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HALIFAX CELEBRATES 275 YEARS – SEPTEMBER 2025

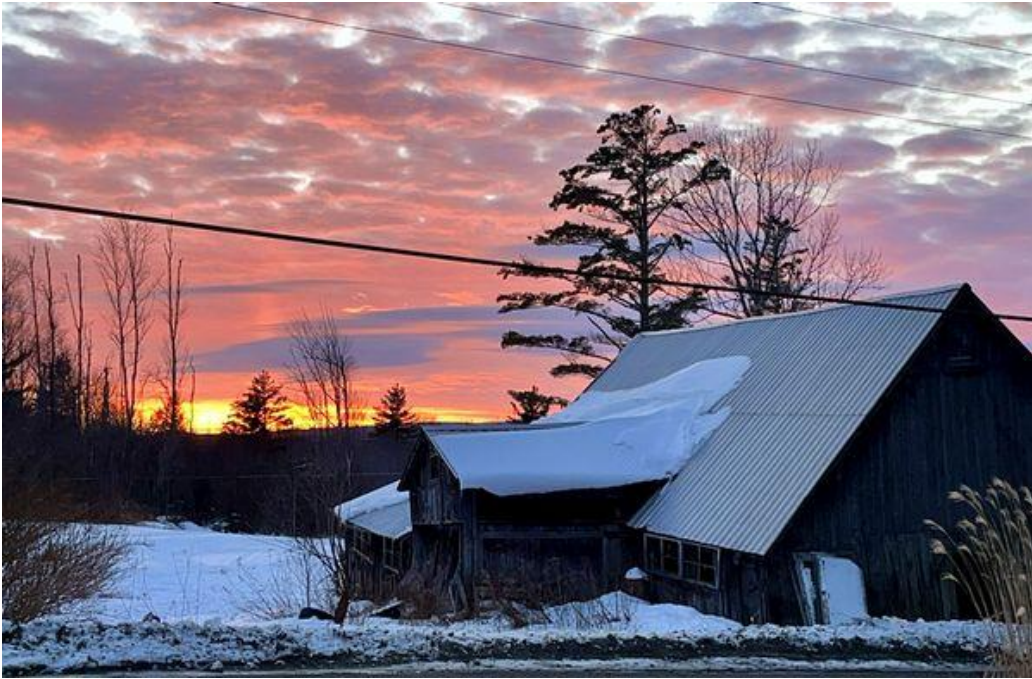
The 4-day celebration of Halifax's 275 years as an incorporated town enjoyed wonderful weather and great events. Here are a few photos from the final day's parade. More images are captured in this 10-minute video made by Kelly Otis Hazen for her sister, Carol Otis. Carol attended the celebration and hosted the 17th century slate-carving demonstration by David Gillespie of South Carolina, mirror technique of gravestone illumination, and cake and beverages in Whitneyville Cemetery as well as the Walk to the Otis Cellar Hole. Carol and Kelly are descendants of Elisha Otis, inventor of the safety elevator. https://youtu.be/tYxH_fvSu64



Brady Youmell led the parade on his bicycle – Len Derby with Veterans Appreciation banner – Edee and Randy represented our Selectboard – Fairbanks family photos of 5 generations in Halifax – great floats and many marchers!

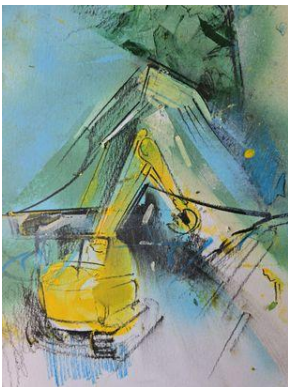
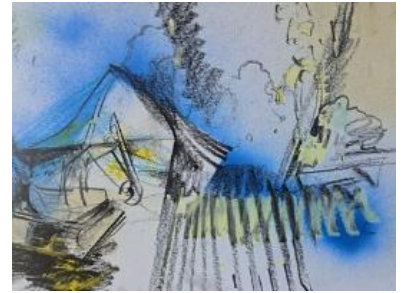


THE END OF THE LINE FOR AN OLD BARN IN HALIFAX CENTER



The barn at the corner of Jacksonville Stage, Old County, and Stowe Mountain Roads in 2024
(Photo: Andrea Underwood Jones)

The razing of the barn by an excavator is captured by photographs and then in color sketches by David Brewster, a near neighbor. In the mid-1970's my sister Heidi ran the Blue Giraffe Café in the house, a former stagecoach stop and kept chickens in the barn. To fend off the rooster, she used an old wooden golf cart from the barn! -*Laurel Copeland*



– *Bettye Roberts*

All Seniors welcome! \$4 asked. Halifax Community Hall, 20 Brook Road, West Halifax.



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. Let's fix things!
- Bettye Roberts

- *Bettye Roberts*

JOAN'S SIGHTINGS. Still not a lot of birds at the feeders but the number seems to be picking up. Blue Jays, Chickadees, Nuthatches, Sparrows, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Purple Finches, Goldfinches (one still sporting his yellow feathers), Woodpeckers. I attended the bird-banding event at Hogback Mountain. There seem to be fewer birds there, but some are headed south. I enjoy going there and seeing the birds and sometimes getting to hold one and release it; hopefully more will arrive soon.

I am sad to tell of one of my chickens dying (nearly 7 or 8 years old). I did not think I got attached to them, but I sure am sad to lose her. Wayne says I get attached to all animals! I guess he is right. I am down to only 2 chickens and a rooster.

The Halifax Celebration Days were really wonderful days for Halifax. Many people came. So many events going on during the day, and the dance in the evening was well attended and enjoyed. - Joan Cour

- *Joan Courser*

Up on Hanson Road the butterflies are numerous, and the leaves are changing. We see Grey Foxes, Raccoons, Red Squirrels, Chipmunks, Crows, Ravens, Blue Jays, Flickers, Common Yellowthroats, Goldfinches, many caterpillars and wasps, and Field Voles. I heard a red-shouldered hawk. - Laurel Cope

- *Laurel Copeland*

BIRDBANDING ON HOGBACK MOUNTAIN – FALL MIGRATION

Bird-banding has been lovely this migration season although some days the birds were scarce. The first day, Sept. 11, I noticed the leaves were much advanced in color and loss compared to around us. That is over an altitude change of about 500 feet, from 1700' to 2200'. We netted, banded, and released about 50 birds including Chickadees (these do not migrate), Blue-Headed Vireo, Red-Eyed Vireo, Slate-Colored Juncos, Black-Throated Blue Warblers, Black-Throated Green Warblers, a Northern Parula (pictured), Yellow-Rumped (Myrtle) Warblers, Tennessee Warblers, and Black and White Warblers (pictured).

FIREMEN'S NEWS. On September 6 four men responded to Shearer Hill Road. The person was transported by private vehicle. ✕ On September 7 eight men and three trucks



Purple-flowered raspberries look showy at the end of summer, but the fruit is fuzzy. Ptheh!



Far right: Spitbugs adhere to goldenrod. The bubbles made of sap and the insects' secretions are the nymph stage of froghoppers and spittlebugs.



Below left: Chipmunks are gathering nuts and seeds to stash in their burrows where they will spend the winter, eating and sleeping



Below right: A bumble bee has a load of pollen on its leg ("saddlebags")



Happenings Around Town

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CALENDAR

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

- Oct. 4, 2025** (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm, delicious lunch!
Oct. 11, 2025 (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm, homemade soups & goodies!
Oct. 17, 2025 (Saturday): Regular Halifax Senior Meal, 11:30-1:00. Come on in!
Oct. 18, 2025 (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm. Come on in!
Oct. 25, 2025 (Saturday): Halifax Café open 10:00am-1:00pm – treats & lunch
Oct. 31, 2025 (Friday): Hallowe'en Senior Meal!

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Signs of Autumn – Hayride in Halifax Old Home Days; Last Glads; Monarch Butterfly

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