

## Lunenburg - Gilman Newsletter Volume 2 Issue 2 Spring 2026



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 Station, 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:

June 12th for the July - September Newsletter  
September 12th for the October - December Newsletter  
December 12th for the January - March Newsletter  
March 12th for the April - June Newsletter

Please submit event information to email address:

[lunenburggilman@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 2026 Marks the United States of America's Semiquincentennial

We are fortunate to live in a town with many local organizations who preserve the historical perspective of our town from 1763 to present day.

This year, take advantage of the opportunities to tap into the legacy of our town's journey.

What events would you like to see made available to our community in connection to the semiquincentennial to foster social engagement and recreation?

Send an email with your suggestions to CESER Task Force at [lunenburgthriveconnect@gmail.com](mailto:lunenburgthriveconnect@gmail.com)

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](mailto: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

Multitude Takeaway is opening April 2nd - November

We look forward to great food with friends.

See you there!



# SWEETEN YOUR DAY

INDULGE IN OUR DELIGHTFUL  
SELECTION OF TREATS, EACH WITH  
ITS OWN IRRESISTABLE CHARM!

APPLE SLICES	\$2.00
BROWNIE	\$3.00
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES	\$2
NO-BAKE CHOCOLATE COOKIES	\$2
WHOOPIE PIE	\$4.50

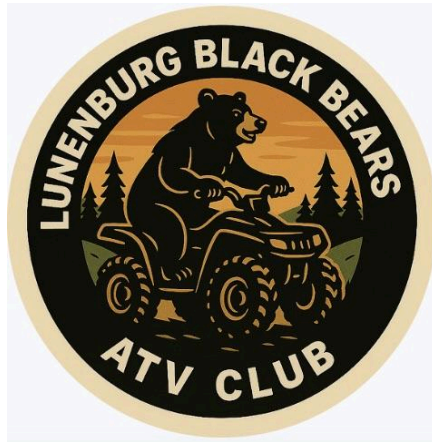
FIND YOUR PERFECT INDULGENCE WITH OUR  
MULTITUDE OF DESSERTS, OFFERING EVERYTHING  
FROM CLASSIC FAVORITES TO EXCITING NEW  
CREATIONS. ALL AT PRICES THAT WILL MAKE YOU  
SMILE.



### FOOD ALLERGY WARNING

Please be advised that foods prepared here may contain these ingredients:  
Milk, Eggs, Wheat, Soybean, Peanuts, Gluten, Tree nuts, Fish, and Shellfish.

\*\*\*DESSERTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON SUPPLY AND AVAILABIL-



**The Lunenburg Black Bears ATV Club is Vermont's newest VASA affiliated ATV club and is based right here in the greater Lunenburg-Gilman area!**

**Our organization strives to combine outdoor recreation and community development within our home community. We invite anyone with ideas or questions to join our monthly club meetings and help us grow our local membership!!**

**Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Lunenburg community room, and zoom options are typically available as well!**

**Find us on Facebook for more details!"** [Facebook](#)

**Look for us at this year's *Hello Summer Event* on Saturday, June 20th !**

## Creative Stitches by Kate.



**Seamstress with over 30 years experience in everything from hemming to formal wear to keepsake bears.**

**Let us make your vision a reality. Reach out today!**

**Email: [katescreativestitches@gmail.com](mailto:katescreativestitches@gmail.com)**

**Text or call: 802-535-1891**

**Facebook: Creative Stitches by Kate**



**Now Enrolling**

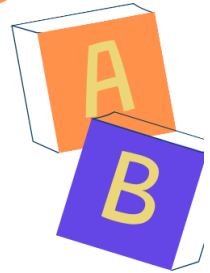
# PreSchool Program

**Apply today!  
Limited spots**

At our Gilman Head Start Location



**3 to 5 years old**



## OUR OFFERINGS:

- 5 Star Program
- Monday- Friday 8-2:30
- VT Childcare Subsidy accepted or self-pay

 2720 River Street,  
Gilman VT 05904

 Leighann Eaton  
(802) 892-5997  
leaton@nekcv.org



# Lunenburg is Vermont's Capitol For A Day



Members of the Lunenburg Selectboard, the Lunenburg-Gilman Community Trust and Representatives from Governor Scott's Team toured the former Gilman Middle School.

Vermont State Representatives visit key locations in town on March 19th. Various members of Governor Scott's Team met with our Board of Selectman, and various community members to learn more about ongoing projects, needs and goals for our community. Governor Scott's team's schedule included the following visits:

- Lunenburg-Gilman Community Trust host tour of the Gilman Schoolhouse:
- Municipal Meeting on Flood Recovery held at the Gilman Senior Center
- Tour of Ampersand Energy Property:
- Meeting at Alden Balch Memorial Library:
- Senior Center Meeting Discussion of Senior Community Member needs and Center Goals:
- Riverside Rescue to discuss their work and community needs.

## Rev. George L. Fox Memorial Chapel



Board members and volunteers ripped out the old stage and built a brand new safe version where concerts, ceremonies, stage productions and many other community events can be held!!

Edson “B” Thomas, Wes & Gail Hicks and Scott Leigh teamed up to make it a reality.



Join us on April 11th from 10AM to 1PM as we honor Vietnam Veterans, their families, and veterans of all eras. This free event is open to everyone—come enjoy 60s and 70s music performed by RETRO, a popular crowd-favorite band and the first to perform on our newly renovated stage. Take a captivating tour of the newly opened George & Isadore Fox Museum. Enjoy a light lunch, reconnect with old friends, and make new news along the way. Join us for this meaningful celebration—don't miss it. RSVP: [gfox.memorialchapel@gmail.com](mailto:gfox.memorialchapel@gmail.com)

We are honored to announce that the American Legion Auxiliary National President will be visiting the Rev. George L. Fox Memorial Chapel & Museum on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

It is truly a privilege to host this special visit, and we warmly welcome all who are interested in attending to join us for this meaningful occasion.

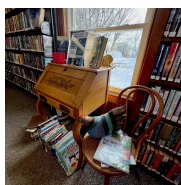
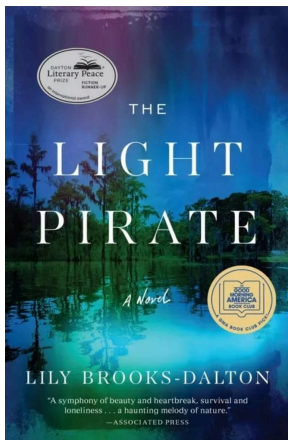
# Celebrating Opportunities To Gather With One Another

The stuffed animal sleepover was a big hit! Lots of buddies roamed the library overnight and got into mischief! A huge thank you to Miss Leighann from [Gilman Head Start](#) who printed photos for the kiddos to make a scrapbook when they picked up their special stuffie the next morning! ❤️



## The Light Pirate

A dozen folks gathered at the Alden Balch Memorial Library to enjoy discussing this year's Vermont Humanities selection, *The Light Pirate*. Suzanne Brown, a retired visiting Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College, facilitated the discussion.



Hannah Miller's on a quest!  
Library 180! The [Alden Balch Memorial Library](#) in Lunenburg was the 180th stop on my quest to read, write, and knit in every public library in Vermont.

## Celebrating Opportunities To Gather With One Another

### Fostering Social Engagement

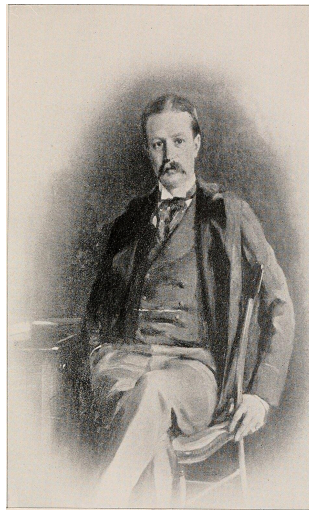





Thank You, Leo!  
A huge thank you to  
Leo Enos for organizing  
Cribbage Club.

We look forward to  
Cribbage Club next  
winter!

### Oh What A Night!

**A Winter Walk to  
Honor William Balch.**  
Those in attendance  
were treated to  
historical facts, artwork  
and birthday cupcakes,  
honoring this  
Lunenburg native who  
became the State of  
Vermont's taxidermist.



<p><b>Valentine's Evening Walk-Glide</b></p> <p><b>At Fox Field &amp; Forest</b></p> <p>was the perfect setting to enjoy an art show, light refreshments and a bonfire.</p> <p>Special thanks to the Lunenburg Polar Bears for grooming the field.</p>		
<p><b>The 19th Annual Maple Festival was a huge success!</b></p> <p><b>Please visit</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.topofthecommon.org">www.topofthecommon.org</a> for details of this special day.</p>	 <p><b>Bernard LaBounty explaining the technique of boiling sap to make maple syrup</b></p>	<p>The perfect day for family maple fun! Tours of local sugarmakers, historical photographs and interactive displays were engaging.</p> <p>The pancake breakfast and soup lunch were widely attended.</p> <p>We look forward to the 20th Annual Maple Festival!</p>


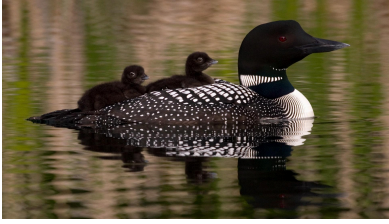


## Save The Date

<p><b>Friday, April 3rd 2026</b></p> <p><b>Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>At Fox Field &amp; Forest</b></p> <p><b>7:00 pm Photo Op</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm Hunt begins</b></p>		<p><b>Bring a bucket/bag, and Flashlight for a fun Easter Egg Hunt.</b></p> <p><b>Pictures with the Easter Bunny at 7:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Easter Egg Hunt begins at 7:30 pm</b></p>
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**👟 Fox Field & Forest Morning Trail Group 👟**  
**Meets Every Thursday Morning at 8:30 am at Fox Field & Forest**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 11, 2026</b>  <b>Rabies Clinic</b>  <b>Riverside Rescue</b>  <b>Gilman, VT</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Riverside Rescue          In Gilman, VT          is hosting a          Rabies Clinic</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From 11:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b>  <b>April 18th</b>  <b>Designer Bag Bingo</b>  <b>Elks Lodge</b>  <b>Bethlehem, NH</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Riverside Rescue is hosting          Designer Bag Bingo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm          Doors open at 5:00 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b>  <b>April 19th</b>  <b>Kids' Bingo</b>  <b>Gilman Senior Center</b>  <b>19 Parrish St</b>  <b>Gilman VT</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">The CESER Task Force          is hosting          Kids' Bingo          at          3:00 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b>  <b>April 25th</b>  <b>Penny Sale</b>  <b>Col. Town</b>  <b>Community House</b>  <b>Lancaster</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Riverside Rescue is hosting          a Penny Sale at the          Col. Town Community House</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 High Street          in          Lancaster, NH          to benefit Riverside Rescue</p>

<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b> <b>April 26th</b> <b>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm</b> <b>Alden Balch Library</b></p>		<p align="center">Join beaver experts Skip Lilse and Patty Smith for a lively presentation about these industrious creatures.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Monday</b> <b>April 27th</b> <b>50/50 Raffle</b> <b>Senior Center</b> <b>19 Parrish St.</b></p>		<p>The Lunenburg-Gilman Senior Center is hosting a 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Senior Center.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Thursday</b> <b>April 30th</b> <b>National Tie Dye Day</b> <b>on the Common</b> <b>Lunenburg, VT</b> <b>5:30 pm</b></p>		<p>The CESER Task Force is hosting a Tie Dye Event  Bring something white to dye. Other supplies will be available.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday</b> <b>May 2nd</b> <b>Green Up Day</b> <b>9:00 - 1:00</b></p>		<p>Green Up bags, gloves and bottled water will be available at the Common in Lunenburg.  BBQ at 1:00 pm</p>
<p align="center"><b>Friday</b> <b>May 8th</b> <b>Touch A Truck</b> <b>Gilman Headstart</b> <b>5:30 - 7:00 pm</b></p>		<p>Gilman Headstart is hosting its annual Touch A Truck event. This event offers hands-on experience to explore heavy equipment and interact with operators, connecting with our community.</p>

<p><b>May 9 th</b></p> <p><b>Open Mic</b></p> <p><b>Congregational Church</b></p> <p><b>Lunenburg</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p>		<p>Enjoy an evening of entertainment with family and friends!</p>
<p><b>May 15th - July 15th</b></p> <p><b>“You’ve Been Looned”</b></p> <p><b>CESER Fundraiser</b></p>		<p>Honor your family and friends by renting an asylum of loons:</p> <p>12 loons = \$15.00 20 loons = \$25.00</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><b>May 15th</b></p> <p><b>Can &amp; Bottle Drive</b></p> <p><b>9 West Main Street</b> <b>Lunenburg</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am - 1:00 pm</b></p>	 <p><b>Can &amp; Bottle Drive</b></p>	<p>The Lunenburg Food Shelf is hosting a Can &amp; Bottle Fundraiser</p> <p>Drop off Redeemable cans and bottles in front of the Town Office Building.</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><b>May 22</b></p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Hoist the Flag</b></p>		<p>Carrol Macie and “B” Thomas invite community members to join them in hoisting the flag.</p> <p>You do not need to have military service to volunteer .</p> <p>Anyone interested in putting the smaller flags on the utility poles along Main Street, please contact Carrol Macie.</p>

<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p><b>May 23rd</b></p> <p><b>24 East Main Street Lunenburg</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am - 2:00pm</b></p>		<p>The CESER Task Force is hosting a Coin Drop Fundraiser to benefit the pavilion and multi-use court projects at Fox Field &amp; Forest</p>
<p><b>May 30th</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Memorial Day Celebration</b></p>	<p><b>Lunenburg Town Common</b></p>
<p><b>Beginning June 3rd</b></p> <p><b>Wednesdays On The Common</b></p> <p><b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b></p>		<p>Visit local vendors each Wednesday June - October</p>
<p><b>June 6</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am - 2:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Covered Bridge Society</b></p> <p><b>will be at the Congregational Church Lunenburg</b></p>		<p>The Covered Bridge Society will be meeting in Lunenburg</p> <p>Registration 9:30-10:15 am</p> <p>RSVP ahead of time lunch will be provided</p>
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<p><b>June 20 - July 6</b></p> <p><b>America's 250 Anniversary</b></p>		<p>The Lunenburg-Gilman Community Trust</p> <p>will host a pinwheel fundraiser.</p> <p>FMI visit:  <a href="mailto:trust@onelunenburg.org">trust@onelunenburg.org</a></p>



## 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  
4/15 @ 6:30 pm  
5/20 @ 6:30 pm  
6/17 @ 6:30 pm

Top Of the Common Committee  
@ 2 pm 4/4 5/2 and 6/6



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](mailto: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  
Open The First Saturday of the Every  
Month 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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.

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Qigong and Yin Yoga  
Movement  
& Meditation

gentle movement paired with breath...  
deep inhale, long exhale...  
move from your center, start where you  
are

QIGONG  
Wednesdays &  
Sundays 9am  
Lunenburg Town  
Hall, VT

YIN YOGA  
Fridays 5:30pm  
Lunenburg Town  
Hall, VT

Contact Kat for details:  
603-631-3111  
katrinlara@gmail.com

## Meetings Held at the Community Room

Selectboard Meeting:  
First Monday of the Month @ 6:00 pm

Lunenburg Outdoors: Recreation, Trails, &  
Tourism Task Force (RTT)  
Second Wednesday of the month @ 6:00pm  
All Welcome and Encouraged to Attend In  
Person or via Zoom

Black Bears ATV Club  
Second Thursday of the Month  
@ 7:00 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.)

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Instructor, Kat Colby,  
hosts yoga classes

Qigong Yoga Sun. & Wed. 9:00 am

Yin Yoga Fri. 5:30

	<p>NEW: STRONGER SENIORS EXERCISE Wed &amp; Fri 10:30 am- 11:30 am Bring hand weights if you have some.</p> <p>Meal Site: Fri. 11:30 am -12:30 pm</p> <p>BINGO: Mondays 6:00 pm</p> <p>Bookin' It Book Discussion Club 2nd Wednesday of the Month* *Note change of day to Wednesday.</p>
	<p>April Wed. 15th Thur. 16th (10:00 am- 2:00pm) Sat. 18th (10:00 am 12:00)</p> <p>May Wed. 13th Thur. 14th (10:00 am- 2:00pm) Sat. 16th (10:00 am 12:00)</p> <p>June Wed. 17th Thur. 18th (10:00 am- 2:00pm) June 20th (10:00 am 12:00)</p>
 <p>Lunenburg School</p>	<p>Task Force to Increase Community Events, Social Engagement and Recreation Meeting time 6 pm</p> <p>All welcome and encouraged to attend.</p> <p>April 21 May 19 June 16</p>

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

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