

## Our Unusual Summer Continues

### Voter Registration & Absentee Ballots amid COVID-19

To protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19 this fall, you can both register to vote and request an absentee ballot without having to go to the polls in person on Primary Day, September 8, and Election Day, November 3.

#### Register to Vote:

Not sure if you are registered to vote, or don't remember what your registered party affiliation is? The NH Voter Information Look-Up web site is here:

[https://app.sos.nh.gov/  
Public/PartyInfo.aspx](https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx)

In NH, if you are registered as Undeclared, you may choose either a Democratic or a Republican primary ballot.

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### Peggy's August Update

Today is a "run through the sprinkler" kind of day- hot hotter hottest! It is also a good day to bring everyone up to date on Select Board decisions and discussions.

The big news this past week on July 14 was the news that the bond, approved March 14 at Town Meeting, was picked at the State's Bond sale with an interest rate of 2.07%. An incredible interest rate, which even the Bond Bank Director called 'amazing'. Our Bond was a taxable bond, because we are in a private-public partnership with Consolidated Communications, Inc. for the Broadband project.

(See the Broadband article on page 2.)

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### Changes at the Bridge Memorial Library

Our wonderful Library Director, Justine Rogers Fafara, has left Walpole's Bridge Memorial Library to work at the library in Newport, NH. Justine came to our library in 2015 and has fearlessly led the library through expansion of our programming and our building. Among her initiatives during those five years:



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#### Fall Term • Fall Mountain Regional School District

The **Clarion** has asked SAU60 officials for any information to pass along to area residents about the Fall school term. Even "no information yet" is news you need. As of press time, a response has not been provided to share with **Clarion** readers. You may wish to check the SAU60 website for any postings. Any news, if provided to the **Clarion**, will be shared on the **Clarion** website, so make sure to subscribe by going to <https://thewalpoleclarion.com/>.

## ABSENTEE



## VOTE

### Elections September 8 & November 3.

Application for Absentee Ballot available on the Town's Website - Town Clerk/Tax Collector's page  
<https://www.walpolenh.us/clerk-tax-office.html>  
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NH Department of State, Elections Division,  
Election Forms, Absentee Voter Forms, 2020.

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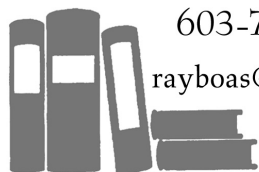
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## Broadband Information

### Go to Town Website

The actual work of installing fiber optic cable throughout our town is set to begin in mid-August and Walpole's town website - <https://www.walpolenh.us/> - now has a page devoted to keeping track of that work as it progresses towards completion. The page contains a map of the project, FAQ's, and background info on the project.

Once work begins the page will be updated with progress reports every two weeks.

To access the page from the town website, navigate to 'GOVERNMENT' then to 'Town Projects' where you'll find info on both 'Town Broadband' and the 'EPA Cleanup Project'

- Walpole Broadband Committee

## Hooper Golf Course

### In the Heat of Summer

July has been a hot and busy month for Hooper Golf Course with several exciting events at Hooper and involving Hooper members. An extremely exciting happening at Hooper has been the return of Hooper's Junior Golf Camp sponsored by Craig Vickers State Farm Insurance. Twenty-five campers from the age 6 to 12 come to Hooper for two hours on Monday mornings to learn the basics, etiquette, and rules of golf. While remaining socially distant the volunteer Camp staff, made up of Hooper owners and members, work with the campers which include beginners who have never swung a golf club to those who have been playing golf for a number of years. The campers are learning a lot, having a great time, and enjoying a delicious popsicle at every session!

In other news the restoration and painting of the maintenance barn by a crew of volunteers and Hooper owners is continuing and the transformation looks amazing. Also, in conjunction with the Monadnock Conservancy, a sustainable and targeted forest management plan for the forest surrounding the golf course has been approved which will improve the health and vitality of the forest and course.

Lastly, two members of Hooper recently competed in the New Hampshire State Amateur Tournament at Nashua Country Club. Mitchell Cormier, a rising Sophomore and member of the golf team at Fall Mountain Regional HS, made it to the round of 64. Cormier had this to say about his first time playing in the State

## The Walpole Foundation

The Walpole Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Patti Neal to the Walpole Foundation Board of Directors on June 24, 2020. Patti was born and raised in Walpole and has been a coach of a variety of sports in Walpole.

The Walpole Foundation's stated mission is to prevent community deterioration, preserve and protect existing historic features, and revitalize the Village Center for the benefit and improvement of the Walpole Community. Incorporated in 2004, the Articles of Incorporation were signed by Alexandra Breed, Raynie Laware, Ralph Smith, Robert Hubbard (deceased) and Charles DeGrandpre (deceased). Attorney Charles DeGrandpre was a close friend of Leslie Hubbard for many years. Les' son John Cooper Hubbard's estate became the endowment of the Foundation.

The first building in Walpole to benefit from Les Hubbard's generosity is The Walpole Village Store, for many years operated as The Tavern. It has only recently been newly renovated and is now Spencer's Place. The Foundation now owns nine structures in Town which are either commercial, or combinations of commercial and residential spaces. Although the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, it pays property taxes to the Town of Walpole in excess of \$120,000 annually.

For the first fourteen years of its existence, positions on the Board of Directors were held primarily by attorneys from the Mclane Law Firm. Beginning in 2018, an active search to elect Walpole residents to the board was initiated so that the Board is now made up entirely of Walpole residents: Mark Houghton, Charles Shaw DVM, Jim Suozzi MD, Tom Murray, Peggy Pschirrer, and newly elected Patti Neal. Raynie Laware is the Executive Director and Karen Crowley is the Facilities Manager.

- Peggy Pschirrer



Amateur Tournament, "It was a lot of fun and very challenging. I enjoyed playing with the two other young players that were in my group. I really hope to qualify next year. Something I would do is play the course a couple more times before the tournament." Hooper member and Fall Mountain graduate, Ryan Kohler, made it to the quarterfinals before being defeated by the eventual champion, and said, "It's always great fun to play with Hooper next to my name, and appreciate all of the words of encouragement along the way."

- Josh Beer



## Women of Walpole

Despite quarantines and social distancing, the Women of Walpole are still quite busy. At our June annual meeting, Andrea Goins, our Chairwoman for the past 5 years, passed the gavel to Nancy Lightner and Susan Johnson as new co-chairs. Robin Sanctuary joined the board as secretary replacing Beth Colley. We thank Andrea and Beth for their hard work and leadership and are ever so glad they will still be active members!

In June we donated gift cards to two Walpole Kurn Hattin 8th grade graduates to help them prepare for high school in the fall. We also recently supported the Hooper Institute's ongoing programs. Due to COVID 19, they are suffering, like many organizations, to reach their fundraising goals.

Plans are moving forward for Fall meetings using Zoom and in person when it is safely possible. To launch our new season, we hope to invite all current and new members to a late summer socially distanced lunch on the common. Bring your own chair, drink and lunch. Meet old friends, make some new ones and hear what WOW has planned for the 20-21 year. More details on a date and time are forthcoming.

WOW may take a different form in how we meet, but the goals of service to the Walpole community haven't changed. We look forward to being with old and new friends soon.

For further information on WOW, contact Susan Johnson (603-313-4018) or Nancy Lightner (603-904-4154), or check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/womenofwalpole/>.

– Nancy Lightner & Susan Johnson



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updating the collection for children and teens; expanding the DVD collection; focusing on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) with afterschool programs; expanding Summer Reading to include teens and adults; adding more technology offerings for patrons of all ages with the addition of Launchpads and chromebooks; fostering a love for reading with our youngest patrons through the 1,000 books before Kindergarten program.

Less visible to the public was her collaboration with other state and local libraries to increase access to e-books and programs. Justine also kept the staff busy and the community served during a global pandemic.

The Board has initiated a search for the new Library Director. This is an important and time consuming activity to make sure that the process is fair, thorough, and results in another great Library Director for Walpole. A committee, chaired by Jennifer Fabis, will be overseeing the process. Jennifer, who is currently the CFO for Florentine Films, brings a wealth of professional experience to the committee. Also on the committee are members of the board and employees of the library. The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for making the decision on our next Library Director. The job should posted by the end of July and can be found at the town's website: [www.walpolenh.us](http://www.walpolenh.us)

We will certainly miss Justine. She and her husband Alex will remain living in Walpole, so we hope to see them often as patrons of the library. Good Luck Justine!

– Amy Howard, on behalf  
of the Walpole Library  
Board of Trustees

## Mask Requirement

### Town of Walpole

At the July 16 Selectboard Meeting, the Board passed a requirement that anyone entering a Town building is required to wear a mask. New signage has been posted with this message at the Town Hall. Visitors without face coverings will not receive service from Town employees. Additionally, those attending meetings in the Town Hall will also be required to wear a face mask. The Selectboard wants all Town employees and visitors to feel as safe as possible. Disposable masks will be available for those who need face coverings. Hand sanitizer dispensers are in the hallway and in the large meeting room. Tables and chairs continue to be disinfected after each meeting.

– Sarah Downing



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## Richard Schmid

### An American Master and Walpole Treasure

In the mid-20th century, paintings dominating the art world were Modern Art, Pop-Art, and Abstract Expressionism. The emphasis was on intuition and impulse rather than skill. More traditional art, known as representational art, had fallen out of fashion, and often was now referred to as simply illustration. But Richard Schmid, an acknowledged American Master, changed that, preserving the classical painting techniques and bringing representational art alive and back to the forefront. In 2005, Richard Schmid, along with his wife Nancy Guzik, herself a renowned artist, moved to five acres in Walpole.

As opposed to abstract modern/pop paintings, representational art represents something real and recognizable. There may be varying degrees of abstraction in the painting, giving an idea of impressionism, but the landscape, still life or portrait is clearly identifiable and exists. In his book, *Alla Prima II - Expanded Edition*, Schmid instructs the representational artist to "faithfully render what you see," and to accomplish that usually in one session. His teaching reveals that in order to capture the true colors of nature, painting must be done directly from life. First published in 1998, *Alla Prima: Everything I Know About Painting* went through 13 printings. The Expanded Edition was released January, 2013, and is now it is 5th printing.

Born in Chicago in 1934, Schmid learned the classical painting techniques from an early age. While attending Chicago's American Academy of Art, he was influenced by William H. Mosby. Mosby had him work exclusively from life following the methods of the late 19th century masters. The direct painting methods were known as Alla Prima, thus the source of the title for Richard's cornerstone work. Quoting from his thesis entitled *Choices*, he states, "Talent is a most precious gift, one not to be accepted lightly. I strongly believe it represents a trust, and therefore an obligation, to act wisely and unselfishly in how we practice our art. Accordingly, I believe we should set our sights high, because art, even when it deals with tragedy, is always an ascending rather than a descending act. Art is there to nourish the human spirit."

One of the world's finest painters in our life time, Richard has maintained three large ledgers of his works, now totaling well over 3,000 canvases. Often referred to among collectors as the John



**Richard Schmid  
in his Walpole  
studio**

**New Preston  
Falls II**

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Singer Sargent of our times, Schmid has won most of the highest honors and fine art awards in America, including the National Arts for the Parks Competition in 1987 for his painting of Rocky Mountain National Park. He received a prize of \$100,000. Recognized internationally, his masterwork "Abbotsford House, The Home of Sir Walter Scott," a 30 x 50 inch oil, was presented to Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II at the Royal Opening of Abbotsford's new Visitors Center in Melrose, Scotland in 2013.

Many of Richard Schmid's works remain in private hands, but the 1987 National Arts for the Parks award helped establish his place in the open marketplace. On July 25, with the August **Clarion** at the



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printer, Richard Schmid's "New Preston Falls II", painted in 1989, will be auctioned at The Coeur d'Alene Art Auction in Reno, Nevada. The auction estimate for the 30 by 40 inch oil on canvas is in the six figures. Richard at the time he painted it, lived just over the hills from New Preston, Connecticut, where six hundred acre Lake Wauamaug flowed over these falls, powering many mills along the way in the 19th century. (Note the building atop the waterfall on the left. When my late-bride, Cathy, and I married in 1995 we purchased that property, including the mill pond. It was our home and book shop until relocating to Walpole in 2002, when we traded the sound of falling water for Walpole's church bells.)

And why did Richard and Nancy move to Walpole? Richard wanted to be close to a repair shop for his John Deere tractor (although he no longer plows his drive). But, more importantly, they both found Walpole such a beautiful place to be, and they found the perfect home, property and studio. Many of Richard's paintings have found their source from their extensive gardens.

– Ray Boas

*(Editor's note: For more information on Mr. Schmid's artwork, books and DVDs, you can contact his representative, Kristen@WestWindFineArt.com)*

## The Hooper Institute

August will be a month of gardening for us at the Elementary, Primary and North Walpole schools. In the raised beds we are growing organic food for our community and flowers for both beauty and the pollinators. Each day in the gardens I hear the ever present call of the raven, song of the wood thrush, and the chirring of the goldfinches. Mrs. Whippie and I are preparing to return to our roles as educators and facilitating late summer projects at the Hooper Institute. We are looking forward to being with our students once again. Until then, happy summer everyone! For more information about the Hooper Institute, email [hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net)

– Helen Dalbeck

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## St. John's Episcopal

### Good News

The wardens and vestry of St. John's are very excited to announce the calling of the Reverend Duncan Hilton as Priest in Charge. Duncan comes to St. John's and the Diocese of New Hampshire on August 24, 2020, after serving as Priest for Discipleship and Discernment at St. Michael's in Brattleboro, Vermont since 2017. At St. Michael's, Duncan was commissioned to raise up leaders inside and outside the church to listen and follow their call through prayer and action. His activities included the launching of six small independent discipleship groups, the training and coaching of four teams to develop mission projects, the creation of a parish partnership with a support group for people transitioning out of prison, and the facilitating of the discernment of a L'Arche Community in Southern Vermont (an international network of communities that help care for people with intellectual disabilities).

Before arriving in Vermont and being ordained in the Episcopal Church, Duncan worked for five years as Executive Director with the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI), where he trained Episcopal parishes in Massachusetts, Texas and Tennessee in team-based leadership

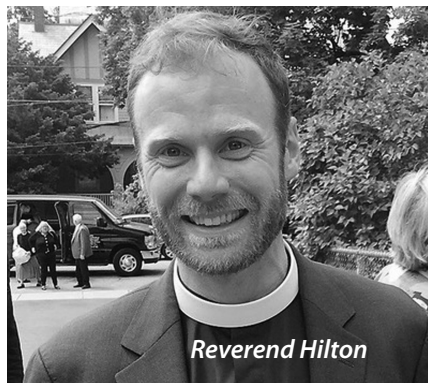


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practices in order to help them launch local mission projects. He also worked as Training Director for Life Together, the Boston-based Episcopal Service Corps program, and as a Teaching Fellow with Professor Marshall Ganz at the Harvard Kennedy School in his class, *Organizing: People, Power, Change*. Duncan's career in ministry started with congregational ministry in the United Church of Christ, where he served as a minister for youth and children. This is the denomination that Duncan belonged to during his childhood in Durham, New Hampshire.

Duncan has taught the unemployed and underemployed in Vermont. He has facilitated groups for those suffering from addictive behaviors as well as

providing end of life care to patients and families. He has lived with and cared for people with intellectual disabilities both here and abroad. In 2010 he worked as field coordinator in a voter registration campaign in Arizona, resulting in the registration of over 13,000 new votes.

Duncan and his new bride, Bethany, have just moved onto the family farm in South Londonderry, Vermont. He enjoys playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, playing and watching sports.

One might think with his long list of achievements and service to others as well as his stellar educational background that St. John's has received a gift from above. After meeting Duncan (over Zoom and in person), we know that we are very blessed to have such a humble and delightful young man to lead us in worship and service. We will have a welcoming celebration in the late summer. Follow our church website or visit Walpole's online newsletter ([www.thewalpolean.org](http://www.thewalpolean.org)) for upcoming details so that you can join in the welcome. We welcome all neighbors, known and unknown to us, as we take up worship alongside Rev. Duncan Hilton. Be with us on his first Sunday, August 30th and whenever, thereafter. Details of the service (Zoom or other "space") will be on our website. ([www.stjohnswalpole.org](http://www.stjohnswalpole.org))

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Big thank you to Jan Galloway who milled the tree that crushed the old reuse center. The lumber will soon adorn the entryways to the new center, a testament to the values of the center itself. To stock the soon-to- be-rebuilt reuse center, we are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the Recycling Center at 445-5197.

A big thank you to Cold River Materials for providing material for the new center without any trucking cost! We appreciate it.

Every year, the Hooper Summer Work Program places students at various locations across Walpole, including the Recycling Center. I, Ruby Frithsen, was lucky enough to end up at the Recycling Center. Over the past few weeks, I have learned the inner workings of the Recycling Center. One thing I noticed is the amount of plastic water bottles we process here. Remember that while recycling is great, the best thing to do is to reduce the amount of plastic you use. Everyone who comes to the Recycling Center seems willing to do their part by recycling as much as possible, which is amazing to see. If we all do our part to reduce, reuse, and recycle, we can help make our community and the world a cleaner, greener, place. Finally, another big thank you to the Hooper Program for helping kids find meaningful work within their own community, and helping local businesses find new employees.

– Ruby Frithsen  
Hooper Institute Summer Program



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*Jan Galloway (on left) and friend Terri milled the tree that crushed the old reuse center into timbers for the new center. They graciously donated their skilled work to the town of Walpole.*

## Walpole Unitarian

The church will have its regular summer recess during the month of August. We will resume after the Labor Day weekend on September 13th. The particulars of our opening will be available in the September Clarion and on our website: [walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://walpoleunitarianchurch.org)

FOOD COLLECTION for the Fall Mountain Food shelf continues. Please leave your offerings in the crate on the porch of Hastings Memorial Parish House, 14 Union Street. Deliveries go to the food shelf at noon on the 14th and 28th of August. Thank you for your contributions!

– Wendy Harty

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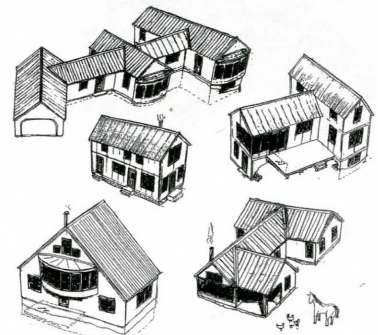


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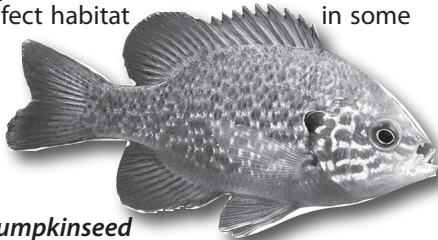


Fishing has some similarities to bird watching. One must be quiet and alert, patient, while waiting for the random bird or fish to appear. Then there's disappointment. Some days are successful, some not so. What does that bumper sticker say? "A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work." It's all worth it when the waiting is pierced with sugar-high excitement as the fish is caught and reeled in. There are life lessons for children, grandchildren, all of us.

**Smallmouth**

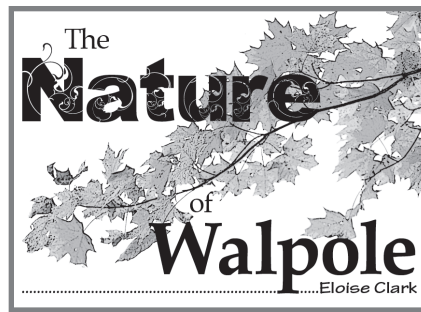
For anglers, the Sunfish family (Centrarchidae) has some of the most exciting game fish and pan fish in New Hampshire. These feisty fish can be found in rivers, ponds and lakes. Here are some familiar names: the smallmouth and largemouth bass, rock bass and pumpkinseed. Only the pumpkinseed is native to the state. All the others were introduced from nearby watersheds, the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River or Lake Champlain.

The smallmouth bass or black bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) was introduced to NH in 1860 from the Great Lakes. They prefer lakes and flowing streams with cool, clear water, a gravelly or rocky bottom and little vegetation. They live in water from 3 to 20 feet deep and don't do well in water above 80 degrees F. The Connecticut River has perfect habitat in some



**Pumpkinseed**

areas with deep pools and gravel bottoms, often along rocky shorelines.



**Largemouth Bass**

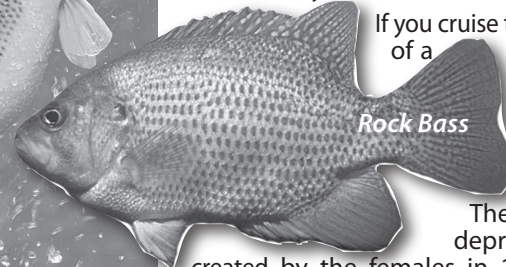
This fish is prized for its feisty fight when hooked. It particularly likes to eat crayfish. Small fish eat insects while large fish eat other fishes.

In contrast to the smallmouth bass, the largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) thrives best in warm, shallow, weedy, mud-bottomed lakes, ponds and shallow streams. It is not as feisty as the smallmouth. However it remains active beneath the ice, making it a favorite of ice fishermen. It is the largest member of the sunfish family, sometimes reaching 6 pounds but most weigh between 2-3 pounds. It eats almost anything it can

catch including insects and crustaceans when young. Larger ones eat fish, crayfish, insects, worms, frogs, water snakes and even ducklings.

The pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*) or common sunfish is indeed common, found in most of our streams, ponds and lakes. It is a fish of quiet or slow-moving water and is abundant where there is good growth of aquatic vegetation. Most adults are between 5-7 inches. At only a half-pound it's an exciting fish to catch and release, especially for children. I remember catching them with a bamboo rod baited with a worm when I was a kid. They also like aquatic insects, snails, small crayfish and smaller fishes.

Rock bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*) was introduced into the Connecticut River. It lives in the same rocky flowing streams as the smallmouth bass and sometimes competes for food with it. It rarely exceeds 6-8" in length and weighs half a pound. It likes to eat a varied diet of insects, crayfish and smaller fish.




**Rock Bass**

If you cruise the shoreline of a lake or pond in early summer, it's really fun to look for fish nests.

These circular depressions are created by the females in 1-12 feet of water, often near a rock or submerged log. Look for an adult (usually the male) guarding the nest. But please do not disturb! Another fun activity is to follow the sandy stretches of shoreline looking for schools of minnows. They are easy to find in the shallow water as the sand backlights these almost translucent fish.

Where can you find all these species? The many habitats along the Connecticut River, of course! From the shallow lily pad-filled "set-backs" of a quiet cove to the cool gravel-bottom pools beneath rocky shoreline, the Connecticut has an amazing diversity of fish habitat. I hope you can explore the river this month.



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## Friends of the Library

### Library Porch Plant Sale

Just a reminder that the Library Porch Plant Sale continues. If you would like to donate a plant, please be sure to label it. It's also great if the plant is in bloom. Please stop by the library and check out the plants, and leave a donation for any plants you take home. If you would like to purchase Foxglove garden gloves, please contact Carol Malnati at 756-9537.

### Book Sale

The fate of the annual fall Friends of the Library Book Sale remains uncertain. The current plan is for an ongoing Book Sale at Walpole's ReUse Center. We anticipate beginning the sale in mid-August, once construction is complete on the new reuse building. The books will be on library shelves and organized by topic. A list of suggested donations will be posted. As books are sold, the shelves will be restocked with new titles, so every time you stop by, there will be new books to explore.

As in previous years, we are asking for book donations from the community. This year, however, we need to be very strict about the condition of donated books. We can only accept books that are in very good condition. Books that are mildewed or are very worn will be rejected. Also, please no textbooks or outdated travel guides.

Book donation days will be limited to these 4 dates:

- Wednesday, August 5 and 12:  
9:00 – 10:00 AM
- Thursday, August 6 and 13:  
5:00 – 6:00 PM

Please wear a mask and observe physical distancing when you come to drop off your books at the "Chicken Coop" behind the Hungry Diner.

The details of the Book Sale may need to change over time. Please check the Walpolean blog, and the Walpole Library website for details. Thank you so much for your generous support! If you have any questions, please contact Carol Malnati at 756-9537.

– Jana Sellarole



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## Walking the Gool

Walking the circle most days year round. The circle consists of Thompson Road, Watkins Hill Road, Prospect Hill and Maple Grove Road and back to Thompson. Growing up I called it walking the Gool (old Scottish word for around an area) It took a long time searching to find this word..

I will start this story toward the end of March, as this is the time that life is beginning after the long winter. Starting down Thompson Road our first encounter is saying hi to Wills the horse, and later in spring feeding him some grass. Onward to see the moo cows (a NJ saying) at the Britton farm. Enjoyed the signs of graduation and wishing Alfred his 80th birthday. Further up the road Mikha the dog barks to let us know that we are walking by. Mazie just looks at us but doesn't bark. Now we are at the Pond across from Fletcher's, anticipating when the geese will show up - and they finally did. Six baby goslings this year. We saw an otter one day, and the lily pads are all coming to life. In another year or two there won't be any open water at all. I won't mention the alligator (different story). We keep going and see the flamingos are taking the virus seriously as they have their mask on. Don't know the guilty party that put them there.

Then we check out the three beautiful draft horses. We look for the cute little goat that is out grazing with the cows. Back to the end of March, the first spring flower arrives just up the road from the horses. This is something that we get so excited to find. This is a little yellow flower called Coltsfoot. Now last year this flower showed up on the first day of spring. This year it came a week earlier. YAY! Early spring. (*Wrong*). So on we go, and two more dogs, Beau and Titan (aka Piglet), come out to visit us.. Back onto

Thompson, just past Tole's Automotive two more dogs bark to say hi. Then on to Faith and Somer barking to welcome us almost home. Coming up the hill was the most beautiful sight of a long stretch of forsythia to greet us. We also now enjoy seeing rabbits on our walk. What a wonderful two mile trek. If you walk this route, take time to enjoy all the sights and you will also notice it is uphill both ways.

– Gerry Chandler

## Senator Jay Kahn

### At the Walpole Select Board

Senator Kahn discussed the latest legislative Session in Concord and took questions. He was joined by NH House Representatives Lucy Weber, Michael Abbot, and Catherine Harvey.

Senator Kahn described the difficulties of work this session once the Senate and house were suspended in March because of the Corona Virus. Despite these difficulties, 33 bills reached the Governor's desk. Bills were combined through cooperative efforts of all the legislators. Among the bills passed by both Chambers are the following:

- Bill 1129 will permit all towns to have Virtual Town Meetings in 2021 with drive up voting.
- Same sex couples may adopt children.
- The Statute of Limitations were dropped for sexual harassment or abuse claims.

There will be 150-million-dollar shortfall in this biennial budget. We will need federal legislation to cover state and local losses. It was an informative session for everyone who attended. Included in the audience were a group of Boy Scouts accompanied by parents. The Scouts are earning a Citizenship in the Community Badge.

– Peggy Pschirrer

Continued from Page 1, Peggy

Camping has been a weekly topic for the Select Board this month. Be assured that we are not restricting camping on public lands. We are only asking that every camper practice "traceless" camping: anything you carry into a campsite you carry out, leaving no trace behind. Lew Shelley has reminded us that no camping is allowed on conservation easements held by the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests. There are several such easements in Walpole. The Conservation Commission is discussing the possibility of asking that permits be required for all camping.

The Select Board is closer to signing an agreement with the DOT to return lights to the Arch Bridge from North Walpole to Bellows Falls. The light will be installed during scheduled work on the Bridge.

North Walpole, having had to postpone its Annual Meeting due to the Corona Virus in March, held the meeting recently observing all the safety precautions of safe distancing and wearing masks. The North Walpole Voters agreed to buy a new Fire Truck for the Fire Department.

The first tax billing has come and gone for 2020 and the Select Board gives a big shout out to all of you paid your tax bills in a very timely manner, ensuring we can indeed manage that budget and all those warrant

articles passed in March. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

By the time you read this you will know that we all said good-bye in a drive by celebration to Justine Rogers Fafara who resigned her position as Librarian of the Bridge Library to take a position in the Library in Newport, New Hampshire.

Justine started work as our first full-time librarian August 1, 2015; she leaves us incredibly stronger than she found us and with an enlarged space to meet the current needs of our community. We will miss her, but the Library Search Committee, chaired by Jen Fabis, is already at work to find a replacement.

And we have a new, smoother Main Street just waiting for striping to be done in September. Thank you for all your patience during the work on Main Street. We hired an outside contractor to do the work, saving us money and time. One of the workmen told me had been paving streets for thirty-five years!

Masks, masks, masks, to wear or not to wear? The Select Board, this week ordered that masks must be worn in all town-owned buildings. We expect employees to wear masks and all citizens who use those buildings to wear masks. If you show-up at Town Hall without a mask, we will give you one. We are asking local businesses and restaurant to set their own policies,

but urge them to expect customers and patrons to wear masks. This is a health issue, a protection for each of us. I am a fan of Jason Gay, a Columnist for the Wall Street Journal, who wrote this weekend that he thought he had written once and for all about masks early in the days of the virus, but he found himself writing about it again. He wrote: "You've heard it a bajillion times, but here is the basic idea: If you are going to be indoors in a building that is asking you to wear a mask, wear a mask. If you're in a crowd and not able to socially distance, wear a mask."

Because of the Governor's easing Stay at Home to Safe at Home, I have now seen two of my three children – no hugging but great pleasure to see my oldest daughter who works at D-H in Lebanon with her husband who is a fan of Hooper Gold Course, and son and my daughter-in-law from Maine with a new puppy, Clyde, a Pug. I hear regularly from my youngest who lives in Colorado where the virus is beginning to surge, but the school system in which she teaches will open August 17 with students having a choice to stay home for online instruction or come to school with classes of three hour segments with students staying in one classroom and not moving. Lunch will be off campus or in carryout bag from the cafeteria. We are soon to hear how Fall Mountain will open. In the meantime, stay safe, stay well.

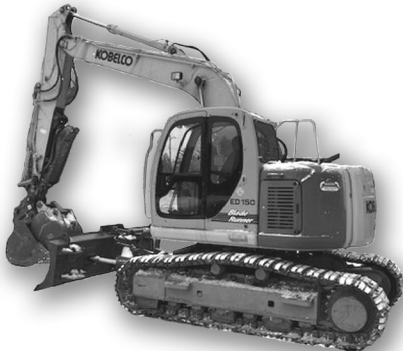
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## Library Update

### Goodbye & Thank You

As I'm sure you've heard by now, I have resigned as Library Director of the Walpole Town Library to begin a new chapter of my library career at the Richards Free Library in Newport, NH. It has been an honor to serve the Walpole community. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the patrons and working with the staff and Board of Trustees. I've loved seeing the library grow as we expanded our program and service offerings as well as our physical space and collection. I am incredibly grateful for everyone who shared in creating such a great community space here at the library; from program requests, to purchase suggestions, to volunteering and advocating for the library, we wouldn't be where we are today without your service. I cannot imagine a better community in which to have begun my professional library career. Thank you for your support of the library; I cannot wait to see it flourish under a new Director. I look forward to running into you as a loyal library patron!

### Summer Reading

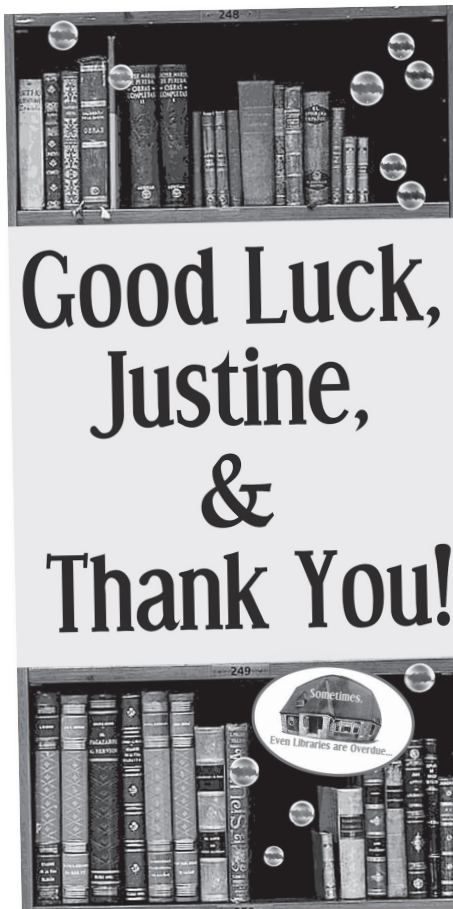
Thank you for a fabulous summer full of reading! We had over 80 participants register on Readsquared and our weekly take and make crafts were a hit! Stay tuned for fall programming plans.

### Outdoor Programs in August!

Miss Julie will be hosting Monday Wiggle Time at 10:00 AM and Wednesday Story Time at 10:00 AM outside on the lawn behind the library. Please bring a blanket for your family to enjoy stories and songs from while staying 6 feet away from other families. Please do NOT park in the lot behind the LPL Financial building (the blue house next to the library). These programs are SHINE ONLY events. If the weather is bad, you can join Miss Julie on Facebook for Wiggle Time and Story Time.

### August Library Services

Beginning August 3rd, the Walpole Town Library is planning to reopen with normal hours. We will be open Monday 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Tuesday 1:00 - 6:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Thursday and Friday 1:00 - 6:00 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Masks are required to enter the library. If you are not comfortable wearing a mask or would prefer not to come into the building, we will continue offering curbside services. Please call the library to schedule a curbside pickup. Hand sanitizer will be provided and you will be required to use it before browsing. While the children's room will be open for browsing, toys will not be available at this time. Computers will be available



### Moose Tracks

This Moose was spotted June 30 in the Village by a number of people, including Tonya Waters who captured this photo. Obviously, the moose is contemplating whether the sign "No Horses on the Common" applies to him/her or not. Deciding not, he/she headed south, where, shortly after 7:30 AM Diane Nichols reported, "I walked away from the Town Hall toward the end of the Common. As I came around the end of the Common approaching Middle Street, I saw a beautiful, big, chestnut colored moose.



with a 30 minute time limit. Please email Julie at [jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org) with any questions. We can't wait to see you back in the library!

There's a new Story Walk at Distant Hills Nature Trail! Beginning August 1st at noon, we'll have a brand new story to explore on the trail. We'll also have a video of Miss Julie sharing the Story Walk on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

If you need a library card, help with any of our resources, or a reminder that your librarian loves you, please feel free to email us! You can reach Julie at [jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org), Chris at [cburchstead@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:cburchstead@walpoletownlibrary.org), or the whole staff at [walpolelibrarycirc@gmail.com](mailto:walpolelibrarycirc@gmail.com)

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— Justine Fafara

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It came from near the parish house for the UCC and crossed Middle Street diagonally. It went down the driveway of the first house on the right. A grey pickup truck came from Main St toward me as I entered Middle St. The driver of the pickup saw the moose, too, and we talked about him/her. The moose was taller than a normal-sized horse, graceful, and appeared very healthy. It had no antlers or nubbins of antlers."

— Ray Boas

PHOTO: TONYA WATERS







## Uncomfortable Summer

This summer began with a jolt. We witnessed George Floyd murdered by police on Memorial Day. All eight minutes and forty-six seconds, captured on a bystander's smartphone, reached the remotest corners of the world. Walpole may not be entirely white, but overwhelmingly so. Like every community in America, we are overdue for some uncomfortable conversation. Two months later has anything changed? Too soon to tell, but maybe there has been a shift. Protesters taking to the streets demanding racial justice have been racially mixed to an extent we not seen before.

I am a new to Walpole. I had barely completed my two-week Covid19 self-quarantine when protesters began swarming the streets, coast to coast. I was moved to see so many of my new neighbors show up for the vigil on June 5. Some had signs. Most took a knee and kept silent for eight minutes and forty-six seconds, as the bell of the First Congregational Church rang for the duration. We did not organize the vigil, but as their new pastor, I am pleased we participated in that way.

Congregational Churches have historically engaged in public conversation. Our egalitarian practices informed the founding of American democracy. In New England, some Congregational Churches and Town Meeting Halls occupy the same building. I firmly believe the only space religion and government should share is in the hearts of believers. Both religion and government are better off that way.

Congregationalists were among the first abolitionists, many were involved in the Civil Rights movement. Civil Rights activist Ambassador Andrew Young is an ordained United Church of Christ minister (the denomination to which most Congregational churches belong). The Salem witch trials were ours as well. The first minister in Walpole was a slave owner. He was hired and fired by

Colonel Bellows. That minister was my predecessor. And here we are. Like all human endeavors, the record is mixed.

We are overdue for an uncomfortable conversation about race that has festered, unresolved, in America since 1619. Walpole is an idyllic New England town that looks like little has changed in 200 years. The way we live has. We are never beyond the reach of world events or the ever-churning 24/7 news cycle. We walk the Common and village sidewalks carrying small computers with satellite access in our pockets.

Slavery is America's original sin. Though abolished in 1864, the death of George Floyd and the unrest that followed have shown we are not yet free of its poisonous legacy. Martin Luther King said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Now we celebrating the life, legacy, and example of Congressman John Lewis. He was the last living speaker on steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963, addressing the citizens who marched on Washington. He saw the racial diversity of protesters demanding racial justice this summer as a significant and important development. He also knew we have a long way to go.

Don't let the summer end without making a start. I invite anyone and everyone interested in participating in positive change to gather in front of the First Congregational Church of Walpole, UCC on Friday, August 21 at 7:00 PM.

What are we going to do? We will figure that out when we get there. Covid 19 makes this tricky. We will have to stay outside. Wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing. We managed it at the vigil.

I leave you with two questions: Do you want to be anti-racist? What can citizens of a mostly white, affluent New England community do to be actively anti-racist?

— Richard Malmberg  
Pastor, First Congregational Church

## Race & Racism

### Continuing the Conversation

Following the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, and the vigil on the Walpole common on June 5, a discussion has started to channel the visceral revulsion of the tragedy into an instrument of understanding and healing. Concerned citizens poured onto the common and respectfully kneeled while the church bell rang for eight minutes and forty-six seconds to start the vigil. Later, several meetings in June and one just recently on July 21 among a small group of concerned citizens were held to define how to go forward while the tragedy was fresh and there is a desire to learn and heal.

Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville are majority white communities. We live in an area of economic, educational and cultural diversity. Our small group discussion focused on how best to start a conversation about race and racism in an effort to understand how we arrived here as a society, for as a society in order to grow we need to hear the history and stories of how we got here. Then we need to learn to respectfully understand those stories. In truth we cannot go forward until we address the stain on the fabric of the United States created by centuries of economic and social discrimination against Blacks, Asians, Latinos, American Indians and others who "don't look like us".

From his experience in the civil rights movement in 1960 Jack Pratt suggested we connect with the youth in our communities and start with a group discussion with high school students by inviting them to listen and interact with minority Black and Brown adult members of our communities. By listening to the stories and then breaking out into small groups for further discussion we will have the opportunity to learn in an open, non-threatening environment.

The details have yet to be worked out but we're thinking about 7 PM on a week night with carefully prepared refreshments offered. We're thinking early August so stay tuned to the Clarion Facebook page and the Walpoleon for details and updates.

— Chuck Shaw

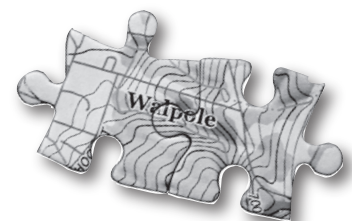
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## The Ravine Trail

It started raining on October 8th, heavily, and continued through the 9th. By the time it stopped, more than 7 inches had fallen in the region, causing catastrophic flooding in area streams and rivers. In Walpole, Mad Brook lived up to its name, scouring the ravine, plugging culverts with debris, and sending flood waters down High Street and through the village. Though the town would recover quickly, the flood of 2005 would prove fatal for the Ravine Trail.

The trail had drawn hikers for generations before it was formally dedicated as the Ravine Trail by the town during the 1976 Bicentennial. During her time in Walpole, 23-year-old Louisa May Alcott rose at five each morning for a run to the ravine, "seeing the woods wake." She was not alone in her admiration. In 1930, Mad Brook and its surrounding ravine were given to the town as a memorial to the Rev. Henry W. Bellows and Frederick Newman Knapp who bought the property in 1859 to preserve its natural beauty.

If you've never ventured up the ravine, until 2005 you crossed a bridge behind the town garage, and the trail then wound its way along the brook for about a quarter of a mile, past pools and the highlight of the hike, Louisa May Alcott

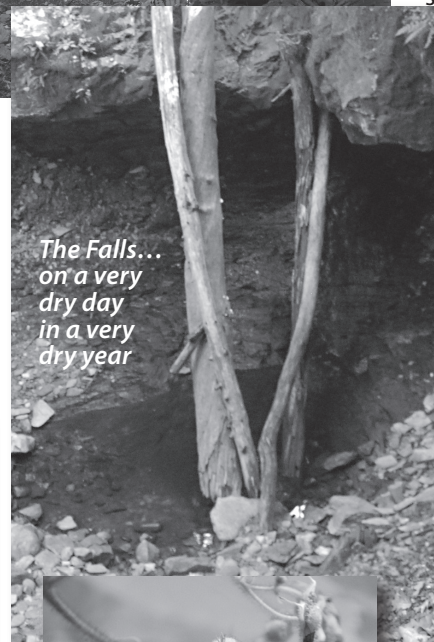
Falls. The flood took out a large portion of the trail and three or four bridges that crossed the brook, as well as eroding the slopes and rendering many areas unstable.

Early in 2016, the Selectboard looked into reopening the trail, hoping that the WCC could do the job. Some work was done by SCA crews, but the instability issue and concerns that future rains could once again sweep away the bridges, block culverts, etc. weighed against it. The WCC decided to not pursue reopening due to the amount of work it would require to make it safe without constant maintenance.

As I discovered, the trail has not disappeared. If you don't know where to look, however, the trailhead is invisible – completely overgrown & without any sign suggesting there's anything nearby worth exploring. Yet, once through the initial underbrush, the path is unmistakable and easy to follow, though a few hundred feet above the falls the trail disappears in a washout.

Unfortunately, Mad Brook was far from wet, thanks to 2020's dry Summer. There are 2 locations where stones have been arranged to create crossing points – replacing the departed bridges, but with the exception of a few isolated pools, the Brook was a rock garden. And, Louisa May Alcott Falls? It's pretty clear where they were, but not that day. What struck me most during my walk was the absence of wildlife – other than the mosquitos who kept me company, I saw no small animals or birds. In all, it's not a difficult hike though there are spots where the footing is tricky. The original trail extended farther up the ravine than I ventured – the path disappeared and I could spot no continuation from where I stood, though I would have hunted had I been wearing sturdier shoes. It's still a worthwhile short hike, though I'd wait till there was some flowing water in Mad Brook.

– Jan Kobeski



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## Update

### Walpole Conservation Commission

First of all, we send our neighbors our very best wishes during these changing, and challenging, times.

Starting with the "Gateway:" To our delight, we have had many responses to our request for usage ideas. Some of them include picnicking, informal ball playing and other lawn games, walking, identifying plants, hanging out, counting ants...you get the idea!

The river is accessible for anything you can carry, but we suggest scouting the bank before bringing your boat down. There is easier access just south of the Bellows Falls dam.

You may have noticed the gate and sign we installed. To safeguard agricultural integrity, and safety of visitors, we cannot allow motorized vehicles. To that end, we ask that you do not park in front of the gate, nor in the upper field, but alongside the field, not blocking the vet's driveway. We need the gate clear for haying access, and emergencies.

There is information posted on the kiosk, notably with regard to "leave no trace." We have no trash pickup. Please take out what you bring in. Should you see debris left by those less conscientious, might you take that out as well?

Camping on town lands has been enjoyed by many over the years. We wish to allow its continuance in a safe and ecologically sustainable manner. Because this has been questioned, and brought to our attention, we are discussing how to satisfy as many as possible.

We also wish to remind everyone to be courteous when and where they drive their ATV's. Please bear in mind their noise, and damage to soft soil. Though roads and paths entice, they may not all allow ATV's. If you are unsure, the NH Fish and Game will be able to help.

Do continue to enjoy our beautiful town lands. We always welcome your suggestions and comments. You may have a new point of view to share - <https://bit.ly/2CQ042r>. If you do not have access to a computer, you may leave ideas at the town office.

- France Menk

## Crop Walk

### Save The Date

Join us for the 2020 Walpole CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, September 26. With your help, each year we raise funds for hunger programs in our area and around the world. One-quarter of the money we raise helps support the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, while the remainder helps the global work of Church World Service. CWS works in more than 30 countries worldwide to empower and sustain local communities.

This is an ecumenical and community event. Teams from First Congregational Church, St. John's Episcopal and the Walpole Unitarian Church participate, and we invite you to consider forming your own team - perhaps walkers in your neighborhood or community group. It's a perfect excuse to get outside during the Covid-19 pandemic, socially distance with friends, and get exercise, all while supporting the work of Church World Service. For more information, check out the website: [www.crophungerwalk.org/walpolenh](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/walpolenh), and feel free to hit the "Donate" button!

- Ellie Shaw

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Register in person: Call your town clerk, and ask for an appointment to register in person. You can get an absentee ballot request application at the same time. In Walpole, the Town Clerk is Sandy Smith, and the phone number is 756-3514.

Register by mail: Call or email your town clerk or the NH Secretary of State's Office and ask for registration forms to be mailed to you. You can ask for an absentee ballot request application form at the same time. The Secretary of State's web site is not a model of clarity, but the link to their Elections page is here—Page down and click on Voting Absentee: <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

Drop off the completed forms at your Town Clerk's Office, or mail them in. The Walpole street address is address is 34 Elm Street, and the mailing address is PO Box 756, Walpole NH 03608.

If you find the Secretary of State's web site overwhelming (I do, and I use it all the time) there is also a much more user friendly web site explaining the registration and absentee ballot process at <https://www.voteinnh.org>. Full disclosure: This site is run by the Democratic Party. I am including it here,

not to inject politics into the process, but because the information on the site is clear, direct, user-friendly, and the process is the same whether you are a Democrat, a Republican or Undeclared.

#### Request an Absentee Ballot:

If you need to vote absentee, these are the steps to take.

Request an "absentee ballot request application" from your town clerk, or download the request from the NH Secretary of State's web site.

In NH, you may vote absentee if you will be out of town on election day; must work through the poll hours; care for a child or infirm adult; have a disability; or if religious observance prevents voting in person. The special rule for 2020 is that you may also vote absentee if you are ill with COVID-19, are caring for someone with COVID-19 symptoms, or if you are concerned that registering or voting in person may expose you or others to COVID-19.

If you are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19, there may be a specific box for that on the request; if not, then check the box that says "I am unable to vote in person due to a disability."

You may request absentee ballots for both the primary and the general election using the same form.

Because of the unprecedented volume of requests for absentee registration and ballots, be sure to start the process now so you will receive the forms and be able to return them before the relevant voting day.

— Representative Lucy Weber  
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## Non-fiction Book Group

### DACA & the DREAM Act (Continued)

Thunderstorms disrupted the July Zoom meeting, so we will pick up where we left off this month. Plan to meet Monday, August 10 at 6:00 PM on Zoom discussing DACA and the "Dream Act".

In September, our topic will be *Deaths of Despair*, the surge in suicide, drug overdose, and alcoholism, in the United States. In October we will read *White Fragility*. For November, as part of our election re-hash, we will discuss *One Person, No Vote*.

For more information, call 756-3695.

— Ron MacLachlan

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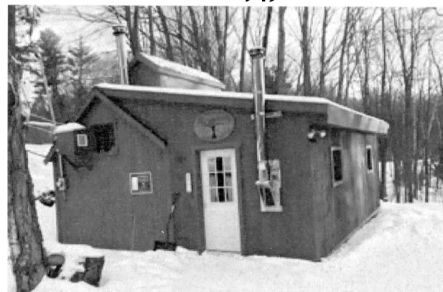
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Map of the original fort, drawn July 4, 1746, and used for the Fort's reconstruction.

## ...in the mid-1700s there

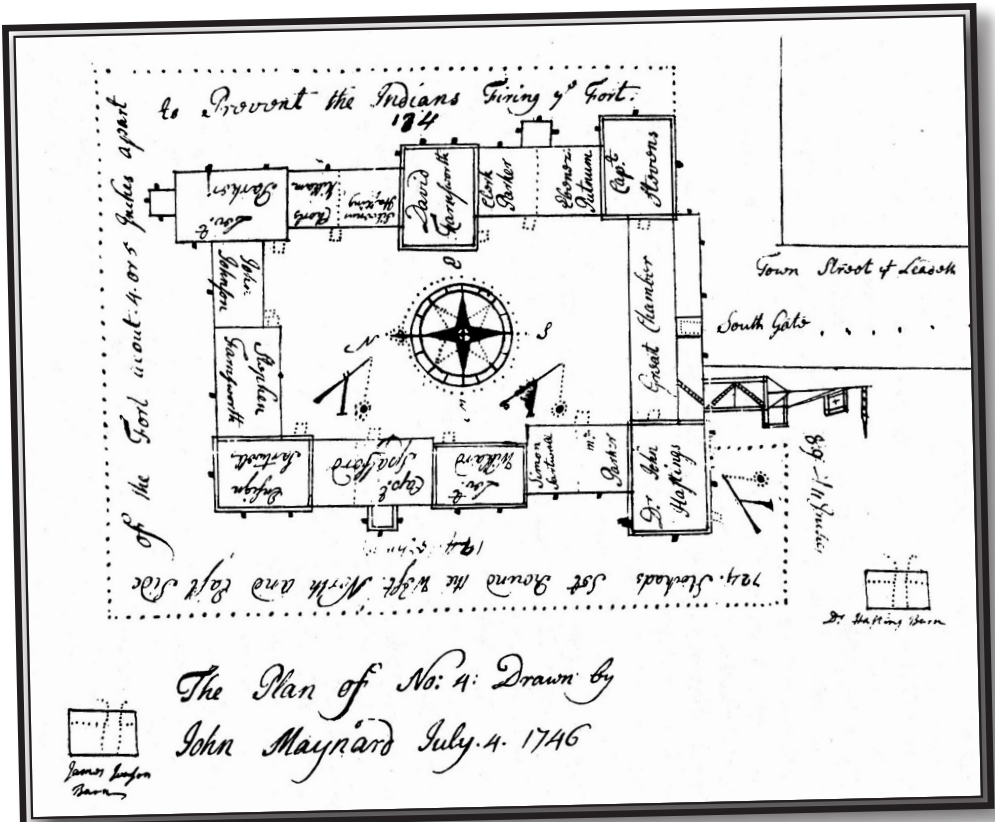
was controversy between New Hampshire and Massachusetts over their boundary line? New Hampshire Provincial Governor Benning Wentworth held off granting charters for towns in the western part of the Province waiting for word from King George II on the boundary between the Massachusetts Bay Colony and New Hampshire.

To protect the Bay Colony, the General Court of Massachusetts established a number of forts along the Connecticut River valley corridor in both what is now New Hampshire and Vermont. New Hampshire forts were: No. 1- now Chesterfield established 1735; No. 2 - also 1735, now Westmoreland; No. 3 - now Walpole, was granted to John Flynt and others in 1736; and, No. 4 - now Charlestown, followed in 1740. At this time, No. 4 was the northernmost British settlement.

Concerned about the impending war between Britain and France, the settlers at No. 4 voted to build a fort in 1743. The fort was built in a square, 180 feet on each side. Surrounding interior structures on three sides was a stockade fence of logs twelve feet high. The fort consisted of six buildings, called province houses. Connecting them were lean-tos for settlers living outside the fort. At the south end was the Great Chamber, serving as a church, a hall for proprietor's meetings, or a soldiers' barracks. At the west end of the Great Chamber a watch tower was built, providing a commanding view of the area. The fort was erected on what is now Charlestown's Main Street (Route 12) across from St Catherine Church. John Maynard, a soldier, drew a plan of the fort as it existed in July 4, 1746. Books have been written about life and military actions in and around the fort. It was besieged in 1747 by a large force of French and Indians who were beaten off following a 3-day battle, the last major attack.

But, back to the Massachusetts and New Hampshire border. Both provinces appointed surveyors to determine the boundary line. Col. Benjamin Bellows of Lunenburg, Massachusetts was appointed as Massachusetts' surveyor. The boundary was "settled" by King George II's Decree of 1740. Provincial Governor of New Hampshire, Benning Wentworth, could now grant the western lands of New Hampshire.

During the surveying process Bellows became known to Gov. Wentworth, who



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was pleased with Bellows, and wished him to relocate from Lunenburg to New Hampshire. To convince him, Wentworth offered Bellows his choice of the unappropriated townships. Accepting the offer, Bellows travelled north to make his selection. Of the river townships he visited, he felt that what is now Claremont would be the best choice due to its superior water-power potential. But lying north of Fort No. 4 it would be directly exposed to any Indian attacks. Fort No. 3, however, pleased him with the character of its soil and its beauty. In 1752, his choice made, Benjamin Bellows obtained his charter for Walpole.

Now, back to No. 4, which in 1753 was chartered by New Hampshire as Charlestown. Attacks still occurred, but were less frequent. With the fall of Quebec in 1759 and Montreal in 1760, the Seven Years War came to an end in North America. The peace treaty between Britain and France was signed in 1763. It was then felt the fort was no longer needed, and there was no further mention of it in town records. Remember John Maynard's map? The Old Fort No. 4 Associates was organized as a non-profit in 1947 "for the purpose of collecting and preserving historical information about the Fort; and to recreate and reproduce it so far as possible..." Fundraising began in the mid-1950s, with the Fort being recreated in the 1960s, using Maynard's map. Located on river front land north of the Town of Charlestown, The Fort at No. 4 has been recreated as a living history museum. With a number of events and reenactments, it is worth visiting and becoming a member.

## You Need to Know That...

### Frisbee

Invented 1957, was inspired by the Frisbie Pie Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut. In the 1870s, William Russell Frisbie opened a bakery called the Frisbie Pie Company. In the mid-1940s, students at Yale University tossed the empty pie tins as a game.

#### Can be used to:

- **Hold a paper plate** - Fit a paper plate inside an upside-down Frisbee during a picnic.
- **Improvise a bowl** - In an emergency, an upside-down Frisbee can be used as a bowl or plate.
- **Improvise a pet dish** - When camping or hiking, an upside-down Frisbee works well as a food or water dish for your dog.
- **Improvise a cookie tray** - Turn the Frisbee upside-down and fill with cookies.

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## Walpole Business Notes

### Alyson's Farm Stand Opens for the Season

Something exciting is happening on Saturday, August 1st. The Farm Stand at Alyson's Orchard will re-open for the season! Blueberries are ready for picking and the farm store will be stocked with apple, blueberry and peach pies; chicken pot pies; and lots of local goodies like maple syrup, jam, salsa, and snacks. If Mother Nature is kind to us in July, **peaches** should be ready between August 1 to 8. Early apples (Paula Red, Ginger Gold and Duchess of Oldenberg) will be ready in mid-August, with the bulk of the apple crop ready for picking in September and October.

Come to the Orchard for an afternoon of fruit and fun with your family! Visit the farm stand, take a walk, enjoy the children's playground, play a game of bocce or some lawn games, or take a wagon ride (weekends only - masks required!) Open daily from 9 AM-6 PM. We look forward to seeing all of you again!

- Fran Imhof

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- Lori Frاندino

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

## CVTC

### Still Offering Transportation Services

CVTC continues to provide no-fee rides for those without access to transportation to important non-emergency medical appointments, grocery shopping, the post office, bank and pharmacy. Masked Volunteer Drivers are equipped with necessary sanitizers to keep the car free from germs. Call 821-0569 to speak with one of our Transportation Coordinators who are working from home. We like to have five business-days' notice so that our Volunteers have time to review open rides and select those that fit their schedules. CVTC serves all 34 towns in the Monadnock Region.

- Leah Kristin

## Reader Commentary

*(Editor's note: David is a 13 year old Boy Scout in the Walpole troop. He wrote this piece as part of a communications merit badge class. This is David's perspective of a current topic of discussion in town.)*

### In Support of Camping

It has come to my attention that there is a movement to ban camping on Walpole town land. I feel this would be non-beneficial to our citizens. In my opinion, it doesn't seem fair that taxpayers shouldn't be allowed to use the land they pay for. On the contrary, I think the town should encourage low impact recreation on these lands. These activities could include not only camping but also biking, hiking and horseback riding.

This could be advantageous in any number of ways. For example, it could better the town's economic value. According to the National Parks and Recreation Association, it has been proven that townland open for public use improves the town's economic value through increased property values and improved tax bases. One good example of this is in East Burke, Vermont. This used to be a small town with not much money coming in or out. A few years ago, a public mountain biking trail system was developed there, and has brought over 10 million dollars into the small community. Although East Burke is an extreme in this scenario, there are numerous other accounts of New England towns' economic values raising because of recreation on public lands.

Another benefit of keeping public land open is having a safe and easily accessible place for kids to be outside, away from electronic devices. In our modern times, there are not many places where kids can camp and explore the woods freely, an important part of growing up in New England.

Last, I know that some people are worried about the fact that many kids that grow up locally, leave for other parts

of the country after college. I believe that one thing that could keep more young people in Walpole would be increasing access to public land for recreational purposes; although some people might come to Walpole to see the picturesque downtown, only some people will live here because of it. I personally feel that the reason I like Walpole the best is because of the rivers for fishing and swimming, the trails for hiking and biking and most of all, our extensive family land, which I have grown up on. Most people aren't fortunate enough to have undeveloped woods right in their backyards. If the town of Walpole could truly encourage the use of townland, it would give everybody the equal opportunity to camp, hike, bike and explore the great outdoors as I have been fortunate enough to do myself!

Sincerely,

— David Northcott

### The Pandemic ...From a Different Perspective

As Executive Director for the American Precision Museum, I spend a fair amount of time researching innovation and the Innovators behind them. As I think about the upheaval that this pandemic has caused, I suggest that a new class of Innovators has been raised up. These new innovators are the ones who, by no fault of their own, were forced to quickly think outside the box in order to continue their work and lives. Consider for a moment, Julie from our library and Becky from the Hooper Institute suddenly having to produce videos in order to continue capturing the imagination of our youth now via Facebook rather than in-person. For many, the introduction of ZOOM presented new challenges and ideas that had to be incorporated into our lives. Just ask Sarah and Regina from the Select Board office, or Andrew our local scoutmaster. Balancing work and family has always been a challenge for parents. Educating their children at home has

become the new challenge. New ideas, schedules, and activities needed to be quickly implemented and sustained. This new class of Innovators may not have an idea that will change the world, but their quick thinking and ideas have made our community just that much better during this time of upheaval.

— Steve Dalessio

## Walpole Players

### Readings on the Common

Like most of the other groups in town, The Walpole Players have been unable to hold any of our planned events, nor hold any in-person meetings this spring. It was with heavy hearts that we canceled our annual Radio Follies only two days before the performance. Then, as the days went by, it became sadly clear that our Old Home Days production, indeed the entire Old Home Days celebration, would not take place.

However! Now that we are able to safely gather out of doors, we have been meeting informally on the Town Common on Sundays to read through scripts just for the fun of it, with the idea that just maybe we will find one that could become an outdoor performance later in the summer or early fall. This has been a welcome change and fun activity for our group!

These readings are for everyone and all ages, so we would like to invite anyone who is interested to stop by the bandstand any Sunday at 4:00 PM, rain or shine, to join us and take on a role! We tend to stick to comedies, and we try to choose plays that aren't too long so that we are finished around 5:30. This is a great opportunity to try us out if you've ever wondered what it would be like to be a part of a theatrical production! Please bring a water bottle and your own lawn chair.

— Lisa Bryan

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## Horse Thieves

### Banquet Postponed to 2021; Poster Will Be Printed in 2020

The Officers and Committee of the Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Hen Roosts and Clothes Lines ("Walpole Horse Thieves") met in person July 15 and with great reluctance decided that it would not be safe to hold the biennial banquet this year. The Horse Thieves plan to hold the banquet next year, probably in June around the time of "Old Home Days" which has also been moved from this summer to 2021. However, the Walpole Horse Thieves will print their 2020 poster of members, Riders, Officers and Committee members.

This is the first time in our memories that the Walpole Horse Thieves have not held their banquet every second year. However, these are extraordinary times and all of us must do our part to protect the health of our communities. We also recognize that many of our members—especially those who are most likely to attend our banquets - are over 60, and so at higher risk for complications if we contract COVID-19. As a result, the plan to postpone the banquet until 2021 was unanimously supported by all the officers and committee members.

## WALPOLE SOCIETY FOR BRINGING TO JUSTICE HORSE THIEVES AND PILFERERS ORGANIZED IN 1816. INCORPORATED 1855.

Normally, the Walpole Horse Thieves produce a poster on even years, which is also the year we hold our banquets, listing our members in order of seniority, officers, committee members and our "Riders" - the 12 most senior members of the organization. Many Walpole residents value these posters, and either collect them or get a chuckle out of seeing them in the Town Hall and the homes of members. We will produce the 2020 poster as quickly as possible, and it will probably be available to distribute in mid-September. The posters are free to Horse Thieves, however we won't be able to mail the posters to all our members. We will try to set up a couple of distribution days at the Town Hall. Look for an update on this subject in the September issue of The Walpole Clarion.

Membership in the Walpole Horse Thieves is open to any man 18 years or older who lives in Walpole, pays a \$2 lifetime dues and signs the membership book. If you are interested in joining please contact Lewis LaClair, Clerk (756-0001, or LLaclair@Advancedrisk.com).

— Lewis LaClair

## Farmers Market

Have you been to NH Greater Falls Farmers Market yet? It's held in Walpole each Wednesday from 4 to 7 PM, now through September 30th. The market will be held in the future location of the Great River Co-op store, between The Hungry Diner and Pinnacleview on Route 12. Stop by and support local vendors!



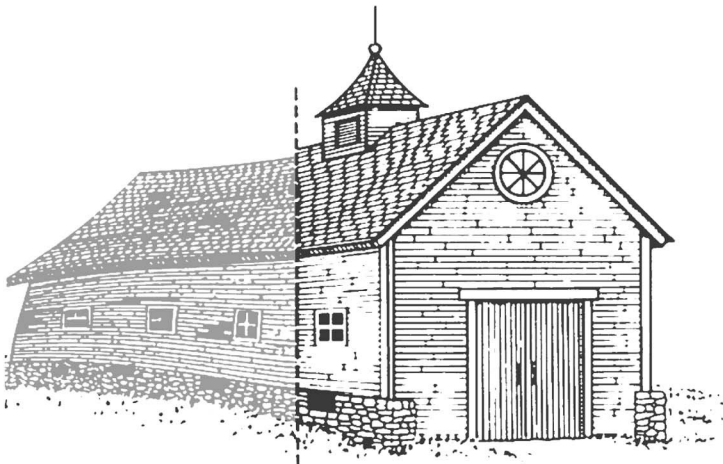
The joint effort between the Great River Co-op and Sustainable Valley Group is organizing the Wednesday Walpole market, plus the one in Bellows Falls on Fridays from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Waypoint Center near the train station.

Safety measures include signs posted at the entrance, limited capacity, one way traffic, 6 foot distancing, mask requirements for customers and vendors, hand sanitizing stations at each vendor and at entrance and exits, and volunteers helping to maintain safety.

Vendors vary each week, ensuring new goodies to discover every time! If you'd like to be a vendor, please visit <http://www.gffarmersmarket.com/> for more information.

— Gretchen Markiewicz

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# From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

## Pandemic Confusion!

Poor Elwud, things are so muddled up for him.

Me: "Hey, Elwud, why you looking so down and depressed?"

EL: "I'm confused, nothings makin' any sense. This Pandemonium has things all mixed up."

Me: "You mean the Pandemic?"

EL: "Whatever!"

Me: "Well will it help to talk about it and get it off your chest?"

EL: "Well sir, me and Velma are downtown Lempsta, and people go by and say, hi Elwud and Velma says who's that? And I dont answer, 'cause I dont know!"

Me: "So then what happens?"

EL: "What the heck ya think happens. She gets upset. And more people say hi and she says again who are these people. Well sir, theys wearin' hats, face masks

and sunglasses, so I says, How the heck do I know. Could be Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, for all I can tell!

Me: "So how does that get you in trouble?"

EL: "Well then this shapely young lady goes shashaying by and speaks and I says, Howdy Clara, and Velma says "How'd ya know that was Clara. She was wearing sunglasses, a mask and a bonnet?" And I says somethin' stupid, like, I didn't need to look that high to tell who it was!"

Me: "I guess that explains the huge bump on the side of your head, don't it!"

Well then Elwud tells me he's bought a dog and a cat in preparation to his next doctor's visit. So I asks, "What did you name your dog and cat?"

He says, "The dog's name is Five Miles and the cat's name is Four Pounds. But I'm gonna give the cat to my cousin Daryl prior to the doctor's visit."

Now I'm confused and said, "You better explain yourself."

"Well sir, when the Doctor asks me what I been up to, I'm gonna tell him, 'Well Sir, I walked Five Miles this morning and got ridda Four Pounds!'"

Elwud was still laughing as I drove off in a cloud of dust.

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## Hooper 90 5K

### Friends of Hooper Institute

It has been 90 years since the Hooper Institute was established. To mark the occasion, the Friends of Hooper Institute will host a virtual 5K during September. Runners and walkers will run the course at a time of their choosing and post scores. The course can be run more than once by the same participant, provided a \$5.00 entry fee is paid for each time posted. Look for fliers and online information later in August.

The Hooper Institute provides educational programming to the youth of Walpole from kindergarten through grade twelve. By following the will of George L. Hooper, we conduct programs in the fields of agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental science. In addition, the George L. Hooper scholarships support students young and old pursuing degrees in related fields. Any Walpole resident may apply. Funding for Hooper Institute programs comes from the George L. Hooper Trust and the Friends of Hooper Institute.

– Becky Sethi

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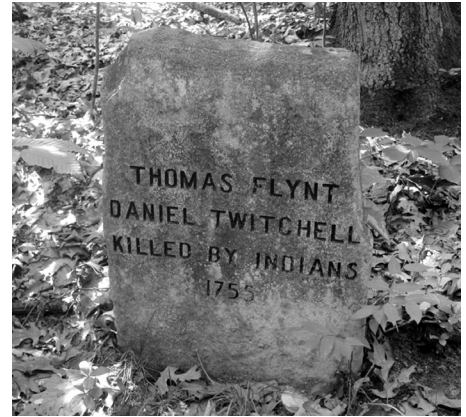


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## Remembered

265 years ago, August 17, 1755, the Kilburn family was attacked by Indians at their cabin near the Cold River. Earlier in the spring, Daniel Twitchell and Thomas Flynt were killed by Indians off Old Drewsville Road. Flynt is buried near the massacre spot, and Twitchell was carried away and buried elsewhere.

– Ray Boas



## FROM THE CLARION...

**A sampling of what we've reported after more than 8 years of publication:**

**One Year Ago (August, 2019)** - The Keene Sentinel announced its seventh annual Extraordinary Women recognition to be held Thursday, August 29. Each year, the event recognizes 12 area women who have made significant contributions to the region. Among this year's recipients is Walpole's Peggy Pschirrer.

**Three Years Ago (August, 2017)** - More than 50 people attended a New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) public information meeting on the planned reconstruction of three miles of NH Route 12 in Walpole and Charlestown.

**Five Years Ago (August, 2015)** - The Last of Its Kind. On July 27, 2015, after 30 years in business, Real to Reel, Inc. will be ending its video rental business, as well as closing Churchill's Fine Cigars.

**Seven Years Ago (August, 2013)** - Torrential rains in early July caused flooding damage to Walpole roads in excess of \$100,000. "There was damage all over town," Jim Terrell, Road Agent, said, "with the worst damage on County Road, North Road, and Wentworth."



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## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

July 23, and hot and humid still. And the summer continues to be "unusual." The weather yes, and we have to admit our climate is changing. There are documented cycles of tens of thousands of years of cyclical change, but we humans have exacerbated and accelerated the problem. And COVID-19 - as a nation we are not doing well, and failing not only our neighbors, but neighboring countries around the globe.

I do not "get it." Wearing a mask shows respect for your neighbors' health, and could save your life. So, why not wear one? Science is truth, rhetoric often not, which is sadly often the case today. According to CDC statistics, on July 22, the USA led the world with new cases at a record 72,967. The same day, the UK reported 560 cases, Italy 280, and Ireland 17. They "get it."

COVID has basically shut down the world. We are all disappointed. I have not been able to travel, nor have a nice meal out. I thought the cancellation of all activities would shrink your **Clarion** with no past or future events to share with you. But other material has come in. There are some updates from local organizations, some fun stories people have contributed, and great features to read. Thank you for your contributions and continued support

– Ray Boas, Publisher

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*Reenactors at Fort No. 4, June 7, 2015, during the French and Indian War Encampment - see DYKT, page 18*

