrating exciting public art projects made possible through grant funding from the VT Arts Council and the VT Community Foundation. The creative projects reflect the vitality of each community: a large-scale mural painted and installed at the transfer station, and a movable Art Cart that can be positioned at town-wide events!



The Top of the Common Committee is selling the following t-shirt design contact Chris Lingley to purchase one! Call 802-892-6654 (landline), or email comments@topofthecommon.org Currently these are not available through the mail



Our Gildan Unisex Ultra Cotton T-shirts are 100% Cotton. They've been pre-washed, so they won't shrink (we tested this by washing our own in hot water!) They are available in Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and 2X.

\$19.00 each (Forest Green) - regardless of the size

\$18.00 each (Maroon, Navy Blue) - regardless of the size

**Carol Wenmark,
a local treasure**

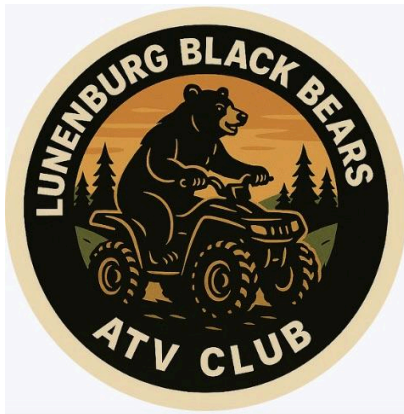


**In the photo above,
Carol is holding
dowsing rods
once belonging to her father.**

Recently, Carol Wenmark announced to the congregation of the Lunenburg Methodist Church her intention to make a generous donation of a parcel of land abutting the church. Carol shared she had been thinking of her church and wanted the land to go to the church.

A forward-thinking parishioner, Carol suggested her fellow parishioners think of the present and future needs of the church. Carol is pleased to report parishioners have compiled a wonderful list of suggestions and are actively choosing what to do first.

Thank you, Carol!



Exciting news! Lunenburg Black Bears ATV Club is in the beginning stages of navigating the bylaw creation phase of club startup which is an important first step to gaining recognition as a club within VASA.

Once our executive committee is fully established, we will be sharing updates on their Facebook Page as to what's happening and next steps. [Facebook](#)

Calling all Lunenburg businesses

A Welcome Packet is currently being created which we plan will include a directory of local businesses.

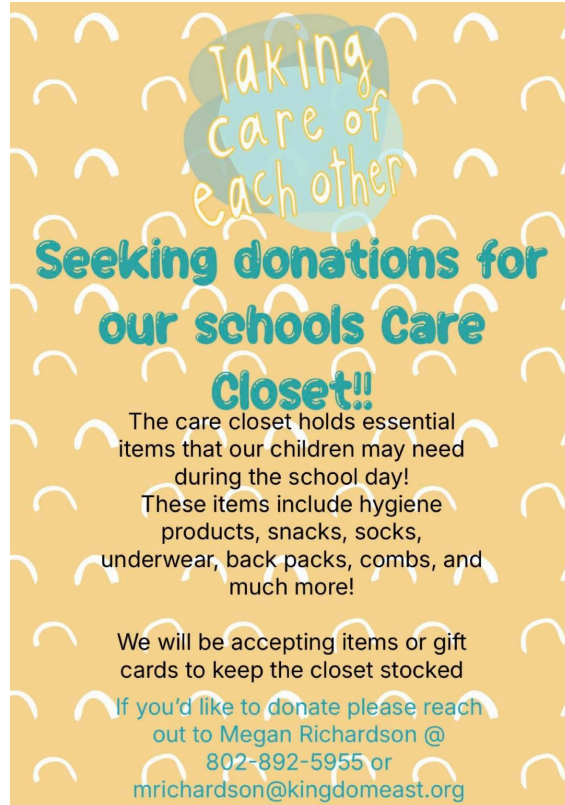
That said, if you own a business, provide services or produce products for sale, we'd like to include your contact information in that directory .

If you would like your business to be featured in this registry, please call Mary at 802-892-5342 to describe your business and provide your contact information.

We love our Lunenburg businesses and have heard from many new residents that their preference would be to patronize local businesses but are unsure how to find them.

We plan on checking in with business owners whom we don't hear from, in case they are unaware of this endeavor. Of course, we don't want to miss anyone.

Thanks to all who participate!



Lunenburg School is seeking donations for their CARE CLOSET, please see the above flyer for details.

Thanks to a grant requested by Steve Jones of [Gilman Rescue](#) and awarded by [Rotary Club of Lancaster](#), the library now has an AED (automated external defibrillator) installed by Gilman Rescue's Steve Jones! Steve will be installing other units in town also! THANK YOU GILMAN RESCUE AND LANCASTER ROTARY for helping our community!





We have exciting and incredible news to share! The Alden Balch Memorial Library has received a bequest of more than \$150,000 from Bonnie and Nils Seastrand of Fairfield, Connecticut. The Lunenburg Elementary School also received the same bequest.

Bonnie died February 16, 2024. She and her husband, Nils, who predeceased her in 2021, owned land on Bobbin Mill Road for more than 40 years. Bonnie attended college in Vermont, and her grandparents eventually moved to Vermont. The obituary for Nils noted that, “the love for his very special Vermont will stay alive in him forever.”

The bequest to Lunenburg Elementary School is designated specifically to support scientific education. The gift to the Alden Balch Memorial Library came without restrictions; the Library Board of Trustees has voted to add the funds to its endowment account, strengthening its ability to serve the community for generations to come.

We are so very grateful for the generosity of this amazing couple.

Local Girl Scout Hailey Williams was pinned with her Gold Award on Saturday, September 6th at the Gilman Senior Center where Hailey orchestrated a community garden. Stop by and check it out, it's amazing.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing a girl's extraordinary leadership and commitment to making a lasting impact.

Congratulations Hailey. Troop 30356 is so proud of you.



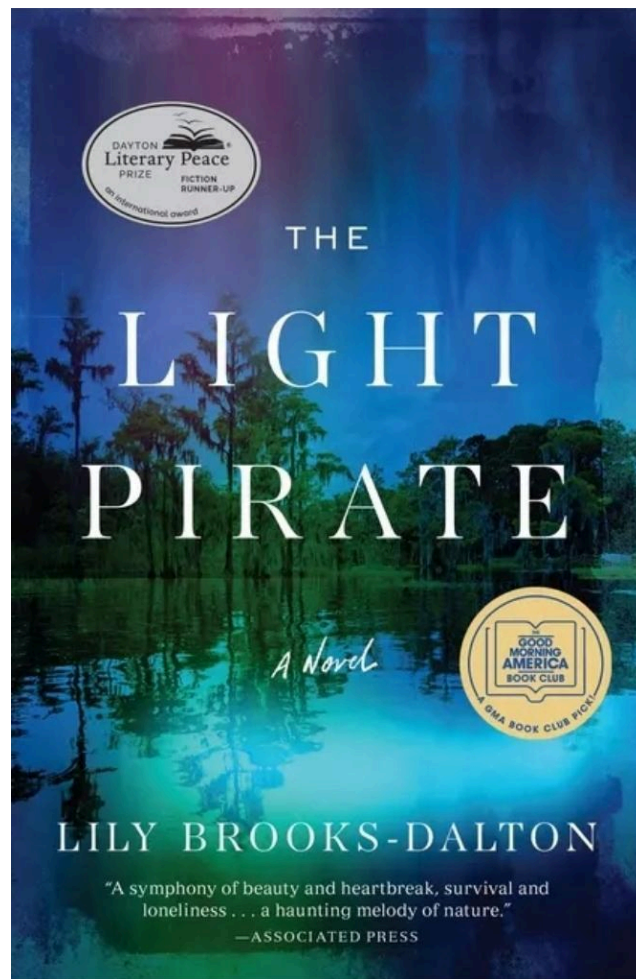
The Polar Bears are proud to announce the club was selected as the recipient of the 2025 VAST Comradery Award! 🏆 Through a collaborative effort and shared vision with the Vermont Horse Council and Vermont Forest, Park & Recreation, the club launched a two-year plan to improve the pipeline trail in Victory.



The Polar Bears are proud to announce the recipient of the 2025 VAST President's Award is Dana Nason. He was recognized for his determination and consistent contributions towards Vermont snowmobiling.

Free Copies of *The Light Pirate* Are Available

Lunenburg and Gilman have again been accepted into the Vermont Reads Program. This year's chosen book is *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton. Free copies of the book are available at the library and Town Clerk's Office. A book discussion will be scheduled in early 2026.



One lucky family will be the beginning recipients of a fun initiative, You've been Booed. The Community Events, Social Engagement and Recreation Task Force is spearheading this. The idea is to pass it along! We can't wait for the community to get involved and have some fun booing their neighbor!

we've been
BOOED



**By the Community Events,
Social Engagement and
Recreation Task Force.**

*Please email a picture to
lunenburggilman@gmail.com*

SEEINGDANDY.COM

you've been
BOOED



ENJOY YOUR TREATS!



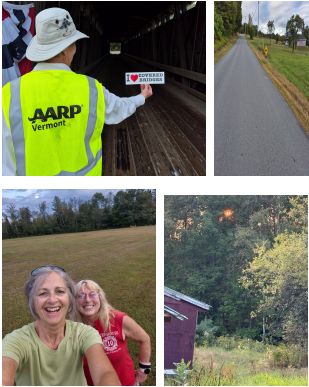
**PUT "WE'VE BEEN
BOOED" SIGN ON YOUR
DOOR OR WINDOW.**



**MAKE OR PRINT A COPY
OF THESE CARDS & GO
BOO SOMEONE WHO
HASN'T BEEN BOOED YET.**

SEEINGDANDY.COM

Celebrating Opportunities To Gather With One Another

 Macie's Messy Play was one of many favorites enjoyed by families.	Lunenburg Old Home Day 2025 A beautiful summer day beckoned everyone to head over to The Common, for an amazing fun-filled day. Families and friends visited a multitude of vendors, enjoyed music, games and reconnected with one another. An activity hosted by the Lunenburg Historical Society featured many local historical figures in a collector's card matching game. Across the way, the Art Cart made its inaugural debut to the delight of so many. We can't wait for Old Home Day 2026! ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST.
	Covered Bridge Week The Vermont Covered Bridge Society was on hand at Lunenburg's Mount Orne Bridge during VT Covered Bridge Week. The week began with a young entrepreneur, Nate Gingue, who was on hand to sell his products on Maple Monday. Many community members reported their walks and photo-ops of the Mount Orne Bridge throughout the week.
	Trekking Tuesdays Ended 9/30/25 Each Tuesday, folks gathered in the early evening to explore various routes and trails found within our community. We alternated routes in Lunenburg and Gilman weekly, connecting with neighbors along the way and enjoying the magnificent splendor of our town.



Rev. Isadore H Fox's Memorial Birthday Bash

The Gilman Gazebo was the perfect setting for a memorial birthday party honoring Rev. Fox.



Party goers were treated to live entertainment featuring the Lake Effect Band, great food and friends.

Those responsible for hosting the event shared Isadore LOVED a good party, so this was a perfect way to honor her by doing something in her memory she loved doing.



Fostering Fox Field

On Saturday, September 6th, members of Girl Scout Troop 30356, donated Connect - 4 game to the Fox Field.



Various yard games were staged throughout the summer by the Community Events, Social Engagement and Recreation Task Force, to foster the growth of the community's use of the Fox Field.

We were delighted to encounter many individuals and families utilizing this gem of our community.





Community-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, August 30th was the first Community-Wide Yard Sale organized by Girl Scout, Isabella Simonds. There were 16 participants, who were delighted they joined in. "Thank you for this opportunity to declutter our home. We had a great time visiting with known townsfolk and meeting new ones."



Grub On The Green

A gorgeous summer day beckoned residents to the Lunenburg Common on Saturday, September 13th for Grub on the Green.

A vast array of home cooked fixings in crockpots, salads, hot dogs, breads & rolls, baked goods and ice cream were served.

Music, provided by Friends of Lancaster Open Mic. served as a backdrop for entertainment, and easy conversation was enjoyed by one and all.

The Art Cart was a big hit with all generations!



Civil War Hemlocks

The Civil War Hemlocks arrived on the Lunenburg Common on Saturday, September 20th. The reenactors provided a living history for audience members. Folks learned about local ancestors who participated in the Civil War, the equipment utilized by troops, as well as how soldiers prepared/repared their equipment. Among the many inspirational moments was the firing of the antique canon, and a stroll in the cemetery, while a reenactor provided an historical recounting of the many Lunenburg ancestors, and their contributions to the Civil War.

Save the Date

Saturday: 6:00 pm December 13th & 27th January 10th & 24th February 7th & 21st March 7th & 21st Community Room at Town Office building		For novice and experienced players alike: Join fellow cribbage players for a friendly game of cribbage Contact Leo Enos with any Questions (603) 631-0206
Autumn Stewardship Day At Fox Field October 11, 2025 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm		TRAIL WORK & BRUSH CLEARING -BEAUTIFICATION (PLANTING FALL BULBS) -APPLE CIDER PRESS -SNACKS & DRINKS BRING YOUR WORK GLOVES AND COME TO WORK, A BAG OF APPLES TO PRESS, OR JUST YOUR CHAIR AND COME TO VISIT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!
October 18th Glow Dance Party and Games All AGES Welcome 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm		Join us on the Fox Field for a glow stick dance party. Come decorated and ready to boogie. Cost is \$3 per person Family of 4+ \$10 Fundraiser to benefit the future pavilion.

Trunk Or Treat October 30th On the Common In Lunenburg Story at 6pm Treating at 6:30 pm		Please contact Megan Isham on Facebook or email at bently4211@gmail.c om to sign up to participate by either donating candy or decorating a trunk.
Project Homebound “Feeding our community, one box at a time” Thanksgiving Food Box		To sign up for a food box Email projecthomeboundnh@gmail. com Leave a voice message at (802)328-7575 or Message via their Facebook page Facebook
Multitude Takeaway Will be closing in November Be sure to visit soon		Open seasonally April to November Monday through Saturday 11-9 (802) 284-8963 Location 84 CEDAR STREET Gilman VT 05904

A Covered Bridge Armchair Adventure At the Alden Balch Memorial Library		On Saturday, November 8th at 1:00 pm Beth Brown-Limmer, president of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, will tell stories about the bridges. This will be a fun light-hearted adventure. There will be DOOR PRIZES!
November 10th 2025 4:00 pm Hoist The US Flag over US 2 in the Town of Lunenburg 		Carroll Macie and “B” Thomas are inviting community members to join them in hoisting the flag. You do not need to have military service to volunteer Anyone interested in putting the smaller flags on the utility poles along Main Street, please contact Carrol Macie.
22nd Annual Veteran’s Day Breakfast November 11th at 8 am Lunenburg School		Contact Gail Betts to contribute breakfast food donations at (603)631-8490
Veteran’s Day Commemoration on the Lunenburg Common 10 am November 11th		Contact Carroll Macie for more information

Squishmallows BINGO November 21st 6 pm Gilman Senior Center		Girl Scout Troop 30356 is hosting a Squishmallows bingo event open to all ages. Cost is \$5 or two items to donate to the food pantry to play.
Friday, December 5th at 6 pm Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Common in Lunenburg hosted by Girl Scout Troop 30356		Contact Jessica Simonds at (603) 631-3123 by <u>November 30th</u> to add a loved one to the list being memorialized. The cost is \$2 per bulb.
Gingerbread Bazaar December 6th 10 am to 2 pm At the Lunenburg School		Sponsored by the TOCC for more info: www.topofthecommon.org
Santa Claus is Coming to Town December 14th 5pm Alden Balch Library		Keep an eye on Facebook in the Lunenburg Community Group for more details as the date gets closer. https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CxVmVmQ8n/

**3rd Annual
Lunenburg-Gilman Home
for the Holidays
Decorating Contest 2025
sponsored by the Alden
Balch Memorial Library!**

A few changes this
year—there will be six (6)
winners and no categories .

Drive around to see the
decorations from December
14-24



Prizes will be gift cards to
local businesses (TBD)
with 1st prize \$50, 2nd and
3rd prize, \$25 and 4th, 5th,
and 6th prize, \$20.

Entries accepted until 5
p.m. Friday, December 12.

Decorating must be
completed by Saturday,
December 13. Judging to
take place on Sunday,
December 14.

Lunenburg - Gilman Placemakers Where Great Things Happen

The Alden Balch Memorial Library



Tuesday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Story hour 10:30 am



Meetings Held At The Library:

Historical Society
10/19 @ 2:00 pm
11/16 @ 2:00 pm

Top Of the Common Committee
@ 2 pm 10/4, 11/1 and 12/13



At the Alden Balch Memorial Library

Local resident, Kat Colby, is offering educational services and support for all.

Services offered: Adult Diploma Program, GED Skill Building, Career Navigation, Support with College Classes, Computer Basics and more

Mondays & Tuesdays 9:00am - 1:00pm

Contact us at: 802-748-5624

katrin.colby@neklsvt.org



Lunenburg Town Offices

New hours for the Town Clerk:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8am - 12 noon;
1pm - 3pm

Tuesday: 8 am - 1 pm and 5 pm - 7pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday*: Open 10 am to 1 pm *on the first Saturday
of every month

Lunenburg Food Shelf

It is open during the Town Clerk's hours. Please stop
in the office during those hours. Also available on
Wednesdays from noon to 3 pm. The side door to
the community room is open and residents are
invited to access the food pantry.

Meetings Held at the Community Room

Selectboard Meeting:

First Monday of the Month @ 6:00 pm

Rec. Task Force October 8th,
November 12th , December 10th at 6 pm

Polar Bears Club

Third Thursday of the Month @ 6:00 pm

Auditor's Meeting:

Last Monday of the Month @ 6:00 pm

Fire Dist. #1

Second Wednesday of the Month
@ 6:00 pm

(Meets in the Selectboard Rm.)



Instructor, Kat Colby,
hosts yoga classes

Qigong Yoga Sun. & Wed. 9:00 am
Yin Yoga Fri. 5:30



NEW: STRONGER SENIORS EXERCISE
Wed & Fri 10:30 am- 11:30 am
Bring hand weights if you have some.

Meal Site: Fri. 11:30 am -12:30 pm

BINGO: Mondays 6:00 pm

Bookin' It Book Discussion Club
2nd Wednesday of the Month*
*Note change of day to Wednesday.



**Gilman Senior
Center
Food Pantry**



Lunenburg School

Task Force to Increase Events ,
Social Engagement and Recreation
Meeting time 6 pm

All welcome and encouraged to attend.

October 21
November 18
December 16

Helpful resource, the Town Website: www.lunenburg-gilmanvt.gov [The North Star Monthly's event calendar.](#)
[Top Of the Common](#)

www.lunenburghistoricalsociety.org

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