



What's Happening?



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When I fortuitously landed in Walpole seventeen years ago, I knew I was in heaven. Walpole was just where I wanted to be - a bucolic, pristine colonial town. A place, with its village, that, on the surface, has remained unchanged since the 1870s. A place where neighbors take care of neighbors. A place you are proud to call home and showcase to others. I asked how this could be, there must be a defined and protective historical district, and strict guidelines for the outlying areas. When I asked many people how things could be so, the reply universally was, "People just know what the right thing to do is, there is no need for a regulated historic district. People just know what the right thing to do is."

That is not the case with Avanru Development Group, and its President and CEO, Jack Franks. In my opinion, and in conversations with others, Mr. Franks does not have the good of his community at heart, and "does not know what the right thing to do is." Although working legally, Avanru's Mr. Franks is

changing the face of our community without taking into consideration, or listening to, what the community wants.

Walpole is known as an agricultural community, populated for the most part with single family residences. In 2006, there was a proposal to develop a high-density adult condominium housing development in the village. The proposed location is south of the former Woodward Florist greenhouses at the end of Westminster Street. Residents were invited to hear the proposal, and provide input. Many people in town, however, were opposed to the plan that would change the village's fabric. During a contract lapse, a resident stepped in who "knew what the right thing to do is," purchasing the property and stopping the development plan. The land remains untouched, and the current owner told the CLARION his wish is to have the land protected by conservation easements. And, in the past year, the community

Extraordinary
Women

Peggy Pschirrer To Be Honored

On July 17, the Keene Sentinel announced its seventh annual Extraordinary Women recognition to be held Thursday, August 29, at the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College. Each year, the event recognizes 12 area women who have made significant contributions to the region. Among this year's 12 recipients is Walpole's Peggy Pschirrer. "This year's list of recipients is impressive and diverse, women with unique stories and women who make meaningful differences where we live in quiet, unassuming ways," Sentinel Executive Editor Paul Miller said. "We're excited to tell our readers about them in this way."

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attended public hearings at the Town Hall to express their concerns over the inappropriateness of a gas station/convenience store on Route 12 just below the bridge to Westminster. Listening to citizens' objections, the owners of the land reconsidered their proposal, and now the Walker Road property, with its 1,000 feet of Connecticut River shoreline, is in conservation and belongs to all residents.

Mr. Franks, unfortunately, has, over the past several years, moved ahead with plans inconsistent with the pulse of the community. He has changed those plans many times along the way, in all likelihood because of legal or financial hurdles, and not to better serve the community as he claims. For example, unable to secure buyers, Franks changed the original plan for senior condominiums into apartments managed by Hodges Development Corporation, Concord, NH, to provide Rural Development HUD Section 8 housing and Low-income Housing Tax Credit program housing to families and the elderly. Ground was recently broken for phase two of this complex.

What's next? Franks' talk of a brew pub on this land has come and gone. There was talk of banks and family restaurants coming into his Route 12 development. There was a rumor of a grocery chain looking at the property. Most recently (this month) talk of a fast food chain circulated, its location to be next to the Dollar General that is now under construction. Prior to June 17, no one from the Zoning, Planning or Select Boards had been given notice of this proposed new business, or was aware that the land had been sold. The sign firm representing Dollar General appeared at the June 17 Zoning Board meeting requesting a sign variance – again, the first anyone knew of this project. Quoting the Planning Board meeting minutes of July 9, "Mr. Franks said he sold the one-plus-acre lot at the corner of Red Barn Lane and Main Street to Mr. Gary Eucalitto who plans to build a Dollar General store. The site plan for the property was approved last year. Mr. Miller said it was verbally agreed last year when the site plan was approved that Mr. Franks would come to the Planning Board with the new owner, and the Board would be assured that there weren't any changes to the site plan."

Mr. Franks did not uphold his agreement to keep the town aware of his changes. This is not showing "good faith." It is not respectful of the Town's boards and citizens.

What should you do? Watch for the posted upcoming agendas for the Select Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board. Attend if you want to hear what is going to be discussed, and, when appropriate, provide your comments. Read the minutes for all meetings posted around town, in the Town Hall, and on the walpolean.org website. Ask Mr. Franks to hold an open forum for the community to solicit input from residents as to what you would like to see on the remaining commercial land in town.

I invite you to become involved in your community and the challenges it faces. I invite you to provide reader comment for publication in the **Clarion**.

– Ray Boas



Dollar Stores Are Everywhere – That's a Problem

The dollar chains' market strategy, defined markets, and detrimental impact

CNN July 19, 2019 Report:
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/19/business/dollar-general-opposition/index.html>

or, Google "cnn July 19 dollar stores"

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Thank You from Eloise Clark

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Hooper Institute Committee for my very pleasant retirement party on June 23rd. It was great to see old friends, students, colleagues, parents and my family on this special day. It was a lovely afternoon!

I also want to thank Hooper Institute Committees past and present for their guidance and excellent ideas; their tenacity and stubbornness when the situation has called for it. You have all given insight and expertise for the Hooper study areas of agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental science. You initiated and insisted on the Consent Decree of 1995. You guided grants for all manner of bovine projects by 4-H members. You continue to shape the High School Summer Work Program. You created FoHI, the Friends of Hooper Institute and held events to raise funds for the summer programs. You have cheered the programs the staff does during the school year. You have been energetic volunteers and advocates. I sincerely appreciate your passion for Hooper Institute programs through my tenure.

I want to thank the Trustees of the Hooper Trust who have been stellar with their support and concern for the Hooper Institute. They were crucial to the creation of the Consent Decree of 1995 that revolutionized the Hooper Trusts. More recently, the THT's did an outstanding job initiating and fundraising for the conservation easement on the Hooper Golf property. They also patiently saw through the sale of that property into private ownership. Thanks to them the Hooper Institute now has a firm financial footing going forward.

I must also thank the Walpole School for allowing such a close relationship with the Hooper Institute staff. I have worked with four principals and they've all been very supportive, with particular thanks to Sam Jacobs in recent years. It's been a privilege to work with so many fine and caring teachers. I've learned so much from each of your styles of teaching and classroom management skills. I am in awe of each and every one of you for all you manage. Walpole is fortunate to have a remarkable school with such a welcoming climate, open to many approaches of teaching and reaching children.

I want to thank my two stalwart colleagues through the years, Fritze Till and Rebecca Whippie. These two are very talented individuals who love to lavish their creative ideas on the children they work with. What you have both taught through the years ripples through the community and the lives of so many

children and families. You have inspired me to be a better educator. I am truly grateful to have you as friends as well as colleagues.



"It has been really satisfying to go deep within the community, getting to know siblings and generations of families. I have really loved working with the children of Walpole!"

I was introduced to environmental education 50 years ago when I spent a winter semester in college teaching at Boston University Sargent Camp residential school program. After college, I worked two years at a nature center in New York State leading nature walks and creating exhibits. I then spent two summers leading a wilderness survival camp in southern Vermont. After graduate school, I began my 42 year tenure as Director of the Hooper Institute.

It has been so satisfying to do "good work" in the world: working with young people and creating programs and classes about subjects that excite me. I smile when I enter a classroom and kids are excited it's "Hooper" day! It has been satisfying to grow and mature as an educator, to critique what works and what doesn't with a class and tweak it for next time. It's been really fun to develop the games and posters that have livened up so many of my classes. It has been really satisfying to go deep within the community, getting to know siblings and generations of families. I have really loved working with the children of Walpole!

The summer camps have been a blast! Adventuring around Walpole to so many

special places and watching kids connect with one another in an outdoor setting has been especially satisfying. I have also been rewarded by the looks of pride when kids finish a woodworking project of their own creation, be it a box, shelf, coaster car or catapult. In my early days, we ventured on backpacking trips to the Green and White Mountains, visited tide pools and even a fish hatchery. We climbed mountains nearby and canoed on the Connecticut River.

With the High School Summer Work Program, Walpole teens work at an agricultural site in town, while learning to navigate the responsibilities a "real job" demands. Thanks to the mentors who have patiently trained each teen worker. Your partnership has led to the success of this program for more than two decades.

It was satisfying to create the Farm & Forest Museum at HI and introduce thousands of students to early 19th century living on the land. Through the Farm & Forest Project, fourth graders have visited local farm and forestry operations to see contemporary businesses. Thank you to so many community members for hosting our visits and sharing your

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WHS Class of '59

60th Reunion

Walpole High School class of 1959 held their 60 year class reunion on June 21 with a picnic on the common. The class graduated 27 people—four have passed away (Frank McGill, John Lawlor, Marilyn Staples and Donna Harrington); and two class members could not be located (Marie Robbins and Danny Craig). Several members of the class were unable to attend due to health and distance issues: Annie Tatem Varady, Charlene Miller, Virginia Jeffrey Aitken, Alfred Britton, Peter Woodward, Justine Daighnault Mark, Kathleen Boudrieau Rogers, and Brenda Begien Demers who attended WHS until her senior year. Ward Thompson, who lives in California, joined us—he started first grade with many of the class at the old school, and was with us through fifth grade. The Class of '59 has held a reunion every five years since we graduated, except for the 55th. Lots of remembering, catching up and laughter. Let's do it again for our 65th!

— Elizabeth Prentiss

Back Row: Velma Ramsey Roy, Betty Pickering Prentiss, Linda Woodward Geiger, Priscilla Kilburn Hindmarsh, Jim Jennison, Ward Thompson, David Ramsey, Jim Fredericksen, Pete Koson. Front Row: Martha Woodward Judson, Augusta Martin Manzanera, Mary Jane White Comerford, George Jeffrey, Griffith Royea, Neil Duprey.

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Join us on Wednesday August 7 for our End of Summer Party! This is a great opportunity to turn in your reading logs and get as many raffle tickets as you can! We also have some fun activities planned for kids. Stop by the first floor of Town hall at 2PM to join the fun. Saturday August 10 will be the last chance to get raffle tickets for the Summer Reading Challenge. We will pull winners on Monday August 12.

One-on-One Basic Tech Help Appointments

Need help downloading a free e-book or audio book from the library? Looking for help with your laptop, phone or tablet? Julie and Justine offer one-on-one tech appointments to go over some basic technology skills! Email Julie at jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org, email Justine at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org or call the library at 603-756-9806 to set up an appointment.

Another Great Summer with the Grafton Museum

We've had another terrific summer full of programs with the Grafton Museum. Join us for the last program on Tuesday August 6 at 2PM on the first floor of Town Hall.

Progress at the Library

While there hasn't been much to see yet, construction at the library is going well and right on schedule (despite all the rain). We hope to have some exciting updates and photos to share next month!

— Justine Fafara

Non-fiction Book Group

The End of the Myth: From the Frontier to the Border Wall in the Mind of America by Greg Gardner

"Cowboys don't belong to labor unions". *The End of the Myth* is the first book to examine the frontier myth from a 21st century perspective—a time when the United States has turned inward and backward with the same vehemence it once directed toward expansion and progress. In a country nearly half a century past its thrilling post-war economic peak, still reeling from the economic meltdown of 2008, and mired in pointless and endless Middle East wars, the mythic frontier has given way to a new, and considerably darker rallying point: the border wall

Join us at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 12, at Sue Kibbe's home, 19 Pleasant Street, Walpole, as we tackle the myth. For more information, call 756-3695, or email ronmaclachlan03608@gmail.com

— Ron MacLachlan

Soon after the library relocated to Town Hall leaks were discovered in the roof.



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Monadnock Farm Tour...

& Film Festival

The Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition (MFCC) has combined the Monadnock Farm Tour with its Feast on This! Film Festival to produce a three day Celebration of Local Food August 23-25. This celebration of local farms and food purveyors is offered to promote the Monadnock Region as the place to experience and learn more about agriculture in late August.

On Friday, August 23, the Festival will kick off with a screening of *The Need to Grow* at the Colonial Theater. Local food trucks parked in front of the Colonial will offer freshly prepared entrees and appetizers. Live music will be inside. The Monadnock Farm Tour runs Saturday, August 24, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at farms throughout the Monadnock Region. Tickets for the Farm Tour are \$5/per person, or \$10/car. Farmers will open up hoop houses, pastures, coops, and barns for all to experience their day-to-day lives, working to put food on our tables. Tickets can be purchased at farms during Farm Tour hours only, or online at <https://farmfilmfood.eventbrite.com>

Also on Saturday, films will be shown: 6:00 PM: *Root, Hog or Die* at Post & Beam Brewing, 40 Grove Street, Peterborough; and 7:00 PM: *Tackling Climate Change through Food* at Main Street Cheese, 37 Main Street, Hancock. RSVP required, mainstcheese@gmail.com. On Sunday, the film, *Secret Ingredients* will be screened at 6:30 PM: at Brattleboro Food Co-op, 2 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT. RSVP required, 802-257-0236. There is a suggested donation of \$10 at each film screening.

The Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition is located at 11 Industrial Park Drive in Walpole. For information, film details, and more visit the event page, www.mfcommunitycoalition.org/farmfilmfood, or Facebook page: [/SupportMonadnockFarms](https://www.facebook.com/SupportMonadnockFarms). Emails may be sent to coordinator@mfcccoalition.org

— Roe-Ann Tasoulas

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their regular monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on August 19, at the First Congregational Church. Bring a friend and a dish to share. We are looking forward to having Kathy Yardley as our speaker. Kathy will report on her trip to the Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the Triple Crown in horse racing. We guarantee a great luncheon of delicious food and wonderful fellowship

— Jan Martin



Left: Panelists share memories of Walpole past; Below: 2Chez provided tunes for a scorching afternoon.

PHOTO: CHRISTIE WINMILL

Summer Festival

Historical Society Celebration

Hotdogs, firetrucks, walking tours, freshly churned butter, live music, and stories of the old days were all part of the Walpole Historical Society's Summer Festival on Saturday, July 20.

The day began with a group of longtime Walpole residents recounting stories. Ann Rogers lead the discussion which also included Whitney Aldrich, John Burrows, David Ramsey, Holly Shaw, and Jim Stack. The presenters created a picture of childhoods full of summer bike

rides to the swimming pond, Halloween mischief, vividly remembered school teachers, train rides, treats of soda and popsicles – all overseen by adults who looked out for all the town's children. A video of the event will soon be posted on the Walpole Historical Society website: www.walpolehistory.com.

Museum tours of the Historical Society's varied artifacts and walking tours of the village's architectural history were offered throughout the day. Booths on the lawn featured local organizations and artisans, and music was provided by 2Chez. Despite the heat, a good time was had by all.

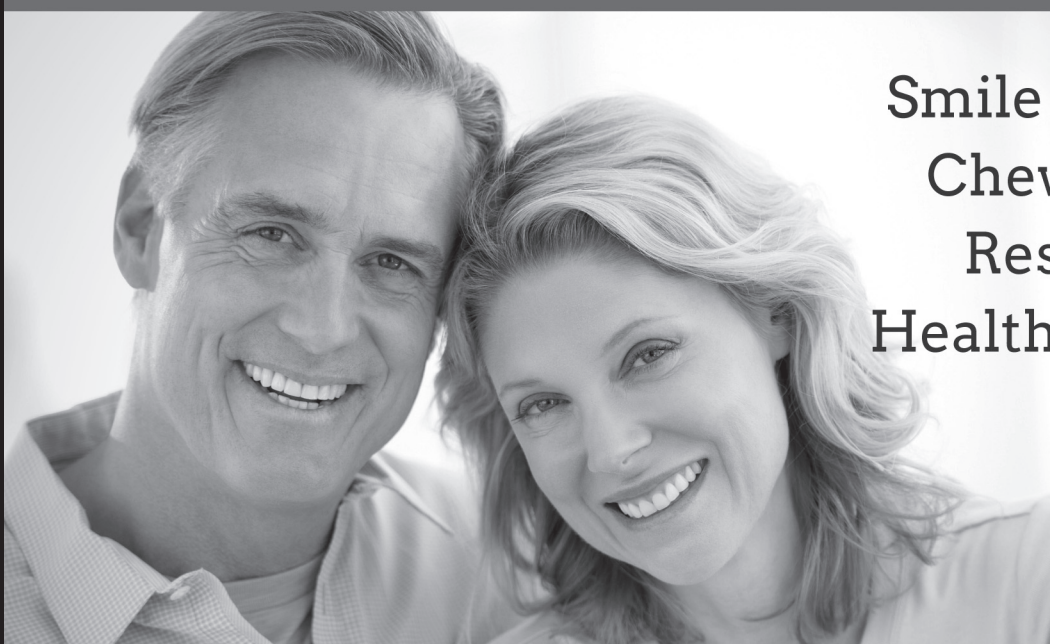


The Walpole Historical Society is open on Saturdays from noon to 4:00 PM through Columbus Day. Appointments for visits at other times are welcome and easily made by calling 756-3449.

– Christie Winmill

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Congregational Church

Greetings, Walpole friends and neighbors! I have enjoyed settling in to the church work this month and getting to know this community better. Hospitality and openness to others are central values of our faith, and this church has a lot of energy for bringing people together for food and fellowship as well as service. The Chicken Barbecue on July 14 was a great success, and Pie Sales continue each Sunday during the Concerts on the Green. Thank you to all those who have cooked, served, and partaken! We hope you enjoyed yourself.

We have raised funds for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf matching challenge, as well as a drive designated for baby formula and diapers that raised almost two thousand dollars. We manage the Walpole Christmas Community fund to provide assistance to those in need, and have helped two individuals in the month of July.

On the first Sunday of August, we'll be hosting a special "Brunch Church" service, which will combine the service of worship and communion with a shared meal. This will be a more informal, discussion-based service that we hope will feel especially friendly to families and visitors. There's always lots of food—we hope you'll join us at 10:00 AM!

Our church is Open and Affirming of LGBTQ people, and we strive to be a welcoming place where all people can come to deepen their spiritual practice and learn how to live in community with one another. Whether inside our church building or out and about town, we hope to be conduits of God's love for the world.

The church phone number is 756-4075, and the office is open weekdays from 9:00 AM to noon. I am typically in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Feel free to stop by! You can also reach me at revrachelleeaton@gmail.com. May peace be with you!

— Rev. Rachele Eaton

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The Mystics Circle Group - The Walpole Mystics Circle Group meets at Hastings Memorial Parish House on Union Street the second Friday of the month at 6:30 PM. The August discussion topic is *The Art of Listening*. Questions? Contact Leonard Kendall at reiki@kendallsens.com

Crop Hunger Walk - Save The Date!
The annual Walpole Crop Hunger Walk will be held in the village of Walpole Saturday, October 12. To learn more about the walk, go to the website for the Walpole Walk at: www.crophungerwalk.org/walpolenh

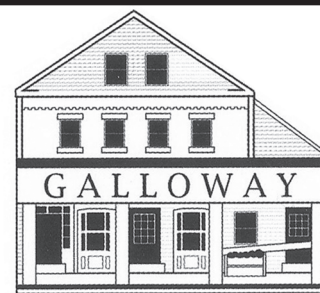
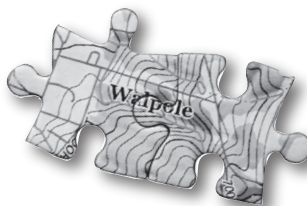
— Wendy Harty

Friends of the Library

Remember, the Library Book Sale will be the weekend of October 25-27.

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— Jana Sellarole



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expertise. Exploring what's local gives children an understanding and a sense of pride in their community.

I have strived to focus much of my teaching about nature right here in Walpole: what flora and fauna, what's outside their back doors. The school gardens and high tunnel give students a taste of what can be grown right here in Walpole. They've discovered fresh wholesome vegetables can be delicious! It's fun to watch them graze on pea sprouts and fresh spinach.

I expanded a bit when I created the Connecticut River project: what's the Valley's history from 500 million years ago to current times? What's the natural history and how have people impacted the Valley, our home landscape? Thanks to Bill Perron and other sixth grade teachers for embracing this idea and organizing our annual canoe trip, successful since 1985!

At 70 it's time for me have more time for family, friends and my many interests. I have been blessed to find a career so fitting to my varied skill set. I offer many thanks to the Hooper Institute and the Walpole community as I conclude this successful and satisfying chapter of my life.

Sincerely, Eloise Clark
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Great River Co-op

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The Great River Co-op is donating copies of *Grocery Story: The Promise of Food Co-ops In The Age of Grocery Giants* to area libraries so our community can learn more about the impact of a food co-op here in Walpole.

"The author, Jon Steinway, a Board member of the Kootenay Co-op in British Columbia, documents the consolidation of the food industry—from production to distribution to retail sale—with compelling cases for why this is not only bad for individual consumers but also for our entire food system," said Great River Co-op President, Steve Fortier. "Jon makes a strong case that food co-ops are an antidote to the economic, environmental and health challenges posed by a national food system with very few owners and decision-makers."

You can borrow this book from the Alstead, Walpole or Rockingham libraries. Visit <https://grocerystory.coop/> to learn more about the author and the movement he is inspiring.

Community members interested in getting more involved in moving the Great River Co-op project forward should contact Steve Fortier at president@greatriverfoodcoop.com, or 903-2602.

— Steve Fortier



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Country Music

Florentine Films Latest

After nine years, and countless hours of research and editing, Walpole based Florentine Films' *Country Music* is ready to air on PBS for eight nights starting September 15. To help celebrate the film's release, New Hampshire PBS has organized a day full of country music activities in Keene on Wednesday, August 14.

There are many activities planned. A few of particular interest to Walpole residents that day include:

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM: An exhibit of photographs at the Thorne-Sagendorf Gallery at Keene State College. The exhibit will showcase the work of fifteen photographers whose images are featured in *Country Music*. Each photographer was asked to choose two favorite images from the film, and each has graciously donated one photograph to be auctioned off by NHPBS. Three New Hampshire non-profits will be the beneficiaries of the auction, with one being the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association for music programs in the schools. (Note: the show will be up from August 14 through December 5). Free to the public.

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: A panel discussion and Q&A at the Colonial Theatre with the production, editing, and post-production teams from *Country Music*. Many of the crew will be on hand to describe our filmmaking process and to answer questions. Free to the public.

7:30 PM: Screening of clips from *Country Music*, followed by a Q&A with Ken Burns, Dayton Duncan and Julie Dunfee. Tickets are \$20.00, and may be obtained through the NHPBS website (below) or by calling the Colonial Theatre box office: 352-2033.

For more information check the NHPBS website: <https://nhpbs.org/events/?feat=2667#2667>.

– Florentine Films

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Licensing is due by the end of April every year. All dogs that have not been licensed yet this year and do not have a tag expiring in 2020 are now **late** and subject to late fees and possibly a civil forfeiture. Please bring in a veterinary rabies vaccination certificate and a veterinary document indicating spaying/neutering if applicable. Please refer to the Town web site for Town Clerk office hours.

– Meghan Hansson



Johnny Cash at the Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, 1972. Photograph by Les Leverett. (Leverett has two photographs in the exhibit at the Thorne-Sagendorf Gallery at Keene State College, beginning August 14)

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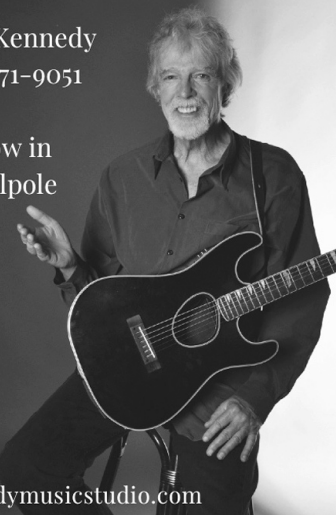
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Savings Bank of Walpole received four New England Banking Magazine Choice Awards for banking excellence at the annual Best Bank Expo.

The Banking Choice Awards recognize banks that receive the highest ratings from their own customers in four categories: customer service, technology, community contribution, and overall quality. The awards honored the top three institutions in each category from each region in Connecticut and Massachusetts and statewide in New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Savings Bank of Walpole was ranked in the top two in each category earning top honors in New Hampshire for the categories of community contribution and overall quality.

Accepting the awards for the bank was Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole. Bodin also sat on a panel of bankers representing institutions that consistently rank at the top in independent consumer surveys to discuss best practices in the industry.

"As a truly local bank, every decision Savings Bank of Walpole makes and the products and services we offer is rooted in what's best for our customers," says Bodin. "There was widespread interest in our innovative community engagement program among the bankers at the conference. Receiving these awards is an honor – and it also means that our efforts are resonating with our customers – and making them happy."

The Banking Choice Award rankings are based upon the Banking Benchmarks, the industry's gold standard of customer-experience measurement, which is conducted twice a year among hundreds of thousands of households and businesses. In an effort to get unbiased opinions, a double-blind survey is used to ask customers a variety of questions about the institutions with whom they bank. New England Banking Magazine presents the awards and was the host of the event.

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Women doing noteworthy work in the area were nominated by readers of the Sentinel. Those to be honored were then selected by a group of community judges. When asked, Pschirrer told the *Clarion*, "I am thrilled to be part of this group, and quite stunned! I am honored and humbled to be included."

A magazine profiling the 12 women will be published and included in The Sentinel on August 30. A video montage will be presented at the gala. Pschirrer will soon be interviewed and taped for the magazine and video.

The recognition ceremony will begin with registration and networking at 5:00 PM. The program will start at 6:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Seating is limited. To attend, tickets can be purchased for \$30 in advance through The Sentinel's website, or by calling 352-1234, extension 1244. Tickets at the door, if available, are \$40.

— Ray Boas



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Mill Pond Trail Work Day

The Walpole Conservation Commission's second trail work day of the year will be held at the Mill Pond, Saturday August 17, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Leslie Hubbard wrote an account of Walpole lands, including The Mill Pond Trail and Wildlife Refuge, which is located on Main Street heading out of the village after the Hubbard Farms building. In that account he wrote, "This is a 40-acre area of land and water, including both sides of the Mill Pond. Much of the pond and land area was donated to the town as a gift by R. N. Johnson and by Hubbard Farms in 1977. ... [also] secured for the Town [was] the lower Mill Pond, the flowage rights and control of the Mill Pond dam....". Now an 86-acre preserve with trails totaling 1.5 miles, there is a stone with a bronze plaque now marking the beginning of the trail from the parking area off Main Street.

The work day will focus on the trails around Mill Pond. These trails are very popular and are in need of work, including removing dead trees, pruning vegetation, removing trash, raking and regrading as required. No experience is necessary. Attendees will be given an introduction to the work and a safety talk before work begins. Some tools will be provided, but rakes and loppers

would be helpful if you can bring them. Gloves are recommended. Open to everyone, but anyone under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

The work will also focus on a section of trail that completes a partial loop that enters and exits from the "new" cemetery. It is possible to hike all the way around the pond, passing through the cemetery and a short distance on Main Street. This portion of trail needs the clearing of brush and improving the trail tread to allow for access that is nearly non-existent after years of little maintenance.

Plan to help improve Walpole's conservation lands, and join in on August 17. Parking for the start will be the area near the dam on Main Street

— Ray Boas

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Hooper Golf Club

Course Update

The new owners of the Hooper Golf course continue to make improvements to the course, and to the buildings that have been neglected for several decades. The barn is now fully stabilized with new beams, seals, sister joists and siding on the north and south ends.



Much attention has been given to the course, with restoration of the traps and greens and refurbishing of the tees. A set of "Friendly" tees has been added, making the course considerably shorter for young and beginning golfers. Several nighttime golf events have been held. That's right, in the dark, with special balls that glow, and illuminated holes on the greens. These events have been very popular and are open to the public. The next night event is August 17, so come and check it out. The NH Junior Golf tour had a tournament at Hooper GC on July 18, and this past June, Kaylee Lintner, runner-up in last year's NH State youth amateur event, represented New Hampshire at the NHSGA High School National Invitation at Walt Disney Resorts in Florida.

– Joshua Beer

Trivia Night Returns

Have you been studying since the last Trivia Night? Well the Recreation Department is at it again, and will be hosting their third trivia night on Saturday, August 3, at 6:00 PM.



The Walpole Town Hall doors will open at 5:30 PM, so arrive early so you can claim your table, set up your snacks, and pour your drinks. This is a BYOB event, so all participants must be over the age of 21.

This is a FREE event, so please print your sign-up form on the Facebook page (Walpole Recreation – NH) or stop by the Walpole Town Hall to sign-up your team up. Please make sure you turn your forms in to the Town Offices so we will have an idea of how many teams we will have.

Whether it is watching *Jeopardy*, reading books, or studying your old textbooks, make sure you study to try and get the upper hand. These questions are not easy. I wonder what the categories will be this time?

– Justin Cassarino



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A couple of friendly reminders: Please do not put any Construction & Demolition waste in the second green container without paying for it first. Please come into the building and one of our attendants will be happy to weight it up for you at 15¢ a pound.

Also, per Department of Environmental Services, the public is not allowed to put anything "burnable" in the enclosed burn pit. Please ask or call any of the Centers' staff about your "burnable" and we would be happy to help you.



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You may have noticed the big "RECYCLE" sign that has been made out of cans. It was an idea that Ben, our manager, thought up, and, with the help of our two "Hooper" teenagers – plus a drill, ladder, washers and bolts and thick green paint - it came to life!

Keep recycling, Walpole!

– Erica Sweeney

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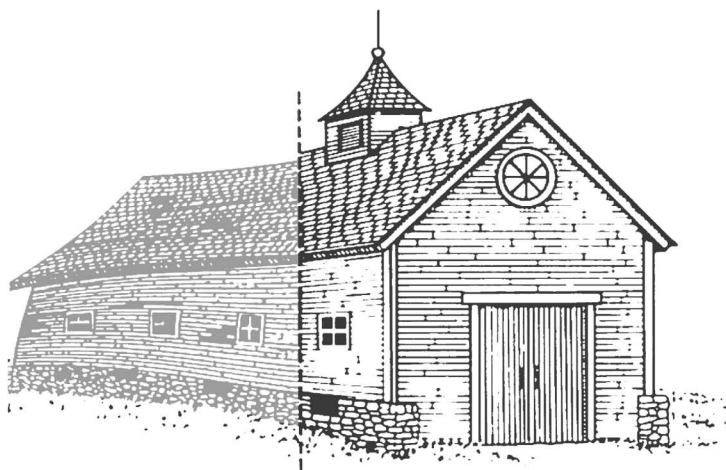
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– Robert O'Hanlon Jr

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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...in the early 19th century,

law offices were often small one- or two-room buildings, and one such original example exists in Westminster, Vermont, where it was essentially untouched for 140 years - a veritable "time-capsule"?

William Czar Bradley (1782-1867) commenced his law practice in Westminster in 1802, and built his law office sometime between then and 1810 on the west side of The King's Highway, south of the current Town Hall. The building, measuring about 20 by 30 feet, remains there, as it was when Bradley retired from his practice in 1857 and closed the door.

William Czar was the son of Stephen Rowe Bradley (1754-1830), himself a lawyer. Stephen Rowe moved to Walpole in 1817, living on Westminster Street until his death. An important figure in Vermont and United States history, he will be the subject of a future article.

The prominent Willard and Bradley families of Westminster are related by marriage. Upon her death in 1909, Sarah Bradley Kellogg, granddaughter of William Czar Bradley, and wife of Henry Augustus Willard who founded the famed Willard Hotel, willed the Westminster law office to the State of Vermont. Her son, Henry Kellogg Willard, and grandson, William Bradley Willard, retained ownership during their lifetimes. Following William Bradley Willard's death in 1991, the bank handling Sarah Bradley Willard's estate began to finalize the transfer to the State.



*Above:
Law Office of
F. Vose and
J. G. Bellows
before 1872
(now part of
the Walpole
Savings Bank).
At Right:
Bradley
Law Office
as it is
today.*



William Bradley Willard maintained his stewardship of the building, untouched, for 65 years. Only occasionally were supervised visits permitted to family members. Besides the contents of the law office left upon William Czar's

retirement, unused family items, were stored there. Title to the building and its contents passed to the State of Vermont in 1998. Working with John Dumville, Chief of the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation, the Westminster Historical Society opened the "time-capsule" to the public for the first time in July, 2001.

One enters the only door into the front room with a vaulted ceiling. Shelves surround the room and the walls are trimmed with a striped wallpaper. A metal wood stove replaced the now-boarded fireplace. The smaller room to the rear is also wallpapered with a different paper dating from the 1820s. The windows have interior paneled "Indian shutters" that still easily slide open. Above a window, there is a bell that was attached to a cord running to his residence to the south so Bradley could be summoned. The original furniture remains, as do office accouterments used by Bradley. These include pens, inkwells

and sanders (a sand shaker to blot ink before blotters came into use), sealing wax, a soapstone pipe, whale oil lamps, surveying implements and shelves of law books and literature in Greek, French and Latin. On my first couple of visits, I remember stacks of newspapers carefully bundled with twine. Since then, the State removed them for preservation and to add to their archives.

In April, 2014, the State of Vermont officially transferred the Bradley Law Office to the Westminster Historical Society. Structural stabilization has been a priority, and \$27,000 was spent on roof repairs, sill replacement and other preservation efforts. What you see in the two rooms, however, is exactly what you would have seen when visiting William Czar Bradley on an afternoon in 1857. Open to the public on summer Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, plan your visit to the mid-nineteenth century soon.

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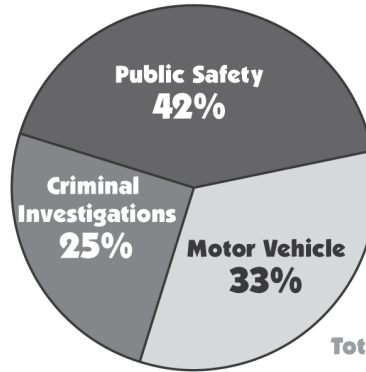
- In 1945, Fortune magazine named Betty Crocker the second most popular woman in America; Eleanor Roosevelt was named first.
- Since 1972, most of the flour found in home kitchens has been used for baking cookies.
- From 1949 through 1964, actress Adelaide Hawley Cumming portrayed Betty Crocker for General Mills
- General Mills sponsored *Giant Step*, a live TV kids quiz show with Bert Parks.

(Publisher's note: In 1957, I appeared for a number of weeks on the show. Going home on the train one night, there was Betty Crocker seated next to us, also coming from the show. She and her husband lived in my home town.)

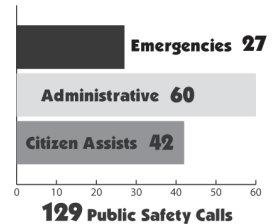
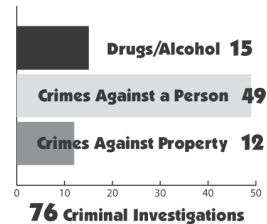
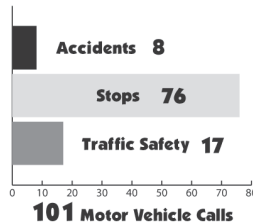
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Walpole Police Department

Calls for Service: June 16, 2019 - July 15, 2019



Total Number of Calls: **306**



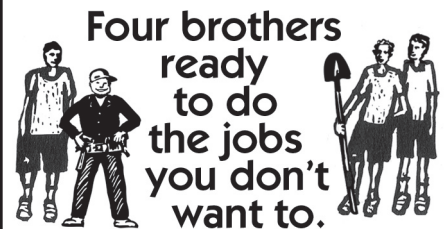
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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

"Cut Ya a Switch"

July and August were busy times on the farm, much like today except without all the modern equipment. It was the end of the 1940's when our parents bought the first hay baler in the Chester area. It hooked on behind the International Harvester H tractor. After raking the cut hay in rows, you pulled the baler over the rows and it "ca chunked" 60 pound bales out the back. I rode the attached seat to be sure the twine that tied the bales didn't break, and, if it did, yell to Dad to stop and tie it before the bales fell on the ground. A very important but boring job. After getting the field of hay all baled, one had to load it on a wagon and haul it to the barn.

Tossing 60 pound bales of hay all day was not something anyone looked forward to do. So Dad went and bought a

machine that hooked behind the wagon and picked up the bales. The bales went up a conveyor belt and dropped into the wagon where a person stacked them.

Of course when the bales came out of the baler they fell helter-skelter, so, before picking them up, they had to be rolled into a row.

Now most farms were small family farms, and the only help was from family members. So, at ten years old, I was put on a tractor seat to drive and haul a wagon and conveyor belt. I couldn't reach the pedals, so when we reached the end of the row, I simply shut off the engine, and Dad would turn the equipment around and line it all up with the next row.

Well my sister and I were first assigned to line the bales up in a row, well-spaced in order for the stacker (Dad) to have time to place each bale in the pile.

One really hot day, we lined up the bales a little too close together, and yours truly, a little too eager to head for the Williams River for a swim, pulled the gas lever back two notches from where Dad had set it.

As we reached the end of the first row, I shut off the engine and heard the worst cursing I had ever heard from my father. His voice was coming from under the pile of bales, and bales were flying off the wagon. As soon as his scarlet red face appeared from under the pile, I leapt from the tractor's seat, ran to the edge of the field and broke off a sizeable willow branch and headed back toward the wagon. I wasn't sure what, but knew that I had done something horribly wrong and would need a pillow in order to enjoy supper that night. As Dad came out of the wagon, he took one look at me standing there with my switch at the ready, and, after what seemed an eternity, he burst out laughing.

"Never mind," he said. "I saw the bales were too close together and knew you were going too fast! Let's unhitch and head for the river before milking time!"

My sister and I spaced the bales a better distance apart after that.

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Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

Zoning Board July 17 - New Alternate: Ernie Vose, who has served on the Zoning Board for several years, resigned last year because of time restraints, expressed interest to return as an alternate. Ms. Trow made a motion, which passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Mr. Vose as an alternate to the ZBA. Ms. Mansouri seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the nomination. Everyone was glad to see Mr. Vose return. Welcome back Ernie.

Hooper Trustees July 11 - Hooper Institute Board Appointments included: Amy Owens; Holly Gowdy; and, Emma Kobeski.

Conservation Commission June 3 - Walker Road Property Kiosk - a motion passed to develop an estimate for a kiosk at the property. The kiosk panel would be shiplapped pine. Roof would have cedar shakes. Lexan can cover the panel. Poles could be black locust or white pine. The estimate could then be used for other trails and locations where a kiosk would be desirable. France Menk volunteered to write information for the kiosk.

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FROM THE CLARION...

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

One Year Ago (August, 2018) - July 2, 2018 was a significant day in the annals of the George L. Hooper Property on Prospect Hill Road. The selling of the Hooper property is an important milestone in Walpole history. To document for posterity the seven years of hard work by Peggy Pschirrer, Steve Dalessio and many others, the Clarion asked Pschirrer to condense her four cartons of documents on Hooper. This resulting article, beginning on page one, concludes 92 years of history leading into the next chapter of The Meeting House Hill Farm.

Three Years Ago (August, 2016) - Walpole's oldest resident and holder of the Boston Post Cane, Agnes Cicalone, recently passed away at 100 years of age. Walpole is again in search of its oldest resident to receive this honor, which has been bestowed since 1909. (Note: on November 17, 2016, the Selectboard presented the cane along with a certificate of title to Charmian Trundle, who is now still Walpole's oldest resident.) Community Build of the new playground will be the weekend of September 30.

Five Years Ago (August, 2014) - The Walpole Players' 5th Annual Summer Theater Camp, under the astute leadership of Jim Skofield and Carolyn Norback, was held the first two weeks of July. For the first time, Skofield and Norback were assisted by "junior counselors" who had attended camp in previous years.

Seven Years Ago (August, 2012) - Jack Franks, President of Avanru Development Group, LLC, along with one additional partner, Jason Dunbar, presented at the July 10th Planning Board Meeting Avanru's desire to "shift gears" with their project behind the Tractor Supply building on Route 12. "With the economy as it is, we cannot presell any (condo) units, there is no demand." Franks described his new idea was for senior apartments for those aged 55 and above

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To Liz Ewaskio and Scott Hynek

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of Walpole

Fred & Jane Hynek
of Cody, Wyoming



PUBLISHER'S CORNER

The **Clarion** works. The "Working Willett's" mother, Marcine, wrote me thanking us for the help with her sons' ad. She wrote, "The boys have gotten so many requests for work. They are booked for the next two weeks." I got her letter not even two weeks after people would have received their July issue. When I emailed her asking if I could share their experience, she replied, "The ad is certainly the reason they have gotten so many requests for work." Think of advertising, and thank you for supporting our advertisers.

And, there are good tips in each issue. Hopefully you have seen the monthly "You Need to Know That", following "Did you Know That?" On page 17, you can read about Gold Medal Flour. I have always kept a bowl of Reese Peanut Butter Cups on the window sill above my sink. Been fine for years, but two weeks ago I bit into one before I found the trail of small ants leading to the bowl, and holes through some of the wrappers. What to do? Hey, I just wrote about what to do. I spread flour - end of problem.

This month many people have stopped me in town and given positive feedback on what they have read on the **Clarion** pages. I thank you all for that. My intent is to inform, educate, and, if necessary, bring awareness to issues to stimulate a dialogue in town, and hopefully positive action. It worked with the Walker Road Project, and hopefully now, learning about current trends, more people will become involved in town affairs to be part of the process to ensure outcomes pleasing to everyone. Please get involved.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

– Ray Boas, Publisher

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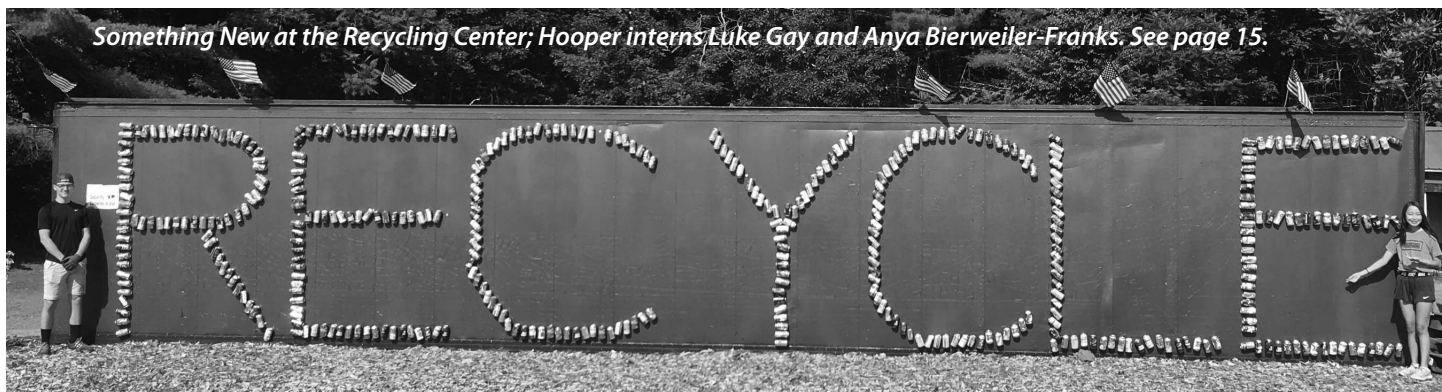


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