



Reasons to Smile...

Well Underway

The response to the Walker Road Conservation project at the Gateway to Walpole has been extremely positive. Donations towards the land's conservation, in such a short period of time, are impressive. As of this writing, just after Thanksgiving Day, over \$223,000 towards the goal of \$280,000 have been received. Additional donations have been pledged, including from The Walpole Grange. Of the donations, \$113,640 have been in checks or cash; \$9,760 received on the GoFundMe site, and the Walpole Conservation Commission has voted to contribute up to \$100,000.

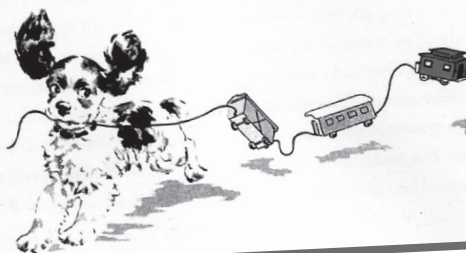
There are many potential uses for this 10-acre parcel with 1,000 feet of shoreline on the Connecticut River. Besides providing direct access to the Connecticut River, suggestions so far include nature trails, recreation, and relaxation. Sitting on top of a rich aquifer, the land will be protecting that water resource for potential use if needed. Plans are

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Seasons Greetings



**And all the very best from
Dick, Jane, Sally, and Spot!**



More Smiles - Another Success

After last year's free dental day at Bowman Dental, Office Manager Eva Beauregard said, "We will do it again." And indeed, on November 9, they "did it again", seeing 69 people, fifteen of whom waited and came through again for a second procedure. Bowman Dental started this program last year for people without affordable access to dental care and no dental insurance.

Eva reported, "We had one person waiting at 4:00 AM, and others starting pulling into the parking lot at 5:45 AM. The doors opened at 7:30 AM. We were done by 5:00 PM. Again it was a great day. The people were so appreciative." Those who were seen received cleanings, exams, x-rays, fillings and extractions. The services provided would have cost \$42,882.

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Walpole Business Notes**Joanie Joan's**

Have you heard the latest news from Joanie Joan's? We're talking added seating! The people asked for it - the people got it! Stop by and see for yourself. We have changed the decor, increased the dining area and added some new dessert choices. How about celebrating the season with an eggnog milkshake? If you are heading out to shop, or finally finishing up, don't forget to fuel up on some yummy food from Joanie. Her soups are sure to take the chill off.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday season. Joanie and I wish you all the best. We are extremely humbled by the support you have shown us. Peace be to you and yours. God bless you all!

- Dan Ireland

Village Salon

The Village Salon welcomes Barbara Kelly, a Professional Licensed Massage Therapist, to the salon on Wednesdays. Barbara is a skilled, intuitive therapist who received her training from River Valley Community College.

Barbara's style blends the techniques of Swedish Massage - including deep tissue, trigger point therapy, myofascial release and breath work - to create a customized therapeutic treatment that addresses the needs of each individual. Whether looking to melt away tension and stress of life's demands with a luxurious relaxing massage; or deeper more focused work that reduces pain, increases mobility and flexibility, Barbara can help people reach their goals.

Appointments can be made by calling the Village Salon at 603-756-3000, or Bodywork by Barbara at 603-499-2613.

- Michelle Rios

Yoga in Walpole

Josephine Russell has been teaching yoga in Walpole for 25 years. She is still thrilled with each class. Her teachings are rich and inspiring. Her sequencing encourages strength, flexibility and balance for the body, mind and for the spirit. Each class is well crafted. She teaches each Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the ballroom at the Hastings House. All levels are welcome to join. Simply bring a mat and try to be there on time. Once you are there, simply go with the flow and relax. For more info go to Josephine's website: yogawithjosephine@yahoo.com.

NOTE: The H.G. Johnson Real Estate ad in the November Clarion ran with the incorrect phone number. The correct ad appears on page 3.

Your 100 word submission of "business notes" is welcome for possible insertion.

Turkey Trot

We are very thankful for our community to come out for the Turkey Trot 5k on such a frigid day. It was great to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones.

Eighty four runners took part. George Gowdy crossed the line first in 18:17, with Leif Harvey and Jonathan Hills in second and third. Zoe Upton was the first female to finish at 20:19, with Hope Gardner just 15 seconds behind.

Thank you to all of the parents and students who contributed prizes for runners and help with this event.

Special thanks to the Congregational Church for opening their doors for us. Also to Dave Westover, Matt and Crystal Phillips and Peggy Bittenbender for help with registration and timing.

The FM X-C running and skiing teams really appreciate your support.

- Kelly Patch

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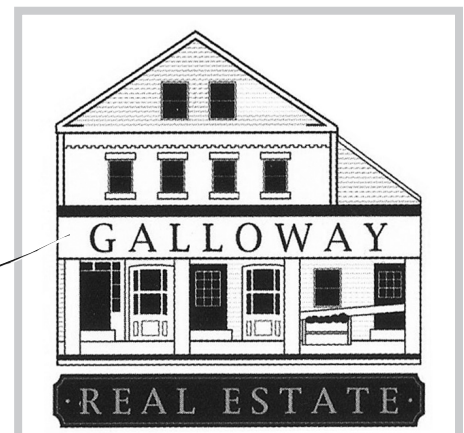
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being made to hold an open house and tour of the land, with everyone invited, in the early spring, prompting further discussion for potential future uses for this rich resource.

This will be everyone's land. You can feel great, and take greater ownership, by making a donation, no matter what the amount, to preserve your Gateway to Walpole. Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/WalkerRoadConservation> where you can see the informative video - *The Gateway to Walpole* - and then make your donation. If you prefer, 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. The Town of Walpole under New Hampshire RSA 31:19 I is authorized to accept donations "given for a public purpose," and those donations are fully tax deductible in accordance with IRS Code, 26 U.S.C. paragraph 170(c)(1). Acknowledgement letters are being mailed to donors.

And many thanks to everyone who has already stepped forward to help.

- Ray Boas



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Will Bob & Ray make an appearance? Or maybe Fibber McGee? In addition to some familiar characters, songs of the season and other holiday merriment will be included.

The entertainment will be presented in similar format to the Players' popular Cabin Fever Radio Follies that they have performed after the Town Meeting for the last six years. Performers will include the Radio Follies cast and crew and others. Doors open at 6:00 PM, and the audience is seated at round tables of eight. You bring your own dinner, snacks, and beverages of choice. Make it a party and reserve a table with friends, linger after the show, and take a break from the stress of the holidays!

Tickets are \$10 each, and can be purchased at Joanie Joan's Eatery and Baked Goods on Westminster Street in Walpole. Table reservations can also be made at Joanie's. All proceeds go to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf and Our Place Drop-In Center. For more information, email the Walpole Players at WalpolePlayers@gmail.com, or call Lisa Bryan at 756-2535.

— Lisa Bryan

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Light Up Your Business!
Show off your business' holiday spirit!

Judging: The week prior to Christmas.
Winners announced: Christmas eve at live nativity.

This year two additional doctors assisted the Bowman staff, Dr. Jeffrey Rodden, and Dr. Len Weldon. Three dental assistants from other offices also came in and donated their time. Three community members joined in to help with registration and make sure things were running smoothly. Tom Murray provided breakfast to the staff, and Janet Francis provided lunch.

"It was a community effort. It is a very busy day, but very different from a regular work day. A whole different feeling," Eva concluded.

– Ray Boas

Thank You

From The Friends of The Walpole Town Library

The Friends of the Library would like to sincerely thank all of the many community members who helped make this year's book sale such a big success. The total profit from this year's sale was about \$4,700.

It takes many volunteers working many hours to organize and run this large event. In particular, we would like to thank Ted and Christine Benson/Bensonwood for allowing us to use their facility behind the Hungry Diner to sort and pack the thousands of books that were donated to the sale. A big thank you also to Walpole School, the Walpole Recycling Center, the Fall Mountain Regional High School ROTC students, Walpole Boy Scout Troop 299, and Richard Paul of Servpro. And a special thank you to Paul Happ, who volunteered countless hours managing the long process of sorting books throughout the summer and early fall. And, of course, a huge thank you to the many people who donated books, and to all those who attended the sale and purchased books!

All of the funds raised by the Friends of the Library support the purchase of 50% of new books and other materials for the library, and various special library programs.

We would also like to remind you about the Friends of the Library membership drive. Family memberships are \$15; Patrons, \$30; and Sustainers, \$100. Any membership donation is very much appreciated. You can mail a check, made out to Friends of Walpole Library, to PO Box 965, Walpole, NH 03608, or stop by the library.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our beautiful local library!

– Jana Sellarole



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"I'm always amazed at the level of group trust, support and camaraderie that develops every time I lead one of these workshops," says Salwen. "Almost right away, the power of singing brings people together and transcends our differences and our fears."

This workshop is an opportunity for anyone who wishes they could sing to take the first steps, and for people with some singing experience who would like to feel more comfortable and expressive with their voice. Participants will explore their voices in supportive and fun way, using games, improvisations and accessible songs from around the world, taking away useful techniques to help them practice at home if they wish.

Nancy is a certified Music Together teacher and a graduate of Music for People's Musicianship and Leadership program. She is the author of *The Fear of Singing Breakthrough Program: Learn to Sing Even if You Think You Can't Carry a Tune!* In addition, she teaches singing lessons privately, runs early childhood music programs, and leads music-based team building workshops.

The workshop will take place on Sunday, December 9 from 9:00 - 4:00 at the Stone Church Arts Center in Bellows Falls. Registration is required. To sign up or learn more, contact Nancy at 721-1492, nancy@salwen.net or through her website www.fearofsinging.com/bellows-falls-dec/.

– Nancy Salwen





Benefit Art Exhibition

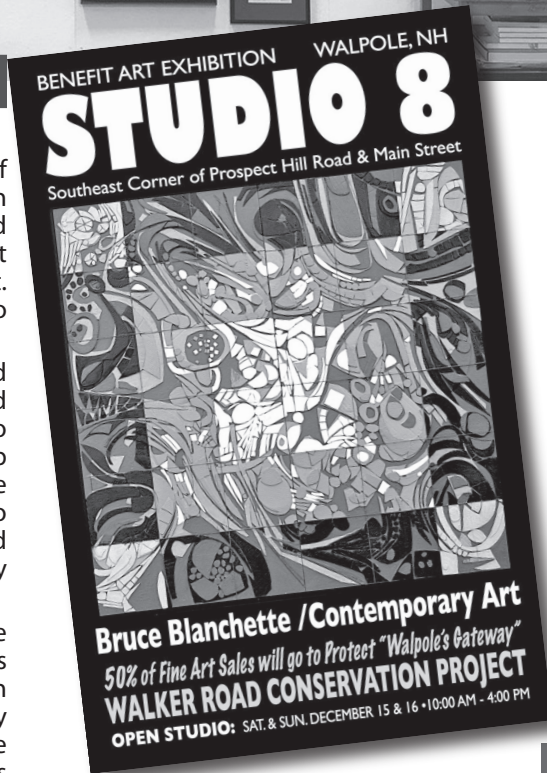
Walker Road

Studio 8, at the southeast corner of Prospect Hill Road and Main Street in Walpole, will host an art exhibition and sale December 15 and 16 for the benefit of the Walker Road Conservation project. The studio will be open from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM those days.

Artist Bruce Blanchette, a recognized Mixed Media artist who has exhibited widely from the New England region to the Midwest, is opening his studio to help raise funds towards the purchase of the Walker Road property at the Gateway to Walpole. Fifty percent of funds received from the sale of Bruce's contemporary art will be donated.

Bruce's eclectic working methods are unique in many ways. His largest pieces are too big to be hung simultaneously in the gallery space of his studio, but many of his smaller to mid-sized works will be on display. Some drawings and collages will also be available. Plan to visit and support the fundraising for the Walker Road Conservation.

— Ray Boas



St. John's

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve is often called the most beautiful night of the year. St John's Episcopal Church marks this night by celebrating the birth of the Christ Child on Monday, December 24, at 6:30 PM. The service of Holy Communion includes singing joyous carols and candlelight. St John's new organist, Dr. Christopher Evatt, will provide special organ music. The lighting of individual candles as the congregation sings *Silent Night* will bring light to the darkened room, just as the birth of Christ brings light to the world. The Rev. Susan de Puy Kershaw, Rector, will preach. All are invited to join in this moving service. St John's Church is located at 26 Elm Street, Walpole.

— Susan Kershaw



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24

St. John's Episcopal
Feast of the Nativity and Eucharist
6:30 PM

St. Peter's
4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

1st Congregational
7:00 PM

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25

St. Catherine's
9:00 AM

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1st Congregational

The celebration of Thanksgiving is behind us and the season of Advent is upon us, the season of Peace, Joy, Hope and Love. We have a great new interim minister, The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson. He joined us in time for the November events of Mistletoe Mart and the Thanksgiving pie sale while gracing the congregation with a ministry that spans four decades.

Worship is the core activity. Everything else we do is for faith, fellowship and outreach. Whether it's Breakfast with Santa, Christmas gift tags for children in need in our community, meals for the homeless shelter in North Walpole, hats mittens and scarves for children near and far, or special services, we try to be good and faithful servants. The activities for December include:

Breakfast with Santa; On Saturday, December 8, bring your children and come to the church for breakfast. We will start at 8:30 and serve until 10:30. Pancakes, sausage, egg casseroles, juice (and coffee too for the adults!). Santa Claus will be there! The breakfast is free. Donations are accepted.

Children's Christmas Pageant, Mitten Sunday, Cookie Walk; Sunday, December 16, is our annual Children's Pageant at 10 AM in the sanctuary. Also, we collect hats, mittens and scarves for children in need near and far. After the service is the annual Choir Cookie Walk. Who doesn't like children and cookies? Please come and enjoy the joy, friendship and fellowship.

Christmas Eve service; On Monday, December 24, at 7 PM we will be holding our special traditional service of carols and readings. The offering will be collected for the Veterans of the Cross, a fund to help our retired clergy when they encounter financial need.

We continue to make meals weekly for the homeless shelter in North Walpole. The warm meals we serve are valuable to the residents who come in from the cold for a warm meal and a safe place to stay. If you want to be part of the service project please call the church at 756-4075. Our secretary, Pat, is in the office from 9AM – 12 PM Monday through Friday. We welcome your call and we invite you to join us. Peace.

– Chuck Shaw

Walpole Worshipers

Drewsville 7th Day Adventist

Service: Saturday, 11 AM

First Congregational Church

Interim Minister, Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

All Saints Parish

Pastor, Reverend John Loughnane

Mass: Tues., 5:30PM; Fri. 8:30AM;

Sat., 4PM; Sun., 8:30AM

St. Peter Church, North Walpole;

Wed. 5:30PM, Thurs. 5:30PM, Sun. 10:30AM

St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown

Confessions: Thurs., 4:45-5:20 PM,

St. Catherine's; Sat., 3-3:45PM, St. Peter

St. John's Episcopal Church

Rector, Reverend Susan de Puy Kershaw

Sunday Eucharist: 10 AM

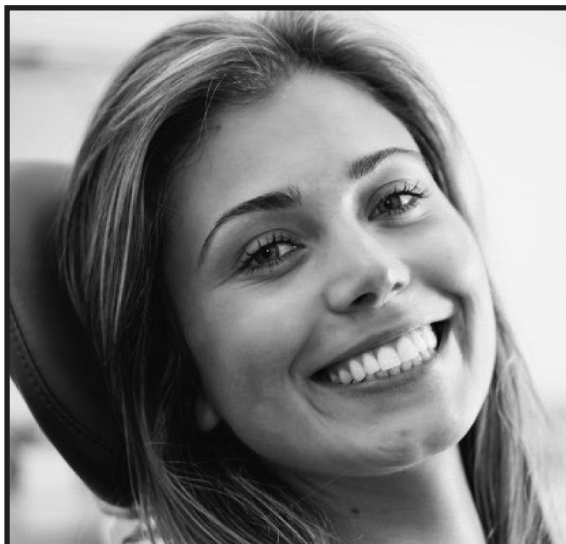
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Library News

Holiday Closings

The Library will be closed Monday December 24th and Tuesday December 25th as well as Tuesday January 1st. We will be closing early on Monday December 31st, at 5 PM rather than our normal closing time of 8 PM.

Cookie Decorating

Join us Thursday December 13th at 3:30 PM to decorate sugar cookies. We'll have frosting and sprinkles available. All ages are welcome (we know adults like cookies too!).

Home School Group Hiatus

The Home School Group that meets on Thursday mornings at the library will be on break for the rest of the year. Please check their Facebook page for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/bridgehomeschoolgroup/>

New Library Service:

Delivery to the Homebound

Are you or someone you know unable to leave your house due a short-term or long-term disability? The library would like to help by delivery books, audio books, magazines and DVDs to you! We have a number of volunteers ready to pick out materials you request and visit you once a week to deliver new materials and return old ones. To apply for the program you can call Justine at 756-9806 or fill out the form on our website <https://walpoletownlibrary.org/services/home-bound-delivery/>

Penny Drive, T-shirts & Tote Bags, oh my!

Our fundraising for the library expansion and renovation project is still going strong. Bring your pennies into the library to fill our cute piggy bank (located in the kids room).

T-shirts in both youth and adult sizes are available for purchase at the library. They are \$15 each. Canvas tote bags are also available for purchase for \$20 each.

All proceeds from the penny drive, t-shirts sales and tote bag sales go towards our fundraising campaign!

—Justine Fafara

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Campaign Update

After twelve months, and thanks to the continuing generosity of the Walpole community, the expansion and renovation project is on the verge of meeting our \$448,000 goal. During Thanksgiving week we learned that Governor Sununu and the Executive Council had approved a \$10,000 Mooseplate Grant for the library project. The grant, funded through the purchase of NH Conservation and Heritage License Plates (Moose Plate), is designed to benefit projects that preserve New Hampshire's natural, historical and cultural resources.

This plaque arrived along with notification of the Mooseplate grant... to be displayed when construction begins on the library.



Please remember the campaign in your year-end gift plans. In the Holiday spirit of Giving and Remembrance, gifts in memory of, or in honor of a friend or family member may be appropriate. A display of memorial/honorary gifts made during the past year will be on view in the library beginning December 3; Holiday donor cards will be available at the library for anyone wishing to make a memorial/honorary donation.

– Jan Kobeski

Hooper Golf Course

We are excited to share new things coming to the Hooper Golf Course for the 2019 season. This winter we will be performing some tree removal around several greens and tees to enhance sunlight and air circulation. In May we will be hosting a Grand Opening. Two of the many potential guests at this opening are Tom Doak, World Class Golf Course Architect, and Tony Dear, a writer for Links Magazine, who has the Hooper Golf Course listed in their top ten best 9-hole golf courses in the country.

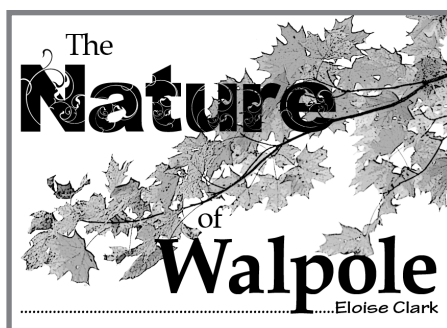
Always open to the public, some of the new offerings for 2019 include: new Yamaha golf carts with USB ports; updated/improved Pro Shop offering clothing, hats, balls and other accessories; Men's Night, Ladies' Night, and Junior League will be brought back; and, a regular schedule of tournaments. For more information contact Patti Neal neal_patti@hotmail.com

– David Howell

Got mice?! Most of us who live in older homes do. This certainly is the year of abundant rodents: mice, chipmunks and squirrels. What's up? A huge crop of acorns and beechnuts two years in a row, perhaps backyard birdfeeders and the recent decline in the numbers of some predators may all have contributed to the rodent explosion.

Most likely your home invading mouse is a member of the *Peromyscus* genus of native mice. It's either the white-footed mouse (*P. leucopus*) or deer mouse (*P. maniculatus*). The two are very difficult to differentiate unless they've been trapped. They are both bicolored with shades of brown on the backside and white on the throat and belly. They both have white feet even though one is called the white-footed mouse! However the deer mouse has a strongly bi-colored tail with a really tiny tuft at the end. Its tail is longer than the head and body. The white-footed mouse has a tail shorter than the head and body. The latter has a more pointed face with larger eyes and ears. Both are adapted for nocturnal living. The large ears catch sound easily. The large black eyes help them see in very dark conditions.

How many of you have been amazed to find a cache of their seeds in a completely unlikely place? I once found black cherry stones in a cross-country ski boot stored for the summer in the attic. Then there were the sunflower seeds behind books in a book case. I'm sure you have your own stories. Mice have sharp claws and climb well. Who has found their soft nests inside birdhouses when it's time to clean them out? They



will also use woodpecker holes in trees, stumps, rotted logs, bird nests, squirrel nests, below ground cavities and, of course, buildings.

One reason mice are so successful is because of their varied diet. They'll eat the seeds of most tree species, fruit and protein rich insects. They've been known to invade bird nests and eat eggs. They love those black oil sunflower seeds we put out for the birds. Mice are the night crew who pick up the seeds spilled by birds during the day. Although they prefer brushy cover, they will venture into cornfields to glean seeds. On the forest floor, they will eat slugs and snails they encounter.

Another reason for their success is their fecundity. From late March until early October, females can have as many as four litters of young. After a three to four week gestation period 4-7 hairless young are born. Within six months they are fully furred and considered adults ready to breed. There's evidence the females will be nursing one brood while pregnant with the second. When you're at the bottom of the food chain reproduction is paramount.

Thanks to many predators mouse populations are kept in check. Mice provide a bite sized protein snack for many other mammals: weasels, coyotes, bobcat, foxes even skunks and possums if they can catch them. One winter we had a barred owl appear at dusk on a tree branch near the birdfeeder. Milk and black snakes also do their share of predation during warmer months.

Most of us don't appreciate when mice invade our homes. But I thought it good to take a mouse moment to appreciate these agile, amazing creatures and their skillful adaptations for survival. Like it or not, they are probably living in your home right here in Walpole.

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Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon on December 6, at Nick's Restaurant, Route 10 South in Swanzy. Car-pooling from the church has been suggested. Let's get the holidays off on a festive note and enjoy some holiday music, great food and fellowship. Please join us.

— Jan Martin

Wellness Clinic

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will hold a Nurse Is In clinic in Walpole on Friday, December 28. An HCS wellness nurse will be at Applewood Senior Housing from 10:00 to 11:00 AM to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and any health concerns you may have. These screenings are open to the public of all ages and are offered free of charge. No appointment necessary.

Nurse Is In clinics are sponsored by HCS, a Monadnock United Way agency. For a complete list of area clinics or for more information, visit www.HCSServices.org, or call HCS at 352-2253.

— Lara Larson

Non-fiction Book Group

A Civil Discourse

On Monday, December 10, at 6:00 PM, at the Bridge Memorial Library, we begin our discussion of two books: *Fear* by Bob Woodward and *Factfulness* by Hans, Ola, and Anna Rosling. Woodward has written or co-authored 18 books (12 of them number one bestsellers); broken other major stories as a reporter and associate editor of *The Washington Post*; and won two Pulitzer Prizes. *Factfulness* builds the case that we live in the real world, where journalists are in the business of attracting readers, and readers love things to be both super simple and full of drama. As a result, our worldview has become skewed – a poor representation of what the world is really like." You are invited to join us for a civil discourse. For more information, call 756-3695.

— Ron MacLachlan

The Walpole Seniors celebrated their 45th Anniversary November 19. Pictured are past presidents: Bruce Martin, Phyllis Pickering, Jack Pratt, Curt Congdon, Marcia Galloway & Jerry Galloway

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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...51 percent of shoppers

will use candy canes to decorate trees or packages this holiday season? And that candy canes are second only to foil-wrapped chocolates as the most popular candy used as a stocking stuffer? These statistics are from a holiday survey made by the National Confectioners Association. In addition, you need to know that December 26 is observed as National Candy Cane Day.

The most accepted legend as to the candy canes's origin dates to 1670. To keep his young singers quiet during the long Living Nativity ceremonies, the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany handed out sugar sticks. He had one end bent to resemble a shepherds' staff, appropriate for the occasion, but in Christianity the staff also can represent the Good Shepherd Jesus. Inverted, the stick resembles a J, leading many to say it stood for Jesus. The white sugar cane itself came to represent the life that is pure.

This custom of handing out the white sugar canes during Christmas services spread throughout Europe and eventually was brought to America. In Europe, the canes were used, along with other food items, to decorate Yule trees. The first such documented use in America was in 1847 in Wooster, Ohio. German immigrant August Imgard, decorated his Christmas tree with candy canes. The origin of the addition of the red stripes, which did not appear for another fifty years, is unknown, but probably was accomplished by many confectioners. Christmas cards and illustrations prior to 1900 show plain white canes. It was not until after the turn of the century that canes with the ubiquitous red stripes became the norm.



Confections were usually hand-made until well into the 20th century, and candy canes were no exception. And, just like other candies, they were made for sale locally since they could be damaged in shipping, and they were susceptible to moisture. About 25% of production was usually lost via unsuccessful bending of the stick.

Then, in 1919, Bob McCormack founded the Famous Candy Company in Albany, Georgia. He began making candy canes as Christmas gifts for his friends, family, and local shop-keepers. But it

was still a laborious hand operation of pulling, twisting, curling and bending the candy. Solving the moisture problem, he was the first manufacturer to wrap candy in cellophane. The company became Bob's Candy Company in 1924, and later simply Bobs Candies, becoming the largest candy cane manufacturer in the world. Bob's brother-in-law, Gregory Keller, a Catholic priest, invented a machine in 1952 to twist and cut the stick candy. The next year he invented another machine, this time to bend the cane into shape. And, with packaging innovations, the fragile candy cane could now be shipped around the world.

Just as with a chocolate Easter Bunny (tail first or head first?), the candy cane poses a challenge - hook first or straight end? The hook can serve as a handle, but the cellophane can be used at either end to stop sticky fingers. With more than 1.76 billion candy canes made each year, just remember to save one for National Candy Cane Day.

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Walpole School News

For the last few months, the Walpole Elementary School has introduced something called Community Days. These days include a fun activity that brings the whole school together. On November 20, the whole school celebrated Thanksgiving. The students, with their advisors, made food to eat and share with the school in a community meal.

Other activities during this day included writing thank you notes, making Christmas cards for people in the military serving overseas, and playing a small scale two-hand touch football game.

Other big events in the school year so far have been the following:

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have begun writing novels for National Novel Writing Month. Some are trying to reach the word count 30,000, which is a large leap for many people.

During October the school had a fun-filled Community Day on the half day of Halloween. The students took part in a new school event called the Zombie Run. The students were put into groups of ten and tried to run through, around, and past the school teachers who were trying to grab flags from the students' belts. Everyone had a great time.

An event coming up in the school year is the school concert, which is on December 5. All of the 5th graders are singing, and others are also playing in the 5th grade band. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade band and choir are singing and playing instruments.

– Sydney Palmiotto (Grade 7)



NaNoWriMo

On November 1, participants began working towards the goal of writing thousands of words within a novel by 11:59 PM on November 30. NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel. The event believes in the transformational power of creativity. This is a way for students to express their personalities in their writing.

National Novel Writing Month encourages students to find their voices, helping them achieve creative goals, and building new worlds, on and off the page. It is a way for students to express their personality, voice, and creative stories to the world. "I have found this program to be one of the funnest things I've done at this school, and look forward to it every year," says Morrigan Farnum, a seventh grader from Walpole Elementary School.

– Malesa Seavey (Grade 7)

WES Zombie Run

On October 31, 2018, the Walpole Elementary School had their first annual Zombie Run.

The Zombie Run was an activity where students would do a one- mile course around the school. There was a catch though: all the teachers dressed up like zombies and tried to steal your flags. Students each had several paper flags, and their goal was to maintain as many (or all) of their flags as possible. The class with the most flags left untouched by the end of the race would be declared the winning class.

Alright, the course. First you would start on the recess field. Then, you make your way down to the pool parking lot. Next, you made your way around the edge of the baseball field, then around the pool and tennis court and up to the Primary School playground. Then you go to the walkers' ramp. Finally you go up the ramp and around the school.

Teachers pretending to be zombies was both frightening and fun and a great way to build our community as a school.

– Patrick Manning (Grade 7)

Walpole Sports Recap

At Walpole Elementary School, Fall sports have come to an end and Winter sports are just beginning. The Walpole Elementary School soccer teams, both girls and boys, had an amazing season. They worked hard, practicing four days a week and playing soccer games seemingly all the time. In the Bellows Falls tournament, both teams were pretty successful, winning third place and marking the end of the soccer season. Also, the track and field team was also successful, having run against many teams and most often won. The volleyball team made great improvements throughout the year, and the younger players gained great experience, which will help them be successful in the years to come. Walpole is offering boys' basketball and cheerleading this winter, as well as skiing through Fall Mountain.

– Emmaline Cook (Grade 6)

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Christmas in November?

"What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?" - *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

When do you put up your Christmas tree? If you put it up in October, then sadly you are an early Christmas family; welcome to the club.

Many families celebrate the iconic holiday that occurs on December 25th each passing year. Many people have different and unique traditions on Christmas. Some put up a mistletoe and some open one present on Christmas Eve, and the rest the following morning. Many people set up their Christmas tree the second week of December, but others, like us, prepare early for the beautiful caroling season.

We take many precautions to make sure this day is as perfect as can be. People spend as much as \$800 on this celebration, just for decorations and gifts for their family. Many people go overboard with the jolly Christmas music that we all love to listen to during this season of giving. In the average household, however, people don't start listening to Christmas music until after Thanksgiving. You and me? We start listening to Christmas music the day after Halloween because, well, why not? It's the perfect way to zone in and plan our beautiful celebration. As soon as Thanksgiving is over, Christmas is practically every day. Christmas music brings so much joy to all that we replay it over and over until we can't take it anymore, which is basically impossible.

- Morrigan Farnum (Grade 7)



Red Sox

WES Celebrates Series Victory

A few weeks ago, the Boston Red Sox won the World Series and basically everyone in the school was freaking out about it. While not all students were Sox fans (some were, gasp, Yankees fans), most students supported the local team.

I asked the students what they think about the Red Sox victory.

Seventh grader Ben Frithsen said "It was super awesome, and the parade had lots of confetti, and they had like 10 tanks just for confetti."

"I honestly don't care, but I think that they are good at baseball," said classmate Etta Bea Harrison.

Mr. Gagnon, the Language Arts teacher, said that Etta Bea's quote was amazing, but then he told us how he felt about the Red Sox winning. "I was ecstatic, and I started dancing around the living room with my puppy."

"They were great. They are a good team, and hopefully will win next year," said seventh grader Murray Spaulding.

"It's a joke, I like the Yankees," said classmate Aidan Parrot. As a whole, it looks like a lot of people are excited about the Red Sox winning. Except Aidan, he likes the Yankees. So get your tomatoes and start throwing.

- Ian Gould (Grade 7)

Strange Questions, Stranger Answers:

How Did the Titanic Sink?

This was a harder than normal topic to do. First I had to do some research on the Titanic. One resource that I found was a person who had built a 7 foot 5 inch Lego Titanic. It was 35 pounds. Then they had put it in a pool. Then it sank. When it sank, lots of bubbles came out of it. I wonder why people didn't stick their heads in the bubbles, then they wouldn't drown. It was very interesting.



I found a Wikipedia page about the Titanic. It was the biggest boat of its time, with a gym, a pool, a library, and some nice restaurants.

The Titanic sank because it hit an iceberg. Since it could only go 28 mph, wouldn't it be pretty easy to not hit a giant iceberg? With 2,224 people on board, they shouldn't have hired the person they did to drive it. How hard is it to not drive into an iceberg if you only can go 28 mph? Icebergs are giant. Quoting a friend who claimed he knew the history: "A janitor locked all the binoculars in a locker, and forgot to give the key to the captain." Well, who hires such a bad janitor? Also, what about picking the lock? In all, the sinking of the Titanic was a big and tragic mistake made by several people. It also makes me wonder how Titanic II will fair in 2022.

- Ben Frithsen (Grade 7)

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Banned from the Kitchen

While I was visiting one of the local craft fairs, I noticed my friend Elwud, whom I hadn't seen since before Halloween. I let out a "Hey" to him and he "Heyed" me back. I noticed he had a long face, so I knew there was trouble brewin' someplace. Knowing some of his past antics, I hesitated in asking what he did for Halloween. I did know that I hadn't seen his name in the court news, so whatever he did, he didn't get caught at it.

"Been a while," says I. "Whatcha been up to? And what's with the long face? Did you folks have a good Thanksgiving?"

At that point I noticed a tear trickling down his cheek and thought oh geez, a family member must have passed away.

"Thanksgiving was a disaster," he said, "and I been banned from the kitchen forever and a day!"

I wanted to laugh, but I could tell from his look the seriousness of the situation. "So what happened?" I queried.

"Well sir, it was really my cousin Dick's fault. He asked if we was havin' turkey and old fashioned stuffin' for Thanksgiving dinner. I said, "No, Velma has a special popcorn stuffin' she was going to make this year."

"Does she put the kernels in before or after poppin' them?", he asks. I said, "After, of course. That's what the recipe calls for!"

"Oh", he replies. "My grandmother makes it by putting the whole kernels right in the mix and it gives it better flavor." Now you would think that after all these years I would know better 'n listenin' to Dick. But he went on to say, "After Velma gets her receipt all made up and before she stuffs the turkey, take a couple of handfuls of whole kernels and mix it in her stuffin'. Be sure to mix it in good so it is like in the middle of the turkey."

Well sir, I done what he told me and on Thanksgiving morning Velma put that stuffed turkey in the oven at 350 degrees and said dinner would be ready at 3:00 PM. Well the entire family arrived early for socializin', and in anticipation of Velma's usual fabulous dinner.

Well sir, at 2:45 PM we heard this rumbling, thinking it was a thunderstorm brewing, except the sun was out as bright as could be. Then from the kitchen came the ungodliest explosion you've ever heard. We all rushed to see what happened, and found the oven door embedded in one wall six feet away, and there was turkey, potato, squash and lots of other stuff, including the popcorn stuffing, plastered all over the kitchen.

Of course, Dick was one of the invited guests, and he nearly wet himself laughin', and said, for all to hear, "You didn't take me serious an' put the whole kernel popcorn in the stuffin', did you?" Well the cat was out of the bag, so to speak, and that's why I am banned from the kitchen until it is sit-down time for Christmas dinner.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Where did this year go? And it seems as if November just started. I have a theory - as you get older, a year is less of a percentage of your life; thus it goes faster. Much of my year, starting in April, was involved with the Walker Road Project. And now the successful conclusion is in sight. As you sit down to consider your year-end tax-deductible donations, please do consider helping conserve the "Gateway to Walpole." Historically, at the end of fund-raising campaigns, smaller donations flow in. That phase is beginning, and I encourage you to join the wave. Ten, twenty, fifty dollars, or more, it really adds up. On behalf of all future Walpole generations, thank you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- Ray Boas, Publisher

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A sampling of what we've reported after more than seven years of publication:

One Year Ago (December 2017) - Jane Skofield gave a 95.4 acre parcel of land to The Monadnock Conservancy. This land abuts Hooper Forest in the north central part of Walpole.

Three Years Ago (December 2015) - In the Smarter Balanced Assessment testing results released by the state, Walpole students in grades 3-8 scored higher proficiency levels in Mathematics and English Language Arts than that of any of the other Fall Mountain District schools and overall state averages.

Five Years Ago (December 2013) - The Monadnock Conservancy announced it was moving forward with the project placing a conservation easement on the Hooper Golf Course.

Seven Years Ago - (December 2011) - The Walpole Players presented A Christmas Carol for the fourth time as a fund raiser for area food shelves.

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