



BUILD A BOUQUET AT THE CAFÉ



Gretchen Becker celebrated her birthday in style, surrounded by flowers! At left she is pictured being serenaded by Mary Brewster (not in photo) as donations of cut flowers fill a table. It was Saturday, July 19th, and not only the date of her birthday party in the Halifax Café but also Build-A-Bouquet Day.

Several local flower experts contributed their cut flowers and their know-how in arranging a beautiful bouquet. Pictured: Andrea Rand, Andrea Underwood Jones, Penfield Chester, and Diana Conway created bouquets. Marion Canedy picked a bucket of hydrangeas for the event.



Visitors made their own bouquets or worked with our volunteers to get a beautiful arrangement. The finished bouquets were gifts to any who came to the café that day. Have a bounty of flowers in your yard? We think Build-A-Bouquet will make a lovely annual event.





FIREMEN'S LOBSTER BOIL – SATURDAY, AUG. 2

Now is your last chance to get tickets at the Town Office! Saturday is the Halifax Firemen's Lobster Boil at the Old Cody Farm on Old County Road. \$50 lobster-clams-chicken-sides, \$20 chicken & sides, \$10 kids 6-12.

HALIFAX CELEBRATES 275 YEARS – THIS SEPTEMBER 18TH-21ST

Put these dates on your calendar! Tentative schedule of events is as follows (subject to change):

Thur. Sept. 18: Petting farm, hayrides, hot dogs, ice cream treats.

Fri. Sept 19: Live music with Midnight 30 at the firehouse; food for sale.

Sat. Sept. 20: Breakfast & Opening Ceremony at the Community Hall!

Followed by a day full of fun – Pinewood Derby, 2-mile run/walk, face painting, bounce house, hayrides, disk golf, old homes tour, plus stone-carving and pottery demonstrations. The Otis Family offers a hike to the Otis Homestead and cake and beverages at Whitneyville Cemetery.

The Historical Society & Community Hall will be open for tours & exhibits of yesteryear.

Evening will bring music by Classic Connection playing hits from the 60's & 70's with dancing and treats

Sun. Sept 21: West Halifax Bible Church serves coffee & pastries followed by worship service. The church will host a lunch midday. The Town Celebration Parade will cap off the festivities with closing ceremonies at the Community Hall.



NOTE: To participate in the Pinewood Derby, drop by the Town Office for an official car kit and the official rules. They are pictured at left.

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE –
Support the Town of Halifax 275-Year Celebration and get a chance to own this beautiful quilt (pictured at right) handmade by

Halifax's own Andrea Rand! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 in the Town Office and on Saturdays in the Café (after Aug. 2). Raffle date is September 20th.

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GIFT OF ART TO THE HALIFAX COMMUNITY HALL

Painter David Brewster of Halifax recently donated 13 paintings to the Community Hall. Five of them can be seen in this photo (below). Each painting captures a scene from life in Halifax. This is the third permanent art donation to the Hall. The first is Kyra Markham's mural painted in 1959, the second are the local buildings painted on the walls in 1987 by Lucie Sumner, Mariette Sanders, and Elizabeth Hull.

Drop by on a Saturday when the Café is open, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, to see them all. Thank you, David!



SENIOR MEAL IN HALIFAX

– Bettye Roberts

Senior Meal in July started with Chips and Salsa. There were over 25 people socializing with friends and neighbors, enjoying a choice of Hamburgs, Hot Dogs, or Beef Sausage with slices of Red Onion, Tomatoes, and Lettuce. Bowls of Texas Beans, homemade Potato Salad, and fresh Fruit Salad lined the tables. Dessert was Gingerbread Whoopie Pies. **August's Menu** consists of Antipasto, Lasagna (meat & meatless), Cheese Bread, Fruit Salad, & Dessert. We strive each Month to prepare and serve healthy and delicious meals. Hope to see you all August 15th in the Halifax Community Hall, 20 Brook Road, West Halifax, at 12 o'clock noon.

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HALIFAX HAS A COMMUNITY POLLINATOR GARDEN

– Linda Huebner

If you've passed by the corner of Whitneyville and Brook roads lately, you may have noticed some developments that have been ongoing for more than a year but are really blooming now. We're turning this little triangle into a Community Pollinator Garden by planting native flowering plants that pollinators need to thrive. We also welcome human visitors, so please stop by to enjoy this special little habitat. Thanks to a donation from a neighbor, we were able to purchase some plants from Checkerspot, Nasami, and Shinleaf Farms. We've also gotten plants from our own properties and those of other community members - thank you. So far, we have about 60 varieties with a few volunteer and mystery plants; the list is online here:

<https://czresearch.com/newsletter/pollinatorgarden.htm>. For more information, or to offer native plants/seeds, materials (stakes, cedar mulch, etc.), or volunteer labor, contact Linda Huebner, owner, LH.covote13@gmail.com, or Dov Towler, pollinator garden curator, DovTow@gmail.com. By the way, if you're missing the Welcome to Halifax sign, it's getting a makeover and will be back on display in time for the 275th town anniversary celebration.



CAFÉ CRAFTS. Join us in crafting on first Saturdays at the Halifax Community Hall starting at 10:00 AM. I will teach you how – you pay the cost of the materials you use. If my featured craft is not your thing, bring any craft, mending, or knitting you are working on.

– Bettye Roberts

JOAN'S SIGHTINGS. "My" birds are still coming. Orioles are still enjoying grape jelly, Chickadees, Sparrows, Bluejays, Mourning Doves, Cardinals, Robins, Woodpeckers, Wrens, Nuthatches, Red-Breasted Grosbeak, Titmice, Red-Winged Blackbirds, Purple Finches, and Hummingbirds.

My chicken that was injured by a stray dog is healing nicely. She is growing back the many feathers she lost when the dog attacked her. She was very lucky to survive. I have been doctoring her, and it seems to be helping. When I get too near her now, she runs away because of all the doctoring! I was not happy ...what that dog did...I was not at home when it happened. Wayne was sitting outside but by the time he heard the racket, it was too late to help her.

– Joan Courser



**TRUST FOR WILDLIFE INC 2025
NATURE CAMP IN HALIFAX**

Trust For Wildlife hosted another delightful week for kids in nature this year, on Woodard Hill Road.

This year the focus was on trees and forests. Neighbor David Brewster showed the campers old stone walls, cellar holes and mill sites. He gave a nature journaling session, and we drew what we saw.

Read the whole TFW newsletter online:


<https://czresearch.com/newsletter/tfwnaturecamp2025.pdf>



Up on Hanson Road we are still waking to Winter Wrens, Robins, and Black-Throated Blue Warblers. Soon Blue Jays arrive, squabbling over every seed or bug. I tossed out an Audubon seed cake I found in my parents' freezer, and the Blue Jays had a 5-day conference over it! I hear the occasional

Ovenbird, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Towhee, Eastern Wood Pewee, or high-pitched Brown Creeper, and see many Common Yellowthroats flitting through the willows, plus Red-Eyed Vireos, Red-Breasted Nuthatches, Hummingbirds, and of course the impressive Crows. There are Yellow-Bellied Sapsuckers, Pileated Woodpeckers, and Flickers. Lots of Tiger Swallowtails and Fritillaries—both Greater and Lesser—flutter around our many lilies. And Cedar Waxwings are in the berry bushes. Overhead the Broad-Winged Hawks seem to be teaching the young to hunt as I see two at a time, one following the other. In the field are the Whitetail Deer with their youngsters. At night the Grey Foxes, Raccoons, a Porcupine, and a Black Bear come, and we hear a Bobcat and Barred Owls.

- Laurel Copeland

A photograph of a forest at dusk or dawn. The sky is a mix of deep blue, purple, and pink, with a faint rainbow visible. The trees are silhouetted against the colorful sky, and the ground is covered in green grass and some low-lying plants.

- *Laurel Copeland*



FIREMEN'S NEWS. On July 4 three men responded to a 79-year-male who had fallen down a flight of stairs. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance. * On July 6 five men responded to a campground for a woman hit in the head by a piece of camping equipment; she was transported to the hospital. * On July 14 four men and one truck responded to a motor vehicle accident.



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GET ON BOARD! Want to know how to make things happen in your town? Be more involved in your community? Learn more about how things work? The **4-session SoVT Get on Board program** will give you practical skills to become an effective and active participant in the civic life of your Southern Vermont community. Gain big-picture knowledge and find connections to support you. **The four sessions take place on 9/20, 10/4, 10/25, and 11/8 in locations around**

Southern Vermont. Tuition is \$200 (includes breakfast & lunch). Scholarships available! Apply now through 9/12/2025. See <https://www.sovermontzone.com/get-on-board> or email Meg at mstaloff@brattleborodevelopment.com for more information.

Halifax News

AUGUST 2025

CALENDAR

The Halifax Café* is open Saturdays serving a delicious lunch menu—soup, sandwiches, casseroles, dessert!

Aug. 2, 2025 (Saturday): Café closed for **Firemen's Clam Bake**. We're in the Ice Cream Wagon!

Aug. 9, 2025 (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm
" from 11:00am-12:30pm **Gregg Orifici poetry book-signing & mini-reading**

Aug. 10, 2025 (Sunday): Toddler Yoga with Hailey at 10:00am

Aug. 16, 2025 (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm

Aug. 17, 2025 (Sunday): Toddler Yoga with Hailey at 10:00am

Aug. 23, 2025 (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm

Aug. 24, 2025 (Sunday): Toddler Yoga with Hailey at 10:00am

Aug. 30, 2025 (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm

Aug. 31, 2025 (Sunday): Toddler Yoga with Hailey at 10:00am

Sep. 17-21, 2025 (Wed.-Sun): **Halifax 275-Year Celebration!** Commemorative hat→

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Visitors Julia Copeland & Thea Bransby view some of the Brewster paintings in the Community Hall

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