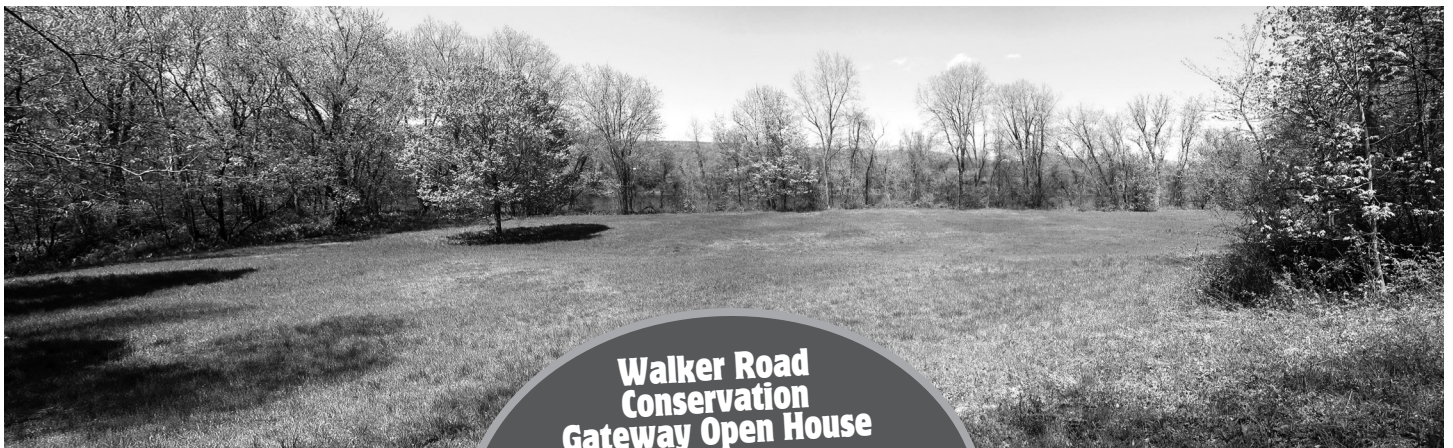




Walker Road Conservation Project



Walker Road Conservation Gateway Open House

May 11 — 11 AM - 2 PM

11-11:30 - Arrival

11:30 - Remarks and Ribbon Cutting

11:45-12:30 - Tours and Explorations

12:30-2 - Refreshments and Visiting
Shine or Rain (under tent)

Gateway to Walpole Open House

Once threatened with the prospect of a gas station taking over a beautiful piece of agricultural land, the townspeople of Walpole acted. Led by a dedicated group of citizens, Walpole joined together, fought back and ultimately purchased the land. The property was then handed over to the care and stewardship of the Walpole Conservation Commission. All this was done with countless hours of behind the scenes work, an incredible and passionate attendance at planning board meetings, as well as monetary donations from the Conservation Commission and over 200 private individuals. Today, the land is forever protected from development and will remain the Gateway to Walpole.

Please join us in celebrating these accomplishments and enjoying the fruits of our labor. The Walker Road Conservation Project Open House will be held on Saturday May 11, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event is rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. At 11:30 there will be a brief introduction and

Walpole Clean Up Day May 4th

For the eighth year in a row, caring Walpole residents will be meeting at the Transfer Station on Saturday, May 4, at 8:00 AM to drink coffee, eat a donut and head off with their blue trash bags to pick all accumulated detritus from the roadsides of our beautiful town.

Come as a family, a group or just yourself. It's amazing how much trash can be picked up in just three hours! And after you have finished, bring the bags, tires, bottles, cans and other garbage back to the Transfer Station, where the wonderful staff will sort and dispose of it free of charge.

Solar Clean Generation Again a No Show

For the third month in a row, Chris Welcome and Chad Whitaker of Solar Clean Generation in Londonderry have failed to appear before the Planning Board to talk about their proposed project at 310 Main Street in Walpole. February it snowed on meeting day, they cancelled in March, and again the firm cancelled their visit before the board just hours prior to the April 9 meeting. Their visit was to be informational, no public hearing has yet been requested for this commercial project on rural / agricultural land.

The **Clarion** encouraged attendance at the April meeting to learn about the proposed project. As the meeting began, Chair Jeff Miller announced the firm's cancellation just hours before the 7:00 PM meeting. "I am sorry," Miller said, "if you came to hear that presentation only, there is no reason to stay." A number of residents got up and left, some angrily.

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Community Garden

Need a garden plot? The Hooper Institute is the spot!

The Walpole Community Garden is located behind Hooper Hall at 165 Prospect Hill Road, across from the golf course. Every year there are a few plots available for new gardeners to join us in this organic gardening adventure. Plots vary in size and shape. We have many experienced gardeners who like to share what they have learned with new gardeners. We also welcome those of you who are experienced gardeners. We enjoy learning from you!

The rules are basic. Take care of your plot and surrounding walkways. Keep them weed free. Use only the organic composted manure and soil amendments we provide, no pesticides or non-organic fertilizers. Plan to help on the annual work days to maintain the large garden.

Our spring work day is Saturday, May 4, beginning at 10:00 AM. You may sign up at that time. The cost is \$20 for the season. However, no individual or family will be turned away for lack of funds.

Any questions? Call 756-4382 or email HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net.

— Eloise Clark

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Science Olympiad Raffle

As many of you know (if not, see page 3), the Walpole Science Olympiad Team has once again made it to Nationals. The team is working to raise funds for the competition at Cornell University at the end of May

There is a raffle going on with one large prize for one winner, a basket full of locally donated items, including: a gift basket from Badger Balm, large loom and hoops from Harrisville Designs, a \$100 gift card to The Hungry Diner and swag, an item from Tractor Supply, a gift certificate to the Walpole Grocery, a notebook from The Village Blooms, and more.

Tickets are \$5 for one or \$10 for a book of five. Tickets can be purchased at all of the upcoming Science Olympiad events, or by contacting Caitlin Caserta at caitlin@walpolevalleyfarms.com. Thank you for your support of the Walpole Science Olympiad Team!

— Caitlin Caserta

Friends of the Hooper

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Hooper Institute (FoHI) will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 PM, at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Road, Walpole. The public is invited to join us. FoHI is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to extend and enhance the programs of the Frederick H. Hooper Institute.

The Hooper Institute reaches the youth of Walpole through educational programs in the Walpole schools, summer camps and community programs. The study areas are agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental education. Rebecca Whippie and Eloise Clark are the two educators who bring these programs to life.

FoHI has held several fundraisers over the past two years, inviting speakers to Walpole to discuss bobcats in New Hampshire, weather atop Mt. Washington, the state of our songbird population and most recently a presentation by the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences about raptors. A red-tailed hawk, barred owl and peregrine falcon were brought to the Walpole school as part of Screen Free week.

Funds raised in recent years have been used to support the High School Summer Work Program. Walpole teens, aka "Hooper kids," are placed in agriculturally related jobs in Walpole. Not only do they learn basic work skills, they gain insight into how a business operates. Students can choose jobs working with animals, plants, the town recycling center or be a camp counselor for Hooper summer camps.

If you cannot join us but wish to become a member, individual memberships are \$20 annually and family memberships are \$40. Donations may be sent to Friends of Hooper Institute, PO Box 135, Walpole, NH, 03608. Thank you!

— Eloise Clark

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Science Olympiad

Details on the Threepeat

On March 23, 2019, the Walpole Middle School Science Olympiad team won the State Championship for the third time in three years at Saint Anselm College. Actually, with our 26 students, we were able to put two teams into the competition and came in first and second! With this win, Walpole will represent New Hampshire in the National Tournament at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY on June 1, 2019.

Since September, these Walpole students have been studying two hours a day, three days a week in the fields of Anatomy and Physiology, Battery Buggy, Boomilever, Circuit Lab, Crime Busters, Density Lab, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Elastic Launch Glider, Experimental Design, Fossils, Heredity, Herpetology, Meteorology, Mystery Architecture, Potions and Poisons, Road Scholar, Roller Coaster, Solar System, Thermodynamics, Water Quality, and Write It Do It.

As their coach, I am so proud of every one of these students for their year-long commitment and all they have learned through their failures, reiterations, and ultimate successes. They have battled through the extreme expectations of their events, endured long hours after school, faced exhaustion, sickness, being overbooked, **and yet they have stayed with it** to follow through on a commitment and earn their well-deserved achievement. Their quest for learning and ability to take on the rigor of college level material is beyond impressive.



Coach Becky Sethi and Colin Reagan

PHOTOS PROVIDED

In addition to the immense amount of science content, there are many intangibles students gain from being on the team. Through STEM, they learn the design process, the scientific method, to develop study and organizational skills, and also to build perseverance and a willingness to face and try what seems an impossible task.

We thank everyone for their participation in our fundraising activities thus far, and for being so generous in their support of this team. We hope you have been able to interact with some of the Olympians and been able to learn a bit more about who they are and what they do.

If you would care to make a donation to help send these students to the National Competition, you may make out a check to Walpole School and send it to Science Olympiad, PO Box 549 Walpole, NH 03608. All donations are tax-deductible (EIN: 02-0269789).

– Kim Lewis



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Walpole Grange

Awards Night

In celebration of its 131 years, Walpole Grange #125 celebrated this achievement with its Annual Community Awards night on April 16. Entertainment provided by Walpole's creative songwriter and singer, Jim Baucom, punctuated the evening, which concluded with birthday cake and snacks. A good number of residents joined the celebration, filling the Walpole Town Hall.

Five awards were presented this year. First, Crescent Farm, owned by the Sawyer family, was honored for its 65 years, receiving the Agriculture Award. The fine work done by members of the Pinnacle View 4-H Club earned them the Youth Service Award. With a long list of achievements and contributions to the community, read by Grand Master Adam Terrell, Tara Sad was honored as Citizen of the Year. The final two awards were: Community Educator - The Walpole Historical Society; and, Young Farmer - George Gowdy.

Walpole Community Grange #125 generally meets the third Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM at the Walpole Town Hall. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Adam Terrell 756-9033.

— Ray Boas



LeRoy Watson reads citation while George Gowdy represents the Pinnacle View 4-H in receiving the Youth Service Award.

PHOTOS: RAY BOAS

Hooper Golf Course

Gala Opening Day

On May 18, the public will get its first view of the fully restored and permanently protected 9-hole Hooper Golf Course. Hooper Golf Course is rated in the top 10 best short courses in the United States.

The Gala Opening begins at 8:00 AM with a shotgun golf tournament. Many activities follow throughout the day. Opening greetings commence at 11:00 AM. David Howell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hooper Golf Course, will open with a statement about the mission of Hooper Golf. Fred Dill, owner of Watkins Tavern, will be available to talk about the history of the Tavern and what lies ahead. Ryan Owens, Director of the Monadnock Conservancy, will be on hand to talk about the special role the Conservancy played in preserving this land.

Starting at 11:15 AM, sign up for various contests will begin, including: longest drive, chipping, and putting. Awards will be presented at 12:30 PM. Golf cart rides and tours of the course will run from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM, with the day's festivities concluding at 3:00 PM.

For more information about Hooper Golf Course visit www.hoopergolfcourse.com.

— David Howell

Non-fiction Book Group

On Monday, May 13, at 6:00 PM at the Bridge Memorial Library, we will be discussing Jill Lepore's article *A New Americanism – Why a Nation Needs a Story* in the March-April issue of *Foreign Affairs*. She is a Professor of American History at Harvard, but she is not dry in any sense; winning the prestigious American History Book Prize with a book entitled *The Secret History of Wonder Woman*. The New Americanism starts at our roots and tracks us to our present day. It is a wonderful primer to getting a grip on the substance of American Nationalism; our story.

For more information, contact Ron MacLachlan at 756-3695, or ronmaclachlan03608@gmail.com.

— Ron MacLachlan

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discussion, followed by a ribbon cutting and a tour on foot of the 10 acres of land. Aside from what you see while driving past the property on route 12, there are two lower fields, and the property abuts the Connecticut River.

The Pinnacleview 4-H Club will be in attendance with refreshments (by donation) including local dairy products. A tent and seating will be provided. Members of the fundraising group and the Walpole Conservation Commission will also be in attendance. The event is family friendly and all are invited to come.

Following the property tour, meet back at the tent for refreshments and discussion. Parking will be in the upper field along Walker Road. Come tour the property that we all worked so hard to save. Hope to see you there.

— Steven Dumont

Library Plant Sale

Looking for Donations

The Friends of the Library are looking for plant donations for the annual sale to be held Saturday, May 11, 9:00 to 11:00 AM on the Walpole Historical Society lawn.

If you have interesting or unusual plants to donate, that would be very much appreciated. It is helpful if plants are labeled. We are accepting plant donations at the Malnati farm (across from Agway). Please call Carol at 756-9537 with questions or for further information.

Please join us for this sale, rain or shine! Mother's Day is the next day, so in addition to plants, we will also have unique Mother's Day gifts available for sale.

— Jana Sellarole



An on-line search for this firm again has failed to reveal a website for further information. In today's world, it takes but minutes to provide on-line information. Welcome provided the Planning Board with a link to a taped meeting of the Bedford Energy Commission where he spoke in October.

Editorially speaking, I question the reliability of an individual or firm that does not follow through as promised, and of which nothing can be learned in this transparent world. It will be interesting to see if they try to make another trip to Walpole.

– Ray Boas

Historical Society

Walpole Summer Fest

On the lawn and inside the Academy Building, civic groups, organizations, artisans and community members will gather from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 20 for the Walpole Summer Fest. Inside there will be tours of the museum's treasures led by Ron Patch, and roundtable discussion of old Walpole Lore. Outside there will be walks through the village to view and learn about the architecture while on the Academy lawn there will be games, food and fun activities for all ages.

Would you or your group like to participate in this social and fun community event? There is no charge, just bring your table, chair, wares to sell or brochures/information. But please call Sally at 445-2527 or Christie at 756-9019 to reserve your space. Or visit our website – www.walpolehistory.com – for more information

– Sally McGaffigan



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Town Meeting Follow-Up

At the Town Meeting on March 16, 2019 a citizen asked what percentage of the Recycling Center expenses are paid for with revenue from the sale of recyclables. At the time, the Select Board did not have the answer but said we would follow-up. In fiscal year 2018, approximately 52% of the expenses for the Recycling Center were paid for by the sale of bags and other recyclables. The sale of bags accounts for much of this revenue.

It is important to note that the markets for recyclables is constantly changing, and it is very difficult to predict what our future revenue will be. Ben Hoy, the Director of the Recycling Center, is always on the lookout for better opportunities to increase revenues.

Although the question was not asked directly, in 2018 the Police were able to purchase \$7,665.00 worth of equipment with monies from the Police Revolving Fund. The Parks and Recreation Department was able to purchase \$9,789.00 of program materials from the Parks and Recreation Revolving Funds.

These funds were set-up to allow the departments to retain monies that they receive, resulting in a reduction of expense budgets.

The Select Board welcomes your questions and suggestions.

– Steve Dalessio



Help get rid of this...

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Be sure to wear mud-proof shoes and gloves. The clean up will happen rain or shine, so dress accordingly! It's fun, and you'll feel great afterwards. You'll be amazed by what you will find!

So, in honor of Earth Day (a little late), let's do this! See you all Saturday the 4th.

– Tara Sad

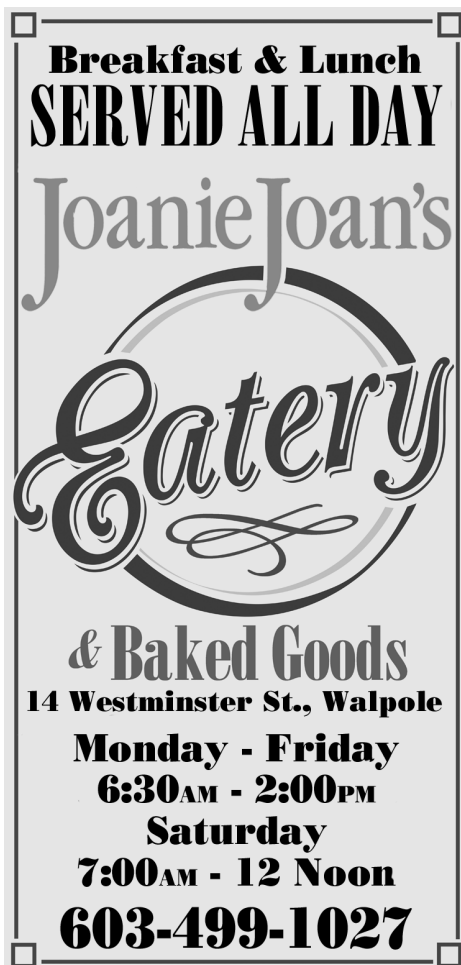
Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their regular monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on May 20, 2019 at the First Congregational Church. Bring a friend and a dish to share. We are looking forward to having Tom Oxholm, Director of Institutional Advancement at Kurn Hattin Homes, as our speaker. We guarantee a great luncheon of delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

Our summer program for traveling is open to those Seniors wishing to join the organization. The trips include: June: A ride on the Mt. Washington at Lake Winnepesaukee followed by lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm; July: We travel to Maine's acclaimed Foster's Lobster Restaurant followed by a Michael Minor comedy show; August: Lunch at the Black Rock Restaurant in Springfield followed by a Patsy Cline Musical at the Weston Playhouse. For additional information contact Paula Gallagher at 904-4045

– Jan Martin

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May 5 - Circle Sunday at Hastings House

May 12 - No service this day

May 19 - Rev. Elaine Bomford

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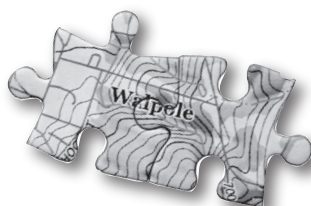
Spring Food Sale

When: Saturday, May 11, 9-11:15 AM

Where: In front of the Walpole Post Office

What: A variety of delicious homemade items, including special items for Mother's Day.

— Wendy Harty



Friendly Meals

North Walpole

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, May 24, at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be cranberry sauce, roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, and a chocolate chip cookie 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, May 22.

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

Spring Clean YOUR SMILE!



If you're like most people, the arrival of the spring season signals the beginning of cleaning projects. While you're decluttering your garage, cleaning the carpets or emptying out the closets, be sure not to overlook one of the most important cleaning projects—Your teeth!

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Historical Society

Museum Opens for 2019 Season

The Walpole Historical Society opens for the season, Saturday, June 1. Hours are noon to 4:00 PM. This year the museum will feature four new and very distinct exhibits.

Life in the Valley 1919 – A farm wife's simple diary transports us back to "The Valley" in 1919, as we learn of daily challenges and moments of celebration. A time before antibiotics and local electricity and a dependence on oxen, horse, and man power, the lives of Roxanne and Henry will remind us of the strength of our forefathers and mothers.

Walpole Stories – Stories from the notebooks of Edith Cole Tiffany: exploding cannons, stone walls, drunken chickens, sinners, shiny tin ware and a **terrible** odor at the academy!

Walpole Architecture -- This exhibit will focus on the early architecture of the homes and buildings of Walpole and the people who designed and built them during the period from Walpole's founding until 1850.

BOOM! – A collection of clothing, toys, everyday and decorative items that recall the trends and innovations from the 1950's through the 1970's. **BOOM!** is a lighthearted opportunity to "remember when" for boomers, their parents, children and grandchildren.

The gift shop will feature new "Fragrant Flyers", birch candles, hand sewn items, cards, stained glass pieces, mini wind chimes, scarves and accessories, napkins, wooden bookmarks, local honey and maple products, books and games for the kids and much more. Come and browse and enjoy visiting our new and exciting exhibits with your friends here in the museum. We will be open every Saturday noon to 4:00 PM.

– Sally McGaffigan

First Congregational

The Semi-Annual Rummage and Food Sale is coming. Friday May 3, 4:00 to 6:00 PM will be the Rummage Sale only. Saturday May 4, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM will be the Rummage and Food Sale. Available will be good quality spring and summer clothing, household and tag sale items. Our popular bag sale starts at 11:00 AM on Saturday. All you can stuff into a large trash bag for \$7.00 or a small bag for \$5.00. We will have a wide array of food items for our food sale on Saturday

Also on Saturday, May 4, we will be delivering five Emergency Cleanup Buckets and ten Hygiene Kits to our sister church in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The buckets "provide assistance to families and communities affected by flooding, tornados and other disasters". The hygiene kits, "can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families in the face of natural disasters, violence or grinding poverty." These buckets and kits contain over \$500 of materials and will be sent to a warehouse in Maryland in preparation for the next disaster. We hope to make this ministry an annual event and welcome contributions sent to PO Box 393, Walpole, NH, 03608

First Congregational is hosting the third annual Open House after the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. We welcome you to come in and enjoy light refreshments following the ceremony. This year we will have help from the Girl Scouts. Building community at the grass roots level is critical to the fabric of towns. We invite you to join us.

– Chuck Shaw

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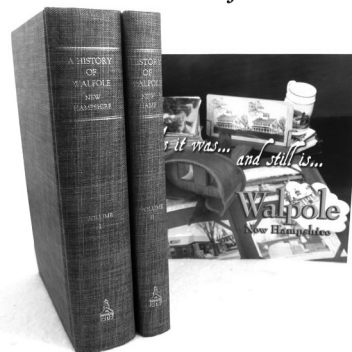
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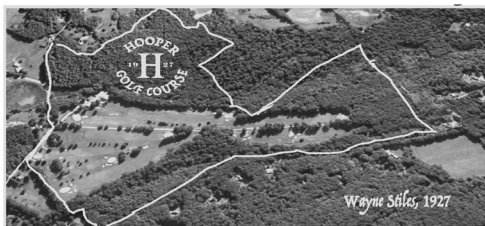
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Walpole Town Library

Construction Update:

Construction at the Walpole Town Library is set to start in the middle of May, with a goal of May 15. We'll continue operating out of the library building through the end of May, as the beginning stages of construction will not be intrusive. We can't promise space, but we can promise an exciting one! If you haven't stopped by to see the architect's plans or get a quick tour from Justine, feel free to do so.

We have to give a big thank you to Rich Anderson at Flagship Harbor Advisors. He has graciously allowed the construction crew to use his land behind the library. Without his cooperation, the expansion and renovation project would not be happening.

We'd also like to address some frequently asked questions. If you have other questions or would like more information, please email Justine Fafara, the Library Director, at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org

FAQ:

Where will I return books?

The library will be operating out of the second floor of Town Hall from June through November. Books can be returned there during normal library operating hours. We'll also be moving our book drop to town hall so you will still be able to return materials when the library is closed for the day.

What are the library's hours while operating out of Town Hall?

They'll be our normal business hours, Monday 1PM-8PM, Tuesday 1PM-6PM, Wednesday 10AM-12PM & 1PM-8PM, Thursday & Friday 1-6PM, and Saturday 9AM-1PM. They can also be found on our website www.walpoletownlibrary.org

Will weekly programs like the knitting group, maker play and story time still take place?

Yes! All of our normal weekly programs will still be conducted. All of our programs are free and open to the public. Check the calendar here in the Clarion or on our website for all the details.



A sampling of the appreciative messages stuck to the Library's fireplace mantle during Library Week

Will special programs for Summer Reading still take place?

Yes! We have some great programs lined up for the summer. Our annual Zoo Animal program presented by Wildlife Encounters will be held on July 31 at 1PM. We'll also have the Grafton Museum here weekly on Tuesdays at 2PM and other special programs on Wednesdays at 2PM. Check back next month for the full Summer Reading schedule!

Help Us Move!

There are a number of ways you can help with the move to Town Hall:

Check out a BIG pile of books before May 13th and return them to us in June when we're set up in Town Hall. It will limit the books we need to pack up, and expand the selection we'll have for the 6 months we're in Town Hall.

Volunteer to help pack. Email Justine at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org to set up a 1 or 2 hour window to help pack up some books. Packing will take place from May 13th through May 25th.

Volunteer to help with the physical moving. We'll be moving boxes and furniture to Town Hall on Friday May 31st from 8am-1pm (and Saturday June 1st if needed).

Closed for Memorial Day

The Library will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Did you share some love?

April 7 through 13 was National Library Week. To celebrate, we asked patrons to leave a love note for the library. It seems the free books, the friendly staff and the Wi-Fi are big hits!

Pencil It In!

We have two big programs coming up, so pencil these in to your calendars and look for more info in the coming months.

Friday June 14th we will be hosting Chris Schadler who does a phenomenal presentation on Coyotes. Time and more details will be announced in the June Clarion, on our website, on our Facebook page, and on the Walpolean.

As mentioned above, Wildlife Encounters will be presenting our annual zoo animal program on Wednesday, July 31 at 1PM.

All of our programs, including these, are free and open to the public. Keep in mind that all of our programs May through November will be taking place at Walpole Town Hall.

— Justine Fafara

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Lost in Yonkers

The Walpole players closed out their 2018-2019 season with an outstanding production of Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize winning play *Lost in Yonkers*, directed by Mike Wright.

Ben Robison and Anthony Mitchell (brothers Jay and Artie) performed their roles like seasoned professionals. Ben, is a Players veteran, but this was Anthony's first turn with The Players. This production welcomed two other new faces to the Walpole Players line-up, Gregory Higgins as the boys' father Eddie, and Maggie McGlone-Jennings as Grandma Kurnitz. Other familiar faces were Tom Durnford as the boys' Uncle Louie, and Jenny Plante as Aunt Gert. Both have been featured in numerous Walpole Players productions. Karen Soohoo, who appeared in last year's *The Real Inspector Hound*, played Bella.

A lot of work went into the design and building of the set, costuming the show, and managing the sound and lighting for this production, and we thank Bill Perron and David Sanchez Navarro for creating the Yonkers apartment that was Grandma's home, and Adam Terrell for lighting it up.

Most of all, The Walpole Players want to thank everyone who not only came to our production of *Lost in Yonkers*, but helped spread the word so that we played to a completely full house the second weekend! That is how we really know our hard work paid off!

— Lisa Bryan



Bella confronts Grandma Kurnitz while Gert looks on.



Uncle Louie cautions Jay



Eddie...in a difficult place



Artie shows his moxie.

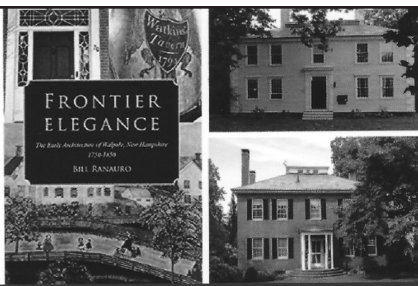
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School Accreditation

Collaborative Conference Planned for May

Three educators will conduct an on-site Collaborative Conference visit with Walpole School on May 20 and 21. Principal Samuel Jacobs announced today the Collaborative Conference visit will be conducted under the direction of the Commission on Public Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The Collaborative Conference visiting team will be chaired by Mr. Paul Yergeau. Mr. Yergeau has had extensive experience in the Association's Accreditation process.

Principal Jacobs explains, "The purpose of this Collaborative Conference is to review and determine from an outside professional viewpoint the extent to which the school is aligned to the Standards for Accreditation and identify priority areas for growth and improvement. As part of the Conference, the team will meet with school constituents, review the school's Self-Reflection, visit a number of classes, and examine examples of student work submitted by the school. During the

comprehensive Self-Reflection, the faculty attempted to identify the school's strengths and determined those areas in which changes would be beneficial."

The chair of the Collaborative Conference visiting team, Mr. Paul Yergeau, states, "Our purpose in visiting Walpole School is to assist the faculty in its pursuit of quality education for its students." Principal Jacobs pointed out, "The members of the team are contributing their services to the school. This spirit of professional collaboration is one of the noted features of the New England Association. The goal of an Accreditation visit is to stimulate a continuing drive for improvement in the school." The members of the team are teachers and administrators from a variety of schools in the New England area.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a voluntary membership organization of more than 2,000 public schools, colleges, and universities, independent schools, and vocational, technical, and career institutions. Of these, over 725 schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public

Schools. The Commission works with individual public schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of Accreditation and ongoing monitoring.

For more information contact: Mr. Samuel Jacobs, Principal, Walpole School at 756-4728.

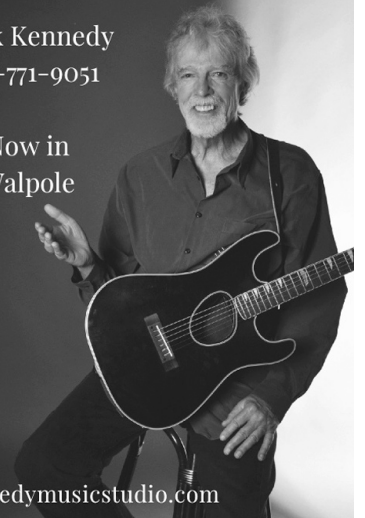
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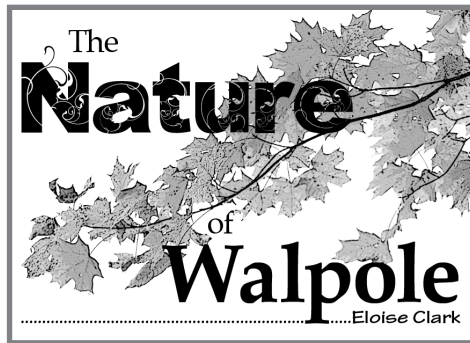
Ponds really come to life this month of May. The strong sun reaches into their depths warming the mucky bottom. It's time for turtles to emerge! These cold blooded vertebrates or ectotherms depend on warm sunshine to become active. Their domed shells act as a solar collector, warming their vital organs housed beneath.

Turtle shells have served this species of reptile well for the past 200 million years. The shell is made up of two parts, the top or carapace and the bottom or plastron. Unlike cartoons of old, the turtle cannot walk out of its shell. A turtle's vertebrae and ribs are fused to form the carapace. Turtles also have extra-long necks to increase their scope of vision around their protective dome.

The painted turtle is the most common turtle you'll see when you scan the pond surface. Look for them basking on partly submerged logs. They reach a length of about six inches. The dark shell edge is rimmed with yellow and red markings. Most of the color is reserved for the head and legs which are gaily decorated with yellow and black stripes. The head has a slash of red from the cheek to the throat.

Our largest turtle is the snapping turtle. It's not unusual for snappers to exceed 20 pounds and reach two feet in length. Their long tail has a serrated top edge. Its shell is smaller than its muscular body. The snapper cannot withdraw into its protective shell if threatened. Its aggressive disposition helps fend off predators. Snappers like areas with thick bottom mud and lots of vegetation such as the Mill Pond. They can hide motionless in plain sight as they wait for fish, frogs or even the occasional duckling to come within reach.

A turtle is most vulnerable when it's time to lay her eggs. She must trek to



Walpole's turtles

land from her watery fortress and seek soil loose enough to excavate a chamber for her eggs. If successful, about a dozen ping-pong textured eggs will hatch in about two to three months, depending upon the warmth of the soil. The young are miniatures of the adults and must return to their natal pond. Often the eggs become a treat for the observant raccoon or skunk who eagerly consumes this nutritious source of protein.

Of course, crossing any road puts her in great peril from vehicles. If you want to help, the best tactic is to move the turtle in the direction she was headed. Don't automatically put it back in the pond if they are headed away from it.

Also please don't try to "help" the turtles by relocating them to another pond. Be safe yourself and don't perform your act of kindness if road conditions are hazardous.

Walpole also has two land dwelling turtles although it's become very rare to see either of them. Wood turtles average 5.5 to 7.5 in length. They have bright red or orange coloring on the neck and legs. The carapace has individual plates or scutes, sculpted like a pyramid with many grooves. The wood turtle spends most of the summer wandering damp woods. They return to shallow streams to hibernate. As with all true hibernators, heartbeat and respiration slow to a crawl. Hibernating turtles are able to satisfy their oxygen requirements by absorbing it from the water through their skin!

Our second terrestrial turtle is the box turtle. They have a highly domed brown carapace with colorful golden yellow markings. They are only 4-6 inches long. The males have a beautiful red eye. Both terrestrial turtles will eat fungi, insects, fruit and berries, slugs and snails and the occasional earthworm.

Collecting box turtles has been against the law since 1996. They are considered endangered in New Hampshire, while the wood turtle is a species of special concern. Collecting for the pet trade has decimated the numbers of both species. Taking any individual out of the breeding population reduces the chances of mates finding one another. Give our native turtles a hand by admiring them from a distance and leaving them alone. Better yet, report any sightings of these two terrestrial turtles to NH Fish & Game, Non-game and Endangered Wildlife Program.



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DIRECTOR/EDUCATOR OF THE FREDERICK H. HOOPER INSTITUTE

Department: Hooper Institute, Town of Walpole

Employment Status: Full Time

Job Summary :

- The Director oversees all programs of the Hooper Institute within the Walpole attendance area as well as teaches part-time in the fifth to eighth grade in the Walpole School.
- Supervises one paid elementary school teacher and occasional volunteers
- Supports the Hooper Institute's Board of Directors
- Advises the Friends of the Hooper Institute on the needs of the Hooper Institute as well as supporting fund raising efforts.
- Face of the Hooper Institute to the community

Supervision Received: The Director of the Hooper Institute reports to the Hooper Institute Board of Directors but is an employee of the Hooper Trust overseen by the Hooper Trustees.

Experience: A Bachelor's Degree or higher, preferably in environmental studies, agriculture or forestry. Management experience in the non-profit sector; teaching experience helpful.

Required Skills: Communication skills, written and verbal; Organizational skills and creativity a plus. Camping and canoeing experience. High Energy.

Tasks:

- Support the Board of Directors of the Hooper Institute
- Participate in Walpole Department Directors' monthly meetings
- Cooperate with the Walpole Conservation Commission and Recycle Center
- Oversee Hooper Buildings and Grounds as well as the Hooper Museum
- Participate in community outreach programs both in the schools and community at large.

Applications are due electronically no later than May 24 at hoopered@walpolenh.us.

Applications must contain a cover letter, a resume and a contact list of references.

Questions may be addressed to the email address: hoopered@walpolenh.us

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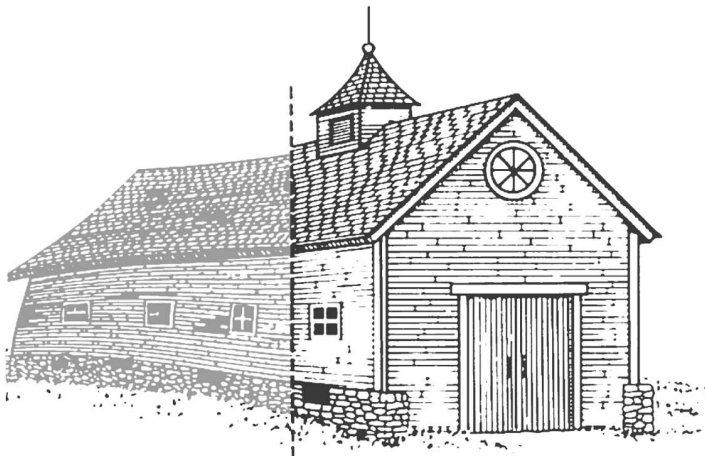
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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...In the 18th century to get

to the other side of the Connecticut River you most likely rode a ferry. Walpole had a number of ferry landings and ferry operators; but, other than names and dates, not much information exists on their operations.

In 1773, Benjamin Bellows was granted the right to operate a public ferry "one mile north and one-half mile south" of where he was at the time operating a ferry. Cognizant governments would issue a charter or license to individuals allowing their operations within a certain area and scope. This alleviated territorial conflicts, and granted monopolies. Bellows received another charter in 1774, this time for a ferry operation from the Westmoreland line north three miles. John Bellows was given a ferry privilege in 1792 between the two previous Bellows' grants. His crossing was just north of Dunshee Island.

Wright's Ferry operated in North Walpole in 1774 just south of the Charlestown line. Zachariah Carpenter had a landing near the mouth of the Cold River, and a "ferry place" at the Village Bridge. Walpole ferry services were probably short lived, with the construction of the Tucker Bridge in 1785 and the Village Bridge in 1807.

A ferry boat usually was 40-44 feet long, 11-12 feet wide and around 26 inches deep. Simple vessels, these wooden rafts of "hard-pine planks" were often propelled by their owners using long push poles. The ends of the boats were square and tapered for "snugging up" to the access roads above the waterline. In other configurations, to lessen the fighting of currents and for control, a wire was stretched across the river, and fastened to posts on both shores. This wire passed through pulleys on posts at each end of the ferry. A moveable handle on the wire, when turned a certain way, gripped the wire. The ferryman would then, holding the handle, walk and push towards the other post. Once at the other end he would release the handle, walk back, and repeat the laborious process, propelling the vessel across the river.

Westmoreland ferries were longer running, most likely due to the distance to bridges crossing the Connecticut River. John Kathan started his ferry from



OLD BRITTON FERRY BETWEEN WESTMORELAND, N. H., AND PUTNEY, VT.

Dummerston to Westmoreland in 1752. Service stopped due to threats during the French and Indian Wars, but resumed until 1804. In 1755, Josiah Willard began ferry service to Putney. William Britton became the owner, and ran the ferry for forty-three years from 1858-1901. Later known as the Great Meadows Ferry, the landing was at the end of what is now Great Meadows Ferry Road off Route 63. In the early 20th century, foot passengers were charged five cents, a wagon with one horse ten cents, fifteen cents for two horses. A "heavy load" could cost you

twenty cents, but sheep rode for a penny a head. The busiest recorded traffic was one day in 1898 when seventy-six teams crossed on Britton's Ferry.

By the mid-1920s, the automobile and improved roads along the river caused a decline in ferry usage. But, the end came August 18, 1930. To create a smoother surface, the then-operator topped the planks with concrete. The effect on buoyancy was not considered. Crossing with two cars and their passengers, the ferry sank. Four of the six passengers drowned. The ferry never ran again.

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Walpole Maples

New Faces, Same Goal

Baseball season is upon us, and the Walpole Maples are now the only show in town (when it comes to men's baseball, at least!) Coming off a runner-up season in 2018, the Maples hope to get another shot at their third Connecticut River Valley Baseball League championship! It won't be easy (it never is), especially with the loss of the team's ace starting pitcher, Steve Corey, who hung up his spikes after last season.

Many familiar faces have returned for 2019: pitcher Henry Bailly; infielders Joe Corey, Colby McAllister, Mark McGill, Kyle O'Brien and Shane Salmonson; and outfielders Kyle Keating, Adam Kobeski and Ben Romeo. The Maples also welcome some new faces: catcher Garin Clough and infielder John Maciejewski; pitcher Patrick Ericson; outfielder Cameron Bassingthwaite; and first baseman Jamie Spence (who traded in his Wild Blue for the Maples' green and yellow). The Maples hope to be a competitive team once again!

The season kicked off April 14 against the Brattleboro Brewers. Heading into the 5th inning with a 2-1 lead, the Maples put seven runs on the board and never looked back, winning the game 12-7. Patrick Ericson debuted on the mound with a strong start, going six innings and allowing just one earned run. There were contributions from the entire lineup, with John Maciejewski and Kyle O'Brien both recording three runs batted in.

— Shane Salmonson

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North Walpoleans: Did you know that Decamp Trucking will pick up your recyclables on the first Thursday of the month? Here are some specifics from their website:

Your recycling should be prepared as follows:

• Aluminum Cans

Placed in one bag separate from all other recyclables.

• Metal cans

Placed in one bag separate from all other recyclables. Rinsed out.

• Glass Containers

All glass containers in one bag separate from all other recyclables. Must be rinsed and tops removed.

• Plastics (#1)

All plastics in one bag separate from all other recyclables with caps removed.

• Newspaper

All newspaper (DRY) in one bag separate from all other recyclables.

• Paperboard

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• Cardboard

All cardboard (DRY) in one bag, box or tied in a bundle separate from all other recyclables.

• Prohibited Items:

No waxed milk or orange juice containers, plastic cups, plastic egg cartons, plastic salad containers, plastic fruit containers or coleslaw containers, etc. These items should be put in with your regular rubbish in Walpole Bags.

As of now only a handful of households are using this service. I challenge you, our village to the North.. SHOW ME YOUR RECYCLING!!!

REMINDER: We do not recycle "clam containers". These are what most fresh fruit and salad greens come in. Please put those in your Walpole garbage bag.

Our new website is up and running! There is some great information about our Reuse Center and our Fee Schedule. <https://www.walpolenh.us/recycling-center.html>

Thank you to Walpole Grocery for donating monthly gift cards of a whole Roasted Chicken to be raffled off to a lucky volunteer! Keep Recycling Walpole,

— Erica Sweeney

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The Great River Co-op

Meets Milestone

The Great River Co-op, a cooperative grocery store coming to Walpole, has reached an important milestone of 800 household members.

According to the newly-established Seven Roots Group (a co-op of co-op consultants) 600-800 members is when a cooperative grocery store board should start looking for a site for their project. The Great River Co-op already has its site, on Tedd Benson's property between Pinnacle View and The Hungry Diner, so the project is on course when compared with other cooperatives.

Community members interested in getting more involved in moving the project forward are encouraged to contact Steve Fortier at president@greatriverfoodcoop.com, or 903-2602.

– Steve Fortier

Walpole Artisans Gallery

New Artist Reception

The Walpole Artisans Gallery, 52 Main Street, is hosting a New Artist Reception Friday, May 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The featured artisans include: Tara Van Meter of Van Meter Studio - etched art on glass, metal, stone, and slate; Donlin Foreman of Horse Hill Studio - repurposed found objects combined with leather art; Kathleen Kennedy of Brag Bags - tapestry handbags, pen and ink drawings, and zodiac note cards; and, Michael Wilber of Cheshire Woodsmith - segmented wooden serving boards with natural wood tones.

There will be complimentary beverages and finger food for visitors to enjoy. This event is open to the public and free to attend. Come and enjoy a chance to meet our newest artisans! For more information, email: thewalpoleartisans@gmail.com, or call 756-3020.

– Walpole Artisans

Hooper Institute

Search Committee

The Trustees of the Hooper Trust have announced the Search Committee for a new Executive Director/Educator for the Hooper Institute. Susan Wycoff has been appointed Chair of the Committee which consists of the following members: Marcia Galloway, Hooper Institute Board; Becky Whippie, Hooper Institute Educator; Joe Coneeny, past Chair of the Hooper Institute Board; Sam Jacobs, Principal, Walpole Elementary Schools; and Cheryl Mayberry, Select Board Liaison.

The Search Committee will accept applications electronically at Hoopered@Walpolenh.us beginning immediately and no later than May 24, 2019. Applications should include a cover letter, a resume, and a contact list of references.

The Executive Director/Educator position is a full-time job at the Hooper Institute overseeing all programs of the Institute, supporting the Board of Directors, and advising the Friends of the Hooper Institute. In addition, the Director will teach part-time in the fifth and sixth grade and manage the high tunnel.

Applicants must have a minimum of a BA or BS, preferably in environmental studies, agriculture or forestry. Management in the non-profit sector and teaching experience helpful. Communication skills, written and verbal – are essential. Camping and canoeing experience a plus. A more detailed job description will be available on the Walpole Town website, and elsewhere in this issue.

– Peggy Pschirrer

Cloudy skies did not discourage participants in the Cub Scout Easter Egg Hunt on April 20.



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— Virginia Carter

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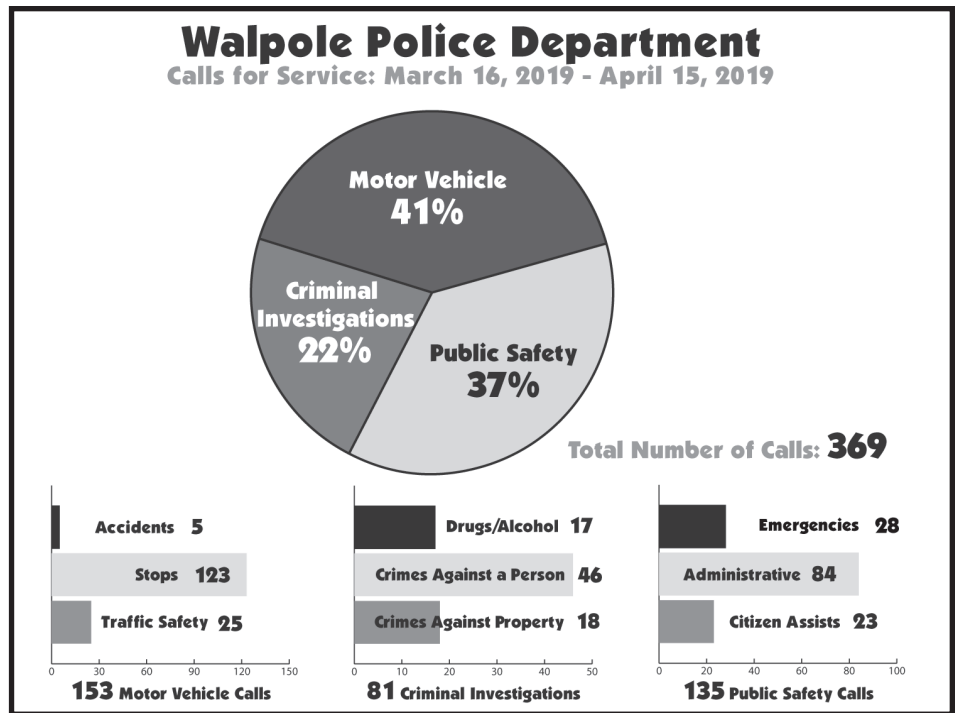
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— Lori Frandino

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Annual School Play

Dirk Smirk: Secret Agent

On Wednesday, April 17, 2019, the Walpole Elementary School performed Dirk Smirk Secret Agent. The participants in the play included students from 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, and was organized and directed by Mrs. Sweetland.



The story is about Dirk Smirk, a secret agent trying to defeat an evil agency called STINK. He does it with the help of Tremaine, his sidekick Grainger, and Goodpenny, the chief of his department. He also had a gadget maker named Professor Pretorius.

Together with the help of them and a little help from the Metropolitan Police, they are able to stop STINK's evil plan to brainwash the President of Nations, played by 6th grader Cora Buswell. In the end, the good guys prevail.

Some of the main cast members were 8th grader Jordan Smith as Dirk Smirk, 7th grader Jade Nadeau as Tremaine. The villainous STINK were played by 6th grader Charlotte Fowle, and 7th graders Emma Duckett and Emma Johnson. Seventh grader Patrick Manning played Prof. Pretorius, while the head of the Police was played by 8th grader Alex Bernard. Seventh grader Ian Gould delivered the news in entertaining and funny ways. There were many other parts played by many other wonderful actors. Eighth graders Jesse Meadows and Hannah Wheeler were a big help behind the scenes, including makeup.

– Patrick Manning (Grade 7)

Spring Sports

Seasons Open

Spring has come! And so has spring sports at Walpole Elementary School. We have baseball, softball, and track.

Ms. McDougle coaches the girls' softball team, as she had last season. The girls practice out on the field every day, and are doing very well already, although it's pretty early in the season. They have their first game April 30 against Kurn Hattin. The softball team has a lot of young talent, including fifth and seventh graders, that are showing improvement each practice.

Mr. Gagnon coaches the boys' baseball team. "The boys are working really hard, and I think we are going to have a really great team this year," said Gagnon.

"Our team is going to win every game!" said seventh grader Cam Clark, one of the boys on the team. Their first game is on May 2nd. The baseball team is balanced with multiple players from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

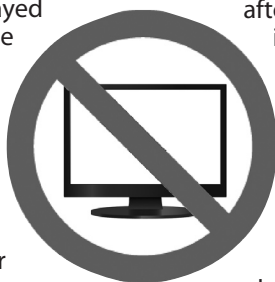
Coach Desilets, Coach Xavier, Coach Soddors, and Coach Lloyd run the track team. Also Brad Tetu is really helpful, and lends a hand to helping the athletes train. Thanks Brad! "We sure do practice a lot, but it's going to pay off!" said seventh grader Ben Tetu. Overall, the kids are working really hard, and it's sure to be a great season for all of Walpole's sports.

– Etta Bea Harrison (Grade 7)

Screen Free Week

Screen free week is a week that you can't touch or even look at a screen all week, and there are activities after school. These activities included Candy Bar Bingo; a VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) presentation; and, of course, the Walpole Teachers Versus the Walpole Police/Fire basketball game. In a close contest, the Police/Fire team took the win thanks to help from Walpole 8th graders. As for me, it was entertaining, but I still believe that I need video games.

– Cameron Clark (Grade 7)



National Poetry Month

Here at Walpole Elementary School, we are participating in National Poetry Month. During this month we learn about different forms of poetry, such as Limericks, Villanelles, Haikus, Free Verse, Sonnets, Concrete poems, Odes, Book Spine Poetry, and much more. Our Language Arts teacher, Mr. Gagnon, works hard to teach us new forms of writing. This month his main focus is poetry. One example of the Book Spine Poetry would be to stack books on top of each other and create a poem from the titles of the books. For example, my poem using this method:

Witness to war
Hidden child
Memories of survival
Talking to the sun
Monsters and water beasts
Lives of the athletes

We have also learned about famous poets, such as Robert Frost, E.E. Cummings, Shel Silverstein, Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, and many more. Students will be completing their own poetry projects after Spring Break. "Students are writing some wonderful poems and really showing their creative sides," said Mr. Gagnon.

– Malesa Seavey (Grade 7)

Easter

A Brief History

Easter is a widely-known Christian holiday. In 2015, 80% of American adults celebrated Easter. Most people hold Easter egg hunts and Easter dinners and brunches.

Some traditions are boiling eggs and dying them in exotic colors. Some of these eggs have intricate designs. Another tradition is Easter baskets, which the Easter bunny comes and fills with different gifts for kids.

Easter has been celebrated since the 8th century. People decorate their homes with many figurines and wall decorations, and some even pose with a person dressed up to be the Easter bunny. You can find Easter-themed stores across the world. Many of the traditions that we celebrate today do not just come from Christianity, but from folklore from other cultures, including German culture which included a big hare that laid eggs..

– Morrigan Farnum (Grade 7)

Recycled Percussion

Visits Fall Mountain High School

Justin Spencer and Ryan Vezina from Recycled Percussion came to Fall Mountain Regional High School on April 4, 2019. Justin told the students personal stories about his life growing up in New Hampshire, and how he took something he loved and turned it into a successful lifestyle that he enjoys every day. The two are known for their random acts of kindness and helping others. Justin explained to students about the toy drive they do each year for Toys for Tots, visiting CHaD hospital, and other ways that they help people. Justin and Ryan told the school they would donate to CHaD in Fall Mountain Regional High School's name to help us kick start our new initiative for Promoting Healthy Lifestyles! A Fall Mountain ELC mentor student spoke about CHaD and the personal connection her family had with CHaD, thanking Justin and Ryan for their donation!

Justin and Ryan also performed for the students using drums and a ladder. They got the audience involved with half court shots, a faculty drum off, and dancing. Kindness was their message. Fun, chaos, and being real with the students is how they got their message across. From this experience we want our students to come up with ideas on how FM can help others in our school, district, community, and beyond. At the end of the presentation we asked the students to talk to friends, teachers, family members, coaches etc., and come up with ideas on what we as a school can do to help others around us and in our community.

Our students met in advisory to discuss with peers and their advisor the ideas they had. By having the students decide on how they want to help others,

we hope they will take ownership in their choices and increase their participation during Promoting Healthy Lifestyles next fall. Advisories also discussed how high school students are the leaders and role models for the younger generations in our district.



After their presentation Justin and Ryan stopped by the Early Learning Center and took a picture with the ELC students and some of the high school mentors.

We want to thank the Fall Mountain Endowment Association for funding this event. Here is what some students had to say about the performance:

"Literally the best day of my life!" FM sophomore

"Their message was powerful." FM senior

"Their message connected with a lot of students and they loved watching all of the teachers dance." FM Faculty

"That was amazing!" FM Senior

– Heidi Westover

My Ideal Field Trip

Ray's Indoor Mountain Bike Park

Ray's Indoor Mountain Bike Park is a giant warehouse with a bunch of features in it. It consists of easy trails, such as the green trail which loops around the entire park. It easy with no mandatory jumps. The green trail consists of easy features such as corners, and small natural features. Also the green trail goes through the novice section 1 and 2. Anybody who is not confident in their mountain biking skills could just ride around on the easy trails.

There are also harder trails though. Kids who want to try harder things can try many features such as jumps, skinny bridges, teeter totters, and many other features. Because Ray's Indoor Mountain Bike Park is inside a warehouse, there is no way to get really lost.

I know what you might be thinking, that's too dangerous. The school let us walk around on ice, with knives on our feet in what may be called "skating." Surely, that is more dangerous than riding around a warehouse on bikes. I think that the school could make a lot of kids happy with a trip to Ray's Indoor Mountain Bike Park. The only downside is that it take 9.5 hours to drive there. The school could make up for that by canceling all of the other community trips and only having that one. It would be a great experience for all.

– Ben Frithsen (Grade 7)



Ryan and Justin and Two FM High School Early Learning Center Mentors

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Ryan and Justin from Recycled Percussions and FM Early Learning Center Students and FM High School Mentors

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Buying or Just Inquiring?

Offering an item for sale on-line or via the internet takes a certain amount of patience. Actually, I found it takes almost more patience than I possess.

We decided to put our Motor Home up for sale in October of 2018. It seems that every Village, Town, City or Metropolis has anywhere from one to a dozen on line yard/garage sale sites on Facebook.

I know a few people that spend a lot of time buying and selling items on the internet. "How difficult can it be?" I thought.

So I picked Keene Yard Sale as my first trial at this method of selling something. Shortly after entering the Keene Yard Sale site, I was invited to advertise my item in the "Marketplace". This apparently allows you to automatically be listed in several places.

The first thing one is supposed to do is list your item for sale, in detail, and post the price you hope to get. Once that is done, just sit back and wait for the offers to come flooding in.

Well, the flooding began, but not of offers but of questions, the answers to which were already in the listing, except for one. That one, which was repeated several time daily by several different persons, was, "Is it still available?" The requirement on most sites is, that as soon as your item is sold, you should go to the site and mark it SOLD!. Now in the beginning, I answered responsibly and said 'yes', which lead to more questions which were already answered in the ad and requests for more pictures. So for the first four or five hundred (yes I said hundred) I answered nicely, eagerly anticipating a sale, which never came.

The ad mentioned that the item was a 31 foot Class C Motor Home. One of the questions was, 'How long is it?' After I answered, they would reply, 'Oh, too long. Looking for 26 foot maximum'. After replying to the request for more pictures, to which I sent eight of the

interior, they would respond, 'Do you have more pictures?' Eventually I would check the profile of the inquirer, to which I found requests coming from Florida, New York State, central USA and a couple from the west coast. I couldn't imagine someone from California not being able to find a motor home closer than 3,000 miles away, or someone in Florida thinking they would drive 1,500 miles and get a better deal. We actually got three what I called legitimate contacts. One from northern Vermont, who came and looked it over but called and said his wife said no. When they were here, you could tell by her actions that RVing was his idea and not hers.

The second one was from Connecticut, but his wife did not like the beige interior color.

By this time my sarcastic side started showing up, and some of my answers were not good for promoting the sale. Question: "How long is it?" Answer: "Same length as listed in the ad."

Question: "Is it still available?" Answer: "Is it marked sold?"

Question: "Do you have more pictures?" (after sending all eight of interior and the two shown in the ad) Answer: Sent picture of exhaust pipe and mill pond full of geese. You guessed it, never heard from them again!

Finally three gentlemen from Massachusetts showed up, pointed out what they considered flaws, and asked what the lowest price was that we would accept. My answer: "What's the highest you are willing to go?"

They made a reasonable offer. I hemmed and hawed, kicked the tires on my pick-up truck (no I don't know why, I just did). Finally said, "Okay, it's a deal." A week passed before they called and wanted to lower the offer. I said "No, I accepted your offer in good faith, I will stick with that." Another week passed, they called, set a time for the following Saturday; showed up and asked if they could take it home that day. My answer: as soon as I have money in my hand and sign the title. Money was handed over, title signed and RV headed south.

I have other items that I would like to sell, but I need to take a break from this "easy" way of doing it.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

About the last thing I write for you each month are my comments and thoughts in this "corner." It is very early Monday morning the 22nd, and the May files go to Village Printers within a few hours - a tad later than usual since we are following Easter weekend.

It hit me yesterday - this revelation happens every year. All of a sudden buds are popping on the trees and grass is revealing intense shades of green not seen in months - yeah.

The search for a new Director/Educator of the Frederick H. Hooper Institute has begun. When Eloise Clark decided months ago to retire, I asked if she would please continue writing Nature of Walpole for us. She agreed. Remember, help a turtle across the road in the direction it is going, not coming from. In reading all the educational activities available to our area youth, I often wish similar programs were available for adults also. Maybe someday?

If you remember, it was a year ago efforts began to preserve the Gateway to Walpole. You learned about it on our pages, you showed up at public hearings when asked (the largest audience I can remember seeing), and you donated. Now, to celebrate, you are invited on May 11 to the open house on Route 12 at the junction with South Street. Following the ribbon cutting, you will be able to tour the three levels of this beautiful parcel of river frontage. What you see from the road is but a small part. Please come join us on Saturday, May 11.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

Memorial Day -- The Clarion endeavored to provide you details on Walpole's Memorial Day celebrations, but no one responded to our requests. Town organizations are reminded to please provide advance notice of important Walpole happenings to share with all residents. Closing date for each monthly issue is published in each issue and posted on-line.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

MILESTONES

Passed

Evelyn R. Tewksbury
December 18, 1920 - April 1, 2019

Brian J. Latham
July 26, 1956 - April 17, 2019

Walpole AED Locations

(Automated External Defibrillators)

This information could save a life.

Do you know where to find the closest AED in town in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) emergency?

Locations:

Walpole School – Elementary
(during school season)
8 Bemis Lane

Walpole Town Pool
(during summer season)
14 Bundy Lane

Walpole School – Primary
18 Primary Lane

North Walpole School
17 Cray Road, NW

Walpole Town Hall
34 Elm Street

Walpole Recycling Center
Rte 123, North Walpole

Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic
11 Westminster Street

Bensonwood Homes
6 & 10 Blackjack Crossing Road

LaValley's Building Supply
40 Meadow Access Lane

Hooper Golf Course
166 Prospect Hill Road

Congregational Church
15 Washington Street

Chamberlain Machine
14 Darling Lane

Alyson's Orchard
Wentworth Road

Bowman Dental
48 Meadow Access Lane

Hubbard Park
30 Upper Walpole Road

Savings Bank of Walpole
North Meadow Plaza

Police & Fire vehicles in Walpole and North Walpole are also AED-equipped.



FROM THE CLARION...

A sampling of what we've reported after more than 7 years of publication:

One Year Ago (May 2018) - The library celebrated April's National Library Week by hosting Walpole author James Skofield. Skofield charmed his audience with an animated reading of three of his books for children, then chatted with young and adult attendees afterward.

Three Years Ago (May 2016) - April 23 was a cool and dry day for the 4th Annual Clean Up Day - perfect for picking up garbage from the sides of our roads. The volunteers collected: 212 blue bags of trash, 14 tires, 2 TVs, many odd car parts, one recliner that had seen better days, piles of mixed metal, a vacuum cleaner, a mower, a broken chair, a snowboard, a tricycle, a couch, tractor cushions, railroad spikes, an old radio, dirty diapers, and lots of bottles and cans.

Five Years Ago (May 2014) - At a special meeting of the Walpole Grange #125 April 4, the members of the 2013-2014 Walpole Grange Leadership Academy were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the community of Walpole. Those recognized were Jason Perron, Tom Goins, Ron Rosko, Karen Galloway and Marina Coneeny. The Grange wishes all these individuals the best of luck as they consider how best to serve in our community.

Seven Years Ago - (May 2012) - It may have taken longer than anticipated, but The Walpole Ball Yards are open for business. Although there's still work to be done on the baseball/softball complex before the fields can be considered "finished," the facility off Upper Walpole Road has begun to host games on a regular basis.

Clarion Display Ads

We have made some small, and pleasing changes to our display ad dimensions.

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The cast of *Lost in Yonkers* takes a bow. See page 9.