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Charlie Hancock, left, receives the Vermont Community Leadership Award Aug. 6.



Janet Bailey with her "Rotarian of the Year" plaque Aug. 6 at the Rotary Club.

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Montgomery's Charlie Hancock wins community leadership award

PRESS RELEASE

MONTGOMERY — The Vermont Council on Rural Development announced the recipient of the Vermont Community Leadership Award at its 2024 Vermont Community Leadership Summit on Aug. 6 at the Vermont State University Randolph Campus where over 450 attendees gathered for the day-long event.

This year, the award was presented to Charlie Hancock of Montgomery.

The Vermont Community Leadership Award is presented annually to celebrate Vermonters who exemplify "dedication, integrity and honorable service to community and to rural Vermont," and who have had a "transformational" effect on their communities. VCRD presents the award to highlight the work of community heroes who epitomize the best spirit of local community service, who volunteer their time, and who have made their community better.

Hancock epitomizes the best of service to the community. His contribution of time, energy and skill, and his unwavering commitment to Montgomery and to Vermont has been extraordinary.

While on the Selectboard in Montgomery, he helped lead the community through several critical community development initiatives including a

major village streetscape improvement project and municipal wastewater system, a project prioritized in Montgomery's 2018 Community Visit process.

Hancock shows up for his community and Vermont in so many ways. He has been chair of the Montgomery Selectboard since 2016, is vice-chair of the Vermont Land Trust Board of Trustees, sits on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board of Directors, and is vice-chair of the State of Vermont's Working Lands Enterprise Board.

Hancock also served as the chair of the Future of Vermont Action Team, a group convened by VCRD to advance the elements of the Vermont Proposition. All that while working as a full-time forester, currently serving as the Franklin and Grand Isle County Forester with the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation.

St. Albans' Rotarian of the Year award goes to Janet Bailey

MESSENGER STAFF

ST. ALBANS — The Rotary Club of St. Albans presented its "Rotarian of the Year" award for the first time since 2016 this past Tuesday. Club President Leon Berthiaume bestowed the honor upon Janet Bailey, for her embodiment of Rotary International's ideals of "service above self."

"This person has been a cornerstone of our community, making an indelible impact through

their quiet yet powerful contributions," Bethiaume said, building suspense before revealing Bailey as the winner.

"Their approach is both active and subtle, characterized by a readiness to lend a helping hand without ever seeking the spotlight. It is this selfless dedication that sets them apart, always putting the needs of others first and stepping in to support our various initiatives with unwavering commitment."

Since joining the club in 2020, Bailey has actively contributed to several committees, including the Scholarship Committee, Lucky Ducks Committee and Dinner Committee. She also serves on the Rotary Board as its secretary.

Bailey has been involved in various community events organized by Rotary, such as the Home Show, financial literacy fairs, grab bags and silent auctions, highlighting her commitment to fundraising and community engagement.

Her experience on the Saint Albans Museum Board of Directors, including serving as chair and temporary executive director, underscores her leadership skills and ability to contribute effectively to community organizations beyond Rotary.

"Janet Bailey's extensive involvement and leadership within Rotary and the broader community make her a valuable asset, reflecting the spirit of 'Service Above Self' that Rotary embodies," Berthiaume said.

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