

June 2024 Halifax News

– Laurel Copeland, Halifax, Vermont

WALK FOR WATER – A PROJECT BY HALEY THERIEAU



Fifth grader Haley Therieau put together a fundraising project when she learned about the hard lives children in South Sudan lead. Water is so scarce that children walk for hours to fetch it in vessels and bring it to their homes. Haley presented her report on the water situation in South Sudan at the Halifax Café on Thursday, May 9 (pictured). She collected pledges for a walk from the Halifax School to the Bell water fountain on Branch Road; about 75 students and staff participated on the lovely sunny day. Their arrival back at the school and the water jugs they carried from the Bell are pictured. The project raised hundreds of dollars (final amount not yet available) toward putting in a well in South Sudan at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

HALIFAXIANS / HALIGONIANS IN THEATER

The Rock River Players are presenting an amazing show May 31 — June 2. **Another Evening of One Acts** will be presented in Williamsville Hall, 35 Dover Road, Williamsville VT on Friday 5/31 @7:30 PM, Saturday 6/1/@7:30 PM, and Sunday 6/2 @2:30 PM. There's a little bit of everything, from thought-provoking to comedy. I have had great fun directing two of these plays. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 students & seniors. Research in advance at www.rockriverplayers.org or purchase at the door (cash or check only). – Sue Kelly, Halifax

THE ROCK RIVER PLAYERS PRESENT

ANOTHER EVENING OF

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A C T S

THE REQUIRED MAN
Written & Directed by Michael Nethercott

CLOWN
Written by Bob Cullinane
Directed by Tracy Berni

BACCHUS' BAR & GRILL
Written by Michael Nethercott
Directed by Sue Kelly

I LOVE YOU, TOO
Written by Susan O'Hara, George Romble & Jessy InaLee
Directed by Sue Kelly

A BOY'S WILL
Written by Kevin Saine
Directed by Randy Lichtenwalner

TRIANGLE
Written & Directed by Patrick Keppel

May 31 + June 1 @ 7:30
June 2 @ 2:30

Williamsville Hall
35 Dover Rd, Williamsville, VT

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TICKETS: \$15 general / \$12 students & seniors

Reserve in advance at www.rockriverplayers.org or purchase at the door (cash/check only).

EMERALD ASH BORERS (EAB)

We Are Entering the EAB Flight Season. EAB flight season starts on June 1st and goes through September 30th. During this time of year, adult EAB will be emerging from infested ash trees, logs, and



firewood, and seeking new host trees and mates. Therefore, moving ash materials could spread EAB to currently uninfested areas. During the flight season, there are more stringent recommendations for moving visibly infested ash materials.

Vermont FPR RECOMMENDATIONS

It is unlawful to willfully and intentionally move material that is infested with EAB without proper treatment. Assess the condition of ash trees prior to harvest. If trees are infested with EAB, follow the recommendations below. Before moving ash material (logs,

firewood), inspect it to determine if it is visibly infested with EAB. Pay close attention if the ash is coming from an EAB-Infested Area.

Harvested Ash Trees June 1-Sept 30

Treatment and Processing of Visibly Infested Ash Logs and Roundwood:

- Leave onsite or delay harvest or transport until end of EAB flight season, OR
- If harvesting or transport must occur during the flight season:
 - ♣ Notify the purchaser that the logs/roundwood are visibly infested with EAB prior to shipping, AND
 - ♣ The purchaser should immediately process and treat infested bark by burning it in boilers onsite or grinding.
- Season ash firewood at its place of origin for at least 24 months, OR
- Deliver ash firewood after October 1 and burn by May 31, OR
- Heat-treat ash firewood to standard

(https://vtinvasives.org/sites/default/files/images/SLS/AshProcessingOptions_FINAL.pdf).

This information is taken from Vermont Forests, Parks & Recreation where more details are available, <https://vtinvasives.org/sites/default/files/images/SLS/SlowSpreadWoodVT%20FINAL.pdf>.

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MEMORIAL DAY was wet and foggy. We honored those who served our country.

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SENIOR MEAL IN HALIFAX – The next Senior Meal is June 21, serving at noon in the Halifax Community Hall located at 20 Brook Road in West Halifax. The menu is baked breaded chicken drumsticks (or thighs--whatever one I get the best buy on), potatoes, stuffing, veggies, a roll, and dessert. All seniors are welcome. A free-will donation of \$3.00 is asked (\$4.00 for those under 60). A call to Joan is appreciated (802-368-7733).

– Joan Courser

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DOG BITE? Recently in a couple of locations in Halifax walkers / runners have been challenged by aggressive dogs on our public roads. If you encounter an aggressive dog, call our Animal Control Officer, Kyle Farnsworth, at 802-380-4535.



JOAN'S SIGHTINGS. I am so enjoying the summer birds. I have two beautiful Baltimore Orioles, Blue Jays, Chickadees, Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks, Sparrows, Evening Grosbeaks, Hummingbirds, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, Catbirds, Titmice, Nuthatches, Robins, a Starling now and then, Red-Winged Blackbirds, Brown-Headed Cowbirds, Cardinals, Purple Finch, Goldfinch, and while out walking a huge Blue Heron flew over my head.
 – Joan Courser

ANIMAL PARADE. Red efts all over the place—walking down the driveway in the cool pre-dawn I see them. Songbirds welcome the day—veery, hermit thrush, song sparrow, winter wren, ovenbird, black-throated blue warbler, common yellowthroats, all joined by crows, chickadees, blue jays, nuthatches, juncos, phoebes, robins (our rusty thrush), and



pileated woodpeckers. The dawn chorus signals the start of bird-banding in the spring migration, and I delighted in reconnecting with those friends up on Hogback Mountain. Eric Slayton identified this Hooded Warbler with bright yellow and black head, a new bird to the rest of us (photo). Later we captured another newcomer, the charcoal-grey headed Mourning Warbler (photo). Quite the season! Four-legged critters spotted include moose, deer, porcupines, raccoons, grey foxes, chipmunks, beavers, and turtles. We heard a black-billed cuckoo up on Hogback near the pond where the beaver is felling trees. I disturbed a sleepy garter snake by the fountain; Andrea Rand found someone's lost lunch—a ring-necked snake, apparently dropped by a raptor into her yard.



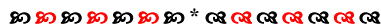
Here is something cool I learned recently: Liao et al. in the May 24, 2024, issue of *Science* magazine wrote, “Chickadees scale the number of “dee” notes in their alarm calls with the size of the predator, thereby conveying the magnitude of perceived threat.” How about that?!

- Laurel Copeland

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Firemen's Clam Bake is the first Saturday in August, August 3, 2024, serving 12:30-3:00 pm. Tickets will be available soon! Meanwhile, our Halifax Fire Co is hosting a dinner with raffle on June 29. Check out their facebook page, [Halifax Fire Company Inc.](#)

**Want to burn brush? Call for a Burn Permit before you burn.
 Call: Dennis (802) 368-7809 or Malcolm (802) 368-2484**



The 4th Annual Edie Fenton Memorial Plant Swap was a great success, coupled this year with Sandwich Saturday at the Halifax Café and the inaugural use of the HCC Ice Cream Wagon. The three events together brought in about \$500 for the Halifax Community Club which hopes to add WiFi to the old building this year. I was a little busy with the activities so forgot to take pictures. Bicyclists visited the Community Hall a few days later (pictured), and I gave them some Oreos which cheered them greatly.



The Ice Cream Wagon will be at Family Field Day for Halifax School, the Firemen's Clam Bake, and will open this summer when the Café is open and the weather warrants ice cream.

as it is

bickerings
on the metal roof
not much but
then
it's early morning
dogs whining
still buried under winter
flannels

someday soon
we'll find summer
sheets
and screens
stop upheaving the garden
inhaling with hibernal
hunger switch
manhattans to martinis

glug tug
buckets dipped
in a receding pond
aches and twinge return
familiar
skies pent up
capricious
cloud only briefly
then unload

the roof
the neighbors return
to silence
the wet it seems
the world's not
what it was

—Gregg Orifici, 2024



Images of spring –
whitetail deer, swamp
pinks on the edge, cow
with calf, tree swallow at
nest box, pileated
woodpecker (L Copeland);
spotted salamander (E
Summers)



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JUNE 2024

CALENDAR

- June 1, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café **CLOSED** for private event
- June 6, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- June 8, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- June 13, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- June 15, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- June 20, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- June 22, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- June 27, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- June 29, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café **CLOSED** for private event
- July 4, 2024** (Thursday): TBD
- July 6, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Ice Cream per demand
- August 3, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café **CLOSED** for **FIREMEN'S CLAM BAKE**



Swamp pinks (spring azalea) and heavy foliage on a misty Memorial Day

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