

July 2022
HALIFAX NEWS
SUMMER

Laurel Copeland, Halifax, Vermont

I was driving down to Jacksonville the other day to see whether the North River Bakery had re-opened yet. I stopped at the stop sign at Gates Pond. Two Canada geese were idling in the middle of the road by the pond. I crept forward a bit. Then an ambulance with lights flashing came around the corner and across the bridge. Seeing the geese, the ambulance driver braked gently and hit the horn, “toot-toot-toot-toot!” Immediately three downy goslings sprang from the grass at the side of the road, scampered across the road, and plunged into the pond. I waved at the ambulance crew as they continued on their way. Those EMT’s have a good heart!



Elderberries are back! I see the white blossoms and the red berries. Remember Pam Baker’s informative column from July 2021? Wonderful fruits and flowers. Below the photos is the link to Pam’s article.

Spring has blossomed into summer, and I am busy going six ways to Sunday. Meaning “thoroughly, completely, in every way imaginable.” Etymology unknown. Something to ponder.

<https://czresearch.com/newsletter/HalifaxNewsletter2021-Jul.pdf>

TOWN NEWS

FIREMEN’S AUCTION – SATURDAY, JULY 2 AT 10 A.M.

Auction starts at 10 o’clock at the Fire Department in West Halifax! Ice cream wagon will be on site.

FIREMEN’S CLAM BAKE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 FROM 1-3 P.M.

Get your tickets now! Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Seafood dinner: lobster, clams, half a BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, potato salad, watermelon (\$50).

Chicken dinner: half a BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, potato salad, watermelon (\$20).

Kids 6-12 years old (\$10).

Call Wayne Courser at 802-363-7733 or Lewis Sumner at 802-368-2824 for clam bake tickets.

HALIFAX HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING – FRIDAY, JULY 8 AT 6:30 PM

The Historical Society invites you to join in reminiscences of Storm Irene, the hurricane that caused widespread flooding and washed out 200 bridges in the State of Vermont. Halifax Community Hall, 20 Brook Road, West Halifax, Vt. See flyer below.

SENIOR MEAL – FRIDAY, JULY 15 AT 12 NOON

The July Senior Meal will be on the 3rd Friday, the 15th of July, at the Community Hall located at 20 Brook Road in West Halifax. We serve at noon. The menu: Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, macaroni salad, homemade

baked beans, chips, and a dessert. All seniors are welcome. A free will donation of \$3.00 is asked but not mandatory. Call Joan at 802-368-7733 if you plan on coming.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL IN JACKSONVILLE, VERMONT ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 4-7 P.M.

Stop by in Jacksonville and enjoy some ice cream from the Halifax ice cream trailer and lots of other events taking place, always a fun evening. Music by the Jacksonville Blues Band. Local vendors offering native blueberries, beef, eggs, baked goods, crafts, and more. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum exhibit with live animals! Whitingham Municipal Center, Village of Jacksonville, VT. See flyer below.

SORROW

On July 9th, 2022, at the Community Hall in West Halifax about 11:30 or noontime there will be a time of gathering to remember Bud Ryan, a native of Halifax. He passed away a while ago, but his funeral / graveside service is in Brattleboro on this date. Then mourners will return to Halifax for a light lunch and sharing of memories of Bud.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

On June 3, seven men responded to a medical call of a woman on the floor unable to get up. The ambulance transported her to Greenfield, MA. hospital.

On June 8, nine men and two trucks responded to a pick-up truck off the road into some rocks. There was no one around the site of the accident.

On June 25 two personnel responded to Old County Road for an ill man. The ambulance transported him to Brattleboro Hospital.

Remember to call the Fire Department BEFORE you burn brush!

Find out if it's safe, keep them informed.



JOAN'S SIGHTINGS. I was lucky enough to see a couple of deer, some wild turkey, a couple of loons, some Canada geese with such cute little ones, four Baltimore Orioles eating grape jelly at our house, one or two Chickadees, Blue Jays, Red-Winged Blackbirds, one or two Sparrows, (what has happened to all the Sparrows??), Catbirds, Purple Finch, Crows, way too many Red Squirrels and a Beautiful Grey Squirrel. I still love seeing my bright red Cardinals.

The weather has been great—bright sunshine but not too hot....yet...I am sure that will change. - *Joan Courser*

Elsewhere Around Town. Dov Towler saw a black bear cub running across the road. We have deer, grey fox, turkeys, butterflies, and lots of birds up on Hanson Road. And a few days ago, winged ants invaded the kitchen (photo at right)! Yuk. I squished them with a Kleenex soaked in rubbing alcohol.



At my mom's, a beautiful creature appeared on the sofa (photo at left). My iNaturalist app identifies it as a Little Virgin Tiger Moth. Pretty!

Around the corner on Hatch School Road, Bobbie took the delightful photo of a luna moth below.

My creative neighbors down Hanson Road at Wild Saddle Ranch made a display of antiquity and summer flowers using an old automobile. I love it!

On the road I come across red efts and snails. Such a great time to go out walking.



The Halifax (Vermont) Historical Society
Presents:
An Evening with Irene....Hurricane Irene



The Halifax Historical Society's annual meeting will host an informal discussion about the devastation that Hurricane Irene caused 11 years ago on August 28, 2011. Irene caused one of the worst floods to hit Southern Vermont since 1938.

So, come and share your memories, photos, or other artifacts of that dreadful day.

When: Friday Evening – July 8, 2022

Where: Halifax Community Hall, 20 Brook Rd. West Halifax, Vt.

Time: Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Program Time 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Any Halifax resident who would like to share their stories

Refreshments will be served. And if you are sick, please do not attend.

For further information, call: Andrea Rand 802-368-7157



VENDORS WANTED for more info call 802-368-7506

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Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival Kick-off!

Music & Market 2022

featuring the

Jacksonville Blues Band

Friday July 29th □ 4 pm – 7pm

Market vendors including local farms, crafters, bakers, and more.

Southern Vermont Natural History Museum Exhibit with Live Animals!

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Zeber's lilies



Summer wildflowers – aster-like
Robin's Plantains, yellow Hawkweed

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