



LINDEN FALLS GAZETTE

Your source for local news



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Battle of the Bands Labor Day Weekend

Linden Falls is gearing up for the annual events over Labor Day Weekend. Along with the annual pancake breakfast and parade on Monday morning, there's a new addition this year. Mayor O'Brien's Special Events Committee has put together a Battle of the Bands on Saturday night. The stage will be set in Town Square and everyone is welcome to come and listen to a variety of local musicians and a few out-of-town bands that are making the trip to play.

It promises to be a fun evening full of a variety of music. Everyone is welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy dinner while listening to the show. Cobblestone Bakery & Deli is offering a box dinner special and local restaurants will be open late that evening to accommodate anyone who wishes to dine after the event. They expect to be busy, so be sure and call ahead to place your order or make a reservation.

If you're part of a band and would like to participate, it's not too late. Contact Doris at the Mayor's Office for details.

[Overdue Wishes by Tammy L. Grace]

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Built in 1843, The Wishing Tree Inn is owned by Neva Cabot of the original Linden Falls Cabots and was voted Most Quaint Inn in the Historic Inns of Vermont Collection. Authors of notoriety and celebration have been among the many guests, and some have inspired the roomy and beautiful writer-themed guest rooms. Stop by and have a cup of Neva's special tea and meet Myster and Charm, the inn cats that will have you swooning. Be sure to recommend the inn to all your family and friends! Book online or by phone.



Town Square will be the location of the All-Class Reunion along with other fun celebrations during the last weekend of August

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Memories and Old Friends

August All-Class Reunion

Things are well under way for the All-Class Reunion that will be held the last weekend in August. Norma Braxton is spearheading the event and I got a chance to chat with her a few days ago.

If you grew up in Linden Falls or went to school here, you'll likely remember the beloved high school librarian, Mrs. Braxton. She's putting her love of research and organization to work in coordinating the huge gathering in Town Square.

According to Norma, dozens of classes are planning to have a presence and she expects the square to be filled with tents and lawn chairs. As a special bonus, a regional band is scheduled to entertain and promises a selection of oldies sure to entice everyone to dance or at least tap their feet to the tunes of yesteryear.

Mayor O'Brien is thrilled with the response from locals and classmates who have

moved out of town and will be returning to Linden Falls to celebrate. He commented, "We're delighted everyone is coming home and spending time in our beautiful town. Our restaurants and lodging establishments stand ready to serve everyone."

Norma thanked the town workers and Mayor O'Brien for their support in getting things setup and readied for the expected crowd. Be sure and stop by the registration tent and say hello to Norma and the other volunteers who will be ready to help you reconnect with old friends and classmates.

If you are coordinating for your class and haven't yet talked to Norma about reserving a space for your tent, please reach out to her as soon as possible. You can reach her by phone at 802.555.7411 or email her at normalovesbooks@vtmail.com

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Fall Foliage Run Fest

Looking ahead to local events

Set aside the second Saturday in September for the annual Fall Foliage Run Fest. The 5K and 10K walk/run events offer something for everyone. There's also a kids' race, so make it a family affair.

The route goes around the town square and through the neighborhoods. Keep your eyes peeled for tons of festive Halloween decorations. Enjoy our own Wishing Tree, in all its fall glory.

Cobblestone Bakery & Deli has come up with another scavenger hunt of things that you'll see along the way. Stop in before the race to pick up an entry card and turn it in after the race. Everyone who gets all twenty items correct will receive a free pumpkin spice cookie.

Gift cards for a free year's membership from Linden Falls Fitness will be awarded to the winners of both the 5K and 10K runs. The family that manages to wrangle the most children across the finish line will win ice cream cones for every member of the family from Doc's Fountain.

The Fall Foliage Run Fest is a good way for serious runners to warm up for the half marathons and marathons around the region later in the fall. Get those new running shoes broken in and join us.

For details and to sign up, stop by Linden Falls Fitness and ask for race organizers Pam Olson or Steve Turner.

[*Wishes of Home* by Barbara Hinske]

Editor's note: Highly recommend this event. It's the perfect way to enjoy the vibrant colors of our area and get in some exercise. Walkers are also welcome, as are leashed pets, so bring your four-legged friend.



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Police Blotter

Latest arrests and calls

A woman who will remain unnamed stopped by Constable Pike after jumping the curb in front of the Linden Falls Baptist Church claimed she was headed to the theater at the square to see *Singing In the Rain* with Gene Kelly. The constable led her home after explaining that the theater closed decades ago, and Gene Kelly has gone on to another world.

[*Wish You Were Here* by Kay Bratt]

Constable Pike was called to Doc's Fountain last week when a tourist visiting from Boston became aggressive with the barista. The tourist demanded oat milk for her latte and when she was told Doc's didn't offer it, she began screaming and tossing some of the merchandise about the shop.

When Constable Pike suggested an apology and restitution in lieu of arrest, the tourist quickly complied.

Paige Duncan, Guest Columnist

Book Happenings

Town Square Books

As summer winds down, we're looking forward to the fall reading season. We have several new releases on our shelves. Whether you enjoy romance, mysteries, thrillers, women's fiction, or non-fiction, we've got you covered.

We're also fully stocked with illustrated greeting cards featuring our very own Wishing Tree. Soon, the leaf peepers will be arriving and they're always popular, so be sure and stop by and get yours while they're still available.

This week I'm reading the newest from Lee Child and can't put it down! Stop by and visit, have a cup of tea and tell me what you're reading. Gladys and I are always happy to visit. We'd love to see you!

[*Wish Again* by Tammy L. Grace]



Visit Town Square Books for fine books, gifts, and conversation. The kettle is always on!

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The Post Office

New Location Coming Soon



We'll soon see a new shop at 25 Main Street, where Millie King is opening an office and art supply store. In addition, she'll be taking on the postal service counter, which will be moving from its current location at Fisher Drugs.

Millie is new to Linden Falls and is looking forward to becoming part of our community. She'll be stocking everything you need for your office, school supplies, and several art supplies.

When I had the pleasure of chatting with Millie, I also met her golden retriever, Bernadette, who goes by Bernie. I assured Millie she and Bernie were in good company and suggested she introduce Bernie to Gladys. They would be great companions and with Gladys being our unofficial ambassador, always visiting everyone around Town Square and along Main Street, it would take her no time to introduce Bernie to everyone.

In fact, sometimes I wish Gladys could talk. I think she knows all the best stories and secrets and could give me the exclusive scoops, but she's nothing if not discreet.

Millie plans to be open the Tuesday after Labor Day, barring any issues. The postal counter will remain open at Fisher Drugs until such time that The Post Office is ready for your business. Millie is also planning a grand opening event, so be sure and stop in and say hello to her and Bernie.

[*Overdue Wishes* by Tammy L. Grace]

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Neighborhood News

The latest updates

The historical society announced that the old Johnson house was approved to be used as a rental property and already has a signed lease in place. A single mother and two daughters will be joining Linden Falls list of residents. A committee headed by Nava Cabot, owner of Wishing Tree Inn, will be in charge of the official welcoming.

[*Wish You Were Here* by Kay Bratt]

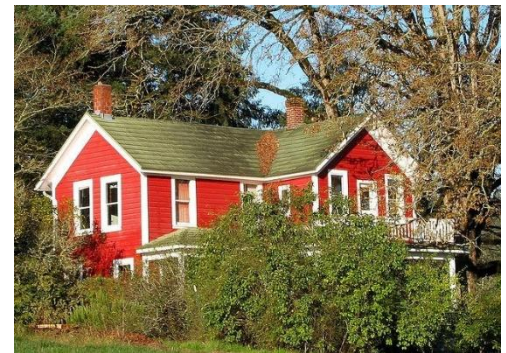


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A bit of a mystery surrounds recent happenings in downtown Linden Falls

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Is Hollywood Coming to Linden Falls?

Residents Have Mixed Feelings

Has anyone else noticed the out-of-towners with the California vibe? Flowered shirts (not tucked in), cargo pants, and flip flops? They've been seen ordering the most expensive bottles of wine at Bistro Claudine. Residents have overheard them talking at the Crooked Porch Café and report that none of them sound like New Englanders.

These mysterious strangers have also been spending a lot of time behind closed door with Jed at Duncan's Hardware. When this reporter asked Jed if he was taking his weekly radio show to

television, he shook his head and said he has "a face for radio."

That's not exactly a denial. Time will tell. Residents I've interviewed on Main Street have mixed feelings. Some are excited and hope to spot television stars, others are concerned the outsiders will interfere with parking and run Doc's out of lattes. In the meantime, keep your eyes and ears open and contact me if you see or hear anything.

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Welcome to Linden Falls, Vermont, the picturesque small town that everyone dreams of living in. Within the charming streets of a community of people who care about one another, lies the heart of the town--the infamous Wishing Tree on the downtown square. The stately Linden tree is beautiful and made even more so by the shimmer of ribbons that flutter from the sprawling branches.

Tourists from all over the world flock to town and join the locals to hang ribbons of hope from the branches of the majestic tree. Some believe it's magic, others think it's old folklore, but one thing that is indisputable is that love, forgiveness, and other happily ever afters are all made possible when someone takes a chance and hangs a wish from a branch.

Enjoy this peek into the quaint town of Linden Falls and the lives of its residents and guests in this prologue novella, then join a handful of bestselling, award-winning authors as they bring the Wishing Tree series alive and leave you with a feeling of peace and happiness from book to book.

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“Perfect for anytime reading. I had to steal snatches of it during the day. You'll want to get a cup of tea and cozy up to read it cover-to-cover. Don't worry, it's a series. Reread your old friends until the next one!”

~ 5-star Amazon Review

The founding authors of My Book Friends, a popular Facebook readers' group, came up with the idea to write a connected series together. The initial seven books released in March and April of 2021 and more books are coming out starting in September of 2021.

You'll fall in love with the quaint town of Linden Falls, Vermont, along with the unforgettable characters the authors have created. Each book is a complete story and features a different heroine. Although the stories are different, all the books center on the famed Wishing Tree in the middle of the town square.

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