



"A Great Day for Walpole!"

Walpole Receives \$500,000 Grant from EPA



On June 5, Walpole was one of 149 communities selected by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive one of its grant awards that this year totaled \$64,623,553 for Brownfields funding through the Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant Programs. Walpole was one of four New Hampshire communities to receive a grant, and the only New Hampshire town to receive funds for cleanup work. A check for \$500,000 was presented to Walpole at a ceremony in Nashua. Grants to New Hampshire totaled

Selectboard members Cheryl Mayberry, Peggy Pschirrer, and Steve Dalessio hold the "big check" from the EPA.

Walpole Historical Society Summer Festival

The Walpole Historical Society will open its doors and lawn Saturday, July 20, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for its first Summer Festival.

Starting with early morning coffee, there will be a round-table discussion with a group of longtime Walpoleans, sharing memories of Walpole's "good old days." Tours will be conducted through the Museum's collections with historian and author Ron Patch, and tours of the architectural highlights of downtown Walpole will be led by author Bill Ranauro.

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The Central Plating Plant structures still live on in Google Earth. The now vacant property is the focus of the EPA grant.



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July 4th Town Closings

- Selectboard Office (weekly board meeting, 8AM, July 3)
- Town Clerk's Office
- Town Library
- Recycling Center

\$1,400,000. Besides the \$500,000 to Walpole, Assessment Grants of \$300,000 each were awarded to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission; the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

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Everyone is invited to view the four new exhibits in the museum: *Life in the Valley*, an illustrated documentary about life in and around the old Dodge Tavern about 1919; *Walpole Stories*, a collection of amusing and telling anecdotes from the diaries of Edith Cole Tiffany; *Walpole Architecture*, an historical and stylistic study of buildings in Walpole; and *BOOM!*, a delightful collection of items and memorabilia from the '50's, '60's and '70's.

At least twenty organizations and individuals from Walpole and the area will be on the lawn with displays, information, and items for sale—including the Walpole Fire Department, Pinnacle View 4-H Club, and the Girl Scouts. Also on the grounds will be Mazziott's Savory Tarts serving icy lemonade and iced coffee. Entertainment at intervals throughout the day will be provided by 2 Chez, playing an eclectic mix of old time American jazz, classic and folk music. Walpole's Cub Scout Pack #299 will have grilled hot dogs and cold drinks for sale for lunch.

The round-table discussion is scheduled for 10:00 AM, tours inside the museum will be at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The Architecture Tours in the village are scheduled for 12:00 and 2:00 PM.

The festival will be held rain or shine. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event.

— Sally McGaffigan

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New Board Member

The Great River Co-op is pleased to announce the appointment of our newest board member, Karen West. Karen grew up in Upstate New York and moved to New Hampshire in 2007 to work at C&S Wholesale Grocers after graduating from Cornell University with a degree in Applied Economics & Management. She currently works as a Sales & Marketing Manager for the distribution division of New Hampshire Industries, based in Claremont. Karen and her husband, Jed, who grew up in Bellows Falls, moved to Alstead in 2011, and soon after started their own hobby farm raising chickens, rabbits and bees.



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Karen wants to be involved because she is interested in finding ways to make local and healthy food more readily available and affordable in our community.

The Great River Co-op is in need of volunteers and additional board members to bring this store to fruition. Those interested in getting involved are encouraged to contact Steve Fortier at president@greatriverfoodcoop.com, or 603-903-2602. To learn more about joining the Great River Co-op, please visit <http://www.greatriverfoodcoop.com/> and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GreatRiverCoop.

— Steve Fortier

The clean-up site looking west. The former Ruggles & Hunt building is at lower left. The site is now largely vacant lot, though the "garage" on the left edge of this photo is slated for demolition as well.

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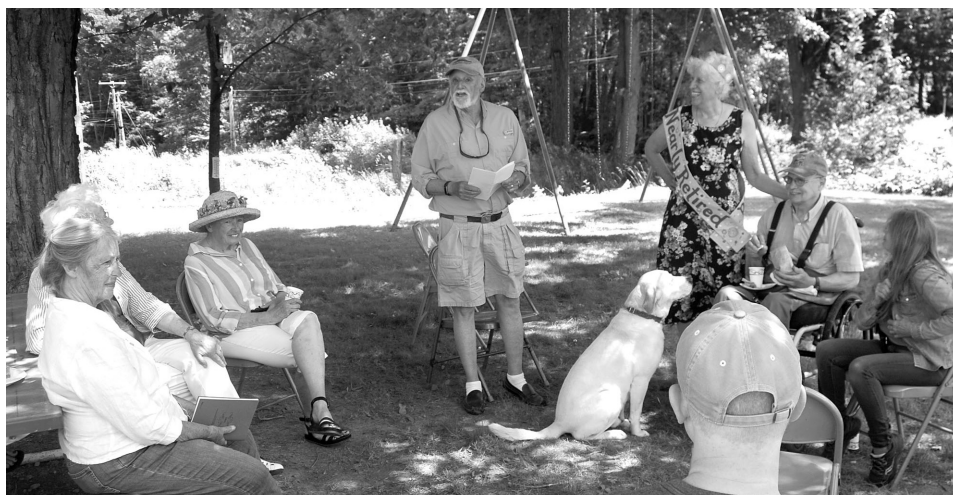


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At the Select Board meeting June 6, Select Board member, Peggy Pschirrer, stated, "This is a great day for Walpole." The funds are to be utilized to clean up the former Central Plating Plant site downtown, located behind Joanie Joan's Eatery and adjoining the Mascoma Bank parking lot and Walpole Foundation properties. Diligently leading this effort for three years, Ms. Pschirrer worked with a number of other agencies, culminating with six weeks of extensive grant writing with the help of the Select Board office. The grant was awarded on Walpole's first attempt applying for funds. Pschirrer stated it is extremely rare for a community to receive a grant on its first try, and particularly in this amount without a requirement for a matching grant.

Central Plating closed a number of years ago. The building was vacant, and eventually demolished. The Town of Walpole has been working for a number of years to accept the property from the Nils Westberg estate. Soil contamination has complicated the process. The cleanup will include removing the contaminated soil to a depth of seven feet, and bringing in new fill. It is anticipated that the Walpole Highway Department will do some of the final work. Space is needed in the village for convenient customer and employee parking, and the new parking lot will provide 40 new spaces in the village. Ideally, these spaces should be used by employees of village businesses, thus making the existing parking close to business doorsteps available and convenient for customers.

– Ray Boas



Bill Perron recited his original poem in honor of the soon-to-be-retired Eloise Clark at the Hooper Institute on the 23rd.

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Finished product of our new basketball and pickleball court

Summertime Fun

Recreation Department Plans

So much has happened since we closed the pool last year. After all the snow melted, we got right to work on improving our facilities and laying down a brand-new basketball and pickleball court.

Kevin Healy did some amazing work on the pool house. He replaced the bottom paneling that was damaged and weathered with new, stronger material. He then applied a few coats of paint on the pool house to make it look alive again! After a few weeks of work, Kevin helped rejuvenate the look of our facility.

Kelly Lawn Care also came down and got their hands dirty, and made our park look beautiful with the landscaping they did. Mrs. DiTullio's Walpole Primary School Genius Hour group even put in a new garden for us! It has all sorts of different flowers and even a bee bath from Mrs. Perron's group.

And because our amazing community voted on receiving a new basketball and pickleball court, Naturescape Courts was able to install our courts in two days! The court looks beautiful, and the kids have been extremely excited to use it. Our basketball court has never been used as much as it is being used now. We have a youth league on Mondays and Tuesdays, an adult league on Wednesdays, and we have all sorts of community members using it during the day and even into the night! This is exactly what our Recreation Department wants to do for our community- bring new and exciting things to our community members to keep them outside and active.

We are also looking to start pickleball lessons, so we can teach community members how to play or how to improve their game. Please make sure you 'like' our page on Facebook (Walpole Recreation-NH), so you can find out more information as it comes out.



Kelly Lawn Care spruces up our park

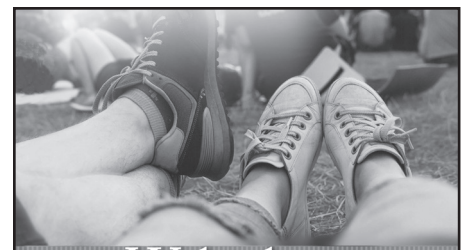
Our Pool Manager, Stephanie Green, and her staff, have worked really hard to open the pool. Ralph Fico spends a lot of time helping us open the pool with vacuuming, cleaning the filters, and assisting with any problems that come up along the way. We offer swim lessons for children 3 and up, daily passes, individual or family season passes, and we even have a birthday party rental option!

As you can see, our community is so giving and is always willing to step in and help improve our amazing parks. Whitcomb Park has been around for years, and we want to continue to make it a place where families and community members can come down and enjoy the pool, basketball, pickleball, tennis, birthday parties, or other community events. We take pride in making our parks an enjoyable place to be. Make sure you come down and see everything that has been done.

– Justin Cassarino

Mrs. DiTullio's Genius Hour's group project

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Walpole summer concerts on the green

2019 schedule

Sundays | 6:30-8:00 pm

All concerts will take place on the town green in Walpole.
Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain or shine.

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| JULY | 07 Keene American Legion Band |
| | 14 Westmoreland Town Band |
| | 21 East Bay Jazz Ensemble |
| | 28 The Temple Band |

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| AUGUST | 04 Brattleboro American Legion Band |
| | 11 Nelson Town Band |

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NOTE: See Basketball Schedules on Page 8

Friends of the Library

Mark your calendar: The 2019 Library Book Sale will be the weekend of October 25-27.

Book Donations: We will begin receiving books on Wednesday, July 10. Book donations can be dropped off at the "Chicken Coop" behind the Hungry Diner, just past the white fence on the right; the same location as last year. Thank you to Ted and Christine Benson/Bensonwood for allowing us to use this space! You can drop off your book donations every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:00, and every Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30. Please be sure that the books that you donate are clean and in good shape. Thank you so much!

Book Sorter Volunteers: We receive thousands of book donations each year. These books need to be sorted into categories. We would really appreciate your help with this big task. Book lovers will definitely enjoy this interesting job. The shifts are only an hour long. We could use your help!

The Plant Sale Continues: If you missed our plant sale in May, there are still some blooming plants available at the Town Hall/Library. Stop by and have a look. Thank you for your support!

– Jana Sellarole



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First Congregational

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

Rev. Rachele Eaton. Ordained on Sunday, June 9, at the United Church of Acworth, Rachele's call to ministry has brought her to Walpole. We are enjoying her services that began in June and will expand starting in July. We invite you to come share the special time that happens starting at 10:00 AM every Sunday.

Pie Sales. Hopefully by now you've attended the first band performance on the Common and had something to eat and drink. The Church's traditional pie sales will be every Sunday starting June 23. Our pies are famous. We even try to have sugar free and gluten free options available. We look forward to serving you.

Contributions. We continue our commitment to our community and wider areas. We are regular supporters of Our Place, Friendly Meals, the Walpole schools vacation meals and the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. The Church also completed a fundraising exercise by placing our pocket change in baby bottles from Mother's Day to Father's Day. A couple of anonymous donors matched the total amount collected, and the money was contributed to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf to purchase baby formula and diapers. We hope to raise over two thousand dollars.

People in Need. In the last ten days, our church has received two requests for assistance. In the first, case a single mother with two children became homeless and has resorted to living in her car. She was looking for affordable housing. Last night, a call came in from a young man whose young family had no place to sleep after their temporary home was raided and their possessions stolen. Need is not always visible, but it is always present. Please contribute to those nonprofits you know that support your values. Peace.

– Chuck Shaw

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their annual picnic luncheon at 12:00 noon on July 15, 2019 at Alyson's Orchard. Everyone is asked to bring a box lunch. If you have lawn chairs, it would be helpful to bring them. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Bring a friend, enjoy some great food, fellowship and the warmth of summer.


– Jan Martin

A Note from the New Pastor

Greetings Walpole friends and neighbors! I'm excited to get to know this community as I work with the Congregational Church as a bridge pastor while the search for a settled minister continues. I graduated with my Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School last May. Since then I have worked in various area churches as pulpit supply or pastor sabbatical coverage, and completed two units of pastoral education as a chaplain intern up at Dartmouth Hitchcock. I was recently ordained to ministry through the American Baptist Churches by my home congregation in Acworth. I'm grateful for this opportunity to get more experience in spiritual care and leadership in the parish context, working with a lovely and active congregation. I hope to meet many of you at services or around the neighborhood this summer. Peace be with you!

– Rev. Rachele Eaton

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Friendly Meals

North Walpole

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, July 26 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be sweet-n-sour meatballs, pasta shells, California blend vegetables, and cheesecake with cream for dessert.

Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential, as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 24.

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

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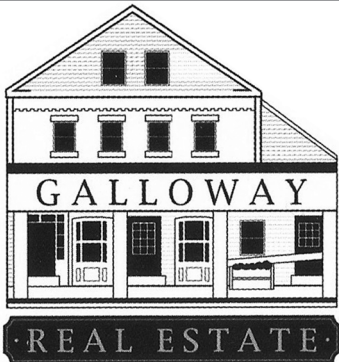
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10 Gallon Challenge

Members of Walpole's Pinnacleview 4-H Club decided to participate in the 10 Gallon Challenge. They decided to celebrate June as Dairy Month by helping local farms and local food pantry's. Opting to use some of the money they have earned in a variety of fundraisers, the members decided to buy 10 gallons of milk from McNamara's

Dairy in Plainfield, NH and 10 gallons of milk from the Contoocook Creamery, in Contoocook, NH. They donated milk from these purchases to both the Charlestown Food Pantry and to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf – helping New Hampshire Farms and people in need. They hope that more civic organizations and other clubs will take up this same challenge.

– Edward Gowdy

Basketball at Whitcomb Park

Walpole Summer Basketball League

Date	Time	Teams
June 24	5:45	Bowman Dental vs Chroma
June 25	5:45	Jancewicz & Son vs Athens Pizza
July 1	5:45	Jancewicz & Son vs Bowman Dental
July 2	5:45	Chroma vs Athens Pizza
July 8	5:45	Chroma vs Jancewicz & Son
July 9	5:45	Athens Pizza vs Bowman Dental
July 15	5:45	Jancewicz & Son vs Athens Pizza
July 16	5:45	Bowman Dental vs Chroma
July 22	5:45	Chroma vs Athens Pizza
July 23	5:45	Jancewicz & Son vs Bowman Dental
July 29	5:45	Athens Pizza vs Bowman Dental
July 30	5:45	Chroma vs Jancewicz & Son

*If rain, games will be played at Walpole Elementary
Playoffs

August 5 5:45 Seed #1 vs Seed #4 (Game 1)

August 6 5:45 Seed #2 vs Seed #3 (Game 2)

Championship Night

August 9 5:45 Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2

Men's Summer League

Date	Time	Teams
June 26	5:45	Tropics vs Kelly Lawn Care
	6:45	Cota & Cota vs Walters 9
July 7	5:45	Walters 9 vs Tropics
	6:45	Kelly Lawn Care vs Cota & Cota
July 10	5:45	Kelly Lawn Care vs Walters 9
	6:45	Tropics vs Cota & Cota
July 17	5:45	Cota & Cota vs Walters 9
	6:45	Tropics vs Kelly Lawn Care
July 24	5:45	Kelly Lawn Care vs Cota & Cota
	6:45	Walters 9 vs Tropics
July 31	5:45	Tropics vs Cota & Cota
	6:45	Kelly Lawn Care vs Walters 9
August 7	5:45	Tropics vs Kelly Lawn Care
	6:45	Cota & Cota vs Walters 9

*If rain, games will be played at Walpole Elementary
Playoffs

August 14 5:45 Seed #1 vs Seed #4 (Game 1)

6:45 Seed #2 vs Seed #3 (Game 2)

Championship Night

August 18 6:45 Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2

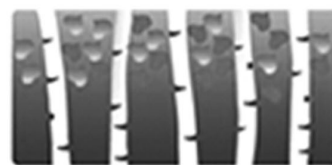


Renegades

Renegades by Marissa Meyers is a science fiction and fantasy book. It has two main characters: Nova, who wants vengeance, and Adrian, who wants justice. It is a book where science is a key part in telling the story. Nova dislikes the Renegades. The Renegades is an organization that helps

people. Most of this organization is made of humans with super natural abilities called Prodigies. Nova is smart, funny and a little upset due to something that happened to her years before the book takes place. Something that impressed me about Nova was that when she was just six years old she made a hydraulic-powered elevator! This book is science fiction; it has an idea of what would happen if humanity fell. It is a very interesting book. It is a mix of the two main characters' points of view; one hero and one villain. If you like this book you'll want to read *Archenemies*, the sequel. The third book, *Supernova*, will be coming out in November. Marissa Meyer also wrote *The Lunar Chronicles* series. I'd give *Renegades* 5 out of 5 stars!

– Winter Wise



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Did you provide a temporary home for our books? We're ready to take them back!

Were you one of the many generous library patrons who offered to take a box or two of books home to help with the move? Now that we've settled into our temporary space in Town Hall, we're ready to take them back! Return them any time during normal business hours to the library. Remember, we're on the second floor of Town Hall. Thank you so much for helping with the move!

Summer Programs & Reading Challenge

Our summer programs have started, and people are loving them! From

afternoons with the Grafton Museum to Saturday crafts with familiar faces, there's a program for everyone this summer. Most programs will take place in Town Hall, and some outside on the green. Our Summer Reading Challenge is also back, for ALL ages! You can sign up now! You'll set your own daily reading goal (in either minutes or hours) and earn prizes as you read. Stop by the library on the second floor of Town Hall to sign up for the challenge, check out the prizes and grab a summer program schedule!

Financial Prep for Medical Emergencies

Do your loved ones have the information they would need during a medical emergency? Join us at Town Hall on Thursday July 11th at 7PM for a presentation on preparing for a medical emergency. Robert Roland, a Financial Advisor with Roland & Roland has been helping businesses, individuals and families reach their financial goals for over 30 years. On July 11th, he'll be discussing how to prepare for medical and financial emergencies, as well as strategies for preventing financial emergencies. No registration is required, and the event is free and open to the public.

The Zoo! Presented by Wildlife Encounters

Our most popular program of the year is almost upon us. Join us at Town Hall on July 31st at 1PM for a zoo animal program where Wildlife Encounters brings live animals for us to learn about and touch! All ages are welcome; this program is free and open to the public. Come a little early to get a good seat!

Great Books for Teens

Justine Fafara, the Walpole Library Director, is the Flume & Isinglass Book Award Committee Chair. These are two state book awards awarded by the Young Adult Services section of the New Hampshire Library Association.

The Flume Award is given annually to a book for teens in grades 9-12, and the Isinglass Award is given annually to a book for teens in grades 7 and 8. Each year books are nominated by librarians, teachers and teens. A committee of librarians from public libraries and school libraries spends the year reading all the nominated titles, and meets in March to narrow down all of the nominees to a list of ten titles for each award. Once the lists are released, teens are encouraged to read the finalists and vote for their favorite! Stop by the library to check out some of these great books!

The 2019 Flume Award was given to *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas; the 2019 Isinglass Award was given to *Restart* by Gordon Korman.

The 2020 Flume Finalists are:

Far From the Tree by Robin Benway
I Have Lost My Way by Gayle Forman
We Are Okay by Nina LaCour
Bang by Barry Lyga
When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon
I Have the Right To by Chessy Prout
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor
The Backstagers, vol. 1 by James Tyion
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Saints and Misfits by S.K. Ali
Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani
Brave by Svetlana Chmakova
Gunslinger Girl by Lyndsay Ely
Refugee by Alan Gratz
Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe
The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage by Philip Pullman
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater
Spinning by Tillie Walden

– Justine Fafara

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The first stages of construction (see page 24) required the relocation of library services to the second floor of Town Hall, made possible by the bibliophiles at right...



Plastics

What Can We Do Now?

The local environmental group, Planet A, held an event Saturday, April 27, at the Walpole Town Hall to discuss plastic pollution and how this global threat may be addressed. Pathways to action as well as alternatives to plastic to use in our everyday lives were among the covered topics.

Did you know that unless we take decisive action there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans in forty years? Did you know that you can make all the difference in working toward a healthier planet? Here are other takeaways from the Planet A event at the Town Hall discussed in April.

Ben Hoy, Walpole Recycling Coordinator, spoke of his ongoing efforts to find collection centers to recycle many everyday plastics, including yogurt containers. Paul Colburn, Walpole's retired Recycling Coordinator, encouraged us all to think globally and to act locally. Ben Daviss of Planet A spoke of emerging alternatives to the current plastic dilemma. Former State Representative Marge Shepardson of Marlborough spoke of citizen initiatives and pending legislation at the state level to decrease and eliminate the use of plastic bags, straws, and single-use plastic beverage containers. Sidney Palmiotto, a Fall Mountain Regional High School student, spoke of plans to organize a "Green Group." Keefe Harrison of Recycling Partnership stressed the importance of contacting companies and corporations who use plastics in their manufacturing and asking for alternatives. She expressed optimism for the long term if people actively decrease and eliminate plastic usage. Fritze Till of Planet A encouraged us all to adopt a new plastic-free mindset. Some plastic alternatives include glass jars, mesh bags, and cloth produce and grocery bags.

Planet A will have a table at the Walpole Historical Society Summerfest on July 20, and plans more plastic-free initiatives in the months to come. We welcome your ideas for moving forward plastic-free. (diane.nichols53@gmail.com).

— Diane Nichols

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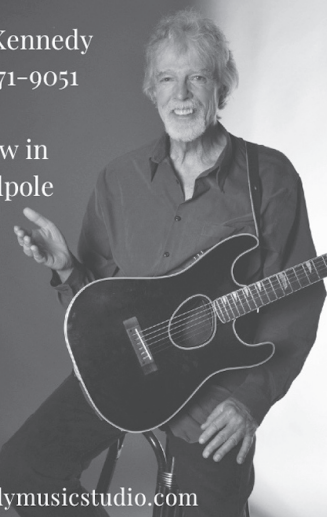


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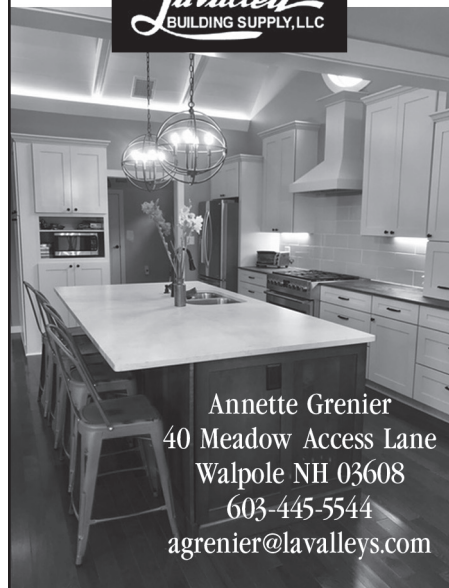
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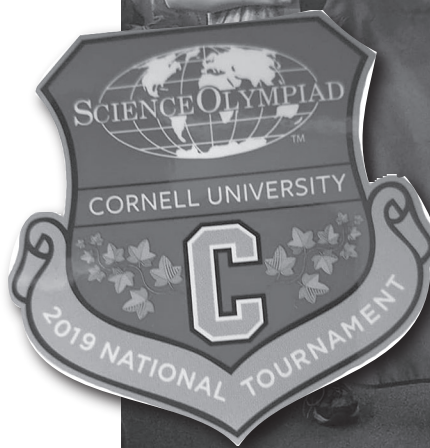


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On Saturday, July 20 at 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM the American Precision Museum, Windsor, VT, will present Celebrate Rockets & Rovers! Join the American Precision Museum to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon. Explore the history of lunar explorations through STEM activities. The museum is recruiting young people grades 6-12 to join one of the teams to build and race a lunar rover, and to 3D print and launch compressed air rockets. There will be activities for family members of all ages. Watch and listen to selected recordings of the actual Apollo mission. The event is free to the public. Special thanks to the Vermont Space Grant Consortium/NASA EPSCoR for a materials grant for this program. Please call 802-674-5781 to sign up for one of the teams that will build the rockets and rovers, or visit www.americanprecision.org

— Lisa Martin



Science Olympiad

Well, we did it. On May 30, 25 Science Olympians and 6 coaches and chaperones traveled to Cornell University to represent the state of New Hampshire and compete in the Nationals. We arrived Thursday afternoon, unpacked, and sent the kids across campus to find the rooms they would be competing in on Saturday. In the evening, we had an ice cream social and went to bed.

Friday, we went to Buttermilk Falls for a beautiful hike around the rim of one of Ithaca's gorges. We toured much of the area and enjoyed a picnic, followed by more explorations. Later, two former Olympians spoke to the kids sharing the amazing things they are doing in science and the impact that Science Olympiad had on their lives. Keynote speaker Grant Imahara entertained us with

stories of his crazy, yet very scientific, team of Mythbusters in its 10 year run of questioning, designing, and testing common myths that we had taken for granted.

Saturday morning came quickly as students had to rise before 6:00 am to get all of our gear for our 23 events across campus to our



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Enrique Ingram, Grace Connety, Marcus Flynn, Anya Bierweiler-Franks carry the flag for the Parade of States.

"homeroom", and several teams off to their first event at 7:00 AM. It was a busy day getting to all of their events all over Cornell, and our non-competing support kids made sure their teammates were hydrated and fed. Though we had two teams all year long, we can only have 15 students competing at Nationals covering all 23 events, so some were competing in 4 and 5 events, an hour each. Although we found ourselves clapping for the success of other teams, for us getting to the Nationals was the reward. We came in 52nd overall, but had 4 teams in the 20s which was fantastic (Anatomy and Physiology, Battery Buggy, Experimental Design, and Crime Busters)! The rest of the teams placed in the 30s, 40s, or 50s.

We hope that Walpole knows how important the support of their community was for this group of kids. The camaraderie and sense of belonging that develops, the teamwork that is cultivated, the ability to take notes and organize vast amounts of material, the understanding of how to fail, fail, improve, fail, improve, fail and succeed, and the idea that they can face something that seems utterly unattainable and still make it through—all of this fosters such growth. As coaches, seeing this in these students warms our hearts and makes us burst with pride.

— Kim Lewis & all of the Science Olympians



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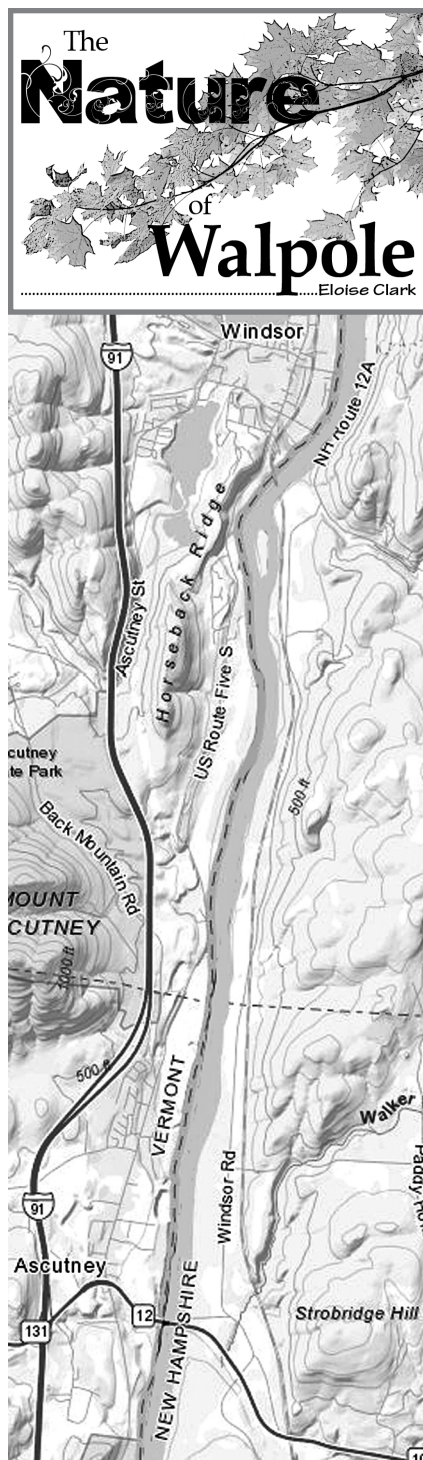


Summertime on the Connecticut River can be an idyllic place. There are islands to explore, fish to angle, bald eagles to amaze, plus splashing, wading and swimming in the water. I recommend a canoe or kayak so you can be close to shore where the wildlife is best seen. I also recommend the stretch from the Windsor-Cornish covered bridge to Wilgus State Park.

This route is familiar to sixth graders and their chaperones as it is the first day of the annual canoe trip in early June. It's an easy trip, only 6 miles with some current. It's very suitable for young families as there are islands and tributaries to explore. The view up or down river from these islands is just beautiful, especially on a sunny summer day. There's blue water and blue sky interrupted by billows of bright green trees marching toward either shoreline.

The trip begins just a half mile north of the Windsor-Cornish covered bridge. At more than 400 feet, it's the longest in the nation. The longest in the world is located in New Brunswick, Canada. You then quickly pass under a railroad bridge where you might see a train crossing. This bridge was once nearly wiped out during the days of log drives on the river. Logs could jam against many obstructions, including the buttresses of bridges. One picture of a log jam at this very site in the late 1800's shows part of the bridge missing, with train tracks dangling in the air. Reputedly, the train company sued the log driving company for damages, and won.

Chase Island comes up quickly because of the current. It's easier to land on the northern shore than wait and try to land on the southern end. Islands in a current actually move downstream, albeit very slowly. The force of the current erodes the upstream end, leaving heavier stones and cobbles. While the shape of the island is sculpted by the current, the island also slows the flow. Some particles of silt end up being deposited at the downstream end. The banks tend to be higher and the drop off steeper here. This makes landing a bit trickier!



From Chase Island, hug the New Hampshire shore. There are spectacular views of Mt. Ascutney, its ridges and outcrops looking positively muscular as they flow toward the valley. At 3,144' it is the highest peak in the valley, topping Monadnock Mountain in northern Vermont by a mere four feet. These are the "roots" of two old volcanoes that once stood much taller. They hark back to the formation of the Connecticut Valley roughly 200 million years ago when the European and African plates pulled away from North America to create the Atlantic Ocean. A secondary rip or rift, one hundred miles further west, created the CT Valley.

One more, smaller island is fun to stop on just north of the bridge crossing between Ascutney and the highway to Claremont. It is a low island we have dubbed "Lunch Island". I often wonder if it will one day disappear as Glidden Island did. This island was located just south of the mouth of the Little Sugar River, North Charlestown. Topographic maps from 1957 still show its presence. But in the 1990's, over just a few years, it eroded away and disappeared!

After the bridge, it's fun to make like a salmon and see how far your team can paddle upstream against the current of the Sugar River on the eastern shore. There are some good fishing spots near the mouth of the river beneath the stately silver maple trees on the shoreline.

After you've finished exploring the Sugar River, paddle toward the Vermont shore. Wilgus State Park boat landing comes up quickly, just after the power lines. It's a steep haul up from the river with your canoe. Wilgus is a very comfortable campground with three sided lean-tos or simple cabins. There's also a group camping area with sites for tents the sixth graders use. There's a bath house with showers, a small recreational area and hiking trails. All you need is sleeping gear, personal items and your food. A reservation wouldn't hurt either. Next time we'll look at wildlife you may see along this gorgeous river.



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The Recycling Center & Transfer Station recently received its new Bobcat, approved at Town Meeting in March. The cost of the Bobcat was \$35,511 which reflects the offset of a trade-in. Shown, enjoying the equipment upgrades and bigger engine in the new Bobcat are: Ben Hoy, Greg Given (in the Bobcat), Shaena Hakey, and Erica Sweeney.

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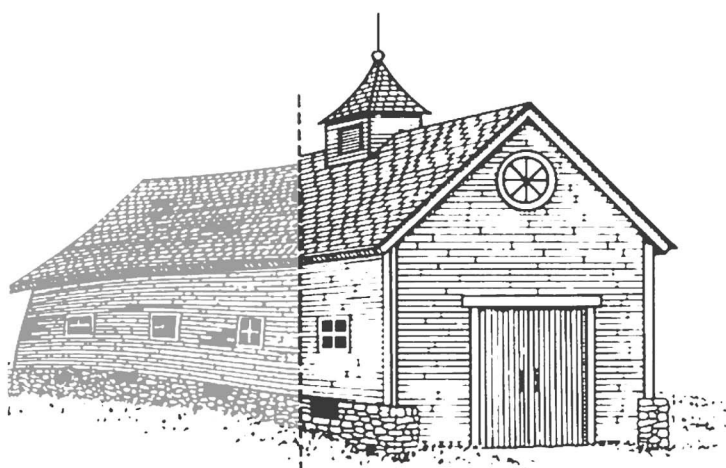
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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...Walpole's Fourth of July

celebration in 1874 was exceptional?

It began at sunrise with a salute of 37 guns. At 9:00 AM, a Parade of Antiques and Horribles (often called the Parade of the Ancients and Honorables) stepped off, with a number of residents portraying characters in keeping with the intent of the parade to satirize politicians and other public figures and spoof the usual pomp and circumstance. In the morning, there was also a baseball game, with the players later dining at the Wentworth Hotel. At 3:00 PM, a trotting race was held - the first at the Cheshire Park track near the Boggy Meadow Farm. The evening closed out with a sack race at 6:00 PM and a bonfire of tar barrels in front of the Wentworth Hotel.

Seventy-five years earlier, in 1799, it was reported, "On the fourth of July the small, loyal town of Walpole remembered those who gave Independence to our country. A discharge of cannon announced to the inhabitants, the morning of the twenty-fourth anniversary of their liberty was arrived, and summoned them to the duties and delights of the day. A procession, composed of soldiers and citizens, and cheered by an excellent band of music, proceeded, at eleven, to the meetinghouse, here, after a vigorous, pious, and pertinent address to Heaven, a crowded audience was instructed and entertained by an excellent and chaste oration."

For the nation's Centennial, July, 4, 1876, bells were rung at sunrise, noon, and sunset; and the big cannon discharged at 10:00 AM. The Rev. Henry W. Bellows gave a patriotic address, and C. R. Crowell read the Declaration of Independence.



Stereoviews from July 4, 1874. These are two of over 300 images featured in As It Was...and Still Is - Walpole, New Hampshire by Ray Boas. Copies of this 128 page book, at \$20 each, may be purchased at Joanie Joan's Eatery, The Walpole Historical Society, or call 756-4545.

Patriotic songs were sung, and in the evening there was a strawberry festival at the Unitarian Church.

July 4th soon was celebrated with a number of pranks. In 1883, a coffin was placed at the office door of each doctor

in town. Not yet used, they were probably "borrowed" from a family that had them stored for future use. The 4th was quiet in 1884, but the next year the old Town House roof caught fire from firecrackers thrown from the observatory. The blaze was quickly extinguished without serious damage. Much foolishness returned in 1886. A horse rake appeared in the bandstand, gates were switched around the village, and a buckboard was hung "where the Democratic flag had been." In 1887 the usual exchange of property did not occur, thanks to the patrolling of the streets by an officer on

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a donkey, but some pickets were blown off a fence to keep the excitement up. In 1888, a small cannon on the Square burst, with pieces hitting the stores of C. C. Davis and R. L. Ball.

The Horribles Parade held in 1891 "was noted as the best thing of its kind ever seen in Walpole." By 1900, things had calmed down with many Walpoleans headed to watch a ball game in Bellows Falls. Bells welcomed in the 4th in 1903, and later the cannon was fired, crackers shot off, and the day concluded with a bonfire in the Square.

Firework displays and noise prevailed in 1913, but as time went on, interest in the celebration of Independence Day seemed to wane. In my seventeen years in Walpole I sadly do not recall a public celebration of the "glorious fourth."

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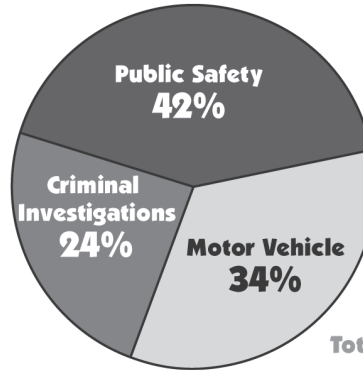
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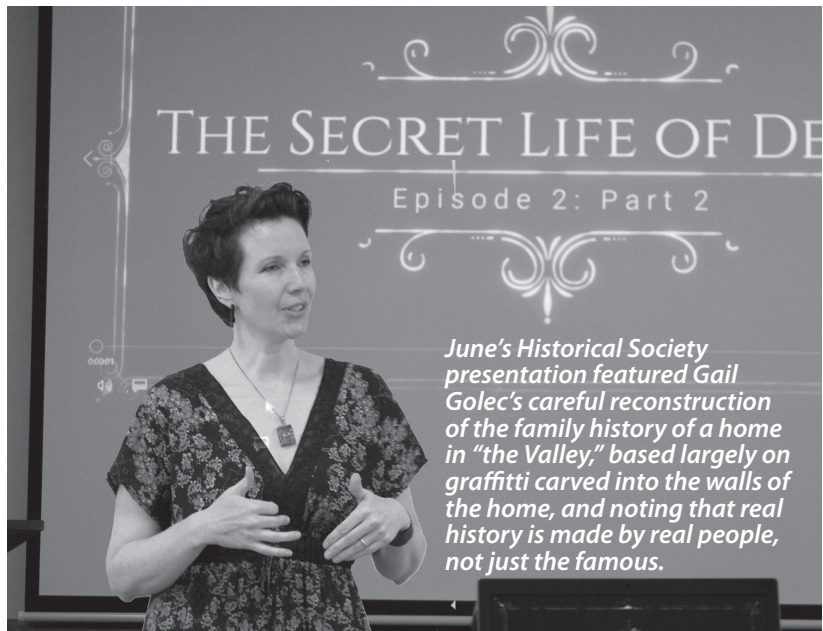
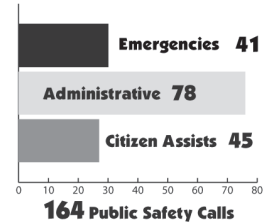
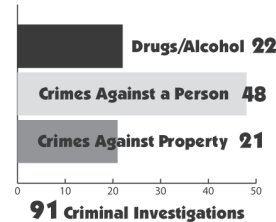
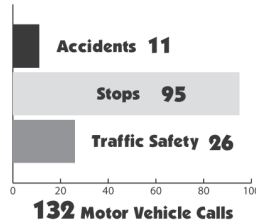
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Calls for Service: May 15, 2019 - June 15, 2019



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June's Historical Society presentation featured Gail Golec's careful reconstruction of the family history of a home in "the Valley," based largely on graffiti carved into the walls of the home, and noting that real history is made by real people, not just the famous.

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Art After School

The creative artists from Art After School completed another year of exploring different media in the free, once-a-week, after school art program held at St. John's Church. The parents supplied us with delicious fuel to keep us going until pickup at 5. We met new faces in wonderful volunteers from the community, including ladies from the Women of Walpole. We received a grant from the Our Kids Commission that will allow us to fund the rest of 2019. (Alas, our last year to be eligible for that grant!)

Sadly, our Creative Director, Racheal Scott, who inspired us for the past 11 years, is venturing into retirement. She will be sorely missed. (She joins Susan Kershaw, the founder and leader of AAS, who retired from the program after 13

years.) The good news is that we have found two new creative directors to try to fill their shoes. Melissa is a graduate student in art and elementary education at Keene State. Christine is a local oil painter, also experienced with working with children.

The program will switch back to Wednesday afternoons and start September 4th (the second week of school). Registration forms will be available on the St. John's website very soon (www.stjohnswalpole.org), or fill one out on the first day.

And come see us at our table at Summerfest on the lawn of the Walpole Historical Society on Saturday, July 20. Maybe you can meet our new artistic leaders!

Thanks to all of our students, parents, and community supporters for another successful year.

— Marilyn Wilking

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Due to unforeseen circumstances and by mutual agreement, the merger of this office and that of the Law Offices of Pamela P. Little will not take place. I will continue to service you, my client(s), to the best of my ability.

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve this community over the past 28 years, and I have decided to remain as the only resident, full-time, practicing attorney in Walpole. My practice will continue to emphasize estate planning, probate, real estate and small business.

I am honored to have been able to serve our neighborhood in various ways, from co-founder and past President of the Walpole PTG, co-founder and past President of the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association, and assistant track coach at FMRHS, to financial officer for the American Legion, board member on the Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund, and real estate settlement agent for both Mascoma Savings Bank and Savings Bank of Walpole. I look forward to continuing in that capacity.

Please do stop in during July for (iced?) coffee and a chat.

Sincerely,
Rob Kasper

Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

Walpole Staff Meeting - May 16 - The Selectboard office has been fielding questions regarding why Avitar Associates assessors are revisiting properties so soon after the 2017 revaluation project. The Selectboard recently signed a contract with Avitar Associates which allows for 20% of the Town's properties to be reevaluated each year over a 5-year period. This agreement reduced the overall cost for property revaluation, which is required by New Hampshire statute.

Selectboard - June 13 - Abenaki Springs Phase II Limited Partners, 17 Avery Lane - Building Permit No. 2019-10 approved, and corrected for an owner's name change from Abenaki Springs Phase I Limited Partners to Abenaki Springs Phase II Limited Partners; and, to "Construct multi-family housing as approved by the Planning Board on November 13, 2012 and then modified on October 15, 2015 for up to 67 multi-family units" at 17 Avery Lane. Units 22 through 43 are to be constructed.

Selectboard - May 23 - In the past there have been discussions with the Walpole Players regarding adding air conditioning to the second floor of the Town Hall. Installation costs, however, were prohibitive. E. E. Houghton has found a new solution that would cost between \$35,000 to \$40,000 to install. The Board will in the future discuss this potential project.

Selectboard June 6 - Walpole Conservation Commission appointments: Peter Palmiotto was reappointed as an Alternate member for a term of three years. Also appointed was France Menk as a new full member for a term of three years.

Conservation Commission - May 6 — A wide number of topics were discussed on The Walker Road Property with the Town's Attorney, Jeremy Hockensmith, to clarify uses. Among topics discussed, the Commission would like to work with a local farmer to hay the land. Hockensmith stated that it is clearly an agricultural activity and is allowed. He recommended the agreement state that the farmer is the only one to hay and is not allowed to reassign it to someone else. It could be a simple haying agreement. Peter Palmiotto suggested a farmer's perspective should be sought while writing the agreement. It was agreed that Hockensmith will review the agreement.



Walpole Elementary Fifth Graders proudly display their 3-D printing handiwork.

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3-Dimensional Printing

A Fifth Grade Technology Lesson

Three-Dimensional Printers are becoming very mainstream. There are even very large printers that will create cost-efficient housing! Thanks to Lynne Phillips, Technology Director; Selena Garrison, Technology Integration Teacher; Drew Ross, FMRHS Technician, we were able to bring this modern experience to the classroom.

Under the supervision of Technology Teacher/Leader, Jackie Ronning and Teacher Justin Cassarino, the Walpole Fifth Graders had the opportunity to learn about three-dimensional software and hardware this year. Each student had a one-to-one lesson using TinkerCad, a student-friendly software design program. Students then learned how to load their software into the 3D Printer. The result was plastic bowls (10 cm by 10cm by 4cm).

The students finalized their projects by decorating them with jewels and creating gifts for their families. We are so fortunate to have had this grant through Ms. Phillips. Our future goals are to expose all Walpole Students to this technology and to create a maker space in the Hollis Technology Lab housed on the third Floor of the Walpole Elementary School. The possibilities are endless. The Fall

Mountain District continues to strive to create 21st Century Classrooms and build Career Skills through these programs. We also look forward to the RoboChicks Summer Camp where children will work with Lego Robotics and other technology related software.

– Jackie Ronning

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8th Grade Graduation

"Do all the other things, the ambitious things—travel, get rich, get famous, innovate, lead, fall in love, make and lose fortunes...but as you do, to the extent that you can, err in the direction of kindness." - George Saunders

On Thursday evening, June 13, in the WES gymnasium, Walpole Elementary School held its eighth grade graduation ceremony. Parents, siblings, friends, teachers, staff, and community members all gathered to celebrate the outgoing eighth grade.

Following a welcome address by principal Sam Jacobs, eighth grade class president Josh Paulette came to the podium and delivered a funny and heartwarming speech that was both nostalgic and inspirational, remembering the past in Walpole while also dreaming of the future for this eighth grade class.

One of the current fifth grade teachers, Justin Cassarino, followed Paulette, expressing fond memories of the group that he had originally taught as a long-term substitute when they were in kindergarten before seeing them again in fifth grade. "It was great to see them grow through the nine years in Walpole," said Cassarino. "It was a special group that will remain with me."

Other teachers of the graduates expressed the same sentiments. "It's been fun knowing and teaching them the past three years. They were a very fun group. I know they'll make us proud," said Nick LeBail, the social studies teacher for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

"They were small but mighty with a big heart. Walpole school will miss them greatly. I'm sure they'll go on to do great things," said Lisa Mulhern, the math teacher for seventh and eighth grades.

Kyle Fisher received the Arthur Fletcher Award, while several other students received awards for math, language arts, reading, social studies, art, and science.

Just before the graduates could leave the gym and attend their graduation party by the town pool, each student received their diploma and were able to hear the comments written by their teachers. The comments were full of funny stories, memories, and well wishes for the future. At the culmination of the evening, one thing was perfectly clear: This group will be missed in Walpole schools.

- Jake Gagnon

Romeo and Juliet

Fifth Grade Play Performance

Every year, the fifth graders at Walpole Elementary School perform one of Shakespeare's plays. This year, they took on Romeo and Juliet.

ROMEO & Juliet

After months of intense practicing, they finally performed their play in front of an audience on Monday, June 3rd. The whole crowd, parents, siblings, friends, and community members, loved it. Besides just acting, the kids ran the behind the scenes part of the play. Kids helped create costumes and props. There was a student manager who needed to organize the stage, lights, and curtain.

The show ran very smoothly, and the kids did extremely well. The crowd was very impressed. "It was brilliant. The acting was phenomenal, especially the actor who portrayed Romeo. It felt like I was watching Broadway show," said Mr. Gagnon, one of the teachers who watched the show.

"My favorite part (of the play) was when they were fighting with swords," said Camden Fuller, a seventh grader.

I asked some of the fifth graders how they felt about the performance. "I thought it was really fun," said Miles Harrison, the star of the play, who played Romeo.

"I feel like we did a really good job," said classmate Bridget Bascom.

"It gave us a lot of responsibility," said Jack Wright.

"Everyone was really nervous," added Winter Wise. "But soon we got over it and did really well." All in all, the fifth graders did extremely well, and I'm sure everyone in the audience enjoyed the performance of Romeo and Juliet. We are excited to see what next year brings.

- Etta Bea Harrison (Grade 7)

Field Day and Airband

End of the School Year Celebration

On Wednesday, June 12, at Walpole School, Field Day allowed students to participate in fun events, mostly outside. There was dodgeball, kick ball, whiffle ball, swimming at the town pool, slip and slide, and other fun activities. By the time the afternoon rolled around, all students were ready to settle in and watch the great Airband show.

Each year on the afternoon of Field Day, there is an Airband extravaganza. School advisories and their advisors select a song or songs to create a dance routine and lip sync to it. After months of practice in their advisory block, students take to the stage to perform for students, staff, and community members. It is a fun event that builds a strong community between the three schools.

This year, there were several excellent and fun advisory dances. There was Mrs. Sweetland's advisory, which performed "Shotgun" and a version of "Let It Go" with awesome dances from all the kids. There was Mrs. Mulhern's advisory doing the theme from "Caillou", as well as "ABC", "High Hopes", and "We Will Rock You." Mr. Gagnon's advisory did a terrific rendition of Outkast's "Hey Ya," with seventh grader Ellis Dunbar taking the lead on stage. Finally one of the best in my mind was Mr. LeBail's Advisory doing "Get Tricky," "Oops I Did It Again," "Barbie Girl," and "Everybody." It was a great time and everybody and a lot of fun.

- Patrick Manning (Grade 7)

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WES Baseball team

WES Baseball & Softball

Teams Finish Strong Seasons

On Thursday, June 6, at Hubbard Park in Walpole, the baseball team faced off against Charlestown Middle School. In the final inning of the final game of the season, down by one run, the Chicks' Aidan Parrott (7th grade) scored on a passed ball to tie the game. The final result, a tie, capped off an amazing season for Walpole Baseball, finishing 9-1-1, the best record in their conference. Walpole's sole loss came in a last inning nail-biter at Westmoreland, a team that they had beaten twice before this season.

Walpole's baseball team, coached by Mr. Gagnon, was led by excellent 8th graders. Mitch Cormier, Foster Willett, Colin Kinson, and Max Vogel provided strong innings all season long, both on the mound and in the field. They will be missed next season. Several sixth and seventh graders started at various positions in the infield and outfield. Each player contributed at the plate. There are high expectations for the returning players.

Ms. McDougale once again coached the softball team. The team consisted of players from all grade levels. The eighth grade leaders included Miranda Anderson, Sarah Bickford, Kristyona Roberts, and Hannah Wheeler. Some of the girls tried out pitching this year, including 7th grader Etta Bea Harrison, and they did an amazing job, getting better with each game. On the team, there were several 5th grade players, and other student-athletes who were new to the sport. The team improved all throughout the season.

– Jake Gagnon

Our 2019 Student Correspondents. Many thanks to them (and their mentor, Mr. Gagnon) for their creativity and dependability throughout the year. Reclining: Ben Tetu. Front row (from L to R): Camden Fuller (and friend), Sydney Palmiotto, Jade Nadeau, Ian Gould, Owen Waysville. Left side of stairs, going up: Ben Frithsen, Patrick Manning, Etta Bea Harrison. Right side of stairs, going up: Morrigan Farnum, Malesa Seavey, Emma Soohoo. Missing from picture: Emmaline Cook.



From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Elwud's Hidden Fishing Spot

Fourth of July Morning, 6:00 am, there is a large banging on my side door! There stood my buddy, Elwud, all smiles hollering in my face.

"Let's go! It's a beautiful day for fishing and I got this hidden spot in Marlowe that no one knows about!" I look at him with one eye and ask, "How is it possible that there is a fishing hole that you know, that no one else knows? You always brag about your fishing spots!"

"Well sir, no one will walk back into this one 'cause they thinks I'm lying about it. Ya see ya gotta drive to the end of the road and then a half a mile into the woods and then walk about anotha half a mile." I laughed, "You would walk a half a mile to a fishing hole?" I laughed again as I know Elwud because I know for a fact the furthest he would walk to a fishing hole is from the truck to the edge of the water. "What about all the bears around Marlow this year?" I asked. "Why they's all downtown. Dontcha reads that there Facebook stuff?", he replied. Knowing I had to see this fictional hole, I grabbed my fishing gear and my lunch food and headed for his truck. He had brought the old six wheeler, the one that he could convert to crawler tracks on the back, and then I knew we were really headed for the back country of Marlow.

Well, about mid-way into Marlow, we turned off of Route 10 and headed up an old logging road I didn't remember ever seeing. After a while, we ran out of road and continued driving through some pukerbrush, until Elwud finally shut the engine off. We got out, grabbed our gear and headed out. After twenty minutes, we came to this wide spot, about twice the size of the river, with a little beach, and across the end was like a dam and an old log hanging out over the middle of the pond. Paradise! After about half an hour, Elwud suggested we shinny out the log and cast into the middle where the big ones lived. He went first, I followed.

After about twenty minutes, I heard a scratching and looked to see two bear cubs trying to crawl out the tree. Within five minutes, Mama bear had pushed them off and was heading out. She was bouncing the limb up and down, and we are nearing the end of it. She is smarter than your average Bear, and keeps bouncing until she breaks the branch and we land in the river, headed down stream and over the dam. At that moment, Elwud slaps me up the side of my head with a fish he apparently caught, "You're the onliest darn guy I knows that can go to a pristine place like this, fall asleep on the beach and scream so loud as ta scare, not only the bear, but the fish as well."

I looked around, saw no bears, no cubs and no fish on my side to the beach. I have a feeling that I will not be invited back to Elwud's favorite, secluded fishing spot.

Reader Commentary

Thank you

The 3rd annual Hooper Hill Hoppers Snowmobile Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, June 8, at the Hooper Golf Course in Walpole. The club volunteers would like to thank the Hooper Golf Course and the 64 golfers who participated in this most important annual fundraiser. A BIG thank you goes to the over two dozen local businesses who provided financial support in sponsoring a hole; the two hole-in-one contests; a 50 foot putting contest; cart sponsorship; raffle prizes; and food and refreshments.

The team of Adam Kobeski, Joe Corey, Keith Hanatow and Ryan Paul won the scrambles scoring event. Most importantly, the Hooper Hill Hoppers Snowmobile Club raised funds that are used to maintain Walpole trails and bridges. These trails are used, not only for the enjoyment of snowmobiles, but also by cross country skiers, bikers, hikers and horseback riders.

- David Westover

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FROM THE CLARION...

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

One Year Ago (July, 2018) - On Saturday, June 2, the North Walpole Community Volunteers held their third annual Fix Up the Park Day in the park at the foot of School Hill in North Walpole. Spokesperson for the group, Bill Gallagher, said he was very pleased with the turnout of more than a dozen community member volunteers.

Three Years Ago (July, 2016) - The Walpole Playground Committee is pleased to announce \$72,286.60 has been raised so far from donations made by generous residents and local businesses. The Community Build of the new playground will be the weekend of September 30.

Five Years Ago (July, 2014) - The Fall Mountain Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (FMJROTC) recently returned from France where the cadets took part in memorial celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Allied landing at Normandy

Seven Years Ago (July, 2012) - On June 11, 2012, the Hooper Study Committee met with representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Charitable Trusts and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. The officials from NHDRA opined that the Hooper Golf Course is a taxable entity and should be paying real estate taxes on the value of its club and lands.

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

As I am writing this, folks are beginning to assemble for the first summer concert on the common - a sure sign it is summer - and one of the things that "makes Walpole, Walpole."

Another special thing, albeit bittersweet, was the retirement reception today in recognition of Eloise Clark's 42 years of service to the community and our youth. What a legacy she has provided. Generations of students have grown up with her introduction and education to the world of nature and wildlife all around us. She was honored for those gifts to the Town's children, and some humorous anecdotes were also shared.

Yes, Walpole is a special place, and a giving community. At the select board meeting, when I captured the image of the \$500,000 check from the EPA, we chatted about what has been given to the community in recent years. Besides the work and time spent to receive this grant on the first application, just think back. The community came together to work and donate funds to preserve the forest lands and Hooper Golf Course; raised funds to renovate and update our library; a focal point of the community; and, in the past year, residents came together to protect and conserve forever the Walker Road Property with its 1,000 feet of frontage on the Connecticut River. How many communities can say they have accomplished all that in such a short time? And, without a doubt, Walpoleans will continue doing the same for the benefit of all.

Need I say it? I feel blessed to be here, and I hope you all have the same feelings.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

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