

More Memories

Walpole Welcomes the Return of Old Home Days



From parade floats to firefighter challenges, there was something for everyone at OHD

Old Home Days 2022

It has been five years, and it was good to again celebrate life in Walpole, and welcome back former residents, as was the original intention in 1899 when Old Home Days was established. I met a returning couple from Charlestown who, in 1954, lived on the second floor of my home, when it was a two family. Another couple was visiting from out west where they had relocated from Walpole. And, I was able to meet many new neighbors who were fortunate to "land in Walpole" as I was one 250th Birthday Party and five Old Home Days ago.

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From Peggy's Desk

"I love a parade, the tramping of feet,
 I love every beat I hear of a drum.
 I love a parade when I hear a band
 I just want to stand and cheer as
 they come. – Harold Arlen - Ted Koehler, 1931

The parade from Old Home Days will be a happy memory by the time this column is distributed. We were all eager for every event held between June 22 and 26 because five years had elapsed since the last Old Home Days. Every committee member who worked to bring the Community together for the celebration deserves our appreciation and thanks! The parade met every expectation!

As we move into summer this week, we all expect that meetings, town business will slow down.... but it continues at a steady pace. The Selectboard still has a busy schedule every week. The only difference is that we arrive at Town Hall in daylight and usually leave in the waning hour of daylight. Quite a contrast from late fall and winter.

The Police Committee recently took a tour of the Hinsdale Police Department and the Cheshire County Jail. It is fair to ask what we learn on those road trips. Each of us comes away with a different perspective, except we all share an increasing awareness of how deficient our own police department is in everything a police department should be for a healthy work environment. One feature Walpole has that is missing in some other departments- Hinsdale, Chesterfield for instance- is a good sally port (a secure, controlled entry way to the enclosed station) and impound yard. We get minus points for other features: an inadequate record room, inadequate evidence room, no safe room, too few holding rooms, a poor booking room, no separate break room from the work

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Attention Walpole Residents!

**The Town Clerks Office
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 as well.**

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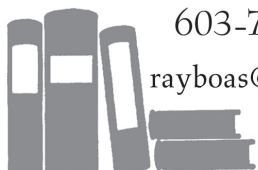
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area or drug handling area, no separate exit from the basement. Well, that is just a beginning. We are making notes for a new facility.

Our effort to bring public transportation to Walpole is getting closer to reality. The Walpole Foundation has a proposal from the Vermont Moover. Details need to be discussed and funding secured, but we are going forward toward a van which may be able to transport folks to and from the Shaw's, the Clinic, etc. Stay tuned for more announcements.

Liberty Utilities has asked the PUC for another increase in rates, so that our electric bills will increase by 47%. Liberty got an increase to 8 cents a kilowatt last summer and then an increase to 11.11 cents a kilowatt a few months later, and now is asking for 22.23 cents a kilowatt. So, not only are we facing crippling increases in our heating costs and gas/diesel costs but electricity costs

which threaten to keep us in the dark. These Liberty rates make our Walpole Power Committee increasingly important as they continue to interview power brokers for lower electrical rates. They are also considering solar fields for green alternatives. Interestingly, Walpole as a town has very few acres of land open for commercial use. If you know a field or an area, we might lease or buy for solar power or another alternative source of power, give a shout.

As we move into July, I am keenly aware of what happened on July 29, 2021. We are still actively working with FEMA; some of our smaller areas of damage were rebuilt almost immediately and we have been reimbursed for part of our expense. We continue to work with engineers for solutions for School Street, bridges etc. We are making progress even if it is not always evident. Take heart. We are moving forward.

'til next month, stay well, stay engaged...

— Peggy Pschirrer



Old Home Day photos are scattered throughout this issue.

PHOTOS: JAN KOBESKI



Steeple Project

Can the Community Help?

Built in 1831, the First Congregational church, including the steeple, has been a vital part of the visual imagery of Walpole, New Hampshire. For 191 years the steeple has been the tallest, most visible part of Walpole. It has endured 191 years of weather, the Civil War, WWI, the Depression, WWII, the Korean War, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War and the wars in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

The steeple has held up well thanks to the stewardship of the church and community. The good news is that the framework of the steeple is solid. But expensive repairs are needed. There's work to be done: the upper level roofing needs to be replaced, the water damage around the base and molding repaired, the four louvered windows need new screening and better access to the lighting of the steeple, new ladders and access planking internally and some internal structural repairs. Electrical upgrades are necessary to serve the interior and exterior steeple lights. Lightning protection needs to be certified and repaired. And, of course it all needs to be painted.

PHOTO: RAY BOAS

Two decisions were made this spring. The first was to accomplish all the work that needs to be done to the steeple and second to invite the community to participate. Let's face facts: we are a smaller, aging membership no different than many mainline churches.

We need your support. If you wish to help, your tax deductible contribution may be made to First Congregational Church Steeple Fund, P.O. Box 393, Walpole, New Hampshire, 03608. Our website, walpolenhucc.org, has a donation feature as well.

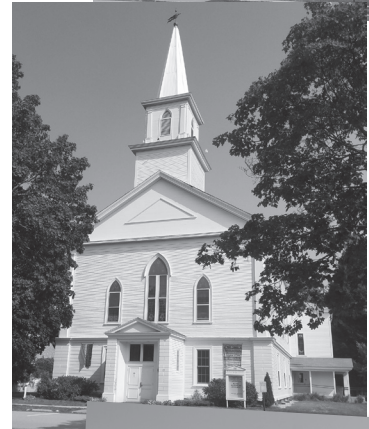
Thank you for allowing us to approach you about this vital project. Peace,

– Members and Friends
of First Congregational

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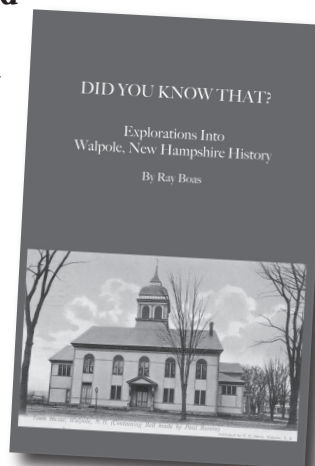
Steeple Project Costs:

Structural:	\$34,000
Electrical:	\$28,000
Painting:	\$19,700
High Reach Lift:	\$9,600
Lightning Protection:	\$9,000
Contingency @10%	\$10,300
TOTAL:	\$110,600



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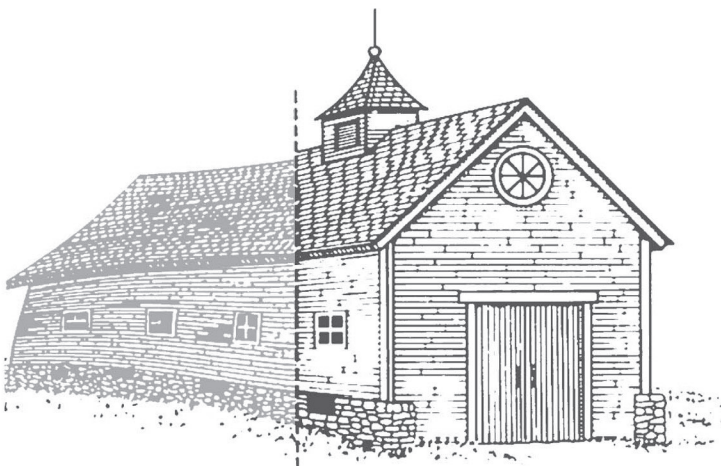
A packed five days started with food and music by "The Illusion" at Wednesday's Town Block Party sponsored by Mascoma Bank. Friday's spectacular fireworks flashed and exploded over the village, while everyone listened and danced away on Westminster Street to music provided by "Mosey Down."

On Saturday early, races for all ages preceded the kick-off of the parade at 10 o'clock. The theme for Old Home Days 2022 was "Main Street Memories," and the parade was indeed memorable, and well done by all participants. With the creativity and efforts and enthusiasm of the entrants, they were all winners, but not all can be the award winners. The parade winners were announced during Sunday's festivities on the Common. Category winners are: Most Memorable Float Adult - Bowman Dental; Most Memorable Float Youth - Walpole Village School; Most Memorable Non-Float Adult - New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums; Most Memorable Non-Float Youth - Mechanical Madness - 4-H Robotics. And to be remembered with their eye-catching bovine float, Main Street Milk Delivery - Overall Winner "Unforgettable" - Pinnacle View 4-H.

Sunday concluded a weather perfect affair with the Potted Plants Silent Auction and the announcement of Old Home Days winners. Filling out the evening was a band concert featuring The Walt Sayer Orchestra. As the sign said at the back of the last EMS vehicle in the parade: *SEE YOU IN 2025 - THE END.*

- Ray Boas

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The signing of the Declaration of Independence is celebrated as the Fourth of July. It is a holiday for time with family, picnics, and outings. It is a great opportunity to let the community know about the mission of the Walpole Foundation.

The Mission Statement of the Walpole Foundation is as follows: To prevent further community deterioration, to preserve and protect the existing historic features, and revitalize the Village center for the benefit of the Walpole Community.

This mission is carried out in everything that The Walpole Foundation does. The Walpole Foundation is dedicated to quality of life.

— Bert Wiemers



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The Friendly Meals on Wheels relies on donations in order to purchase the food that they prepare and distribute. If you have been thinking of contributing, or are a regular donor, now is the time to give to really make an impact. Until the end of July, all donations to the Friendly Meals on Wheels will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000! This is a generous gift from an anonymous donor who values the organization and wants to support its mission. And in the fall there will be another matching grant for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

So please give what you can, and know that your contribution will have double the impact in helping those in need.

Please mail your donations to Fall Mountain Friendly Meals, P.O. Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602. Thank you.

— Tara Sad

Pinnacleview 4-H

Busy Summer Season Begins

4-H is about bettering yourself, helping and providing for your community, and much, much more. The pledge gives a great introduction to the base of what the 4-H community is about and practices - "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world." Not only is the 4-H community based on those pledges, but all members get to participate in many local and private opportunities, such as overnight events at UNH, different club activities like fishing tournaments for the boy scouts, and a whole lot more.

Pinnacleview 4-H is a Dairy Club. We are working with and training our selected dairy cattle, as well as going to the 4-H meetings, usually held on Sunday. At the UMASS 4-H Dairy Academy on June 11, members learned about showmanship and how to clip/fit and prepare their animals before showing. Pinnacleview 4-H participated in the Walpole Old Homes Days with a float in the parade, plus an exhibit on the common. The theme of the parade was Main Street Memories, and we are educating the public about memories of old school dairy production, like home milk delivery. Pinnacleview 4-H has updated equipment by selling our old grooming chutes and purchased a new, lighter aluminum one for show season this year. We have also done several rounds of The Ten Gallon Challenge, using funds in the Club's treasury to supply milk to local food pantries, such as the Fall Mountain Food Shelf and Our Place.

— Ashlynn Smith & Jada Cannon

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Summer at the Hooper Institute

The fun and the fundraising continue! The Hooper Institute has just finished a school year of teaching Walpole students in their classrooms, gardens and fields in subjects as diverse as river ecology, pond ecosystem, tree ID, farm designs, stream salamanders, migrating fish and raptors, pressing cider, life cycles galore, harvesting and eating rhubarb and so much more in grades Pre-K thru 7. Now we move on to shepherding high school workers during their Summer Work Program on local farms, vet clinic and recycling center AND leading our infamous HOOPER CAMPS that include day camps (Grades 1-2, 3-4), adventure and woodworking (grades 5-8)!

On July 27 we host a Presentation Night, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, that highlights both the high school student summer workers as well as the college/university level Hooper Scholarship recipients. You are all invited to attend and see your donations and gifts at work.



PHOTOS: JAN KOBESKI

Bubbles seemed to be everywhere at OHD.

We have a busy month ahead with programming and fundraising, as our efforts to raise money for the George Levi Hooper Fund continues. We have nearly reached \$50,000, with the goal of \$100,000 and aspirational goal of

\$200,000. Thank you all for your generosity and ongoing support. Please consider a donation if you haven't yet given, checks payable to Friends of Hooper Institute. THANK YOU.

– Helen Dalbeck



Happy Independence Day

Wishing you and your family a safe and festive July Fourth holiday.



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Sunday worship is held each at 10:00 AM, in the sanctuary at 15 Washington Street, Walpole, NH, and on Zoom.

Communion Sunday, is every first Sunday of the month. All are welcome at the table. Covid-safe, sealed communion elements are available. Our practice on Zoom has been for worshippers to take part using their own bread and cup.

Bible Study every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, led by Pastor Richard Malmberg, will be on summer hiatus through Labor Day.

Join First Congregational Church of Walpole Worship and Study on Zoom using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87236977806?pwd=YkxyK2FwY1oyTCt5cXYzREZwL1lxdz09>

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— Richard Malmberg



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THE WIND in the Willows

The Walpole Players ended their season on a high note during Old Home Days with a well-received return of their 1993 Old Home Days show, Alan Bennett's *The Wind in the Willows*.

The production was dedicated to Jane Skofield, who along with her husband Herman, directed the production almost thirty years ago, and the Players paid homage to that production in several ways. Several members of that cast reprised their original roles for this year's show: Tom Durnford returned as Toad, Bill Perron as Albert, Carolyn Norback as the Washerwoman, and Sharon Miller as the Barge Woman. Also returning from the original cast was Jeff Miller, but instead of playing Rat as he did in 1993, he played Stoat Ian, a member of the nefarious gang of vermin! The Magistrate's Court was staged almost identically, and the motor car used on stage was the same one made in 1993!

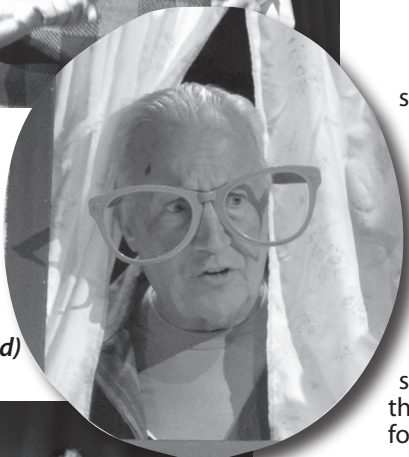
We are very grateful for the support we have received from the Town of Walpole and members of the community in helping to make this Old Home Days production a success, and look forward to being back in the Helen Miller Theater for our 2022-23 season!

— Lisa Bryan



From top: Rat (John Luther), a pack of weasels, Magistrate (Tom Winmill) & Clerk (Mike Delaney), the 1993 auto returns.

Toad (Tom Durnford)



Badger (Dennis Scott)



Fox (Julianna Stephens)



Albert (Bill Perron)



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Christmas in the Wild Wood



Walpole Town Library

July Events

The library's summer reading challenge has gotten off to a great start! If you have not yet registered, there is still plenty of time. Just head on over to the library and we will sign you up! Check out our summer reading page on the website for more information and to see a list of programs happening this month: <https://walpoletownlibrary.org/summer-reading-program-2021-for-kids-teens-and-adults/>.

Did you know that the Walpole Town Library has digital resources that are available 24/7? You can access them from the comfort of your own home (or in the library, of course!)

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We look forward to seeing you at the library this summer!

— Jane Malmberg

Friends of the Library

Plant Sale

The sale at the Reuse Center is going well. We have received many generous plant donations, which have been selling quickly. House plants have been especially popular. We are always looking for more plants for the sale. Please call 603-439-7778 to arrange drop-off, and to ask for digging help, if needed.

Book Sales

The Friends of the Library book shelves at the Reuse Center continue to have a good selection of books. We are also in the middle of planning for our big Book Sale this fall on Oct 28-30 at the Walpole School gym. If you have books that you would like to donate, it would help us if you could save them until August, when we will be having book drop-off days at the "chicken coop" behind the Hungry Diner. The four book drop-off dates are:

Wednesday, August 17 and 24 - 10:00 am to noon
Thursday, August 18 and 25 - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

We will also be sorting books at the chicken coop beginning on July 13. The sorting schedule from then is:

Every Wednesday morning - 10:30 to 11:30 am
Every Thursday afternoon - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Volunteers

In addition to book and plant donations, we are always grateful for volunteers to help with book sorting. That is a big task that is easier and more fun with lots of helpers. If you are interested, you can just show up at the chicken coop on Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoon (see times above), or call 603-313-4076, if you have any questions. If you would like to help the Friends of the Library in any other way, please contact us.

Thank you so much for your support!

— Jana Sellarole

Great Decisions

Demographics and Immigration

Despite wars and pandemics, the world population increased during the 20th century at an astonishing rate. In just the past 50 years it has doubled from 4 billion to a projected 8 billion in 2023. Although its growth rate is on the decline, world population is expected to reach 10 billion by 2056, a 25% increase, with 97% of that in Africa.

The "Great Decisions" public forum on June 6 looked at falling birth rates in Japan, Italy and even Russia, leading to an aging population without sufficient young people to sustain economic growth. This unhealthy trend is already evident in many advanced western nations. (There are millions of homes for sale in Japan and Italy, if you're looking to emigrate.) In the U.S., our population would decline over the next 40 years without continued immigration.

Migration is an undeniable reality in the world, and this has been the case from time immemorial. The movement of humans will continue unabated because the underlying causes are unrelenting: Conflict, repression, climate disasters, failed states, gang violence, prejudice, persecution, poverty, economic desperation.

In the United States, immigration laws have not been updated for two decades, since Congress cannot agree on immigration procedures, pathways to citizenship, or much else. As a result, immigration policy is adjusted through executive actions without congressional oversight. In Biden's first year in office, there were 296 executive actions to deal with immigration, many to reverse the draconian rules of the previous administration—until courts intervened to block significant changes. So it goes...

A remarkable resource is the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. (migrationpolicy.org), a non-partisan think tank founded in 2001, providing policy ideas, research, data, analysis and a clear explanation of immigration laws.

There remains much to discuss. "Great Decisions" will take a summer recess and return on Monday, September 12, at the Walpole Town Library. Look for more information in these pages this summer.

— Sue Kibbe

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...in the early 19th century

the 4th of July was enthusiastically celebrated here in Walpole? In my twenty years here, I do not recall a Town celebration on the 4th, probably because there are other celebrations in the area, and the day has become one for gatherings of family and friends.

Published in 1886, the History of Cheshire and Sullivan Counties, New Hampshire, states in its account of Walpole between 1790 and 1800, that Walpoleans "...were happy. They had seasons of enjoyment — their election and thanksgiving days, their apple bees and kitchen junkets, their husking bees and quilting frolics, and more than all, their burst of patriotism on the glorious Fourth."

The Farmers Museum reported July 10, 1798, of the Walpole Celebration, a report that must be shared in part. "For many years, the inhabitants of this Village were not in a habit of recalling to remembrances the date of their political liberty, by any active ostentatious commemoration. But, on this eventful year when threats from abroad irresistibly urge spirit and union at home, a resolve to celebrate the Fourth of July was not only deemed as duteous, but cherished as pleasurable.

"The morning's prologue was pronounced by cannon. At eleven, a procession, consisting of the committee of arrangements, the clergy, the orator of the day, the selectmen and a number of citizens and strangers moved, under a military escort, to the Meeting House. A sacred ode preceded an appropriate forcible and happily conceived prayer by the Reverend Mr. Fessenden, succeeded by the 'Adams and Liberty' of Mr. Paine, sung agreeably, and with interest, by a sprightly choir. A numerous and attentive audience were then regaled by a manly, terse and pure oration by R. Vose, Esquire. Forsaking the threadbare triteness of the usual topics, the speaker displayed pregnant invention, political skill, historical research and great good sense. His oration was not a mere vocabulary

of sonorous words, but a concise exhibit of the judicious thoughts, whose tone was purely American. At the close of the oration, a cheerful song with a classical and pastoral chorus was under the direction of J. Hubbard, Esquire, an amateur,



Fourth of July celebration parade as depicted in Harper's Weekly in 1860.

engagingly warbled by charming songstresses. The procession then returned, and at two, partook of an elegant dinner at the hall of Mr. J. Bellows Jr., cheerfulness and Federalism being then conspicuous on every face, the following toasts were forgiven, accompanied by a discharge of cannon."

Twenty-three toasts were repeated in the article. Toasts were to the day, the President of the United States, George Washington, "the talons of the American Eagle," "the Farmers of New Hampshire," and even to the State of Vermont.

The article ends, "The whole was concluded by a ball at the Inn of Mr. S. Grant, where a gay party danced away with fairy feet, the midnight hours and at two o'clock, warned by the time, though unsated with federal enjoyment, reluctantly retired."

The first annual commemoration of independence was celebrated in Philadelphia July 4, 1777. Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870, and on June 29, 1938, the Fourth became a paid holiday for federal employees.

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July 10	Springfield Community Band	6:30-8:00PM
July 17	Nelson Town Band	6:30-8:00PM
July 24	The Temple Band	6:30-8:00PM
July 31	East Bay Jazz Ensemble	6:30-8:00PM
August 7	Brattleboro American Legion Band	6:30-8:00PM
August 14	The Residential Band	6:30-8:00PM



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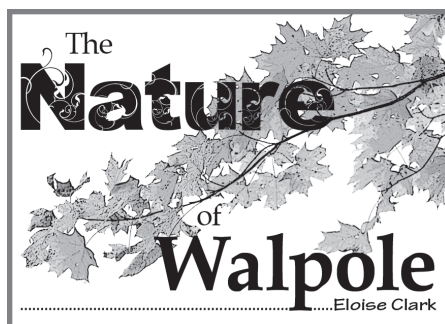


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We are drawn to water for play during this hot month. Ponds hold a veritable smorgasbord of wildlife, from unseen microorganisms to otter and beaver. They are also great places for kids to muck around. Frogs and squishy mud appeal to our young explorers. Let's look at how our local salamanders use the ponds, brooks and woods to succeed in life. Along with frogs and toads, they are considered amphibians.



Eastern Newt

Sometimes kids will refer to salamanders as "lizards" but we have no lizards in our area. If salamanders were lizards, they would have teeth and a skin covered with scales, as a snake has. They would also lay their eggs in a shell, as turtles do. A shell has the advantage of keeping eggs from drying out. All amphibians, however, need an aquatic environment or moist conditions to lay their eggs.

One creature that is ubiquitous to ponds is the adult eastern newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens*). The adults are olive green with bright red spots in pairs down the back and yellow undersides. Adults are four or five inches long. Their tails are keeled to help them maneuver in water where they prey on insect larvae, worms, fingernail clams, leeches and other amphibian eggs and larvae.

The adult newts are survivors of two or three years spent on land as red efts. The efts venture bravely across the landscape in search of worms, bugs or slugs to help them grow to maturity. When it's time to mate they return to their natal ponds. The red eft is an eye-catching orange, with red spots like the adults. This "warning coloration" signals to would be predators that they are toxic to eat.

New Hampshire also has six species of "lungless" sala-

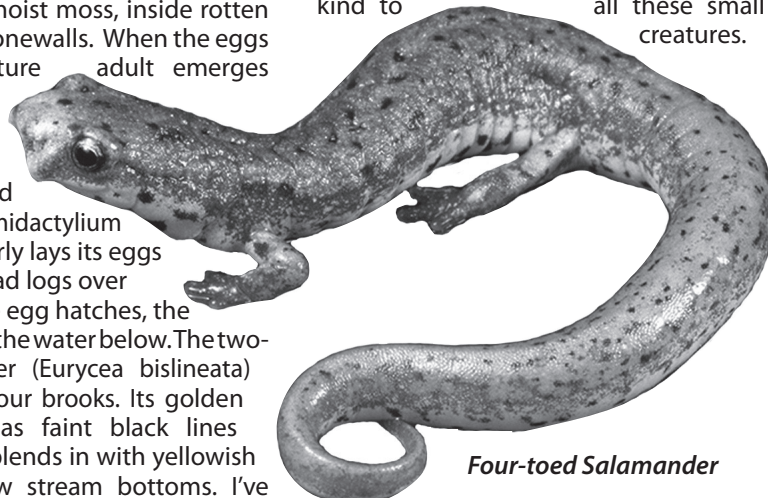
manders. These small, slender creatures absorb oxygen through their moist skin and mouth lining. Surprisingly, many of these species don't need an aquatic environment for their eggs. They lay individual eggs in moist moss, inside rotten logs or damp stone walls. When the eggs hatch a miniature adult emerges without the need for a larval stage.

The four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*) cleverly lays its eggs in cavities of dead logs over water. When the egg hatches, the larvae drop into the water below. The two-lined salamander (*Eurycea bislineata*) is a denizen of our brooks. Its golden yellow body has faint black lines on the back. It blends in with yellowish color of shallow stream bottoms. I've

found it in Mad Brook, secreted beneath flat stones on the bottom. The northern dusky salamander, the slimy and the spring salamanders are considered rare to find.

The red-backed salamander (*Phethodon cinereus*) is our most common lungless salamander. It lives in our woods. It spends dry weather hiding under rotten logs and emerges during moister weather or at night to hunt small prey. They are one of the few animals to eat tiny Collembola or springtails. These creatures are only the size of a pepper flake! You can help provide habitat for red-backed salamanders by leaving logs or boards on the ground for them to hide beneath.

Salamanders are so secretive; no one really knows how many of them are in our woodlands and wetlands. It has been speculated by ecologists, that salamanders make up the bulk of the biomass of a forest. If you do go exploring and uncover a red-backed salamander's home under a log or stone, be sure to replace the covering as you found it. If you pick up a red eft to examine it, please put it right back in the same area. With the pond dwelling newts, cup them gently with some water in your hands, observe for a bit and set them free. Please be kind to all these small creatures.



Four-toed Salamander



Red-Backed Salamander

New Hampshire Fish & Game Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program has a website devoted to salamanders in New Hampshire. They rely on volunteers to help them keep a tally of species of amphibians and reptiles and where they have been found. Check out their website if you are interested in being a citizen scientist.

Trash Talk

An educational smorgasbord
of everything trashy
From the Recycling Center

The paper shredder has arrived and is open for business to anyone interested in shredding paper at Walpole Recycling!! The shredder is located near the cash register. Please seek assistance from a Walpole Recycling staff member for your paper shredding needs. We charge .25 cents per pound on all shredding transactions, with cash or check made out to the Town of Walpole. Staples are acceptable, but plastic binders and inserts are not. Any color office paper can be shredded, and a receipt will be made available at the end of the transaction. Staff will handle shredding, but we encourage the public to witness documents being shredded for peace of mind and general shredding satisfaction. Crushing, ramming, breaking, burning, sorting, greeting, baling, shipping – and now shredding! – are all aspects associated with our daily routine at Walpole Recycling that keep us smiling and satisfied.

Big thanks to our neighbors across the road at Cold River Materials in Walpole for helping us bring up the grade at the Walpole Reuse Center, both literally and figuratively. The hardpack from Cold River Materials will allow us to extend an even platform out from the garage door this summer. We would like to create an "outdoor items/plant sale area" with the addition of the new material, but we will still require all donations to go through Walpole Recycling. The fully staffed volunteer system at Walpole Reuse Center is the primary reason for its success. Please thank a Reuse Volunteer the next time you visit! Keep recycling!

– Ben Hoy

What Goes Where?

As you enter the large bay at the recycling center:

- 1 - Shredder is straight ahead
- 2 - Cardboard goes to the left
- 3 - Brown paper bags in the green cart
- 4 - Combustibles (oily pizza boxes, egg cartons, that weird brown molded packing material that comes in a variety of shapes) goes in the Gaylord near the brown bags. (Gaylords are the large cardboard containers named after the Gaylord Container Corporation. The company filed patents for several unique box designs.)

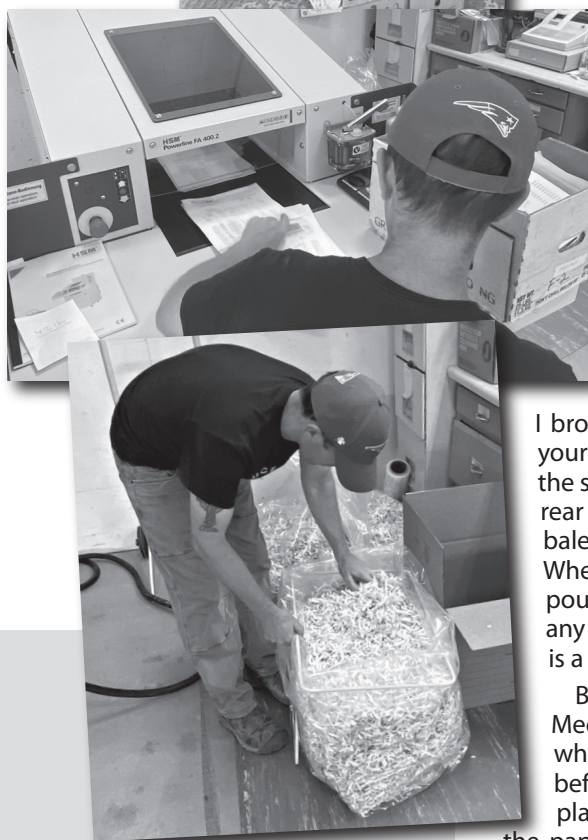
Paper goes in the Gaylords to the right as you enter:

- 1 - First two Gaylords on your right as you enter are for mixed paper. Paper with personal information (should) be shredded instead as desired.
- 2 - Newspaper goes in the next Gaylord
- 3 - Magazines go into the last Gaylord



The Process

PHOTOS: RAY BOAS



Shredder Has Arrived

When at Town Meeting the purchase of a commercial shredder for Walpole's Recycling Center was approved, I joked with Manager Ben Hoy that I wanted to be the first patron. I have been setting aside paper since that time. Notes to self, written on the back on envelopes that are no longer needed, sheets of paper once both sides have been used but that work no longer needed, some advertising material, and the like — it adds up. And then I identified old bank and financial documents, better to be shredded instead of filling a yellow bag and then a landfill.

Ben emailed me the machine had arrived, and I promised to be in. And I did end up being the first Walpole shredding patron June 14. Let me explain the process as also illustrated here. Enter the bay which provides

access to the bins for newspaper, egg cartons, etc., and on the far wall is the shredder. Ask one of the staff to first weigh your paper. There is a charge of 25 cents per pound which will offset some of the operating costs of the shredder. I brought in two cartons. Ben weighed the contents (forty pounds) on the large floor scale, but has two smaller scales if you have less than what

I brought in. The staff will then feed your paper through the shredder, and the small remnants accumulate in the rear to later be compressed into small bales to sell to a paper processor. When done, I paid Ben for my forty pounds - \$10 - just as you would for any other commodity for which there is a processing fee at the center.

Ben had mentioned at Town Meeting that staples can remain on what is shredded, but I emailed him before I headed out asking about plastic spiral binding on some of the paperwork I have. That would contaminate the end product he advised. While writing this, I emailed and asked him about Kraft paper envelopes, and colored paper. Ben replied, "We will shred different color paper as long as there is no plastic, wax, or oil residue on the paper being shredded." Between learning how to sort my plastics, and now office type paper I have little left for a yellow bag — recycling adds up, and feels good.

– Ray Boas

A collection of six trail maps of public-access properties (created by Lew Shelley and Rick Brackett) for the Walpole Conservation Commission is offered free of charge to the public. Directions and descriptions are printed on the backs. The maps are available on the first floor of Town Hall, outside the Selectman's Offices near the property tax card files. The maps will be accessible online in the near future.



Infestation

Our trees may be headed for a stressful summer. Spongy moths (formerly known as gypsy moths) have been active in the northeast and trees near the Recycling Center are under assault. The moths lay eggs on tree trunks, which hatch the following year; the caterpillars climb into the canopy and feast until the tree is denuded; and the process repeats.

To prevent the caterpillars from climbing a targeted tree, burlap, sticky tape or petroleum jelly can be used to encircle the trunk to trap the pests.

— Jan Kobeski



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WES New Hampshire Dance Institute Performance

Promoting Positivity & Perseverance

On Friday evening, June 10th, in the Walpole Elementary School Gymnasium, the students of Walpole capped off an amazing week alongside the New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI) with a memorable performance for friends, family, and community members. The show consisted of choreographed dances from each grade level.

The theme of the show, which included students from Pre-K all the way through fifth grade, was perseverance and working towards goals without giving up. In between performances, fifth grade student Eli Fay performed skits with Principal Mr. Cassarino where the two discussed Eli's goals and how he can work to achieve them, from running a 5K to acing an upcoming test. As the show progressed, Eli was encouraged to keep working hard and to keep trying his best.

Walpole Schools have participated in the NHDI residency program since 2018, although this was paused due to COVID restrictions in 2020 and 2021. The program reaches nearly 4,000 students each year and it continues to grow. While there are several dance instructors that run these programs, Walpole has always worked with Lisa Cook. According to Liz Cassarino, the school counselor at the North Walpole and Walpole Primary, Cook's presence in Walpole has been profoundly positive.

"She is an incredible leader, and has this unparalleled ability to reach the students and grip their attention. Students develop such a personal and deep connection with Lisa in the short amount of time they work with her," said Mrs. Cassarino. "She truly makes each child feel special, and she remembers all of them each year! She shows up with an attitude that communicates, 'We are a team, I've got you, I respect you, and I believe in you,' and the students immediately believe her. There's something remarkable about the process of her work with our students."

Mrs. Cassarino, who is responsible for bringing NHDI to Walpole, listed several benefits of the program for students. Cook is an excellent role model and another trusted adult to whom students can relate. She showcases and preaches strong character, which coincides with what teachers and staff members have taught all year.

Students build confidence in themselves and what they are capable of, even if they find the dancing difficult. The sessions, which last 45 minutes each day, also allow students to move around and to exercise throughout the day. The program is equitable,

since this experience happens during the school day; and it is also free to the students, since the program is funded completely by the generosity of the Walpole Parent Teacher Group. The Walpole PTG accepts donations from families and community members throughout the year.

Finally, the NHDI dance teaches students resiliency and other lessons that are applicable to their lives outside of school. "It provides an opportunity for students to try something new and build resilience. Some students communicate that they do not want to participate, some end up enjoying it and others maintain their dislike for dancing," said Cassarino. "Ultimately, this residency provides a life lesson that you won't always enjoy every part of the tasks assigned to you, but you still need to have an open mind and do the job. The best way parents can support their children during this experience is not to excuse them from participating, but to encourage them to press on and manage their discomfort during the week-long experience."

At the culmination of the show, along with an impressive number by Walpole staff, all the students had the opportunity to dance altogether, a final celebration of all that they had worked hard for and accomplished that week.

— Jake Gagnon

PHOTOS: JAN KOBESKI

A whole lot of moving was going on...



PRIDE Month

It's June which means Pride Month is at hand once again! Pride Month occurs so that people of the LGBTQ+ communities can be celebrated and loved, though it shouldn't matter if you are a part of this community or not. The LGBTQ+ community has a month dedicated to it because people have been killed and jailed in the past just because of their gender or sexuality. This still happens to people around the world, even here in America people are discriminated against just for who they love and how they present themselves.



As someone in this community, I, too, have dealt with hardship just because of how I expressed myself, and I hope that this month can be a reminder about those who fought for the freedom of expression in this way.

So celebrate this month with pride and joy, and be kind to those in this community as you don't know what they've been through now and in the past.

– Leo Gould (Grade 8)

Six Flags

On June 1st, the 8th grade class took a trip to Six Flags in Agawam, Massachusetts. Despite the rain near the end of the trip, the 8th graders still had a blast at Six Flags. The Walpole PTG organized this fun trip for 8th grade, as well as other trips later on in June. Thank you to the Walpole PTG for helping to fund these trips!

From the Candy Cabin to the Superman, these 8th graders had a lot of fun at Six Flags! According to Karli Mason, "My favorite part was when I got dragged to go on the Superman even though I was terrified. That was my favorite part because it was a thrill." When asked what her favorite part of Six Flags was, Tess Griffin answered, "The part where I bought the sugar straw from the candy cabin." Siera King said that her favorite part was: "Having a great time with my friends."

The Superman is the biggest ride, and we even convinced Walpole School's principal, Mr. Cassarino, to go on it. The 8th grade class trip to Six Flags was a big hit, and once again, thank you to the Walpole PTG for organizing and funding this trip! Other reactions

"My favorite part was the Superman because it has such a big drop and because I got to scare my friend into going on it." – Kaia Powers

"Definitely the rides." – Jenna Fillion

"The freedom, because you can just go on your own." – Ava Conley

"Getting out of your comfort zone and going on rides that we thought were scary." – Clara Grenier

– Emily Heddon (Grade 8)

Boys Baseball

The Boys' Baseball team has a total of 11 players, We have six 8th graders and five 7th graders. Our starting pitcher is 8th grader Max Wyman. Our team has more great pitchers that consist of Evan Parker and Tanner Michaud. Max Wyman, Evan Parker, and Tanner Michaud all have a great ability to throw strikes and get outs. Some teams the boys have won against are Chesterfield, Leland and Gray, Westmoreland, and Hinsdale. Jack Wright plays first base, Evan Parker plays second base/pitcher, Avery Bierweiler-Franks, Alex Cloburn, and Madden Wright play left field, Perry Lent plays center field, Owen Tetu plays right field, Carson Bruzgis plays short-stop, Zach Hearne plays third base, Max Wyman is our starting pitcher, Tanner Michaud plays catcher.

While there is no postseason tournament or official championship crowned, the Walpole baseball squad finished among the top teams in our league.

– Perry Lent (Grade 7)



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TV Show Review

Popee the Performer

Popee the Performer was a popular children's show in Japan in the 2000s. It was a low budget production made by Ryuji Masuda after he wanted to make a CG animation and there happened to be a 5 minute slot on a kids' station.

The show consisted of two main characters – Popee and Keramono. Popee's father Papi sometimes makes an appearance, along with other side characters. Popee is a 17 year old enthusiastic circus (training) performer, with their assistant Keramono, an anthropomorphic wolf that is around 25 in human years. Together they try to perform circus tricks and other unique stunts that usually end up going wrong and cause mayhem to occur. Though this show was created to be a kids' show, it tends to be much more graphic for what we would deem kid friendly. In some of the episodes Popee and Keramono have gotten stabbed, shot, and cut in half. In one of the episodes Popee pulls out a gun, along with tons of disturbing imagery that is used throughout the show.

Popee the Performer is an interesting show despite its imagery and lack of dialogue. This show was created in Japan and that what they deem kid-friendly might be different to us Americans.

– Leo Gould (Grade 8)



CHESHIRE KIDS by Erik Doescher



The Village School Charmed the crowd.



The 2021 - 2022 Newspaper Club

From left to right: Taylor Latham, Sophia Westover, Violet Walz, Amelia Blaine, Avery Richardson, Luna Loch, Isaac Gragen, Dradon Foster, Joseph Paulette, Riley Marquay, Mr. Gagnon, Aidan Suozzi, Emily Heddon, Olivia Johnson, Perry Lent, Leo Gould, Winter Wise, Bridget Bascom. Missing from picture: Kelsey Fillion and Adalynn Fuller. Emily, Bridget, Winter, Leo, and Kelsey were all 8th graders.

PHOTO: HEATHER BROWN



From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Fireworks!

Well Independence Day is coming up, so thought I would check with Elwud to see what he had planned for his yearly fireworks display.

He was at the Gas & Go when I caught up with him and asked.

"Well sir," he said, "we may not be doin' any this ayear, due to previous complaints."

"You've had complaints about setting off fireworks out here in the country, from who?"

"Well the Fire Department was upset a coupla years back, 'cause we set Farmer Harrises field on fire. We had ta pay restitution fer that. They said no more permits for us. Jokes on them, we never had a permit to begin with!

"Then thar were last year when Cousins Darryl and Two-Finger Clem and I thought it would be fun to toss firecrackers near Uncle Claudes goat herd. You know how goats flop ova if they gets startled. It's way more fun then cow tipping! We was havin' so much fun we didn't hear the sirens until they had caught us. Uncle Claude said he wouldn't press charges if'n we paid for the loss in goat milk reduction caused by our foolishness. 'Course we agreed, not realizin' how much reduction he might have.

"Turns out he was down 'bout a dozen quarts a week and it lasted into September, which I think he fibbed about the length of time."

"Wait a second," I said. "When did you start calling Cousin Clem 'Two-Finger'?"

"Well sir, I cut the fuses on the firecrackers from about three seconds down to about one and a half seconds, but forgot to tell Clem and he got nervous when he heard the sirens and forgot to throw the last firecracker. So besides Claude loos-ing milk production, Clem lost a couple of fingers. Three to be 'xact!

"Darryl suggested we go and fire off ova Guston Pond this year. But when I told my sista 'bout the idea, she said the Gustonians might start shooting at us, thinking that the Dustonians were startin' up the old feud between them. So we decided ta forego this years events. We might attend the fireworks in Bellows Falls the first of August instead."

"Probably a good idea to lay low for a couple of years," I agreed.

As I parted, Elwud yelled, "If'n youd like to help my cause, stop at Uncle Claude's and buy a couple of quarts of goat milk!"

On the way home, I drove by Uncle Claude's goat farm, but didn't stop!

Have a great Fourth of July and enjoy the rest of the month.



PHOTO: JAN KOBESKI

Critters



We were surprised to see this fella with antlers in velvet trotting along the 8th fairway at Hooper GC.

PHOTO: NADINE CONNORS

Nothing like last year's avian barrage, but this jay survived a close encounter with our porch door.



FROM THE CLARION...

A sampling of what we've reported in more than 10 years of publication:

One Year Ago (July, 2021) – Principal Sam Jacobs retired after four decades of service.

Three Years Ago (July, 2019) – Walpole was one of 149 communities selected by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive one of its grant awards that this year totaled \$64,623,553 for Brownfields funding through the Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant Programs. Walpole was one of four New Hampshire communities to receive a grant, and the only New Hampshire town to receive funds for cleanup work.

Five Years Ago (July, 2017) – Less than a week after torrential rains inflicted widespread flooding in Walpole, we were rewarded with a fairly lovely three days to party. Old Home Days weekend was filled with events, performances and family activities...as well as some serious (and not-so-serious) competition.

Seven Years Ago (July, 2015) – On June 8, Paul Colburn received two awards on behalf of Walpole's Recycling Center at the Northeast Resource Recovery Association's (NRRRA) Annual Conference. As "Recycler of the Year", Walpole was cited for utilizing the "Most Programs through the NRRRA in 2014". In addition, New Hampshire the Beautiful presented Paul with its 2015 Environmental Stewardship Award for his "Outstanding Efforts in Youth Recycling Education".

Nine Years Ago (July, 2013) – Walpole 4th grade students completed their year-long community service project with a visit to the Monadnock Humane Society and the presentation of a check for \$746.34 to the MHS.

MILESTONES

Passed

JonDavid Jacobs
September 22, 1982 - June 15, 2022

James McCarty
1954 - May 30, 2022

Blue Ribbon winner of the Old Home Day
Potted Planter Competition



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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

As I write this, the big day is about to begin – Saturday, Old Home Days. Soon I will be setting up in the front of my home introducing *Did You Know That – The Book*. At last evening's Street Dance it was gratifying to see so many new faces, and young faces, enjoying themselves – yes, "old familiar" faces sporting smiles as well were strolling and visiting along Westminster Street.

Publishing a monthly newspaper to be received the first of the month is a balancing act. It depends upon when that first day is for postal delivery, and how weekends fall. It is impossible to include events and stories that occur in the month after the publication closing date (usually the 22nd of the month). But the way that day fell this month, we thought "maybe." I sent an email to Howard Printing asking if we could slide the schedule so we could include Old Home Days coverage. And, they looked, and adjusted their production schedule. So, for the first time, the **Clarion** can document Old Home Days for you, and just a week after it happened. Thank you Howard Printing.

Summer – hard to believe it is here again. The world has changed since the summer of 2019 – the last pre-COVID summer. We all have been impacted in one way or another. We have all adjusted and made changes. It is hard to pick up where we left off, but as we enter the summer months, I do hope you and your family will enjoy life to its fullest.

– Ray Boas, Publisher

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