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1 'Gone Guys' documentary screens in Dummerston

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4 Lydia's Friends, the friends-of-the-library organization  
5 that supports the Dummerston Community Center & Library, is  
6 screening the documentary *Gone Guys* Thursday, June 4, at 6  
7 p.m.

8 The film invites viewers into a timely, necessary  
9 conversation about the challenges facing boys and young men  
10 today. Produced by Well Told Films and made possible with  
11 leadership support from The Richard E. & Deborah L. Tarrant

12 Foundation and the Vermont Community Foundation, *Gone Guys*  
13 explores the growing disconnection many boys face in school,  
14 work, and community life — and how that disconnection is  
15 reshaping the social fabric in Vermont and beyond.

16 Through personal stories, striking data, and expert  
17 insight, the film examines how issues like struggles in school,  
18 loneliness, and even radicalization are taking root in the lives of  
19 young men — and what communities can do about it.

20 “This is an issue we are hearing more and more about  
21 from parents, educators, business owners, and others,” said Dan  
22 Smith, president & CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation.  
23 “Something is out of sync for many boys and young men, and it’s  
24 showing up in classrooms, job sites, and communities.”

25 As a community, Smith said, “we must hold two truths at  
26 once: that advancing opportunity for women and girls remains  
27 essential — and that boys and young men are struggling in ways  
28 we can no longer ignore. *Gone Guys* invites us to face that  
29 complexity with care, curiosity, and a willingness to listen.”

30 Dummerston’s screening will be followed by a  
31 discussion facilitated by Angela Snow, the producer of the film  
32 who grew up in Dummerston. She will be joined by Dummerston  
33 School Principal Julianne Eagan.

34 This screening is free, open to all, and refreshments will  
35 be served. The Dummerston Community Center & Library is  
36 located in the heart of West Dummerston at 150 West St.

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