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New Nature Trail at Guilford Central School

BY SARAH ROSOW

In May of 2021, the sixth grade class at Guilford Central School undertook an ambitious place-based learning project that involved researching the history of the land where GCS now sits, studying maps and deeds and working with local surveyor Eric Feindel to find the property lines and corners, and studying the natural history of the area. The project culminated with proposing a route for and initiating construction of a new nature trail around the perimeter of the school's 14-acre property. (Scan this QR code to visit the Story Map where their work is archived.)

Fast forward four years, and we



decided we'd better get this trail built before these kids graduate from high school. With a great deal of community involvement, it is happening! School groups will utilize the trail for physical activities and nature study, and the trail will also be available for use by community members outside of school hours.

We are deeply grateful to many community volunteers who have made this project possible! Kitsie LaRock generously donated a day on her excavator to do the initial trail construction. Vermont Road Works, a Guilford business, volunteered to paint the crosswalk that completes the trail loop. Dwayne Johnson built a beautiful trailhead kiosk with materials donated by LaRock construction, and the Guilford Highway Department installed a culvert.

John Hunt visited the trail on weekends to do trailwork and bridge building, and Aaron Hurst helped smooth out the trail by driving the loop numerous times with a four wheeler, pulling a drag loaned to us by Chris Reid. David Dias and Victor Jillson wrestled rocks to install the kiosk. And student groups raked the trail, cleared brush, and picked up trash. The project is still underway! Big thanks to these wonderful volunteers!

We hope to have the trail finished by this fall. As of July 1, it is still under construction, but partially open for walking, running, and exploring (with some caution). The trailhead is located at the northeast corner of the parking lot. Head out to enjoy it, look out for poison ivy, and stay tuned for updates!



GCS kids worked on the new Nature Trail. Photo credit: Sarah Rosow

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The Gazette is growing! In the last year we have added four pages to each issue—plus a lot more photographs—and we currently have an all-volunteer staff of eight putting our paper together four times a year. Every issue, we welcome articles, photos, and milestones from you, our readers, and we've seen the number of submissions go up, which we love!

At the same time, the cost of printing and mailing the Gazette has also gone up. Current advertising rates no longer cover these costs. Here are three ways you can support the Gazette.

Advertising Rate Increase

We are raising the advertising rates for the Guilford Gazette for the first time in years. Going forward, the cost of an advertisement in the Guilford Gazette will be \$50 per issue, or \$170 a year.

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6th Grade Graduation, in Their Own Words

BY KELSEY BURNS, PROUD MOM OF NOW

7TH GRADER ZEBULON DOKU

It was a beautiful night. There we were—teachers, parents, family, and friends waiting for our kids, who are not so little anymore—to step out on “stage” and begin the ceremony. On came their song, “Butterfly Fly Away,” a duet with Miley and Billy Ray Cyrus, tugging at our heartstrings. The kids walked from the school to the outdoor pavilion for the last time as 6th graders. The tears were already starting to flow in the audience, but the kids were calm and happy and oh so cool.

Mr. G gave opening remarks, and away we went. Hailey Bristol, a GCS alum who had been a 6th grader when this class was in kindergarten, was the guest speaker. Ms. Baker presented the Becky Harris Award to Zebulon Doku. This award, voted on by the 6th grade class, is for “a remarkable 6th-grade student who exemplifies the following qualities: friendliness, positive attitude, humor, and kindness.”

This year, instead of what had become the tradition of teachers speaking about students, the students did the speaking. Sarah Landers, the 6th-grade teacher, challenged each student to write a graduation speech, intending for one or two students to read. But the speeches were all so amazing that she convinced Mr. G to let the kids do the talking. Any 6th grader who wanted to read their speech was encouraged to do so. And 11 did!



Zeb Doku, Ms. Landers, and Mr. G at GCS
6th Grade Graduation in June.

Alex spoke about joining the class this year: “Our class has felt like a place where everyone is accepted, everyone is heard, and everyone is allowed to be themselves.” Vincent gave some advice to the rising 6th graders: “As I leave this dream of a school, I just want to say to the 5th graders—you’re next. And I know you’re going to have the best 6th grade year ever.”

Huxley defined GCS as “supportive friends, amazing teachers, and the most delicious pizza I’ve ever tasted.” Vega said what so many students echoed: “I think I can speak for all of us when I say, Ms. Landers, we’re all going to miss you so, so, so much...I don’t think any of

59th Annual Labor Day Weekend Concert

BY DON MCLEAN

Friends of Music at Guilford’s 59th annual Labor Day Weekend outdoor concert will take place Sunday, August 31, at 3:00 pm at the Guilford Organ Barn on Kopkind Rd (off Packer Corners Rd.) The Guilford Festival Orchestra, conducted by Ken Olsson, will perform Wagner’s “Siegfried Idyll,” Delius’s “On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring” and “Summer Night on the River,” and “Symphony #1” by prolific Romantic-era German composer Emilie Mayer, celebrated in her lifetime as “the female Beethoven.”

Admission is free with donations welcome. The concert is on the lawn, so attendees bring lawn chairs or blankets (picnics, too!) The grounds will open at 1 pm. Directions and other info on Friends of Music’s facebook page.

us will find a teacher quite like you.”

This group of students, through a series of happy coincidences, had Sarah Landers as their teacher for four years. To say she was beloved is an understatement. Every single student talked about how special she was as a teacher, how kind and funny she was, and how she made the classroom a safe space to learn not just math and reading, but about themselves. Ms. Landers also graduated from GCS that night, as she is moving on to work at BUHS next year. We are forever grateful for the incredible hard work she put in every day and to all the teachers and staff at GCS who show up for our students with love and kindness and creativity.

Zeb said what so many students felt: “My time at GCS has been amazing, and I’m definitely going to miss this place...This is the kind of experience you only get once in a lifetime.” Guilford is a special place. Congratulations to this 6th grade class!

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Cemetery Workday was a Big Success

BY CAROL SCHNABEL AND NANCY DETRA

On June 7, 2025, the Guilford Cemetery Commission held a workday led by the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association (VOCA) that provides education and assistance at historic cemeteries throughout our state.

Twenty-seven volunteers came to learn and work on the gravestones at Elmhurst Cemetery, just behind Maplehurst Cemetery on Route 5.

VOCA trainers Charlie Marchant of Townshend and Nicole Vecchi of Hartford (VT) were our experts at the workday. Charlie gave an excellent in-

troduction to what we could do. Then we broke into two groups and he demonstrated straightening and resetting stones while Nicole showed her group how to clean stones. Eleven stones were straightened and/or reset. Numerous stones were cleaned, and the little children enjoyed helping with that. Despite the drizzle we were able to work until after 11 a.m. Then the real heavy rain arrived, about the same time as our delicious lunch from Guilford Country Store.

The five commissioners were all present, as well as 14 other Guilfordites including five who are seven and under and one high school

student. In addition we had three volunteers from Halifax and three from Brattleboro.

We all learned a lot. These are skills that the cemetery commissioners and other volunteers will be able to use going forward as we work in our town cemeteries. We have already used our newly acquired cleaning skills on some graves at the Carpenter Cemetery.

Thanks to everyone who attended. This was a huge effort by so many members of our community and beyond.



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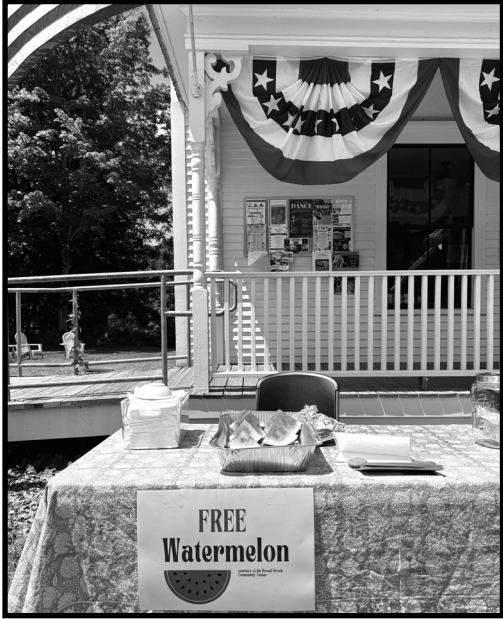
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Guilford Fourth of July

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A Space Reimagined: Celebrating Three Years of the New BBCC

BY ADA BROWN

I still remember the first time I saw the Broad Brook Community Center (BBCC) in the fall of 2021, and my first peek inside in January 2022. The building was closed up, the porch removed, the siding partially off, ladders and tools everywhere, kitchen shelves filled with drills, saws, and clamps. The dining room ceiling was exposed, the lights not yet in, and the elevator shaft recently completed. I'd just started working for the BBCC, and Rick Zamore, who was the board president at the time, offered to give me a tour.

Rick's enthusiasm was contagious. Where I saw empty rooms filled with tools, he saw all the possibilities, and after that walk-through, so could I. Suddenly this empty space became alive with ideas, people, and conversations just waiting to be had. Three years later, when I pop my head into the dining room and see the Coffee Klatch in full swing with thirty people chatting happily, or the quiet circle of the senior support group discussing challenges and solutions, I revel in the fact that this building has become exactly the space Rick and I saw in our minds on that quiet day in January.

This June, Rick and his partner Jeannette were married, and celebrated that union with friends and family here in this place. A week later, a group of friends and art-lovers gathered to delight in the paintings of artist Joan Peters. The following week, the whole town spread out across the building and lawn for the annual 4th of July Picnic, playing games, swapping stories, and remembering our history.

Over the last six months, the community center has been abuzz with activity. The introduction of the weekly Coffee Klatch hosted by Chuck and Mary Collins has sparked a new wave of connection and

collaboration in the building. Longstanding programs like the Guilford Cares food pantry, tai chi, senior support groups, Grange brunches and suppers, the Neighborhood Roots food hub, and the Recreation Commission's weekly yoga provide gentle, consistent offerings for residents of all ages: Ritual and community, week after week, in a space that welcomes everyone.

The library's summer camps, creative workshops, and warm enthusiasm for education and reading have brought the spirit of curiosity into the building. The senior's ukulele class has transformed into monthly Play and Sing sessions, and the Guilford Fiber Arts Group's warm, come-as-you-are circle reminds us that creative expression thrives when it's not only encouraged, but celebrated.

Community engagement is at the heart of everything we do here. People often ask how a program came to be, and the truth is, events and programs happen because someone asked for them. Volunteers lead much of the programming, and our partnerships with Guilford Cares, Neighborhood Roots, the Broad Brook Grange, and the Town of Guilford provide a framework for a variety of offerings.

This fall marks three years since the Broad Brook Community Center reopened as a revitalized community space. We reflect on this anniversary with a deep sense of pride in our town and its people. This building is a symbol of what is possible when a community comes together, not just to preserve a historic building, but to reimagine what it can become. Thank you for imagining this space and for continuing to shape it with your ideas, enthusiasm, and support.

Is there something you'd like to see happen at the BBCC? Email your ideas to broadbrookcc@gmail.com.

Stake Your Claim:

Win Big in the BroadBrook Community Center Cash/Cow Raffle!

BY ADA BROWN

Feeling lucky? Hungry? Maybe both? Then it's time to meet your destiny in the Broad Brook Community Center's Cash/Cow Raffle!

Tickets are just \$25 each or 5 for \$100—a small price to pay for a shot at \$1,000 in cold, hard cash or 100 lbs. (\$1,000 worth) of organic, grass-fed, local beef from Franklin Farm! First place gets to choose between cash or beef, second place gets the prize that's left—but honestly, there are no losers here.

The raffle kicked off at the Guilford 4th of July Picnic and will end when the winning tickets are drawn at the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off at the Broad Brook Community Center on October 5th, just in time to refill your freezer or your wallet before winter.

All proceeds benefit the Broad Brook Community Center, so you're not just playing to win, you're supporting a great local cause.

So, what are you waiting for? Buy your tickets, support our local community center, and get ready to feast (or finance) like a champ. Tickets are available for purchase through BBCC board members, at the Friday Coffee Klatch, and at BBCC events.

2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Whether you've bought a raffle ticket or not, we hope to see all of you at the Annual Chili Cook-off on Sunday, October 5th, from 12-3 pm for delicious food, games, great prizes, and some spicy competition! Anyone interested in entering the Chili Cook-Off can send us an email at broadbrookcc@gmail.com or visit the event page on our website for forms and more info.



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Milestones



Milestones is a feature in the Guilford Gazette, and we invite you to tell us about important ones: losses, graduations, major achievements, big birthdays, etc. Send all milestones to gazettevt@gmail.com.

Megan Butterfield and George Sprague were married on July 2, 2025, at their home on Tater Lane in Guilford.

The Cutting Farm Celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Phil Cutting, with his daughter, Tara Cheney, cut the celebratory cake at a talk on agriculture, sponsored by the Broad Brook Grange and The Guilford Historical Society at the Broad Brook Community Center on June 10th.

Stuart Strothman, 56, passed away April 12, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was born January 22, 1969, in Cocoa Beach, FL. Stuart taught middle school English at Guilford Central School from 2004 to 2013. Said Susan Hessey, the school's librarian at that time, "He was great with the kids—saw each of them as an interesting individual worth listening to and knowing better over time... And he had quite a sparkle in his eye, whether he was interacting with kids, Morris dancing, or holding up a recently caught fish for the camera." He leaves behind three children: Jacob, Liron, and Susanna. As well as a wonderful father, partner, and teacher, he was a historian, music enthusiast, sailor, river steward, author, journalist, Morris dancer, and loyal friend. He could also recite all the state capitals in under a minute while juggling!



Phil Cutting and Tara Cheney celebrating 100 years at the Cutting Farm

Barbara Malcolm Hunt, 93, of Guilford died peacefully on June 9, 2025, after a life well lived. On May 8, 1953, Barbara married Stuart W. Hunt. She worked for the Holstein Association in Brattleboro until she was expecting their first child. Stuart and Barbara resided in Brattleboro until they purchased a farm on Hinesburg Road in West Guilford in 1955. She resided at this home for 70 years. Barbara was predeceased by her husband, Stuart, in 2014, after 61 years of marriage. They raised four children. Barbara was a kind and attentive mother and

wife. Active in the town over the years, she served on the Guilford School Board and Guilford Selectboard, was a reading tutor at Guilford Central School, and volunteered at the Guilford Free Library. She was a volunteer election worker, was a life member of the Broad Brook Grange, and was the town Tax Collector for many years. Donations in her honor can be made to the Guilford Free Library, 4024 Guilford Center Rd., Guilford, VT 05301.

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Report from the Legislature

BY ZON EASTES

This year's legislative session adjourned on June 16. For over five months, the legislature worked diligently and collaboratively on issues important to Vermont voters. Here's a short list of comments I heard often on the campaign trail:

1) Do something about rising costs of living, especially about property taxes (and this issue includes education reform, which is paid for by our property taxes).

2) Stop the infighting between the legislature and the Governor.

3) Vermont has a housing crisis. To that end, the Legislature has proposed and passed important, transformational actions to address Vermonter's concerns. In brief:

The FY26 Budget: As we prepare for whatever is coming our way from the federal government, Vermont's balanced budget is secured.

Education finance for next year: Called "The Yield Bill", this one got out early this session. For taxpayers in Windham-1, expect more stable demands for education funding.

Housing: The Governor signed a bill aimed at accelerating housing projects at all points along the spectrum. Housing is at the core of nearly every other issue in the State.

Health Care: Three separate bills will

begin to lower and regulate health costs, while simultaneously upgrading quality.

Homelessness: Though the House and Senate passed a transformational bill, Governor Scott vetoed the bill, one of only three vetoes in the session (to be clear, there were two other procedural vetoes, but they ultimately did not stop movement forward).

Then, in a special, one-day session, the Vermont legislature passed its transformational **education bill, H. 454.**

More a frame for the future than a list of mandates, this bill is designed to lead the state through 3-4 years of progressive change. If processes are successful (watchful eyes needed for the many associated contingencies, timelines, and reports), the bill envisions equalizing and improving the quality of education for all of Vermont's students, stabilizing funding streams, and supporting communities that experience change.

Because the House and Senate passed differing versions of the bill, a Committee of Conference was appointed to hammer out compromise. This negotiation process, while instructive, was unsettling for many, and caused members of both chambers to alter their votes.

In the run-up to the vote, I heard from a number of people here in Windham-1. Thank you for reaching out and for expressing your view on the bill. In the end,

I voted to pass the bill.

Any roll call vote can be 'explained,' but, in this case, the vote was taken 'by voice vote.' Here's what I had prepared to say publicly: Madame Speaker, I vote Yes. Our current education system is not sustainable. Yes, the bill before us is a complicated bill that, by its nature, still cannot address every concern. But, with its carefully construed timelines, contingencies, and reports, I gain confidence in the processes the bill sets forth. May we hold our young people and communities uppermost.

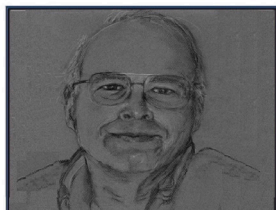
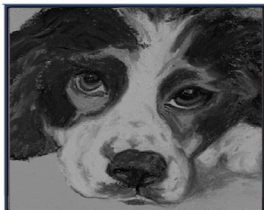
There are many other topic areas the legislature took up this session. All told, about 100 bills were passed by the House and Senate. And that is from the larger group of about 700 introduced bills.

My seatmate, Rep. Ian Goodnow, and I are producing a regular podcast! Called "The ZIP" (The Zon + Ian Podcast), you can find it on the BCTV webpage or on YouTube (search 'The ZIP podcast.')

It continues to be a significant honor to represent the residents of Guilford and Vernon in the state legislature. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I will continue to grow as a legislator when you reach out to me with your issues and concerns.

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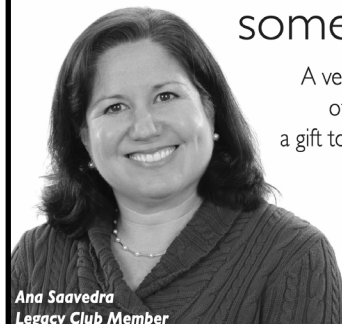


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A Cautionary Tale

BY ANNE RIDER

It was a cool, misty day in late May—during a spring with lots of chilly weather. Rob and I had invited his cousin and her husband for dinner. We began the evening with a cozy fire in the fireplace to take the chill off, and then had a nice, chatty dinner. We bid them goodbye and read for a bit and then cleaned up the dishes, closed the damper in the fireplace and went to bed.

At 11:30 I was awakened by the shrill beeping of our smoke alarm. Rob, sleepy and annoyed, assumed that it was malfunctioning. It kept beeping persistently. I got up and took it off the wall in the stairwell and silenced it, but it kept flashing—four flashes, repeatedly. I found my glasses and read the back—1 beep: faulty battery, 3 beeps: smoke; 4 beeps: carbon monoxide: Exit the building immediately. I looked around the house for some sign of something amiss. I saw nothing, smelled nothing, heard nothing.

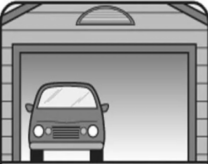

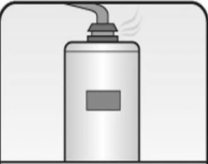





Nonetheless, “out of an abundance of caution,” I called 911. The operator told me exactly what the alarm had said: EXIT THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY! Reluctantly I woke up Rob and the cat and went outside. The operator called the Guilford Fire Department. Within a few minutes a truck pulled up and a firefighter jumped out.

He took out a sensor and opened the door to the house. The sensor complained loudly. He slammed the door and called for back-up. We were stunned! A big firetruck arrived quickly. Two firefighters got out with tanks and masks on. They entered the house and their sensors beeped loudly and repeatedly. They quickly identified the source of the carbon monoxide: the fireplace! Although there was no smoke or signs of live embers, they were hiding under the ash and emitting plenty of carbon monoxide! We were embarrassed that we had never known that this was a possibility. We knew that a furnace or a gas stove






could emit carbon monoxide but not a smokeless fireplace with dying (but not dead yet) embers.

After the firefighters opened every window in the house and put a huge fan in the door, we all waited until their meter registered no remaining carbon monoxide in the air. Then they left and we returned to bed shaken and a little humbled that we, who had burned wood for 50 years, were unaware of this possibility. Thanks to our son-in-law for installing the new combination carbon monoxide and smoke alarms last fall. Thanks to the Guilford Fire department for responding and dealing with the problem so quickly, efficiently and kindly. We (and our cat) are very grateful. We won’t make THAT mistake again!

SOURCES OF CARBON MONOXIDE IN A HOME

 Car Left Running in Attached Garage	 Portable Generators	 Corroded or Disconnected Water Heater Vent Pipe	 Portable Kerosene or Gas Heaters
 Loose or Broken Vent Pipes	 Improperly Installed Kitchen Range or Vent	 Operating a Grill Indoors or in Garage	 Gas or Wood-Burning Fireplace

SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

 Fatigue	 Dizziness
 Headache	 Tightness in Chest
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What to do if these symptoms are felt?

- Open windows and doors
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The 7-Circuit Cretan Labyrinth at Guilford Community Park

BY DUANE JOHNSON

Tucked into the heart of Algiers Village, at the center of the Guilford Community Park, lies a quiet surprise—a 7-circuit Cretan labyrinth, built in 2022 using 574 carefully laid bluestones. This unique feature invites residents and visitors alike to slow down, breathe deeply, and explore a different kind of journey—one made on foot, in silence or reflection.

Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has no tricks or dead ends. There's only one path in and out. The 7-circuit design—an ancient symbol that dates back thousands of years—winds slowly toward the center before returning outward again. As your feet follow the curves of the path, your mind has space to let go,

reflect, or simply rest.

Why Walk a Labyrinth? The practice of labyrinth walking is as old as it is simple. People walk for many reasons: to find clarity, to honor a life transition, to ease anxiety, to grieve, or just to take a mindful break from the noise of daily life. The rhythm of walking, combined with the purposeful design of the labyrinth, can calm the nervous system and offer a surprising sense of inner stillness. Many find that answers come unexpectedly while walking. For others, it's not about answers at all—just the act of moving gently forward with nowhere to get to but the center.

The labyrinth is a community creation. It was created through local collaboration and

care, using bluestones to trace its path. The stones—irregular, varied, and natural—mirror the individuality of those who walk it. Though unassuming at first glance, the labyrinth continues to grow in meaning as more feet wear its path.

Whether you come with intention or simply curiosity, the labyrinth is open to all. You may walk it alone or bring a friend, speak a prayer or carry a question. There is no wrong way—just one winding way in, and the same path back out.

Next time you pass through the park, pause. Step in. Walk slowly. Let the labyrinth do what it does best: bring you, gently, back to center.



Photos courtesy of the Guilford Community Park Labyrinth Project

Band Dad (Not to be Confused with a Dad Band)

BY BETSY BLOCK

Guilford resident Michael Mahar may not have kids of his own, but he'll say he's basically "Dad" to more than 30 people. His "kids" include support staff, roadies, guitar, drum and lighting techs, security, a production coordinator, a VIP staffer who runs "Meet and Greet," a photographer—and most of all, band members.

Mahar, 53, is tour manager and front-of-the-house engineer for the hugely successful hard rock band Halestorm, fronted by the petite but mighty powerhouse singer Lizzy Hale, who can get the crowd up and screaming their heads off and then turn around and bring them to tears with her gorgeous ballads. She, along with her brother Arejay, a theatrical and exceptionally gifted drummer, founded the band in 1997 when they were teenagers growing up in Pennsylvania. Now they and their longtime and equally talented bandmates, Josh Smith and Joe Hottinger, draw crowds of thousands, as well as opening for superstar bands like Iron Maiden.

"Tour manager is a pretty ambiguous term," Mahar admits. In his case, it means he handles all the logistics for the band and crew: travel, busing, hotels, flights. For days off in foreign locales he'll personally pick the restaurants, museums, bars, and other interesting sites for the entire troupe to enjoy. He also acts as "road accountant" managing all the money, which includes collecting payment for shows, settling accounts with subcontractors, and overseeing petty cash, per diems, and much more. He's the guy who determines what gets spent and how the operation is run moment to moment, saying, "To the venues, I'm the face of our organization. I represent the group in the way I understand

they want to be represented ethically, and I encourage those who work for us to meet those high standards. There are no egomaniacs on our team."



Mike's view of the stage from his sound board.

In the music business, it's uncommon for people at this level to wear the hats of both road manager and audio engineer because they're both so time-consuming and require such different skillsets, but "I've stuck with it because I like to punish myself," he jokes. Really, he goes on, "It's gratifying to be the leader of our situation and still run front of house. That's my passion, my first love, and my art. As Lizzy says, for those 60 minutes there's only one thing that matters" — putting on a great show — "no matter what is going on in the world. It's a very Zen experience and a great privilege for me."

Mahar has been all over the world with Halestorm: Eastern and Western

Europe, Central America, and all over the U.S. "Our band is known as a touring band," he explains. During 2015 to 2017, Halestorm played more than a couple hundred gigs a year. This year, he's on tour from May through November, with only a few breaks lasting a week at most. "I'll come home to Guilford, turn and burn, do some laundry, then head back out."

Despite his extensive travels, Vermont is one of his favorite places in the world (along with New Zealand—OK, we'll share the honor). "Coming home is awesome. On the road, we're in different cities or even countries every day, wheeling and dealing, all hustle and bustle. I land here, and it's peaceful and quiet, and I can hang out in nature and enjoy the air and wildlife and plant life and reground myself to earth. I try to get as much of that in as possible before we leave again."

Mahar knows the peripatetic life is not for everyone, but it's the life he's dreamed of ever since he was a kid studying at Emerson College. Halestorm is about to release a new album called Everest; the accompanying tour is called Neverest. As long as Mahar calls Vermont home, luckily, that album name will never apply to him.

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Thanks from the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department thanks all those who came to the Open



House. We hope you enjoyed talking with our members, got your questions answered, munched a hotdog, and most of all, enjoyed the Sugar on Snow, donated by Franklin Farms, which was sooo tasty! Thank you so much—what a treat in June.

The young citizens tested out the fire trucks and the water hoses. There was very useful and important take-home information from our Emergency Management folks, and reflective house number signs were for sale. Please contact the fire department (or any member) and they will gladly put one together for you (\$20).

We hope to see you at the GVFD Chicken BBQ at the Guilford Fair.

Fire Department Statistics

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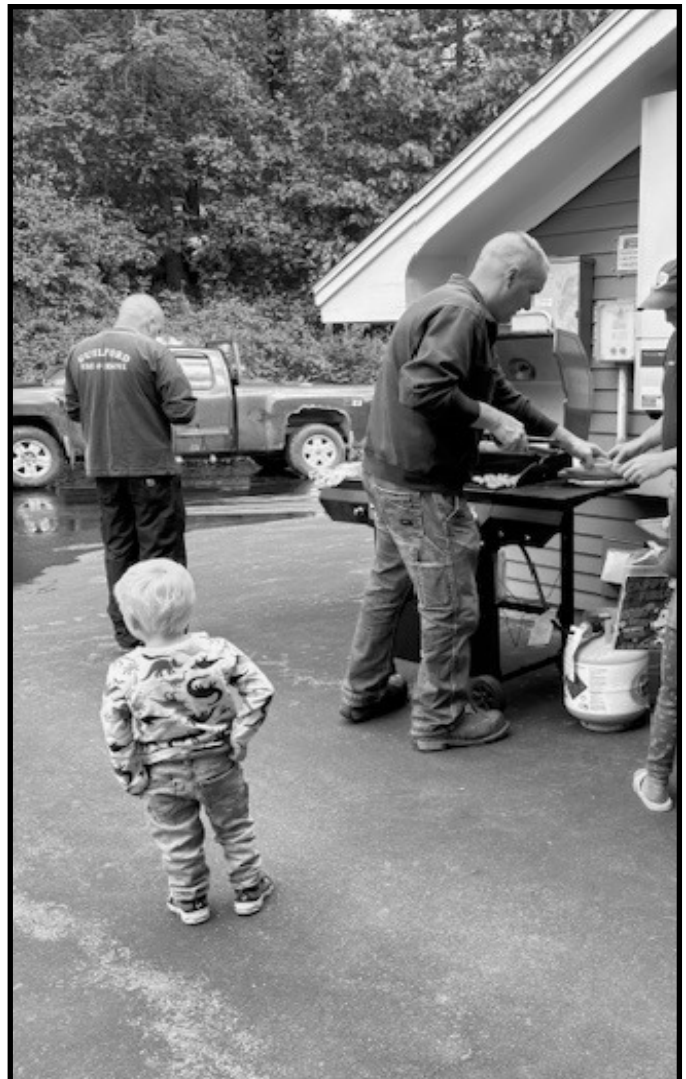
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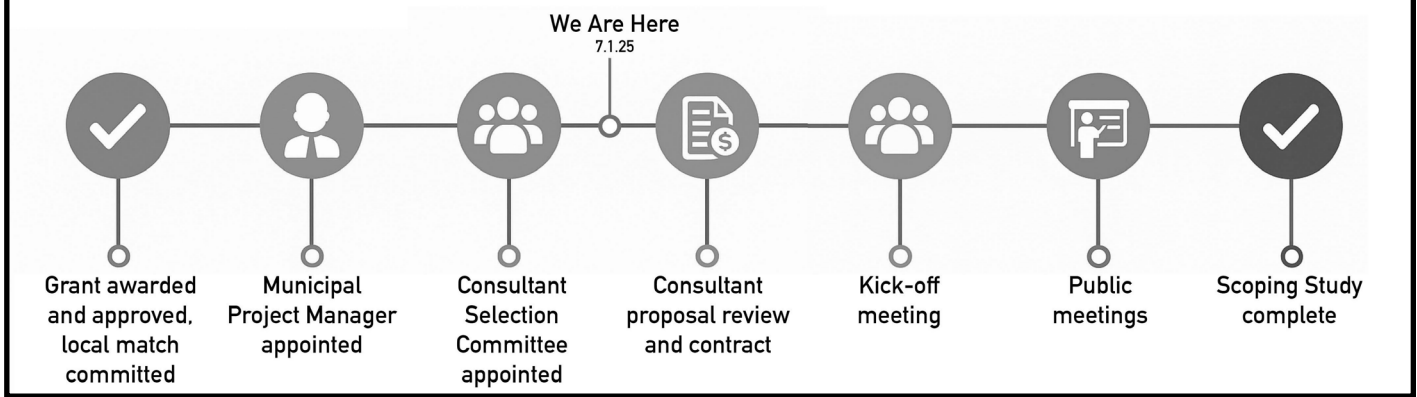
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Algiers Scoping Study Timeline of Events



Algiers Traffic Calming Scoping Study Update

BY ERIKA ELDER

The State requires a scoping study as the preliminary first phase in working together to improve traffic and pedestrian safety along Route 5 in Algiers Village. The Scoping Study will result in multiple design and cost options and a required “no-build” alternative. Importantly, the process includes public input to ensure community priorities are reflected in any future plans.

To begin the project, the Guilford Selectboard:

- Appointed Town Administrator Erika Elder as the Municipal Project Manager (MPM), a role approved by VTrans to oversee the project on behalf of the town.
- Adopted VTrans’ “At-The-Ready” process to select a qualified engineering

consultant from a pre-approved roster.

- Appointed a Consultant Selection Committee, made up of Algiers Traffic Calming and Safety Committee members Eric Morse, Erika Elder, Jean Eastman, Barry Aleshnick, and Windham Regional Commission’s Colin Bratton, with Selectboard member Sheila Morse serving as liaison.

The Consultant Selection Committee will reach out to the At-The-Ready firms using a VTrans ranking form, then invite the top-ranked firm to submit a detailed proposal. That proposal will be reviewed by the Selectboard, which will either approve it or negotiate terms before signing a contract.

Once the consultant is under contract, the

Project Steering Committee—including Selectboard members, the Municipal Project Manager, a representative of the Design Consultant, and the VTrans Project Manager—will hold a Kick-off Meeting to confirm the scope, schedule, and Budget. From there, the study will include:

- Multiple public input opportunities and three public meetings;
- A final report with multiple design alternatives for Guilford to consider implementing in the future.

Do you have ideas to improve safety for people walking, biking, or driving along Route 5 in Algiers Village? Please share them with townadmin@guilfordvt.gov.

Guilford Center Stage Returns with Agatha!

BY DON MCLEAN

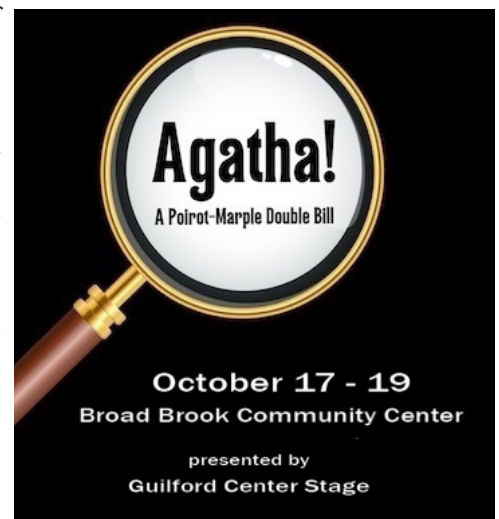
Guilford Center Stage will conclude their 10th anniversary season with their fall production, *Agatha!* on October 17 - 19 at Broad Brook Community Center. Directed by Miles Ledoux, of

Springfield, Vermont, *Agatha!* is a pair of one-act Agatha Christie plays: “The Yellow Iris” is a radio play Christie wrote in the 1930s, which introduced the character of detective Hercule Poirot. “The Thumb Mark of Saint Peter,” which introduced her other famous detective character, Miss Marple, was adapted by Miles Ledoux from a Christie short story. Julie Holland is production manager.

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Guilford Historical Society News

BY PAULA MARKS

On June 10, the Guilford Historical Society and the Broad Brook Grange sponsored a talk by Roger Allbee, former Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, on his recent book: *Turning the Soil: 250 Years of Vermont Agriculture*. With a crowd of 75 present, a

bonus was the opportunity to be welcomed by Guilford farming family member Bobbie Fitch Haumann and to hear from the four Guilford farmers pictured. After the event, attendees enjoyed cake in celebration of the Cutting farm's recent milestone of 100

years of operation by the family.

Upcoming activities include regular Saturday Guilford Museum openings through September, 9 a.m. to noon, with the exception of Guilford Fair weekend—come visit our fair booth that Sunday, Aug. 31 or Monday, Sept. 1. And watch for news of our annual meeting Sunday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m.

We appreciate any and all donations, especially as we need to have some repair work done on the Guilford Center one-room schoolhouse, which our GCS students visit.

One way to donate is to go to <http://www.guilfordhistorical.org/about-us.html> and click under "Donations" (You can pay there by credit card, PayPal, or Venmo), or you can write a check and send it to GHS at 236 School Rd, Guilford VT 05301. Thank you for helping us preserve and showcase the fascinating history of Guilford!



Left to right: Phil Cutting, Meggie Stoltzman, moderator Chuck Collins, Harry Evans, and David Franklin.

Planning and Planting a People's Medicine Garden

BY JOSLYN MCINTYRE

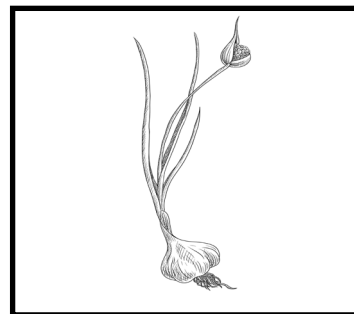
Using medicinal plants can be as simple as adding fresh garlic to your meal or as potent as taking a botanical medicine that's only tolerated in tiny doses. In fact, there are many plants that act as both food and medicine. Stinging nettle is a local wild plant that falls into this category. It can be added to soups or steamed like kale (once cooked, nettles lose their sting), or it can be dried and made into a mineral-rich tea. The People's Medicine Garden will grow simple, safe herbs like these to benefit the entire community.

An exciting new project launched by Neighborhood Roots Food Collective, the People's Medicine Garden is being built at the end of Autumn Hill Drive by a group of volunteers. As it's tilled, designed, planted, and nurtured, it will serve as a lasting resource for our entire community and a place of both beauty and usefulness, where people can come together to grow, learn about, and use medicinal plants—a

regenerating apothecary for our entire community to share. This medicinal garden will include native plants, cultivated herbs, and pollinator-friendly flora to support biodiversity and sustainability, and will serve as both a healing environment and an educational resource, focusing on simple and accessible herbal medicine practices that anyone can put to use.

Over the course of this summer, volunteers began to establish garden beds in concentric circles and constructed a compost bin out of pallets (and filled it up). The beds were planted with blue vervain, anise hyssop, borage, calendula, catnip, chamomile, cilantro, clary sage, comfrey, dill, echinacea, elecampane, genovese basil, Korean mint, lemon balm, lovage, marshmallow, meadowsweet, monarda, motherwort, mountain mint, oregano, parsley, spearmint, stevia, tulsi basil, yarrow, and more.

The long-term mission of the People's Medicine Garden is to serve as a gathering place for community connection and shared learning—along with a way to honor traditional healing practices and promote knowledge exchange. We are just getting started! If you would like to be a part of sowing the seeds for creation of this vision and get your hands dirty building it, email Julie Beet: julie@neighborhoodroots.org



Garlic, or *allium sativum*

Vermont's Flood Safety Act

BY JEANNETTE TOKARZ

Vermonters have seen firsthand that the state is experiencing an increase in annual precipitation—reportedly a 21% increase overall since 1990. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation relates that 70-80 percent of the state's flood-related damages occur within its river valley corridors. Yet as of 2024 only 10 percent of its municipalities had adopted full river corridor protections through the Department's model bylaws.

In response, the state legislature passed the Vermont "Flood Safety Act" (Act 121) in March, 2024. Its intent is to mitigate flood risks by regulating development in river corridors, improving dam safety, and promoting wetland restoration. It grants the Agency of Natural Resources statewide jurisdiction and permitting authority for new development taking place in mapped river corridors. The standards used to regulate development must meet or exceed the minimum standards for enrollment in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Vermont Natural Resources Council provides this summary: "The Flood Safety Act" takes a whole-watershed approach to mitigating

flood-related impacts across the state by:

- addressing development in high-hazard river corridors by implementing statewide regulations to keep future development out of harm's way and allow space for our rivers to store and slow floodwaters, which help reduce flood impacts and costs for Vermonters.
- increasing floodwater storage in wetlands through improved mapping and reporting and establishing a 2:1 wetland net-gain policy to reverse historic wetland loss through protection and restoration.
- improving dam safety by consolidating oversight and strengthening maintenance requirements for dam owners, while investing in the strategic removal of dams that exacerbate flooding and pose a risk to public safety."

As part of the Act, municipalities will be encouraged to adopt flood hazard area bylaws or ordinances utilizing a model ordinance provided by the State. Guilford's own Flood Hazard Bylaw has been in effect since 2007, and it may need to be modified to bring it into compliance with State guidelines.

The new permitting requirements for development in river corridors won't go into effect until January 1, 2028. From now

until January 1, 2027, the Department of Environmental Conservation is in the process of conducting a statewide education and outreach program to consult with and collect input from key stakeholders. Topics under discussion include how the permitting requirements will be implemented and the potential restrictions on the use of land within mapped river corridors.

Guilford's Planning and Conservation Commissions are following this process closely. We've scheduled Alison Spasyk, Flood Resilience Educator, to provide a presentation to the community on September 25, at 7 pm. The event will be in a hybrid format, with the in-person meeting at the Town Office and virtual participation via Zoom. That link is on the Town calendar.

Alison states, "Our intention is to provide an overview of the Flood Safety Act, explain river corridors, and provide the scientific rationale for their protection. We also would like to better understand what questions folks have about the Flood Safety Act and the statewide river corridor protections as passed under the Act."



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Compost Drop-Off Site in Guilford

BY SARAH ROSOW AND ALEX LACY

A partnership between Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) and Guilford Central School, in conjunction with funding from the USDA, has resulted in a site for Guilford residents to drop off their food waste and compostable paper products for commercial composting. Since May, 25 families have signed up for the pilot program managed by Alex Lacy of WSWMD. There is still time to sign up!

Why separate food scraps from the trash?

Food scraps make up around 20% of a typical Vermont family's waste. Keeping food scraps out of the landfill has a significant impact. According to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:

- Food waste does not "help" other items in a landfill break down. Food waste in a landfill decomposes slowly and anaerobically, thereby releasing methane, a greenhouse gas 84 times more powerful than CO₂.
- Food scraps contain important nutrients that are good for the soil. Finished compost can be used in gardens and agriculture.
- Without food scraps in it, garbage is cleaner and less smelly.
- Generating less trash conserves landfill space. Vermont only has one remaining landfill!
- Vermont landfills receive 77,000 tons of food scraps per year. Composting these food scraps would reduce greenhouse gas emissions as much as not driving 115 million miles.
- It's the law! In Vermont, Act 148 prohibits trashing recyclable or compostable items. If backyard composting

isn't an option for you, this program could be your solution!

How does this program work?

After signing up, participants complete a very brief online training and quiz. Then they gain access to the locked gate and bins located in the school's parking lot. Participants can drop off their compostable waste at their convenience and top it off with the provided shavings. The bins are lined, closed, and are located inside a locked and covered gated area. Alex hauls the waste to

WSWMD for composting. Good training, shavings, closed lined bins, and frequent pickups keep the area clean and odorless. The current composting program is a free pilot available through September 30th, and with enough participation, we will keep it going with a nominal fee beyond this month.

Interested in learning more or signing up? Contact Alex Lacy at WSWMD: outreach@wswmd.org or (802) 257-0272 extension 113.



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The Life of “Guilford Boy” Jim Henry

BY SHARON LEVENSON

It was certainly a pleasure to interview Jim Henry at his farmhouse in Guilford.

Jim shared that his grandfather bought the farm in 1930, and shortly thereafter, all of the structures burned down. His grandfather’s seven children lived with relatives and friends after the fire, allowing him to rebuild the farm, which took only 4 weeks! Jim’s mother was one of the seven children, and she grew up on the farm. Following the passing of the grandfather, Jim’s mother inherited the farm at age 24. When Jim’s father died in 1998, he and his bride had been married for 60+ years!

After his grandfather rebuilt the farmhouse, a woman visited and exclaimed that there were so many windows (18!), stating that there is not enough room for paintings, to which the grandfather said, “I look out the windows for my paintings.”

Jim was the youngest of 4 children, all born on the farm in Guilford. His sister Joanne, to whom he is very close, lives in Pownal NY and just celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary!

Jim’s overview of his life and jobs includes going to RIT for his BA, then to Babson College, where he earned an MBA in finance. After graduating from Babson, he was hired by “Associated Dry Goods” in New York City. His job entailed traveling (in his new Corvette!) to 17 districts to do financial studies. After 3 years, he then moved onto a marketing job at Mt Snow for 17 years.

He then moved to Montana for 15 years, working for a supply company. Through a chain of events, someone from Texas called and offered Jim an opportunity to partner in a chain of jean



Jim Henry and Aliza

stores. They started with five stores, and in three years they had 87! After four years, Jim sold his half of the business to his partner. Then Jim bought a boat in St Thomas and lived on it for four years. After “getting bored,” he moved back to Texas and joined a company that distributed to movie

studios. During his employment with this company, he was responsible for distributing the Jane Fonda Workout Video!

Jim moved “back home” to Guilford in 1990. His father passed away in 1998, and his mother succumbed to Alzheimer’s Disease in 2010. Jim stated “I believe in fate. Everything happens for a reason.” He expressed gratitude for the time he was able to spend with his parents, saying “I’m very happy where I am in my life. I’m a Guilford boy.”

After his mother died, Jim began to eat organic food and joined Outer Limits gym; he became a member of the Guilford Historical Society, from which he re-

signed last September. He was the treasurer of the Guilford Fair for 11 years.

Jim said he is enjoying retirement to the fullest, and is always looking for volunteer opportunities to keep him busy!



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Staying Cool in Guilford: Beating the Summer Heat

BY DAN INGOLD

As summers in Vermont get hotter and more unpredictable,

residents in towns like Guilford are feeling the effects. Climate change is bringing more frequent and intense heatwaves, and it's important to take these conditions seriously. Heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be dangerous—and even life-threatening.

In fact, according to the National Weather Service, heat-related deaths annually surpass those from hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods combined. Over the past 30 years, extreme heat has consistently been the deadliest weather-related hazard in the US, averaging more fatalities than other weather events. Let's work together to keep ourselves, our families, and our neighbors safe during extreme heat.

Who's at Higher Risk?

While anyone can be affected by high heat, some people are more vulnerable:

- Older adults
- Babies and young children
- People with chronic health issues
- Those without access to air conditioning
- Pets and livestock

Take time to check in on friends, neighbors, and family members who may be at higher risk—especially those living alone.

Know the Warning Signs of Heat related illness, which include:

- Heavy sweating or flushed skin
- Dizziness, headaches, or nausea

- Muscle cramps or weakness
- Confusion or fainting (a sign of heat stroke—call 9-1-1 immediately)

If you or someone else shows these signs, get to a cool place, sip water, and seek medical help if needed.

Tips to Stay Cool in Guilford

- Avoid being outside in the mid-day sun—early mornings or evenings are best
- Stay in the shade as much as possible
- Take breaks often and don't overdo it
- Use fans only when indoor temperatures are below 90°F
- Use air conditioning if available
- If you don't have A/C, visit a local cooling center (You can find locations using the Cooling Centers Map or by calling 2-1-1)
- Keep curtains or blinds closed during the heat of the day
- Drink water regularly, even if you're not thirsty

- Carry a reusable water bottle
- Limit drinks with caffeine, alcohol, or lots of sugar
- Light yellow or clear urine usually means you're well-hydrated

Community Care Starts at Home

In Guilford, neighbors look out for one another. Please call or visit people who might be struggling in the heat. Help others get to cooling centers if needed. Check on pets and livestock—they need water and shade, too. Never leave children, pets, or anyone else in a parked car, even for a short time. Let's take care of each other this summer. Guilford may be a small town, but when it comes to staying safe, we're stronger together.

Want to help? Consider:

Resources for You

Guilford Cares:

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Cooling Centers:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/climate-health/hot-weather#map>

Guilford's Emergency Management staff and SelectBoard are working towards use agreements for cooling shelters with Guilford Central School, Broad Brook Community Center and the Guilford Community Church. These should be in place later in the summer.

Dial 2-1-1:

For assistance on non-emergency help for yourself or others

- Creating a personal or family hot weather safety plan
- Organizing a neighborhood wellness check-in group during heatwaves. Reach out to Guilford Cares if you or someone you know needs help.
- Sharing heat safety info on local media like Front Porch Forum, or Facebook groups
- Coordinating with the Guilford Emergency Management team to support local cooling.

If interested in volunteering, contact the Emergency Management Director at EMD@guilfordvt.gov or Dan@Power-smith.US. Volunteers are needed to help set up and staff cooling centers or serve as neighborhood hub managers.



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need to make the most of our wonderful community. Your ultimate resource for exploring Guilford is just around the corner. Stay tuned for more details!

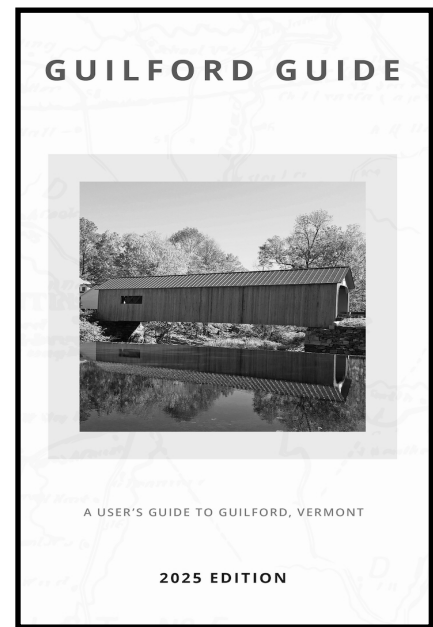
Conservation Commission Update

BY LINDA HECKER

The Guilford Conservation Commission's mission includes educating the public and helping residents appreciate the variety and beauty of our natural heritage. Citizens can play a very important role in

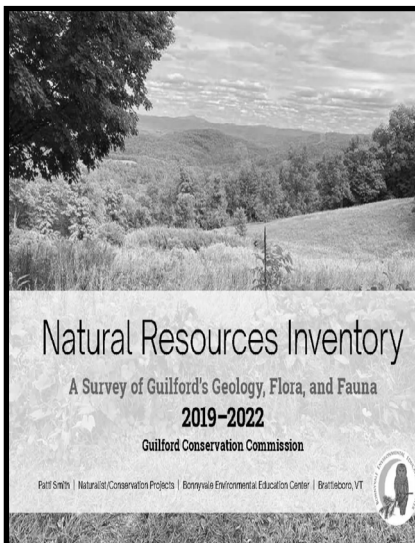
observing and reporting about what we see in our fields and forests. We sponsor events such as monthly walks, work sessions to control invasive plants on the Weeks Forest Carriage Trail (July 19 and August 16), and workshops/training sessions. One of those was the Vermont Butterfly Atlas Training and BioBlitz that we co-sponsored with the Brattleboro Conservation Commission on July 12 at the Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro. Dana Williams of the Vermont Center for EcoStudies offered an informative session on how to identify and report butterflies to the Vermont Butterfly Atlas, followed by a field session at a nearby Wildlife Sanctuary to hone and practice our new skills.

On September 25, 6:30 pm, we will co-sponsor with the Planning Commission an informative session on understanding Vermont's new Flood Safety Act (Act 121) by Alison Spasyk, Flood Resilience Educator with the Lake Champlain Sea Grant. At our Wash-



Out meeting last spring, people asked for more information on preventing run-offs from their own land and driveways, so we are following up by offering a variety of resources. The event will be held at the Town Office and via zoom. Look for more information on the town website and Front Porch Forum as the date approaches.

The Conservation Commission is pleased to announce that we will soon be making full-color print copies of our Natural Resource Inventory available for sale at events and a few local outlets. The price will cover printing costs and include a small donation to our Conservation Fund, which supports our work conserving places that are important to Guilford's natural heritage.



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BY AMBER HUNT

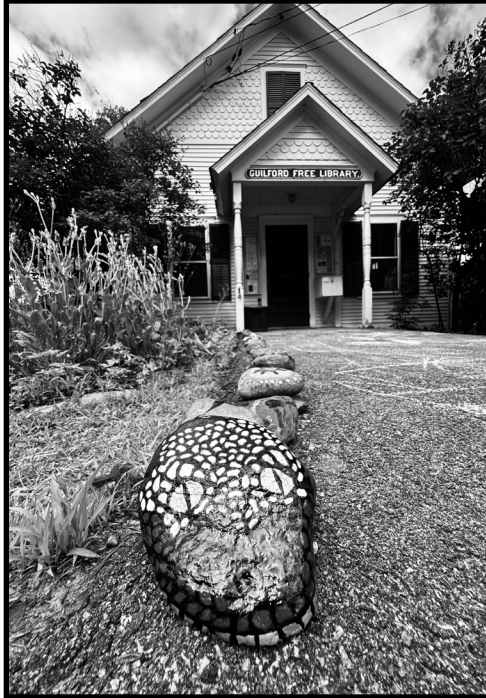
The library—the ultimate summer hangout? Libraries keep kids reading when school is out, offer a cool place to escape the heat, provide fast free WiFi, and host lots of fun activities. At the Guilford Free Library, we take this mission of summer seriously.

Over the last few months, our newly formed Youth Reading Group enjoyed *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett and *Benefits of Being an Octopus* by local author Ann Braden. Meanwhile, our adult reading group came together to discuss *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson and *So Brave, Young, and Handsome* by Leif Enger. The Adult Reading Group takes place on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., while our younger readers meet on the fourth Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. We welcome new readers to both groups year round!

We also held a summer reading challenge. Those who participated were invited to visit the library 6 times, checking something out each time, and then claim a reward from the Guilford Country Store and get a chance to win one of three watercolor field kits or a bouquet of flowers from Green River Flower Farm.

Our Summer Reading Camps saw 35

kids participating in *Color Our World* with Nina Nabizadeh, *Color Our Village* with Emma Hallowell, and *D&D and Storytelling* with Eli Welch. Summer Reading



*Have you met Pjeffrey the rock snake?
He's our new (and growing) friend
at the Guilford Free Library!
Photo credit: Joslyn McIntyre*

Camps are a free offering thanks to a \$5000 grant from Vermont Humanities, a \$350 grant from Vermont Department of Libraries, and town taxes that pay for our camp coordinator and assistant camp coordinator.

More fun we've had this summer: Field Journal workshops in April and May; Zumbini music and movement for kids ages 0-4 and their caregivers, including instruments, world music, dancing, singing, scarf play, and new friends; dance parties at the library every Thursday (we'll be going through the first week of September!), and a last-day-of-school party to paint a rock snake. Pjeffrey (the P is silent) now lives in front of the library, and we hope to keep growing him over the years. Please feel free to paint a rock and drop it off to add to Pjeffrey. And finally, our annual hot dog roast on August 13 (just as this issue is coming out)!

Summer was a lively time at the Guilford Free Library, with lots of great programming, and it will continue into the fall and winter. Visit www.guilfordfreelibraryvt.org and sign up for our monthly newsletter (email staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org) to be in the loop!

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Guilford Recreation Club Scholarships

BY CAROL SCHNABEL

The Guilford Recreation Club owns the property that includes the tennis/basketball/pickleball court, ballfield, cabin, picnic area and pavilion that all adjoin the Fairgrounds off of Weatherhead Hollow Road. Every year the Club awards a scholarship to a high school graduate from Guilford who is planning to enter college or a trade school.

This year's Rec Club Scholarships go to Allison Ackerman-Hovis and Emily Matthew-Muller. Emily just graduated from BUHS and plans to attend Emerson College in the fall. Allison is also a member of the BUHS Class of 2025 who will be majoring in elementary education.

Scholarship committee members were impressed with the achievements of these students and wish them all the best in the future.

Carol Schnabel and Cynthia Symons are the Rec Club Scholarship Committee

Broad Brook Grange Scholarship

BY MIKE SZOSTAK

It is with great pleasure that the Broad Brook Grange awards our 2025 scholarship to BUHS graduate, Allison Ackerman-Hovis.

This year we had five worthy applicants for our \$2,000 scholarship, which was an increase from last year's \$1,000 amount. Our scholarship committee makes its determination based primarily on four factors: community service, academic accomplishments, work and extracurricular activities, and reasons for continuing education, with our emphasis being on community service. In all these categories, Allison stands-out as an exceptionally hard-working, caring and community-minded person. What an awesome person Allison is!

Please join us in congratulating Allison as she pursues a career in early childhood education, having been accepted into the Honors Program at Fitchburg State University.

Mike Szostak is chair of the Grange Scholarship Committee, whose members include Richard Austin, Ada Brown, Cheryl Redmond, and Carolyn Taylor-Olson.

Bullock (Town of Guilford) Scholarship

BY CAROL SCHNABEL
& DON MCLEAN

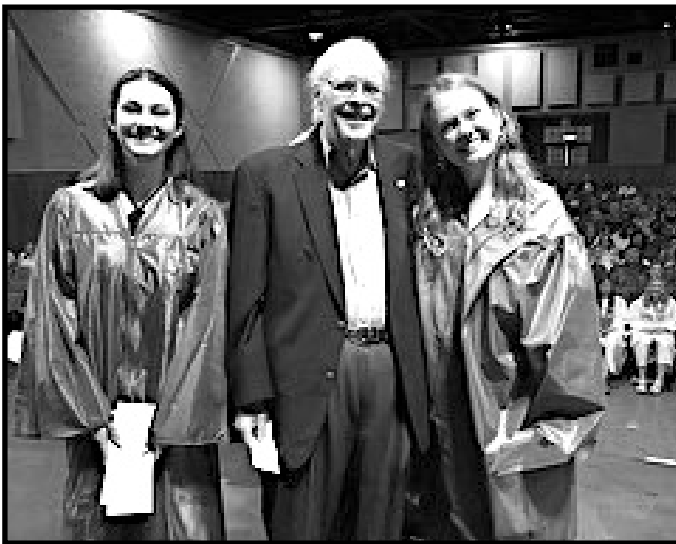
Descendents of Lt. Col. Charles L Bullock and Mrs. Mary Ellen Bullock established this scholarship as a permanent fund of \$100,000 with interest income to be used to "allow Guilford students to attend any two- or four-year institution of higher education, including technical school and post-graduate work."

The fund is managed by the Trustees of Public Funds (Elly Majonen, Akiva Mandell and Carrie Nelson) who are elected at Town Meeting. \$3,000 is currently appropriated for these awards.

The scholarships are awarded by the Selectboard-appointed Bullock Educational Scholarship Committee (Mike Iacona, Kathryn Mason and Carol Schnabel.)

The Bullock Scholarships for 2025 are awarded to two Guilford students who are currently attending college. Tenzin Mathes is entering his senior year at Paul Smith's College. Gillian Fletcher is heading into her sophomore year at Ithaca College. Committee members wish them all the best as they continue their college careers.

Guilford residents who will be graduating from high school or are enrolled in a college or trade school are encouraged to apply for this and the two other Guilford Scholarships in the future.

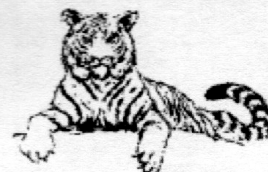


At BUHS Senior Awards Night Don McLean of Broad Brook Grange handed college scholarship awards to Guilford grads Allison Ackerman-Hovis, left, who received the Grange award and one of two Guilford Recreation Club scholarships, the other going to Emily Matthew-Muller, right.

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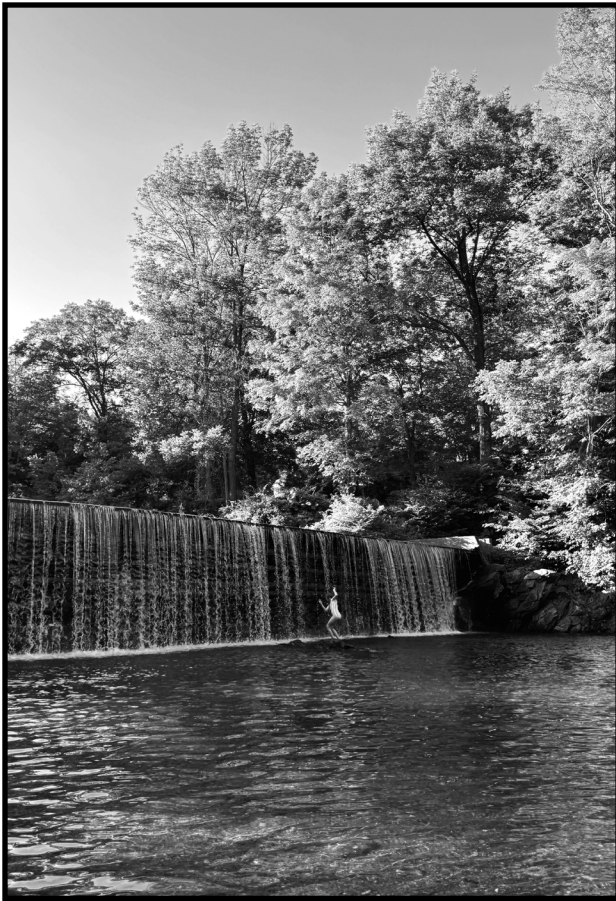


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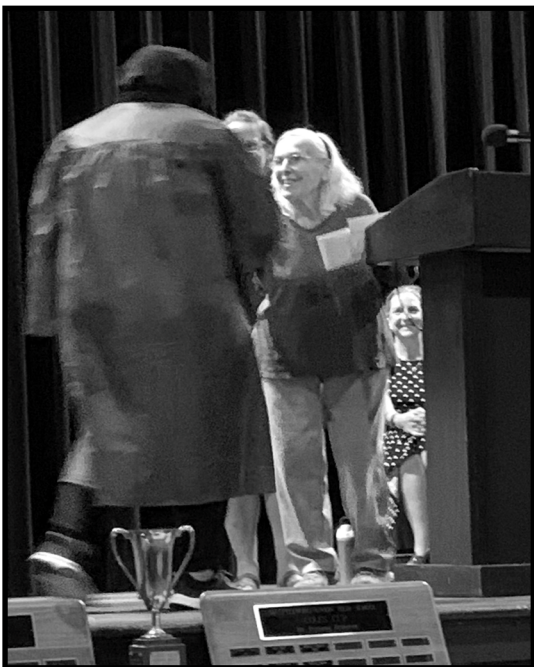
Cooling off at the Crib Dam



*Principal John Gagnon and 6th grade teacher Sarah Landers
at Field Day in June*



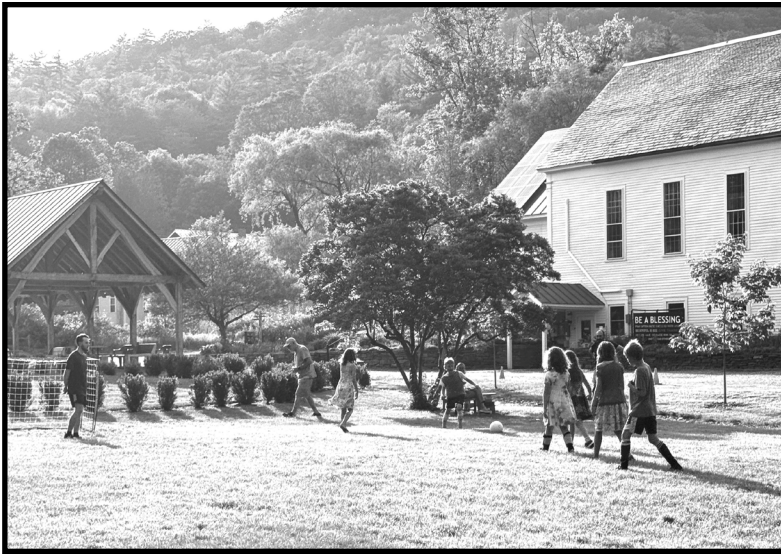
*Sam Mathes takes a solo on the tenor sax at the BUHS
Jazz Band concert at Christ Church in May.*



*Shirley Sauires hands out the
Ron Squires Scholarship to a lucky
BUHS graduate at the June 18th
Awards Ceremony*



Repair work continues on the steeple at Christ Church.



Kids' soccer club plays at the Guilford Community Park



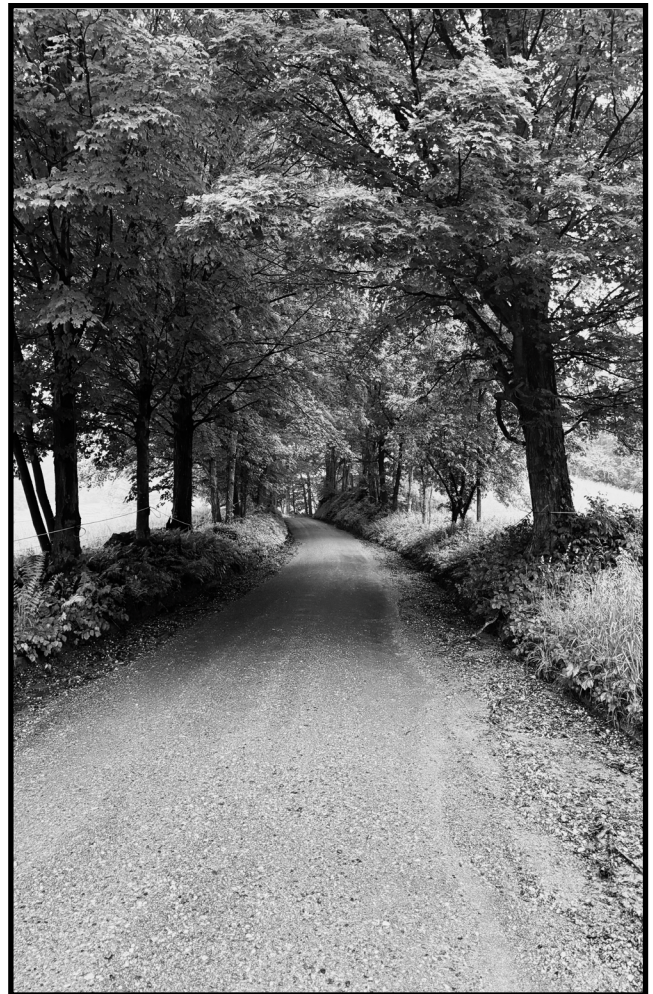
Leah Hurst cools off after soccer club.



Linda Lemke teaches Field Journaling at the BBCC.



A new fridge is delivered to Broad Brook Community Center.



Tater Lane in June.

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*GCS kids working on the new Nature Trail.
Photo credit: Sarah Rosow*

