

September 2024 Halifax News

– Laurel Copeland, Halifax, Vermont

HALIFAX CELEBRATION DAY 2024

A dozen classic cars and several motorcycles lined up for inspection and deep discussion on Branch Road on Saturday, August 24, the Halifax Celebration Day. It was an exceptionally beautiful day. There were 19 corn hole teams, hot dogs and hamburgers and box lunches with cookies, fruit, and chips, and the Pinewood Derby on Gary Rand's spectacular track. There were many happy contestants!



- 2017 September 23, 2017 – Halifax Celebration Day #1
- 2018 September 29, 2018
- 2019 September 28, 2019 (3rd Annual)
- 2020 *none*
- 2021 August 28, 2021
- 2022 October 1, 2022
- 2023 *none*
- 2024 August 24, 2024
- 2025 Old Home Week!**





Joan and Wayne Courser dance to the live band, Foolish U.



Want to help plan the **2025 Old Home Week in Halifax?**
 Contact the Celebration Committee at 802-368-7390.



THE HALIFAX COMMUNITY HALL kitchen got a facelift in August. Volunteers cleared out the kitchen, washed the walls and ceiling, sorted the pots and pans, and removed all the shelves from the walls. Then the kitchen was painted, and new floors were put in. The volunteers then replaced most of the shelves and put items back in time for Celebration Day. The rest of the shelves are getting installed bit by bit. Before (left), in-progress (middle), and after (right) pics are below.



TRUST FOR WILDLIFE NATURE CAMP

What a wonderful week at Nature Camp! Fourteen kids explored nature and focused on wetlands, learning about their importance, diverse flora and fauna, and keystone species beavers. Patti Smith from Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC) led our group, assisted by Laurel Copeland, to Gates Pond to learn about the critical role beavers play in creating and maintaining wetlands. Vermont author Jennifer Lovett gave us 14 copies of her book, Beavers Away!, one for each camper family. A copy of this book is at the Halifax school library. Our naturalist assistants were Mrs. Youmell, Jessica, and Andrea. And our neighbors Jon and Stacey fixed up our nature center. Thank you! Trust for Wildlife is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit (trustforwildlife.org).





Round-up on Butterfield Road



Left: Pink Ghost Pipes from below Hanson Road, near the old ford
Right: spring peeper

SENIOR MEAL IN HALIFAX –Senior Meal in Halifax returns on September 20, serving at noon. Menu: meatloaf, baked potato, vegetable, rolls and a dessert. All seniors are welcome. A free will donation of \$3.00 is asked of those 60 years and over, under 60 \$4.00. Hope to see you there!

Call me ahead of the day if you are coming 802-368-7733.

– Joan Courser

FIREMEN’S NEWS

- On 8/10/24 One truck and five men responded to a brush fire on Fowler Road.
- On 8/11. Two men responded to a male with 2nd degree burns on left foot from three days prior. Turned over to Deerfield Valley rescue.
- On 8/11 One man responded to a medical call on Hubbard Hill Road.
- On 8/13 Fourteen men and one truck responded to a motorcycle accident on Brook Road. The man was brought to the landing zone at Halifax school field and transported by helicopter.
- On 8/16 three men responded to Hubbard Hill for a woman with an open leg wound. She was transported.
- On 8/16 three men responded to a woman that had fallen, she was taken to hospital by family.
- On 8/18 two men responded to a man unresponsive he was transported by ambulance to the hospital.
- On 8/19 two men responded to a call of a female experiencing difficulty breathing.
- On 8/18 three men responded to a call for someone having seizures; the person was transported to hospital.
- On 8/20 three men responded to a motor vehicle accident on Route 112.
- On 8/21 two men responded to a tree on wires.
- On 8/21 one man responded to McMillan Road for a medical call the person was transported by ambulance.
- On 8/22 three men responded to a male that had a fever he was transported to hospital.
- On 8/26 six men responded to a propane leak.

Fire Safety: Want to burn brush? Call for a Burn Permit before you burn.

Call: Dennis (802) 368-7809 or Malcolm (802) 368-2484

JOAN’S SIGHTINGS. I am still really enjoying the Orioles. They will be leaving soon for a warmer climate. I will miss them and their beauty. I wish them safe travels and look forward to their return in the spring. I feel so blessed to have them each year. I also still have Blue Jays, Catbirds, Chickadees, Cardinals, Woodpeckers, Mourning Doves, Purple Finches, Sparrows, Hummingbirds, Titmice, Red-breasted Grosbeaks, Goldfinches, and I’m looking forward to the cold weather birds coming soon.

The “Town Celebration Day” was very special with so many different events. Thank you to all the people that worked so hard to give us such a special day!!!

- Joan Courser



Left: Monarch and Viceroy Butterflies

Up on Hanson Road we have Chickadees, Blue Jays, Pileated Woodpeckers, Mourning Doves, Sparrows, Robins, and Hummingbirds. The



Grey Foxes, Raccoons, and Deer still come around, and we watch the big, loopy-flying Monarch butterflies as well as Viceroy, **Giant Swallowtails (at right)**, Greater and Lesser Fritillaries (above

the Swallowtail) plus scads of dragonflies, wasps and bumblebees.

BEARS. On my way back from Brattleboro the other day, I stopped to watch a black bear cross the road, right around 1150 Hinesburg Road. Don't leave your bird feeders out. Bears are entering their hyperphagia phase – eating 10 times their normal daily amount to fatten up for the winter.

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SEPTEMBER 2024

CALENDAR

- August 31, 2024** (Saturday): Café closed for Bob Gouin Memorial Lunch
- September 5, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- September 7, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- September 12, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- September 14, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am then **DVFiber Ice Cream Social** 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Free ice cream! Note extended hours.
- September 19, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- September 21, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- September 26, 2024** (Thursday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- September 28, 2024** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



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