

Caledonia Spirits Event Continues Efforts to Support Pollinators

by Ray Small
HARDWICK — On the heels of the well-attended Hardwick Pollinator Fest, Caledonia Spirits is helping to support pollinators by hosting its first annual Flower to the Pollinator Festival this Sunday...

ers' products. Cocktail tickets cost \$6, of which \$1 will be donated to the Vermont Beekeepers Association. There is a limit of 4 tickets per person.
Honeybees are critical to making Caledonia Spirits' products. According to Sophia Barabow, Caledonia Spirits' Event and Tourism Coordinator, the distinguishing ingredient in all of our craft spirits is raw honey...



A young bear has been seen wandering around Bunker Hill, West Hill, Wapanaki, and Tucker in the past few days.

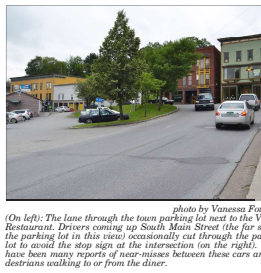
Getting His Bearings

photo by Ron Wiesen

Downtown Parking Lot A Public Safety Threat

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK — It is a busy summer afternoon. As usual, someone out of state has gotten confused by the intersection of Highways 14 and 15 and now several cars are trying to avoid an accident by not moving forward. Some drivers gesture at the disoriented driver to "just go." An impatient driver three cars back takes a shortcut through the town parking lot next to the Village Restaurant, which is often host to elderly patrons and families with small children...



(On left) The lane through the town parking lot next to the Village Restaurant. Drivers coming up South Main Street (the far side of the parking lot in this view) occasionally cut through the parking lot to avoid the stop sign at the intersection on the right. There have been many reports of near-misses between these cars and pedestrians walking to or from the diner.



An excavator from Munson Earth Moving Corp. of Williston lowers a trench box before working on installing a new fire hydrant Friday. This was the last of the main waterline installations for Church Street, Maple Street, Slaggy Hill and Vermont Avenue. Spot paving is scheduled to begin this week.

Church Street Project On Home Stretch

by Michael Bielewicz
HARDWICK — The big Church Street waterline upgrade project has an end in sight. Contractor Munson Earth Moving Inc. plans to be out of town in just over a week. The project's goal was upgrading water line pipes from 4 inches to 8 inches in diameter to S, which should increase water pressure and quality. It also links up with Vermont Ave. creating a loop instead of a stag. It also means the town will have no more dead-end lines, which should also improve water quality...

It flows through a swirl separator, which takes out the sand. That is to comply with state and federal water quality control regulations related to stormwater runoff from the utility pole replacement has allowed FairPoint Communications officials to meet their commitment of removing their lines and equipment. Jewett said FairPoint knows of the desired time frame and that they're confident, the town may need to have someone else perform the work...

Another project making progress is widening of South Main Street. The contractor for this job will install stormwater pipes to take water off the street and into ditches. Before the water gets in the river...

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Vermont Sushi Factory Gets Its Start in Hardwick

HARDWICK — "Hardwick and nearby are nice towns that most would think go together. Jason Lutz and Paul Johnson hope to change that perception. The Vermont Sushi Factory. The mission is to make their product using local and organic food. The sushi rolls, spicy tuna, shrimp, tempura, and other items are managed to reach as far away as the Uncommon Market in Montpelier and other shops in Stowe and...

Williston. Most steers in the area — Wilby's, Buffalo Mountain, Co-Op, Craftsbury Green Store — have Vermont Steaks on hand. The demand is such that they may expect a slight now, they're making around 220 rolls per week. On other days are Vermont Soy. This Friday they're bringing something new. They plan to be at the Hardwick Farmer's Market to show off their product to a hungry crowd...

jalapeno and kalamata olives, an extra virgin olive oil using, a medium Smoked And Cure Pepperoni, a medium Smoked And Cure pepperoni, anise, apples, and kalamata olives. For those nervous about raw fish, there's no need to worry — all the fish is cooked. For those who don't eat fish, there's no need to worry — all the fish is cooked. For those who don't eat fish, there's no need to worry — all the fish is cooked...

Host Families Needed For Visiting Chinese Students

by Michael Bielewicz
HARDWICK — SPIRAL International Chinese Cultural Camp is coming to Hardwick. Thirty Chinese middle- and high-school students and three teachers will be in the Hardwick area from August 1-13. For an immersive summer program designed to expose them to American culture and improve their English skills. A group of Hardwick students will join them to learn more about Chinese culture and language.

For teaching them English, Orleans Central Supervisory Union teacher Michelle Sperry will also work with the students. Some of the classes are English classes, though Cryster said most of the students speak basic English, as all Chinese students learn it as a standard second language from grade three on. English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, Jennifer Williams, will also be a ready to try anything, English as a Second Language co-ordinator.

Cryster recommends embracing the opportunities for both the Americans and the Chinese students to learn from each other. For example, she said Chinese students are eager to share their cooking skills, so families should not be shy to ask if the kids would like to prepare a meal for them. English as a Second Language co-ordinator Jennifer Williams has an open mind and is ready to try anything, English as a Second Language co-ordinator Jennifer Williams has an open mind and is ready to try anything, English as a Second Language co-ordinator Jennifer Williams has an open mind and is ready to try anything...

"It's an excellent opportunity to meet somebody from a different culture without having to leave your home," Cryster said. At the start of the program, the visiting students will attend three days of classes at Hazel Union. According to Cryster, this summer language classes began Anja Pfaf...

The Hazel Union students will serve as peer mentors to make the Chinese students feel more at home and help them navigate some of the cultural adjustments. These students will also learn about Chinese language and culture from the visiting teachers. These classes will take place at same time as the other classes. The second week will involve the students enjoying everyday activities together, such as dining and canoeing. A State House tour, visits to Burlington, and other Vermont highlights are on the agenda.