



Jobs for Walpole?

Hubbard Farms

You may have seen that the For Sale sign in front of the former Hubbard Farms headquarters building is gone. There is a reason – a good reason. A good number of closed Hubbard facilities around town are to be reopened. The on-site representative for the current owners, Diane Miller, has not yet been provided with an official announcement for public release. The **Clarion** has learned, however, that Brian Burgess, who is in charge of marketing for the Keene office of TPI Staffing, is hoping to secure a location near Rt. 12 to hold a hiring event for Hubbard. It is understood that there will be 40-50 new hires for the Walpole facilities. More information will be provided when available.

Hubbard Farms has changed hands a number of times since being sold by the family in 1974. Most recently, Hubbard Breeders, the broiler genetics division of Groupe Grimaud, headquartered in France, was purchased in late 2017 by the Aviagen Group in Huntsville, Alabama. As part of the agreement, Hubbard will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Aviagen Group. It will remain an independent broiler breeding company with separate breeding and commercial activities.

– Ray Boas

**The Recycling Center
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on Tuesday, July 3rd
in honor
of the 4th.**



Bridge Memorial Library Recognized as Historic Resource

A Walpole landmark is now a part of the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places. The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources announced on May 30 that the Bridge Memorial Library is among eight properties added to the register following the organization's latest round of reviews. The Library Board of Trustees received the official letter of notification shortly thereafter.

The library secured its place on the register for several reasons:

As a bequest to the town by a prominent Walpole family in 1891, the library's roots run deep, but that gift actually affirmed the town's commitment to a library that goes back another 70 years. A small but steadily growing collection of books had been available to Walpole residents since 1823. The books

Walker Road Conservation

The process to finalize terms with D & C Transportation, the current owners of Lot 2, Map 10, in Walpole (also known as the proposed gas station and mini mart site presented to the Planning Board on May 8, 2018) continues. On June 11, Ray Boas, Chuck Shaw and Tom Goins met with Scott Oeschger and Keith Dillon, representatives of D & C Transportation, in Norwich, Vermont, to finalize details of acquiring the land. We reached a verbal agreement, shook hands and came home. A letter was emailed to D & C Transportation on June 13 confirming the details of the discussion. Oeschger has advised we will meet again shortly.

Since the announcement in the June **Clarion** that tax-deductible donations may be made for the conservation of this parcel, \$11,725 has been received, and a commitment for an additional \$500. Fund-raising efforts will get fully

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Volunteers at work converting the old tunnel entrance into a storage shed.

PHOTO PROVIDED

North Walpole

Volunteers Hold Annual Park Fix Up Day

On Saturday morning June 2, the North Walpole Community Volunteers held their third annual Fix Up the Park Day in the park at the foot of School Hill in North Walpole. Spokesperson for the group, Bill Gallagher, said he was very pleased with the turn out of more than a dozen community member volunteers who provided the labor for the usual general clean up/spruce up, flower and other planting, and mulching of the beds.

Gallagher proudly pointed out two big new additions to the park. New granite benches will soon join the picnic table donated two years ago by LaValley's. Funding has already been obtained for seven benches that have been donated in memory of various former members of the community. Preparations were made Saturday for eight cement pads that will be poured for the benches that are expected to arrive before the end of the month. Also, the old tunnel entrance at the west side of the park is being modified to serve as a storage shed for maintenance equipment and supplies.

Saturday, volunteers were building a floor over the old stairway that once led down to a tunnel so that pedestrians could pass under what were once busy rail road tracks. The rail line was abandoned and dismantled in the early 1970s, and the town took over the property. The tunnel that once ran under the tracks was closed off. Still today, a brick tower, once a vent shaft for the tunnel, rises higher than a single story house. It is now a curiosity that lends a distinction to the park. Once acquired, the Town put up guard rails and a local resident, Kealan Hansson took on raising funds from residents and local businesses, and organized the creation of a green space and volley ball court as his Eagle Scout project.

Two years ago, the informally-organized North Walpole Community Volunteers took up where Hansson left off many years ago. Now they have created an annual community event, a very pleasant park, and a great show of community pride.

— Bill Lockwood



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Bridge Memorial Library Achieves State Recognition

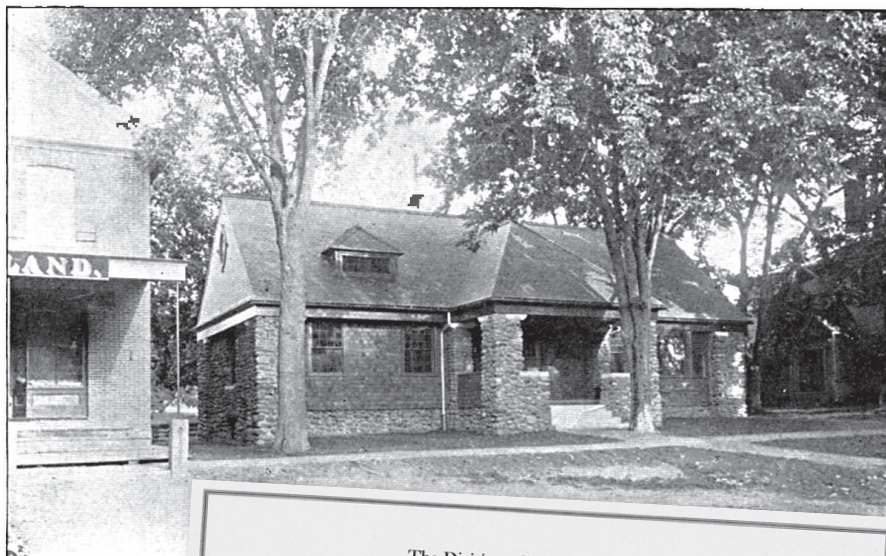
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were there for the reading, but they lacked a permanent home for decades. Housed in a succession of temporary locations – stores, taverns, even the post office – it took the generosity of Hudson Eliot Bridge to finally anchor the books. (Though it lacked a fixed location, the library is considered the second oldest in the state – after Peterborough, founded in 1833.)

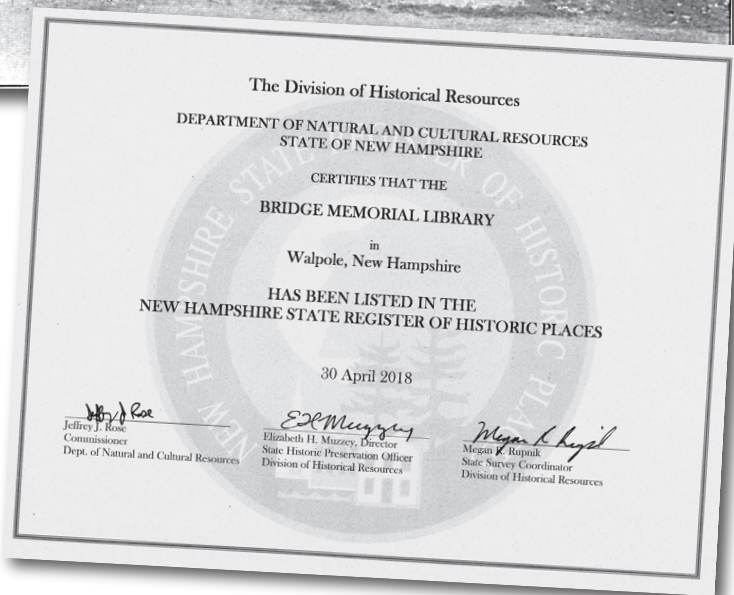
Hudson Eliot Bridge gave Walpole its library in memory of his father, also Hudson E. (Ernestus), whose impressively bearded portrait still hangs over the fireplace in the original reading room. The elder Bridge (born 1810) was a Walpole native who went west to St. Louis to make his fortune by manufacturing and selling stoves across the midwest. His son returned to Walpole and directed that a library be built on Main Street – on land he purchased, the site of the home in which his father had been born, though he had to move the house then occupying the site (once the home of the Bronson Alcott family). Significantly, Bridge's gift stipulated that the Bridge Memorial Library was "to remain in perpetuity for literary, educational, and social activities." He also stated that the town could expand the library to meet the needs of the community.

The architect selected to design the building and the style he chose to build it are major factors in the library's uniqueness. William Ralph Emerson was a leading American architect in the late 19th Century. (He teamed with F.L. Olmsted to design the National Zoo in Washington.) He is best known as one of the proponents of the "Shingle Style" – an American-born, simple architectural style launched as a reaction to the more flamboyant styles then popular in Europe. Bridge Memorial is typical of the style: rustic, sturdy and unadorned; its columns made of local stones, shingle-sided and slate-roofed. Emerson also designed the Claremont Hotel in Claremont, NH at about the same time (on the north side of Opera House Square; long-closed, but repurposed to accommodate several businesses on the first floor).

The 2-room structure Emerson built was ample for its time: its stack room could accommodate 10,000 volumes (the library owned 4,000 at the time). The reading room has changed little since 1891; there was a small "librarian's room" – essentially the current circulation desk; and, not surprisingly, no interior



Bridge Memorial Library as it was in the early 20th century. The fact that its exterior is largely unchanged was a major factor in winning historic recognition.



bathroom. As the collection and usage outgrew the library's capacity, the building was twice expanded to the east: in 1961 and 1988.

Bridge Memorial Library becomes the first Walpole property recognized by the State Register of Historic Places. (The Walpole Academy building, the Steven Rowe Bradley House, and the Peck Porter House are all on the National List of Historic Places.) State recognition is a critical first step in applying for highly competitive LCHIP (Land & Community Heritage Investment Program) and Moose Plate grants that could take the renovation project closer to its goal. The lengthy preparation process for those grants was completed in early June and the documentation submitted shortly thereafter. Grant awards will not be announced till late this year.

– Jan Kobesk

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Art After School

AAS, the 12 year old Art After School program for elementary school students, is held once a week, allowing children to explore their creativity using a variety of media, while building community and self-esteem. The upcoming school year will see some changes. We are moving from Wednesday to Monday so that children can participate in other community activities such as the library programs. Susan Kershaw will be stepping down as co-teacher but continue to assist with administration and as an occasional substitute teacher.

We strive to maintain a ratio of one adult to five children, so we need some volunteer help on a regular or irregular basis – set-up, snacks, activities, and clean-up on Mondays from 2:30 to 5:00 PM. Those who volunteer on a regular basis will need to complete a Background Check and Safe Church Training (both free). If you can volunteer on an irregular basis, we will be happy to schedule you.

We will still be housed at St. John's Church, which provides free space and utilities for this secular art program. AAS also welcomes donations, as we are completely dependent on contributions from the community. We are searching for new sources of grant funding, as we have funding only through the Fall semester. However, the program will remain free of cost to all families. Your donations will help us keep AAS available so that we can help our community children have a fun and relaxed activity after school.

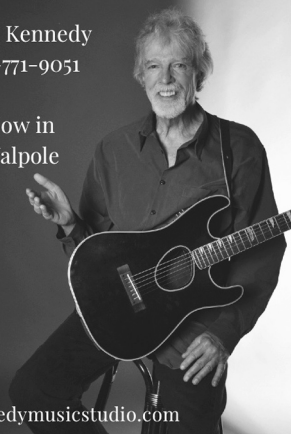
To donate financially: Art After School, c/o St. John's Church, 26 Elm St., Walpole, NH 03608. To donate your time: call or email: Marilyn Wilking, co-leader (with Racheal Scott, creative director/co-teacher), at 713-410-7372, or mwilking@att.net. Thank you. And be sure to check out our Facebook page. (Walpole Art After School)

– Marilyn Wilking

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Memorial Garden

Coordinator Wanted

When you visit our award winning recycling center, you will pass by the George Watkins Memorial Garden. George was the Recycling Committee Chairman from 1988-2011. As a fitting tribute to him, Paul Colburn, the Center's Solid Waste Coordinator, suggested a garden in George's honor. The site overlooking a large wetland and on to distant rolling hills, was perfect for a garden, a place to sit and rest, enjoy the view, and admire the lovely plantings.

Thanks go to the many wonderful volunteers who pitched in to create the memorial garden that you see now. The trees, shrubs, and perennials have matured, there are benches on which to sit and enjoy the garden, and there is an impressive granite boulder mimicking the distant scenery.

The time has come for me to step down as garden designer, installer, and maintenance coordinator. Here is a simple memorial garden job description for consideration. During the growing season, a rotating group of 4-5 plant loving, community loving, garden friends meet as scheduled to mulch, water, prune, deadhead, and monitor the health and needs of the memorial garden on a regular basis.

The George Watkins Memorial Garden is a unique gift to our town!

Interested?! Please contact Fritze Till at 445-5283, or email fritzetill@gmail.com, or see Paul Colburn, and leave your contact information. Mentoring in the form of helpful guidance will be provided.

– Fritze Till

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Memorial Day, 2018



Former State representative Tara Sad was the speaker for Walpole's Memorial Day Ceremonies. Her remarks:

You may be wondering what in the world I'm doing up here speaking to you on this day devoted to the memory of our country's finest – our soldiers.

I am not in the military, nor have I ever fought in a war.

But I believe I do have a reason to be standing here today. You see, I am the daughter of a Marine.

Meet Private First Class Gregg Theron Sad. Born in North Dakota, son of a Norwegian immigrant. Engineer. Tennis champion. And just 24 when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and 25 when he volunteered for the Marines in June of 1942. Immediately after boot camp, he became assistant rifle range coach. But that obviously didn't satisfy him, because ten months later he requested active duty overseas, where he fought in the South Pacific with the Raiders in fierce battles at Bougainville, The Marianas, Saipan and Guam. In Guam alone, there were 3,000 Americans killed and 7,122 wounded. My father was one of the lucky ones. He was shot by rifle and machine gun fire, but survived. Many of his good friends were not so lucky. He was awarded four battle stars, two naval citations, and a Purple Heart, and was sent home for a long recuperation, after which he won a place on the US Marine Rifle Team.

Because my father died when I was only eight, I was too young to ask him questions about his service. However, I always knew he was a Marine, because he made sure of it! Barely big enough to hold the plastic rifles he gave us, my sister and I would march around the back yard singing 'From the Halls of Montezuma, to the Shores of Tripoli'. And our favorite marching cadence, 'I left my wife and forty two kids with an old grey mule and a peanut stool. Did I do right, right. Hayfoot strawfoot shift by jingo



Gregg Sad was a Marine, and he is – and always will be – my hero. But this day is for all of those heroes, in every war in our country's history, who fought so bravely and sacrificed so much (656,846 killed and over 1.4 million wounded). Because of them, we can stand here today, free, in the best town in the best country in the world.

– Tara Sad



left left. '... He would shoot arrows, rifles, and pistols – over and over – at targets in our backyard. Until his death, his best friends were his platoon buddies, and on our vacations we would visit them.

Trust me to say that, even though Gregg Sad didn't die in battle, he died a Marine. And so every Memorial Day, I am reminded of my father – the sharp report of the rifle salute at his funeral, the American flag being folded by white gloved hands into a tight triangle and given to my mother graveside, and the playing of Taps – the most haunting song ever written. And his deep, deep pride in his service to his country.



Delinquent Tax Update

In the March, issue I introduced you to tax monies owned to the Town of Walpole by residents. Walpole's Tax Collector strictly adheres to the procedures for collecting taxes as established by the State of New Hampshire. Within the current tax year, if a tax bill is not paid by the due date (July and December, 30 days after the posting of the bills), interest begins to accrue. Liens are placed on properties on which taxes have not been paid by April of the year following. On April 19, 2018, liens were placed on properties with unpaid 2017 taxes, and notifications sent to mortgage holders. With interest and penalties, the 2017 Lien Warrant totaled \$230,174.65 on June 21, 2018. For the first time, delinquent water and sewer bills have been included in the lien process.

There are outstanding tax liens from 2013, 2014 and 2015, adding up to \$14,829. Unpaid property taxes, and water and sewer fees for 2016 and 2017, now with liens on those properties, total \$351,810. The two individual taxpayers owing the most, as cited in March, are still at the top of the list. They account for over one third of the 2016 and 2017 tax liens, or \$116,949.

Tax Liens take priority over outstanding mortgages. If a property with an attached lien is sold, the Town gets its money first, anything left to the mortgagee holder(s), and lastly the owner. According to State regulations, after the established period of time for a lien, the Town must begin the process of taking the property via Tax Deed. That rarely happens as the delinquents show up at the last minute to pay their overdue taxes. Mortgage holders do not want to see their collateral taken, and will often step in. That did happen December 18, 2017. A local bank paid back taxes, interest and fees for one of the properties owned by the Town's top tax delinquents.

Walpole's elected officials are doing everything legally possible to collect monies owed.

– Ray Boas

Great River Co-op

Summer Update

Hello from the Great River Co-op Board of Directors! The Co-op is moving forward, holding monthly meetings and planning our next steps. Our membership is climbing, and we are almost 80% of the way to our membership goal! Stay tuned for a 31 members in 31 days challenge this July via Facebook!

We are looking forward to tabling at a number of events this summer, including the Greater Falls Farmer's Market and the Fall Mountain Wellness Fair! And, we are looking into the possibility of holding our own Farmer's Market in Walpole, in our future location.

To help with answering your questions about the co-op, we are currently organizing informal information sessions in each neighborhood of the Great Falls Region. If you would like to host an info session, please reach out and let us know!

Next steps for the Great River Co-op include hiring a Project Manager and continuing to grow the membership. It costs just \$25 per share to become a member, and buying 4 shares makes you a voting member so you'll have a say in who's on the board, and more.

If you have questions about the Great River Co-op, or would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you! Please email us at info@greatriverfoodcoop.com. We send out regular emails on our progress, so just let us know if you'd like to be added to that list.

A cooperative grocery store is owned by its members. It cannot happen without you! If you would like to learn more about joining and how you can help this store to open, please visit the website at www.greatriverfoodcoop.com, and follow @greatrivercoop on Facebook.

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– Stacey Nachajski &
Great River Co-op Board of Directors

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*This threesome took part in
The Hillhoppers Snowmobile Club
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Water

Taken For Granted

People usually do not think about it. You turn on the faucet, the water flows. It flows as long as you are drawing it, and then you shut it off. So simple, and you accomplish what the water was needed for. But, how many people actually think about that water: its source, how it gets to your home, or what if wasn't there? In the last six years there have been two published reports on Walpole's water supply. The *Drinking Water Protection Strategies, Town of Walpole* was compiled in 2012, followed in 2015 by the *Town of Walpole, NH, Drinking Water Protection Plan*, extensively researched by the Town of Walpole Drinking Water Committee, with the assistance of the Granite State Rural Water Association.

According to the reports, since 1984, 101 private wells have been drilled in Walpole. There are nine permitted Public Water Systems. Three are private at Bensonwood, Hooper Golf Course, and Jiffy Mart. There are two municipal water sources in Walpole, and four in North Walpole. In 2013 the North Walpole water systems provided water to 900 consumers, and a population of 975 received water from the Walpole Water Department.

Subsequent to utilization of Walpole's reservoir for town water (built off Reservoir Road about 1904), 85 percent of Walpole Village's water now comes from the Watkins Hill well, adjoining Great Brook and drilled in 1949. The high-yielding River Well (located on the Connecticut River west of the Hungry Diner and old ballfield) was drilled 66 feet in 1964 above the alluvial stratified drift aquifer.

The two reports go into great detail as to how Walpole's ground water got to be here, and how it must be protected. Both the *Drinking Water Protection Strategies, Town of Walpole* and the *Town of Walpole, NH, Drinking Water Protection Plan* have now been posted on the CLARION website. You are encouraged to read those reports on-line.

– Ray Boas



Watkins Hill pump house.



Great Brook, alongside the pump house

PHOTOS: RAY BOAS

Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

Zoning Board - June 20: Change of start time for ZBA. Ms. Mansouri mentioned that the Grange is talking about changing their meeting time from 7:30 PM to 7 PM. She asked the Board what they thought about changing the ZBA start time. Some said they were flexible and it didn't make any difference. Mr. Vose said most of his meetings start at 7 PM not 7:30 PM. Mr. Murray liked 7. After a short discussion Ms. Trow made a motion to change the regular start time for ZBA meetings to 7 PM. effective in September. Mr. Murray seconded the motion and it carried.

– Ray Boas

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Even Libraries are Overdue...

Library Renovation

June included two special events in support of the library renovation. Distant Hill Gardens donated the \$630 given by visitors over their Open Garden Weekend of June 2nd and 3rd. The Cynthia Reeve Gallery wine tasting on June 12 produced \$750 in donations. Plans for a High Tea in the Fall are continuing.

These and other community donations and pledges have raised the campaign to more than \$310,000.

– Jan Kobeski

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Golf Course & Watkins Tavern

On July 2, Hooper Golf Course (circa 1927) and the Watkins Tavern (circa 1795) will have a new owner. Soon thereafter, the course and the Tavern will be separated into two parts. The golf course will be purchased by a group of Walpole investors dedicated to keeping the course and the surrounding property open to the community and beyond.

Hooper will not only be a golf course, although Links Magazine rates Hooper 'The Best 9-Hole Course in New England'. The new owners want Hooper be a community center for all seasons: for golfing, socializing on the Tavern porch, a wedding venue, hiking, cross country skiing, sledding, and a social center for snowmobilers. The list goes on and on.

To allow the public to better understand the future of Hooper, there will be an Open House at Hooper Golf Course on Saturday, July 14, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The new owners will be available to answer questions. All ages are welcome, golfers and non-golfers alike. The Tavern and grounds will be open to tour. There will be on-going putting contests and prizes. We will have free beer and a lemonade stand. A food truck will be on premise for those wishing to have lunch on the porch.

– David Howell

Book Sorting...

For the Friends of the Library Book Sale

If you love to browse through books, here's a volunteer opportunity that you might be interested in. In preparation for the Friends of the Walpole Library's annual book sale at the end of October, we spend many person-hours during the summer and early fall sorting all the many books that are donated to the sale. We would really appreciate your help with this big task.

Beginning July 11, book sorting and book donation drop off will take place every Wednesday, 9-10 AM, and Thursday, 3-4 PM in a building behind the Hungry Diner. Turn into the Hungry Diner parking lot and continue beyond the white fence. The building, kindly donated by Bensonwood, and Tedd and Christine Benson, is on the right.

If you have any questions, please call Carol Malnati at 756-9537. Thank you very much!

– Jana Sellarole

First Congregational

Here are some of the events at the First Congregational Church for early summer:

Summer Services. Starting Sunday, July 8, our services will be held at the regular time – 10:00 AM – but in the Fellowship Hall (street level, or outside on the north lawn). Summer is a great time to celebrate love and life, hope and faith. Join us for food, games, music and in informal setting in our neighborhood. Come join us July 8, and get the "lay of the land". The music will be live, the food yummy and the fellowship free.

Pie Sales. Hopefully by now you've attended the first band performance on the Common and had something to eat and drink. The Church's traditional pie sales will be every Sunday starting July 1. Our pies are famous. We even try to have sugar free and gluten free options available. We look forward to serving you.

Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. May 13, Mother's Day, marked the beginning of the campaign that ran through June 23. The original campaign was designed by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968 to draw attention to social justice, racism and militarism in the United States. His life ended before the March to Washington started, but the spirit of the campaign lives. At our Tuesday night meetings, we watched testimonials and presentations about the current state of these issues, adding the topic of environmentalism to the discussion. More will be coming. The timing is right. The goals are true. Stay tuned.

Chicken Barbecue. We will be offering our famous chicken barbecue, in conjunction with the band concert on Sunday, August 12. Great food, fellowship and fun on the grounds outside the church (the same one that sells pies!)

Contributions. We continue our commitment to our community and wider areas. We are regular supporters of Our Place, Friendly Meals, the Walpole schools and the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. The Church also completed a fund-raising exercise by placing our pocket change in baby bottles from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Two anonymous donors match the total amount collected, and the money is contributed to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf to purchase baby formula and diapers. Over two thousand dollars will be raised.

Peace

– Chuck Shaw

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Non-fiction Book Group

A Civil Discourse

Then Non-fiction Book Group will meet Monday, July 16, at 6:00 PM at the Bridge Memorial Library to discuss *Tailspin* by Steven Brill. Brill starts off with a very simple thesis that the meritocracy created by opening up the Ivy League schools to all comers in the 1960s created a new self-perpetuating elite. He then moves to campaign finance, the decline of unions, the smug civil service of the Veterans Administration, and the financialization of the economy. Brill is politically "middle of the road", and this excellent best seller is often referred to as 'The Cry of the Centrist'.

For more information, call Ron MacLachlan at 756-3695.

– Ron MacLachlan

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their annual picnic luncheon at 12:00 noon on July 16, at Alyson's Orchard. Everyone is asked to bring a box lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. If you have lawn chairs, it would be helpful to bring them. Bring a friend, enjoy some great food, fellowship and the warmth of summer.

– Jan Martin

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underway in the late summer. In the meantime, your donation is welcomed. Your check to assist may be made payable to "Walker Road Conservation" and dropped off at the Selectboard office at the Town Hall, or mailed to the Town of Walpole, PO Box 729, Walpole, NH 03608-0729. These funds are being kept separate from other Town funds. If you wish to make a commitment for this conservation effort, please contact Ray at 756-4545.

– Chuck Shaw

Scout Thank You

On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 299 and Cub Scout Pack 299 of Walpole, I would like to thank the following sponsors that supported our recent concert fundraiser: Firstday Cottage; Lake Machine Co., Inc.; Ken Burns; Dan's Water Treatment Service; Galloway Real Estate; E.E. Houghton Co. Inc.; Northcott Wood Turning; Walpole PT at Dartmouth-Hitchcock; Walpole Veterinary Hospital; and Yankee Sign. We appreciate the continuing support of these companies and individuals for the youth of our community.

– Scott Northcott

Walpole Worships

Drewsville 7th Day Adventist

Service: Saturday, 11 AM

First Congregational Church

Interim Minister, Reverend Christine Boardman

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

... much of Walpole was

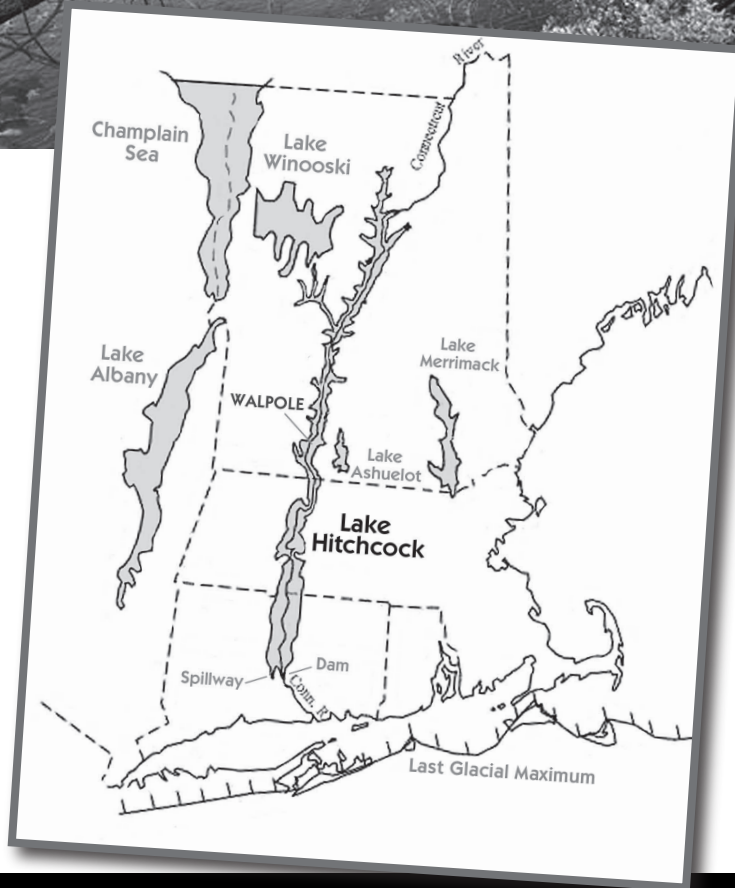
covered by Lake Hitchcock for 4,000 years from about 15,500 to 11,500 years ago? Extending almost 250 miles from Rocky Hill, Connecticut, to near West Burke, Vermont, at some spots the lake may have been 20 miles across. Remaining from that lake, today's Connecticut River flows 410 miles from the Fourth Connecticut Lake, its source – a small beaver pond 300 yards from the Canadian border – to Long Island Sound. New Hampshire and Vermont share approximately two-thirds of the river's length. The majestic Connecticut River now defines the entire western boundary of Walpole.

Lake Hitchcock was named in 1935 for geologist Edward Hitchcock (1793 - 1864). A fascinating, detailed researcher, and president of Amherst College from 1845 to 1854, he saw, in 1818, lake deposits between the valley towns of Gill and Holyoke, Massachusetts. Hitchcock, besides identifying the lake's existence, worked with fossils, and he analyzed the first dinosaur footprints ever found (this before the word dinosaur was introduced in 1842 to describe "fearfully great reptiles").

The Laurentide Ice Sheet covered much of the northern hemisphere between 2 million and 20,000 years ago. As the retreating glacier began to melt, it left large volumes of sand and gravel in the New Britain-Rocky Hill, Connecticut area that it had pushed in its advance. This sediment dam, estimated as three miles high, trapped the melting glacial ice, creating the lake.

Silt and clay sediments were held in suspension in the lake waters. In the summer, the silt sediments would settle to the bottom; and, in the winter, clay would settle out. Sediment layers formed on the floor of the lake. Called varves, these alternating layers of thin glacial sediment can be read to determine age, just as the rings on a tree trunk can be read. In 1922 Ernst Antevs, a Swedish geologist, counted the varves at a number of locations from Hartford, Connecticut north to St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He was able to determine that Lake Hitchcock had existed nearly 4,000 years.

It is now thought that, when the dam broke through in Connecticut, the lake did not drain all at once. Evidence supports that, at first, the lower 50 miles



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of the Connecticut River was created, but it may have been 2,000 years more before the lake receded to the Vermont and New Hampshire borders.

Much of the landscape we see around us today was created and shaped by Lake Hitchcock. Thanks to millennia of silt settling to the river floor, the Connecticut River Valley is home to some of the northeastern United States' most productive farmland. In addition, further below the surface, aquifers of saturated sediments were created. An aquifer is sediment, rock, sand or gravel completely filled with water, and has the capacity to yield usable quantities of water.

Walpole's land is a beneficiary of this geological history. Our farmlands along the river, and further up into the hills, have some of the best soils for farming. Significant aquifers, holding potential water sources, lie beneath the surface along the Connecticut River. Having an understanding of the source and background of our resources helps bring awareness to their needed conservation.

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The Maples versus the Putney Fossils.

CRVBL Baseball

The Walpole Wild Blue and Maples spent June going in opposite directions. The Blue had a strong month: defeating Brattleboro 8-0 and 17-0, the Maples 7-4, and losing to the Putney Fossils 3-2. The Blue are currently 6-3, in third place.

The Maples went 1-3 for the month: losing 4-1 and 6-4 to Putney and 7-4 to the Wild Blue. They beat Brattleboro 14-4. They are 2-5, in fifth place in the 7-team league.

Individually, both teams have standouts: the Blue's Andy Kuhn leads the league in wins (6) and strikeouts (97) and the Maples Steve Corey leads the league for ERA at 0.00. The Maples Shane Salmonson leads the league in hitting, with a .643 batting average. The Blues Jeff Williams is among the league leaders in RBIs.

July will bring the regular season to a close. The Blue play the Ironmen on July 1 (away) and 22 at home; and travel to Claremont on the 15th to play the Cardinals. The Maples face Claremont (away) on July 1; Keene at home on the 8th; play a doubleheader at home against the Ironmen on the 15th, and finish the regular season at home against the Cardinals on the 21st.

Schedules and pairings for the playoffs are to be determined.

— Jan Kobeski

Junior Players Return

The Walpole Junior Players will be presenting a small summer play on Friday, July 27th, of Tim Kelly's, *Happily Never After*. This 1975 production will be facilitated by Jenny Plante, but all aspects of the performance will be organized by a cast and crew of middle school children.



Here's a synopsis of the plot:

A marriage counselor has opened an office in the kingdom to see how famous fairy tale couples are fairing. We discover that the course of true love isn't running smoothly and new pairings must happen quickly. This 30-minute comedy has some surprising matches that even the newlywed couples would never have imagined, but will they work out?

Auditions are open to children from *any* town entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

They will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 10 AM on the Walpole Common in front of the gazebo. Rain or shine!

Bring your *loud* voice, *big* energy and one *small* memorized quote from anything to use for your audition.

The rehearsals will be held the week of July 23 to July 27. Monday through Thursday rehearsals will be from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, and Friday rehearsal will be 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The show will be at 6:30 PM.

Please note that, with limited rehearsal time, you must commit to *every* rehearsal before accepting a part.

Please feel free to contact Jenny Plante with comments, questions or concerns you may have by FB messenger (Jenny Plante) or at bnb0406@gmail.com. And parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of middle school children, be sure to pass on this information to the kids.

— Jenny Plante

Friendly Meals...

& Blood Pressure Clinic

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, July 27, at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be sweet-n-sour meatballs with sauce over pasta shells, California mixed vegetables, and date bars with confectionary sugar for dessert.

Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns, and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential, as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 25.

Arrive early and have your blood pressure taken at the Nurse Is In clinic. A wellness nurse from Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will be available from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and general health concerns you may have.

The Friendly Meals and Nurse Is In clinics are programs of Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, a Monadnock United Way agency.

— Lara Larson

Hospice at HCS

Understanding Loss, Grief & Bereavement Support Group

Hospice at HCS will offer *Understanding Loss, Grief & Bereavement*, an educational group to help understand and respond to grief in self and others. Grief education and ways of coping will be provided. The group will meet at Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services (HCS) at 312 Marlboro Street in Keene on Wednesdays July 18, August 15, and September 19. Meetings will be held from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

There is no charge to participate, but registration is necessary. Please call Marguerite Cheney at 352-2253 to register, or for more information.

Hospice at HCS is a comprehensive, non-profit hospice program, providing end of life care to patients and support to family members. Care is offered in the home, in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

— Lara Larson

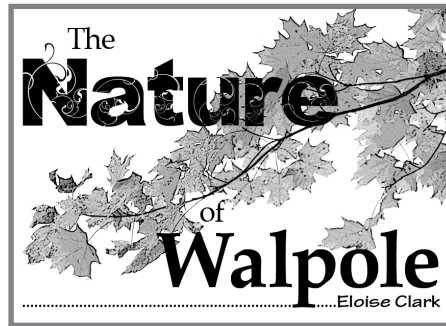


July is a colorful month. Shades of green leaves frame bright butterflies, birds and blooms. It is a prime month to do some roadside botanizing. Many flowers that need sunlight take advantage of the grassy margins along the wider roadways. Their wares of pollen and nectar are on full display for pollinators.

Two white flowers that dance in the breezes are the Queen Anne's Lace and yarrow. Both have finely divided or cut leaves. The leaf of yarrow is very aromatic if rolled between thumb and finger. It has been used medicinally for colds and as a "tonic." Its clusters of small white flowers are smaller and more compact than the Q. A. Lace. Plants stand about two feet high.

Queen Anne's Lace is a bit taller and in the parsley family. It's also known as wild carrot, and it develops a long white taproot. Our garden varieties of carrot are derived from this wild plant. Close examination of the umbrella-like flower reveals a small purple flower in the center. It's a favorite food of the black swallowtail butterfly larvae.

One bright blue flower may catch your eye early in the month. Chickory has many narrow rectangular petals that overlap. The one inch diameter blossoms festoon the edges of the stiff stalks. After the root is pulled and dried, it can be ground to make



a substitute for coffee. Given the standards we now seem to have for coffee, I'm not sure how palatable it would be.

Yellow flowers shout out! The lowest growing is cinquefoil with three to five strawberry-like leaves. The pale yellow flowers have five (cinque) petals, less than an inch in diameter. Perhaps the tallest growing yellow flower is mullein. It can reach six or more feet tall. It's a biennial. The first year, you'll find a rosette of soft, furry leaves growing close to the ground. The second year, it sends up a tall stalk where yellow flowers with five petals slowly open through the summer. Each stalk produces abundant seeds. I've seen finches and woodpeckers scouring the dried stalks in winter in search of food.

Saint John's Wort grows about three feet tall. Its small leaves clasp opposite sides of the stem. Some leaves have small purple spots. The yellow flowers are about a half inch in diameter, and are scattered near the tips of the stems. Saint John's Wort was not well known until it was claimed as a natural cure for depression.

Of all the roadside flowers, goldenrods are most well-known. It's sometime difficult to differentiate the 125 species, although most are at least four feet tall. A few have creamy white petals, some have smooth leaves or others have hairy ones. The sweet goldenrod has anise-scented leaves that can be dried and used as tea. Goldenrod flowers are actually a composite of many tiny ones. If you look closely among the flower clusters you may find a similarly colored crab spider. It's lurking to catch a meal of one of the many pollinator bees that visit these blossoms for their abundant supply of pollen and nectar. The pollen of goldenrod is not the culprit of our summer "hay fever". It's the pollen of ragweed that causes the discomfort.

You may find both the Peterson's and the Newcomb's Guide to Wildflowers helpful in identifying the flora of July. Please take time to stop your car and enjoy all that is happening right here in Walpole.



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NHDI

Shows Walpole Kids (and Teachers) How to Dance

In the beginning of June, the children of the Walpole School, from preschool all the way up to fifth grade respectively, took a week to learn to dance from NHDI, or the New Hampshire Dance Institute.

They learned to leap, shake, dance, and jump with an instructor that came from the Institute. The students performed a dress rehearsal for the students of Walpole Elementary School on Friday, June 5th. That evening, the students performed their real show in front of parent, teachers, family members, and friends.

In the beginning of the show, each child was allotted an opportunity to jump over a disc in the middle of their stage they made on the gym floor. The children could do whatever jump that they wanted and show off creativity in this personal time, and as the audience, we cheered and smiled for every single student.

The theme of the performance was "Wonders of the World." Thus, every dance and their song was themed around a wonder of the world. For example, one grade danced to "Under the Sea" from the Little Mermaid, mimicking the wonder of the Great Barrier Reef. The fourth grade danced to "Walk Like An Egyptian," like the wonders of the Great Pyramids of Giza. They also had a finale at the end, with all of the grades dancing to one song that seemed to be a part of their theme because it was all about wonder. This dance was fun for the children to perform, and maybe even more fun for the audience to watch with the high paced and carefree feel of the moves.

— Anya Bierweiler-Franks (Grade 8)

Signing Off

I'd like you to think back to your first day of school. Can you remember it? Chances aren't high, but I bet you can remember something. For me, my first day of school was going up to someone and asking her if she wanted to be friends. That was almost eight years ago. Now, I am about to graduate from the eighth grade, and with that graduation, I must bid Newspaper Club goodbye, along with Sophia Bruzgis, Anya Bierweiler-Franks, Natalie Ferland, Grace Conety, Maddy Manning, Jacob Bradley, and Enrique Ingram. Consider this, reader, a sign off from us.

It has been an exciting three years – full of funny jokes, joking with our Language Arts teacher, spilling food, eating pasta, stealing forks, (sometimes) not turning in articles on time, and most of all, growing closer together. It sounds sappy, yes, but I truly am going to miss the kinship Newspaper Club has given me. So, dear reader, for me - continue reading. We may be the best Newspaper Club (because, come on, we totally are), but the other ones are also pretty good.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our editor for making our articles not sound like absolute garbage. I'd like to thank the readers for commending us on our writing skills and encouraging us. Most of all, however, I'd like to thank Jacob Gagnon, the man who started this venture. He has been nothing but encouraging and kind, and continues to make us smile with his terrible jokes. So, Mr. Gagnon, Mr. Kobeski, and readers - thank you for three incredible years of friendship through this club. Stay cool.

— Lillia Wilson (Grade 8)

2018 WSBL Schedule

Date & Time

June 25th, 5:45

Bowman Dental vs Chroma

June 26th, 5:45

Jancewicz & Son vs Applied Bolting

July 2nd, 5:45

Jancewicz & Son vs Bowman Dental

July 5th, 5:45

Chroma vs Applied Bolting

July 9th, 5:45

Applied Bolting vs Bowman Dental

July 10th, 5:45

Chroma vs Jancewicz & Son

July 16th, 5:45

Bowman Dental vs Chroma

July 17th, 5:45

Jancewicz & Son vs Applied Bolting

July 23rd, 5:45

Jancewicz & Son vs Bowman Dental

July 24th, 5:45

Chroma vs Applied Bolting

July 30th, 5:45

Applied Bolting vs Bowman Dental

July 31st, 5:45

Chroma vs Jancewicz & Son

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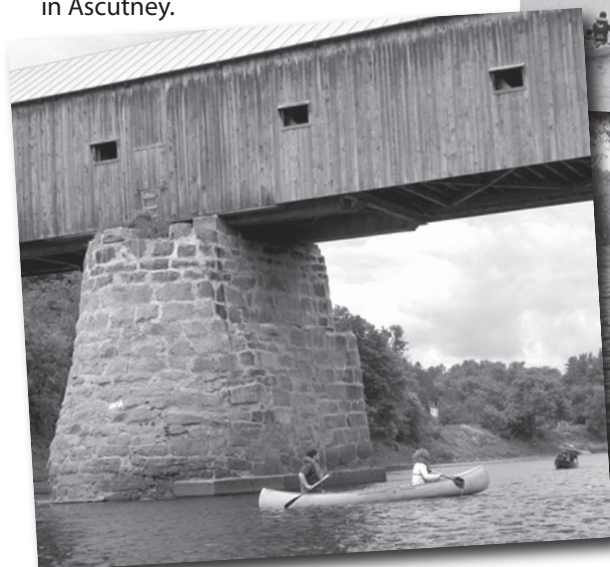
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Connecticut River Canoe Trip

Sixth graders, parents, teachers and school staff went on the annual canoe trip on the Connecticut River, June 7 and 8. They began at the boat landing just north of the Windsor-Cornish covered bridge, and paddled about 17 miles to the boat landing at the mouth of the Black River in Springfield, VT. The group camped overnight at Wilgus State Park in Ascutney.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The first day, the current easily carried us beneath the longest covered bridge in the nation, then quickly passed underneath the railroad bridge just to the south. We landed at the head of Chase Island, scraping over river cobbles due to the low water levels. Bob Brown explained some of the geologic history of the area. We saw a bald eagle standing sentinel by its nest just downriver on the VT shore. We also found a gold panning dish! From there it was on to the clay varves for some fun bouncing on the "quick clay". We passed beautiful views of Mt. Ascutney and saw grooves made by the glacier in the bedrock. The south wind counteracted the current as we paddled to our lunch island. Students also fought the current in their attempt to paddle up the Sugar River.

Fortunately for the group, there were no headwinds the second day as it's a much longer paddle than the first day. Highlights included the discovery of "clay dogs" along the bank, plus lots of wildlife and one rare, endangered plant, the Jacob's milk vetch. We tallied up the wildlife sightings and they included: four bald eagles, two peregrine falcons, Canada geese and goslings, bank swallows swooping to their nests in the bluffs, a belted kingfisher, great blue heron, spotted sandpipers, killdeer, small mouth bass, minnows swimming in shallow water, freshwater mussels,

otter, beaver, a camp raccoon, animal tracks along the shoreline and lots of poison ivy!

I asked the sixth graders what they liked about the trip and what they learned. Here are some of their responses. "I liked being on the water most because it is very calming and leisurely. I also really liked camping at Wilgus State Park." "My favorite part was stepping in the quick sand/mud and being able to swim." "I liked playing games at the campground, running around and exploring hobo camps on the islands." "My favorite part was either fishing or camping." "I liked soaking my friends (in the canoes with squirt guns)." "I liked the part where we stopped at Wilgus State Park and got to hang out with friends, cook and make s'mores!" "I liked getting out of the canoe on an island and exploring the island." "I liked finding the rocks and clay dogs on the trip, and having squirt gun fights." "I liked playing with friends."

Here are some of the things they learned. "I learned that if you take your time you can observe a lot more things in nature." "I learned bank swallows and kingfishers make the holes in the sand bank." "How to go canoeing." "Over the trip I learned the CT River is full of wildlife every way you look from fresh water mussels to bald eagles." "I learned that canoeing makes you sore for 3 days." "I learned you might want to wear

sunscreen and renew it every hour. Also keep your hats on. As much as you want to take it off from the heat you should keep it on. Trust me." "I learned that fishing is fun." "Quicksand is hard to get out of." "The river shaped a lot of things like sand and rocks." "I learned that killdeer will lead you away from their nest." "I learned that you can see how old the land is by counting the varves." "I learned how clay dogs were made." "I saw a killdeer and learned how to enter a canoe." "I learned

to stay still in a canoe." "I learned that the lines on rocks are from when the glacier came through." "I learned that canoeing is easy."

Many thanks to Sam Jacobs, staff at the Walpole School and parents for making the trip possible. Special thanks to Bill Perron, intrepid paddler and wooden canoe enthusiast for coming yet another year. Bill and I launched the trip in 1985 after I'd developed a curriculum about our home watershed. It's amazing to see the recovery of the Connecticut River from an open sewer to beautiful National Scenic River.

Here's one final nature observation, "When we were canoeing down the river, the water started to get very shallow. I noticed a large bird sitting on a small bar of sand. That bird turned out to be a bald eagle. We were so close to the eagle that you could see its yellow beak."

— Eloise Clark



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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

It was Gatlinburg in mid-July was blasting from the boom box of the campsite next to us. The clock read 6:00 AM, but, when your license plates show you are from NH, you do not complain about a Johnny Cash song when you are parked in the middle of Tennessee! But the elbow in my ribs was telling me someone was unhappy about something!

"I'm sorry about the music, and I know it's six AM, but I am not going out there!" The Attitude Adjuster says. "It's not the music. There is something in the trailer." "The door is locked, so there is no one in the trailer." "Not a someone", she says, "a some THING!"

Sure enough, something went scurrying around the walls of our pop up at mach ninety. At least I could tell it was not a Tennessee black bear.

I roll off of the end bed, grab a short handle broom with the hopes of bashing whatever it is when it comes flying by. My first swing sends the coffee pot sailing, the second swing nearly hits the AA, who lets out an unprintable comment. I bolt out the door in my pajamas to be greeted by the camper from the next site carrying what appears to be a tennis racket.

"What y'all hollerin' 'bout?", he drawls. "is 'R music too loud?"

"No", I respond, "There is some kinda animal runnin' 'round inside our trailer!"

"Proibly one of them flying squirrels. They gets trapped inside and gets scarred! You go over there and opens the front door and come 'round the back and we'll get 'er out of there!" Meanwhile my AA is still in bed and under the quilts, screaming, "Is it gone yet?"

Well sir, this here fellow starts making the darndest noise, and that squirrel came to a screechin' halt face to face with this fellow. With one swift move, he steps back, swings that racket at the screen, hits the squirrel and drives it through the door, smack into a big old Oak tree. That squirrel hit that tree, hung there a minute and slid to the ground. I thought maybe he was dead, but within a few seconds he rolled over, sat up and started chattering something fierce. I have a feeling it was a good thing that I could not translate what it was saying. Our neighbor was doubled over in laughter. As he turned and headed back to his campsite, he said, "If'n our music is disturbin' y'all, just give us a holler!" he said as he spun that racket in his hand.

Needless to say we were thankful for his help in evicting the squirrel, and we sure were not going to complain about any music backed up by a spinning racket, if you get my meaning!

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

The school year ended the other day, and the shift is now to summer activities. The Savings Bank of Walpole is continuing its tradition of hosting Sunday concerts on the Common, and the Town's pool is again open. You will find the schedules for both on these pages. The "newspaper club" at the elementary school will not be writing this summer, but you may enjoy the students' words about their recent canoe trip on the Connecticut River. And also addressing the River and Water, do read this month's DYKT and the article on 'Water - Taken for Granted'. Posted on the **Clarion** website are two fascinating reports about Walpole's Water and Conservation. You can find them from the menu bar.

Have a great summer.

- Ray Boas, Publisher

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Passed

Robert Gadbois

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Ellis Sheridan Wheatley

December 1, 1939 - May 21, 2018

Jane Seaver Kirk

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Alyson's Farm Stand

Something exciting is happening on Friday, July 13. The Farm Stand at Alyson's Orchard will re-open for the season! Blueberries (and maybe raspberries) should be ready for picking, and the farm store will be stocked with apple and blueberry pies, chicken pot pies; and lots of local goodies like maple syrup, jam, salsa, and snacks. As long as Mother Nature is kind to us in June and July, peaches and early apples will be ready in mid-August, with the bulk of the apple crop ready for picking in September and October. We look forward to seeing you again!

– Fran Imhoff

Galloway Real Estate

Galloway Real Estate announces that two of the agents in the office, Robin Sanctuary and Katie Beam, have earned their Broker's Licenses. Robin has also completed additional training; she has her Graduate Realtor Institute certificate, as well as Green designation and Buyer and Seller Representation designations.

– Antonia Andreoli

Joanie Joan's Eatery

Summer is here, so stop by Joanie Joan's Eatery on 14 Westminster Street for a delicious milkshake! Known by many in New England as a 'frappe' – ice cream, milk and syrup. Joanie uses the best local flavors for a whole new experience. Try a strawberry-rhubarb, blueberry-lemon, or delicious maple made with local maple syrup. Or perhaps an old-fashioned chocolate, vanilla or coffee. These classics are made from your favorite farm fresh milks and fruits. Later this summer, Joanie will be offering black raspberry-ginger and summer peaches'n cream. In autumn, we'll see apple cinnamon and pumpkin spice.

– Dan Ireland

Walpole Wellness

Walpole Wellness Center is located at the former Costume Ladies shop at 73 Turnpike St in downtown Walpole! We are anticipating the Walpole Wellness Center official sign to be up any day now! We're open for business. Call for an appointment: 603-762-4227.

– Snow Frye

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