

## And Now for Mud Season

### From Peggy's Desk

April 16-22 is National Volunteer Week. And I feel compelled to write about Walpole's community of Volunteers. Voluntarism has always been part of my life and amid what seems like a world full of anger, stress. Isolation and fear, I hang onto its positive energy to work every day. Volunteers are the working gears that make this Town livable and lovable.

Walpole's Volunteers include all those dedicated Girl and Boy Scout leaders, our 4-H leaders, and the coaches who work with our Recreation department in Soccer, Basketball – all instill a sense of trust, good sportsmanship, and community in our young people- promising a positive future. Our Conservation volunteers maintain our numerous trails for active hiking, biking and our Hill Hoppers who clear the snowmobile trails. The Historical Society preserves our past, our churches give us respite and renewal. The Grange members are the steady, stable volunteers who feed our workers on voting day and

Recognize unsung heroes through their awards ceremonies.

The Power Committee, the Police Committee are both made of residents who have stepped forward willingly to work toward a common goal to improve our community. The Power Committee has brought us cheaper energy rates despite the powerful utility companies lobby which works daily to undue their efforts. A new Police Station with a Community Room will ultimately provide safer quarters for our officers and a meeting space or emergency shelter for the community.

And yes, the elected committees are all volunteers who give freely of their time

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*Back in the Day: Mud swallowing a 1914 Model T Ford Touring Car*

### Tis the Season


**Mud Season** (noun): "A time of year (such as early spring) that is characterized by excessively muddy ground" was among the 370 new words added to the Merriam Webster Dictionary in September 2022. The problem of mud season is often most pronounced on dirt roads. A recent accounting of Walpole's roads indicates that of our just over 60

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### Ashuelot Concerts

On Friday May 12, Lincoln Center Cellist Nicholas Canellakis joins Ashuelot Concerts artistic directors Louisa Stonehill (violin) and Nicholas Burns (piano) in a program of Mozart, Schumann and Dvorák Piano Trios at Alyson's Orchard. Early booking is advised as previous concerts at Alyson's have been very popular.

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## Memorial Day Parade

**Monday, May 29**

Begins 11:30AM  
at the Unitarian Church

Meet-up begins at 11  
A ceremony on the Common  
will follow.

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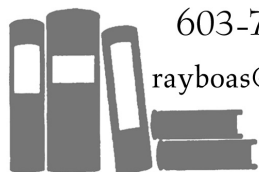
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## Fundraiser

### Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association

Saturday, May 20th marks the return of the District Dash 5K Fun Run & Walk! This fundraiser for the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association will once again take place on the beautiful campus and cross-country trails of Fall Mountain Regional High School. The course consists of two loops on the cross-country trails and part of the high school access road, and is suitable for all levels.

Before the main event, there will be a kid's fun run around the track for the 10-and-under crowd, with finisher medals for all participants. Kids are welcome to accompany their parent or guardian on the actual race, as well.

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in different age categories. In past years, prizes have included beautiful handmade cutting boards from the FM woodshop, generous gift cards to local businesses, and FM apparel.

Pre-registration is available now through [www.fmeea.com](http://www.fmeea.com). Prices are as follows:

Adults: \$22

Students: \$18

Teams of 4 or more: \$17/person

Children under the age of 11: FREE!

The first 50 paid registrations receive a free, high quality District Dash T-Shirt!

We would love to see participants from each school in the district, maybe even some friendly competition between teams! Think Team Math vs Team English, middle school administrators vs elementary school administrators, even teachers vs students! How about a friendly competition between local businesses?

All the proceeds from this event goes directly back into the Fall Mountain Regional School District in the form of grants to fund field trips, classroom activities, and presentations that are not covered in the regular operating budget.

If you or your business are interested in becoming a sponsor, or if you are interested in volunteering the day of the event, please send an email to [fmeas-soc@gmail.com](mailto:fmeas-soc@gmail.com). There are several different sponsorship options with different perks, including free registrations!

We hope to see you on May 20th!

— Pat Royce

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## Women of Walpole

Please join the Women of Walpole on May 17 at 2:00 PM at the home of Aylene Wozmack. Aylene, Chairperson of the Monadnock Mindfulness Center in Keene, will present several yoga poses for stretching. It is designed for those who think they can't do yoga or have certain conditions such as a bad back or an old injury. As we age, stretching is vital to our comfort and well-being.

We will also hold our annual meeting and reelect officers of the organization. We are looking for one more officer as Vice President. Do you have some great ideas for WOW? Want to get more involved in planning WOW meetings? Then contact Susan Johnson at email below and consider joining our fun board.

In June, we plan to conclude our 2022-2023 season with a picnic at the farm of Carol Malnati. This will be potluck so mark your calendars to join us on June 21. The potluck will start at 12:30 PM. Stay tuned to this column or your email for details.

WOW welcomes any woman working or living in Walpole to attend this and any WOW meeting.

For further information and to join our email list, please contact Susan Johnson ([pete\\_suejohnson@verizon.net](mailto:pete_suejohnson@verizon.net) or 603-313-4018) or Carolyn LeBail ([carolynle-bail@gmail.com](mailto:carolynle-bail@gmail.com) or 714-717-4184).

— Susan Johnson

## Friends of the Library

### Plant Sale

It's Plant Sale time again! The annual Friends of the Walpole Library Plant Sale will again take place at the Walpole Reuse Center and run through the growing season. If you have plants to donate to the sale, please label them and bring them to the Reuse Center (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.) We can also pick up potted and labeled plants at your home if you are unable to get them to the Reuse Center. Please call 603-439-7778 to arrange that.

House plants and hostas are popular and sell well. Other perennials are also appreciated. If you have extra annuals this spring, we would gratefully accept them. Please note, we cannot accept vegetable plants. And finally, as you begin your gardening this spring, please come to the Reuse Center to shop for new plants, and to look for a great Mother's Day gift! Also, it is not too early to start collecting books that you would like to donate to our fall book sale. More about that later.

As always, thank you for your support of our wonderful town library.

— Jana Sellarole





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*Like to walk? These folks are looking for new members.*

## Walpole Walking Group

### Seeks New Members

We are an informal group of friends who walk together on trails through woods in and near Walpole. No dues or signup is required. We meet in Walpole every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 8:00 AM, decide where to walk, then drive to the trailhead. Our walks cover two to four miles, and we are generally back in town around 10:00 AM, sometimes 10:30.

While there are about 30 possible walks, we do have our favorites, including the trail to High Blue (the highest point in Walpole), the trail to the Boy Scout Camp, and the trail around the Mill Pond. New walkers are always welcome! May, which is the start of wildflower and mushroom seasons in the woods, would be a great time to give the walking group a try. Email Debbie Hutchings at dhutchings2@myfairpoint.net for our meeting location or with any questions.

– Debbie Hutchings

## Hooper Hill Hoppers

The Hooper Hill Hoppers Snowmobile Club is sad to say goodbye to a great riding season! It was so nice to have so many weeks of good riding locally, compared to years past! We would like to say a BIG Thank You to all of our landowners - without you, our club and all of the miles of riding would not be possible!

We are excited to announce our 6th Annual Golf Tournament is taking place on June 3 at 9:00 am at Hooper Golf Course. Join us for a FUN day, including an 18-hole Scramble, Breakfast, Catered Lunch, Swag Bags, a T-Shirt, Raffle Prizes, Contests and MORE! All money raised will be used to maintain our trail system, including critical bridge repairs and equipment maintenance.

We are looking for sponsors for the event and teams of four! Please visit <https://birdease.com/23377> for more information, or contact Katie at [katie@gallowayservices.com](mailto:katie@gallowayservices.com)

– Katie Beam

## The Walpole Players

### A Musical Springtime Production

Do you remember the 1993 film, *Grumpy Old Men*, starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon about 2 childhood friends who became aging neighbors who loved to fish? Then a mysterious woman moves in next door and an old grudge resurfaces and the feud is on!

Dan Remmes, Neil Berg and Nick Meglin brought an adaptation of this film to the Canadian stage in 2011 and it premiered in 2018 at the Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine with Sally Struthers playing the newly added character of 'Punky.'

This May, The Players will bring this musical sensation (set in chilly Wabasha, Minnesota) with lovable characters to the Walpole Town Hall. Loaded with heart-warming humor and unexpected energy, *Grumpy Old Men – The Musical* is an unforgettable show that will remind us that 'life is all about livin'!' Directed by Barbara Kasper with Walt Sayre as Music Director, this is a show you won't want to miss.

Walpole Players Cast members Jim Baucom, Becky Pearson, Judy Epstein, Chuck Lessard, Ben Robison, Travis Gay, Rebecca Robison, Tom Winmill, Sarah Manning, Jenny Plante, and Meg Kupiec are joined by some talented members of Small Pond Productions in Marlborough: Rene Doyle, PJ Cooke, Dave Chase, Cassie Schmitt, Ray Mahoney, Rob Gray, Kevin Royce, and Traci Booth.

So bring a friend and join us at The Helen Miller Theater on May 12, 13, 19 or 20 at 8 PM for a fun night of music and laughter! Tickets are available at Galloway Real Estate and Mascoma Savings Bank (both Walpole and Keene Locations) and are only \$15 a seat. Rated PG-13 for language and content.

– The Walpole Players

## Spring Birding In May 2023



Sponsored by the Walpole Trail Committee.  
Join me, Sharyn Tullar, to walk the trails and share our common love of birds!  
Bring your binoculars.  
Will cancel if raining.  
Register/info at [sttullar@comcast.net](mailto:sttullar@comcast.net)

All walks start at 8AM  
**Wednesday May 3 at Mill Pond**  
**Saturday May 13 at High Blue**  
**Wednesday May 17 at Cheshire Rail Trail North**  
**Saturday May 27 at Table Rock**  
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- **Communion Sunday**, is every first Sunday of the month. All are welcome at the table.

- **Bible Study** meets every Wednesday, on Zoom, 4-5 PM

- **Rummage Sale** - May 20, 9 to 1 – all season clothing, food table and hot dogs for sale.

Bag sale starts at noon.

Large garbage-size bag is \$5.00 and a paper bag for \$1.00. If you have clothing to donate, you may drop it off Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 12 and on Wednesday from 4 to 7 PM.

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St. John's Episcopal  
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For more information, visit the church websites.

## The Walpole Foundation

### Moover Bus

Just a reminder that the Moover Bus comes into town Monday thru Friday four times a day. It stops at the Savings Bank of Walpole in the center of town starting at 9:45 AM and every hour until 12:45. The bus goes to Shaw's Marketplace and then to Bellows Falls. Connecting buses to other towns stop at Penquin Mart in Bellows Falls. Other stops in Bellows Falls include the Senior Center, downtown, Riverview Apartments, Mr. G's, Abenaki Springs and Rodeway Inn. The buses are handicapped accessible with very friendly drivers.

– Bert Wiemers

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– Leah Kristin

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and skills to manage Zoning, Planning, the Library, our Schools, and our governance. Amid their work there is joy in serving the community in which we live. Working together for common purposes does remove barriers that sometimes divide us.

Volunteers are the good neighbors who share their soup or

Anadama bread with a sick friend or clear the dead tree from a sidewalk or driveway. It is the member of River Valley Seniors at Home who drives you to the Doctor. It is the EMS crew who arrives after a plea for help on 911. It is the resident who delivers a cake to Town hall workers who serve our needs daily and often without appreciation.

Take time to say thank you to your neighbor, your elected official and step up when it is your turn.

In 2021, more than 60-7 million people in America volunteered through an organization. These statistics come from AmeriCorps who works with the US Census Bureau to survey Americans about their volunteering. During the pandemic 124.7 million Americans helped their neighbors.

– Peggy Pschirrer



## Walpole Creamery Is Hiring!

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and the manual dexterity to assist in the packaging, labeling and filling of ice cream containers of varying sizes, as well as assisting in the ordering and inventory of all production supplies, and assisting in the maintenance of the facility and all of its equipment.

The ideal candidate will be a motivated, self-starter with a positive attitude and entrepreneurial spirit.

#### Required Skills:

- Strong mechanical skills
- Effective time management skills
- Detail-oriented and organized
- Strong people skills

- Willingness to learn and follow food safety standards

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## Great Decisions

### Sino-American Relations: Past, Present & Future

Ambassador J. Stapleton ("Stape") Roy will lead our "Great Decisions" public forum on Monday, May 15, at 6:00 PM in the Walpole Town Library. The topic for discussion is *Sino-American Relations: Past, Present & Future*.

From watching the Chinese civil war from the roof of his school, to participating in secret negotiations to establish US-China diplomatic relations, to serving as Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Roy has lived through, navigated, and studied the development of China and modern Asia for more than 70 years. A fluent Mandarin-speaker, Roy rose to become a three-time ambassador, serving as the top U.S. envoy in Singapore (1984–86), the People's Republic of China (1991–95), and Indonesia (1996–99). In 1996, he was promoted to the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest rank in the U.S. Foreign Service. In 2008, Roy was named director of the Kissinger Institute for Chinese-U.S. Studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center



for Scholars, where he is now Founding Director Emeritus and a Distinguished Scholar. Among his many activities too numerous to mention, one year ago Roy helped found a group of U.S. business and policy leaders with the goal of constructively engaging with China to improve U.S.-China relations.

Suggested background reading is the Foreign Policy Association's article *China and America: Back to the Future*, by David Lampton, which is available at the library. A copy can be emailed to you upon request by contacting Jane Malmberg, Library Director: [jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org). Also available at the library is the DVD "Great Decisions," with a 30-minute Master Class on China & the United States.

All are welcome to join this public forum at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 15, either in person in the Hubbard Meeting Room at the Walpole Town Library or via Zoom. For the Zoom link, please contact Jane Malmberg in advance of the meeting: [jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org).

– Sue Kibbe



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**Registration is open for the Hooper Institute summer camps!**

- **Hooper Institute Morning Camp**

This is a morning only camp that meets at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd. We gather Monday thru Thursday.

**Week 1** for Walpole students entering 1st and 2nd grade – June 26 through June 29, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Week 2** for Walpole students entering 3rd and 4th grade – July 3, July 5-7 (No Camp July 4). 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Four day session cost per camper \$50.00/week. Deadline for applications and forms is June 1. If you need an application or have questions for morning camp, please email Becky Whippie [rwhippie60@gmail.com](mailto:rwhippie60@gmail.com).

- **Hooper Institute Adventure and Woodworking Camp**

For Walpole students entering 5th – 8th grade. All campers meet mornings Monday thru Thursday 9:30 – 12:30 PM

- **Adventure Camp**

One week only! July 3 and July 5-7. No camp July 4. For Walpole students entering 5th – 8th grade. This session is full of local adventures and exploration on trails, ravines, pond, forests, riverside and more. There is a different location every day. Four day session cost per camper \$50.00/week.

- **Woodworking Camp**

In the Hooper Institute woodworking shop (165 Prospect Hill Rd) with Steve Dalessio. July 24 through July 27, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. For Walpole students entering 5th – 8th grade Four day session cost per camper \$ 50.00/week

This camp is a classic and creative week with make and take-home carpentry projects. Helen will assist and has work bench space for 12 students. Register soon. Deadline for applications and forms is June 1. For an application or any questions, email Helen Dalbeck [hoo-perinstitute@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hoo-perinstitute@myfairpoint.net)

Additionally, I have a few remaining Hooper Institute Flower CSA subscriptions available AND lucky us, Hooper Dahlia Day is May 20 10 AM – 1 PM at the Walpole Elementary School parking lot 8 Bemis Lane in Walpole to benefit the Hooper Institute. All donated and grown by local dahlia gardeners in support of our education and scholarship programs. I will see you there! THANK YOU.

– Helen Dalbeck

## Trail Walk

France Menk, of the Walpole Trail Commission, organised a walk through the Fanny Mason Forest, Sunday afternoon, April 16th. It was one of those dreamy, moisture laden, Spring days. Clouds and sun played with each other; birds spoke of the day; and we had a revelatory amble through the forest. No leaves blocked our view of trees one might legitimately call “behemoths”.

We all learned a lot from each other, from our phone apps ;-), and the open forest views of early Spring.

Check out the Trail Committee’s forthcoming walks. They will be posted in the Clarion and the Walpolean throughout the Summer and Fall. Also on our new website: [walpoleoutdoors.org](http://walpoleoutdoors.org), where you can find maps and upcoming events. We look forward to having you join us.

– France Menk



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## Pinnacleview 4-H Club

The members of the Pinnacleview 4-H Club have been busy with a variety of educational contests and activities.

Members of the club baked cookies and other treats, and then they decorated and assembled over 80 gift bags that were then delivered to households across Walpole, Langdon, Alstead, and Charlestown in time to bring some Valentines Day cheer to members of the community.

The NH State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest was held on Saturday, March 11, at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook. Senior members Ashlynn Smith, Colton Stark, and Tyson Patch participated in the contest. Ashlynn Smith was the first place Senior. Savannah Anderson of Walpole placed first in the Intermediate Division, and Connor Frederick, a new member to our club, placed first in the Novice Division. Congratulations to all our members.

The month of April was filled with activities and educational opportunities as well. During our regular meeting in April, members began to make decisions about which animals they would be working with for the upcoming show season. Members began by evaluating animals and learning more



PHOTO: HOLLY GOWDY

***Pinnacleview 4-H Members who competed at the NH State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest. From L to R. Colton Stark, Conner Frederic, Ashlynn Smith, Savannah Anderson, and Tyson Patch.***

about confirmation, genetics, and critical thinking. On April 8, Pinnacleview 4-H hosted a Dairy Field Day at the Cheshire Fairgrounds. The day was filled with opportunities to learn about showing and exhibiting animals: Workshops included showmanship, judging and evaluation, a skill-a-thon, and lunch included making grilled cheese sandwiches. Finally in April, members of the club went on a field trip to a couple of working dairy farms in

Cheshire County -Echo Farm in Hinsdale which produces Echo Farm Pudding, and Manning Hill Farm in Winchester which bottles their own milk but also is a local supplier of beef, pork and poultry products.

If you would like to become a member of a 4-H Club in Cheshire County, please contact Diane Dugray at the UNH Cooperative Extension office in Keene, NH 603-352-4550

– Holly Gowdy



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# Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

**...New England's Dark Day,** occurred on May 19, 1780, when an unusual darkening of the daytime sky was observed over the New England states and parts of Canada? Panic probably struck that day when Walpole went dark between 10 AM and 11 AM, and that darkness continued to the middle of the next night. Mid-morning the evening birds began to sing, and the frogs in vernal pools joined in croaking. Instinctively with the coming darkness barnyard cows and chickens figured it was time to retreat to the barn and their roosts for the night. By Noon candles were required to see. Many feared "the Day of Judgment" had come.

*'T was on a May-day of the far old year  
Seventeen hundred eighty, that there fell  
Over the bloom and sweet life of the  
Spring,*

*Over the fresh earth and the heaven of  
noon,  
A horror of great darkness, like the night  
In day of which the Norland sagas tell, —  
The Twilight of the Gods. The low-hung  
sky*

*Was black with ominous clouds,  
save where its rim*

*Was fringed with a dull glow,  
like that which climbs*

*The crater's sides from the red hell below.*

— John Greenleaf Whittier

There were assumptions of what may have happened, but it was more than two hundred years later that the cause was scientifically proven. The event was well documented throughout the region. George Washington, while camped with the Continental Army in New Jersey, wrote "heavy & uncommon kind of clouds – dark & at the same time a bright and reddish kind of light." Harvard professor, Samuel Williams, stated the deepening darkness began in Boston at about 10:00 am, writing, "This extraordinary darkness came on between the hours of 10 and 11 AM and continued to the middle of the next night." The Boston Gazette for May 22, 1780, contains a preliminary account, stating in part, "Such a phenomenon was never before seen here by the oldest Person living. We have already heard of its extent as far as Greenwich, in the State of Rhode-Island, and as far as Portsmouth, in the state of New-Hampshire, which is about 120 miles."



A FEW LINES COMPOSED ON THE

## DARK DAY,

MAY 19, 1780.

LET us adore, and bow before,  
The sovereign Lord of might;  
Who turns away the shining day,  
Into the shades of night.

All nature stands, when he commands,  
Or changes in its course;  
His mighty hand rules sea and land,  
He is the Lord of Hosts.

Nineteenth of May, a gloomy day,  
When darkness veiled the sky;  
The sun's decline may be a sign,  
Some great event is nigh.

Let us remark, how black and dark  
Was the ensuing night;  
And for a time the moon decline,  
And did not give her light.

Can mortal man, whose senses keen  
Or tell a second cause?  
Did not our God, then shake his rod,  
And alter nature's laws?

What great event, next will be sent,  
Upon this guilty land?  
He only knows who can dispose,  
All things at his command.

Our wickedness we must confess,  
Is terrible and great;  
Sin is the thing, that we should shun,  
The thing God's soul doth hate.

Our mighty sins, God's judgment brings;  
But still we hate and grow;  
Then judgment's great may not abate,  
Until our crowns.

How sin abounds, in all our towns,  
How in those Gospel days;  
How vice prevails and virtue falls,  
And Godliness decays.

If we reflect, can we expect,  
According to our doing?  
But that we are, as we may fear,  
Just on the brink of ruin.

Awake, awake, your sins forsake,  
And that immediately;  
If we don't turn, his wrath will burn,  
'Tis all eternity.

This is the day, that sinners may  
Repent, and turn to God;  
If they delay and won't obey,  
Then they must feel His rod.

How good and kind, would sinners find  
Their great Redeemer now;  
If they'd awake, their sins forsake,  
And to his Scripture bow.

The gospel call, is unto all;  
Repent! why will you die?  
Why will you go to endless woe,  
And pass my mercy by?

Come unto me! Jesus doth say!  
All ye that weary are;  
Ye shall find rest! ye shall be blest!  
For so his words declare!

If after all, this gracious call,  
Unheeded ye refuse,  
And stop your ear, and will not  
But your own ruin choose.

Mercy above, and grace refuse,  
Justice then takes the throne;  
And in some hour Almighty Power,  
Will make his vengeance known.

O dreadful state, when 'tis too late,  
For sinners to return;  
When life and breath is lost in death,  
The soul in Hell must burn.

What mortal tongue, what human pen,  
The terror can declare,  
That sinners all in Hell who shall  
That dreadful torments bear!

Eternity! Eternity!  
Behold there is no end;  
Where sinners lie, and wish to die,  
Who now kneel down and bend.

And now let all, who hear this call,  
And saw the day so dark;  
Make haste away without delay,  
And get into the Ark!

Then safe shall be, forever be,  
That doth to Jesus come,  
He need not fear though death be near,  
Since Heaven is his home.

There were many thoughts as to what was happening. Timothy Dwight recorded in his Travels in New-England and New-York "...a disagreeable Smell was perceived, some resembling it to the smell proceeding from a Chimney on Fire, others to that which arises from Swamps on Fire." A Connecticut farmer noted in his diary he stopped shoveling manure because he could "no longer discern the difference between the ground and the dung." In Newburyport, Massachusetts, there was a sooty rainfall and ash covering the ground up to four inches. Black scum was floating on waterways, and evidence of burnt leaves were everywhere. But with no rapid communication 240 years ago, the true source remained a mystery.

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The most likely answer came in 2007 using the dating science of dendrochronology (or tree-ring dating - also called growth rings). This science can determine the exact year rings were formed in a tree. Besides dating them, they reveal data for the study of climate and atmospheric conditions during different periods. In reviewing accounts and observations of New England's Dark Day, researchers headed to the Algonquin Highlands of southern Ontario. There the team studied the tree rings and searched for evidence of burn scars. Stumps can remain long after a tree is gone. Intense wildfire heat kills tissues and leaves injuries in the wood. It was concluded that a major fire had occurred here and most likely was the cause of the New England's Dark Day in 1780.



# WALPOLE town library

For more information, visit the library website - <https://walpoletownlibrary.org> or call 603-756-9806. Links may also be clicked from the **Clarion** On-Line Resources page.

- **New Front Door** - The Board of Trustees has engaged a local craftsman to build a new door for the library. Work will begin in May with installation early to mid-June. During installation, the Main Library will be closed but continue to offer curbside pickup. The North Walpole Branch will be open expanded hours, and library programs will be offered at that location.
- **New Library Tote Bags** - Made of eco-friendly materials and sporting the library's logo, you can pick one up at either the Main Library or the North Walpole Branch. Suggested donation \$5.00 per bag.
- **New Program: Craft & Chat** - Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 PM at the Main Library. Bring your current project to the library to work in the company of fellow crafters. This is a drop-in program for adults, come when you can, leave when you need. Any and all crafts welcome, tables, chairs, and snacks provided.
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The artistic directors stated, "We are honored to be joined for this concert by a member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Centre, it is a dream-come-true to be able to attract some of the leading instrumentalists of the world to our beautiful region. We will be performing three alluring works by Mozart, Schumann & Dvorak. This would be a great concert to attend if you have never experienced live classical music before."

As usual, ahead of the concert, the three musicians will be visiting local schools to perform and talk to hundreds of local children about music, the brain and how to learn more effectively. Ashuelot Concerts is a nonprofit founded in 2019 that brings musicians from all over the world to the region to perform in its international concert series. This concert marks the end of the first series of events at Alyson's Orchard before the Summer break.

Tickets are \$30, young adults, (18-30) can attend for just \$10 and may be booked on Ashuelot Concerts' website - ashuelotconcerts.org. Children are welcome to attend for free.

— Nicholas Burns



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*This photo shows just the beginning of what ended up being 712 pounds of trash collected from the roadsides in our town by our fabulous volunteers on our annual Clean Up Day. Thanks to everyone who came! Our roads are a lot cleaner now thanks to you. Great job!*

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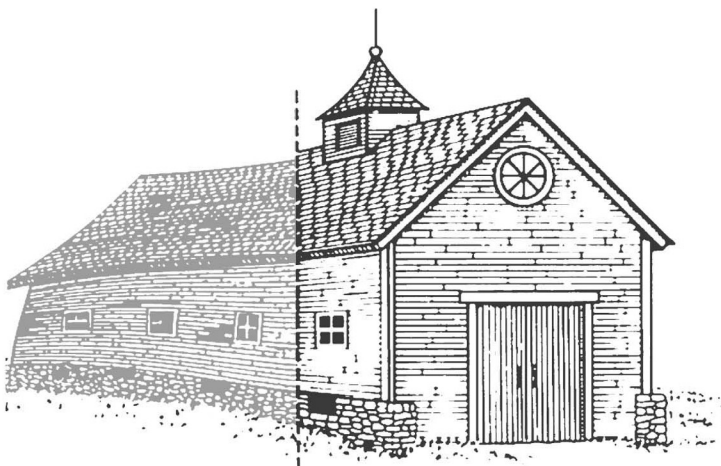
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## The Green Lantern Restaurant

The Green Lantern Restaurant opened in August 1951 by owners Louise Stafford and Anna Podwin. Previously, the ladies operated the Walpole Diner that had been moved to Brattleboro. Located on the site of the old Red Mill Inn, they sold in 1954 to David Alexander. Ruth Latham then operated the restaurant and bought it, and the building, in 1961. The post office occupied the north end of the building, and the restaurant and a self-service laundry, which opened in 1960, occupied the south side.

Katie (Rogers) Kittredge remembers working in the Walpole Diner. "The place was spotless; the food homemade and excellent, with everything cooked to order. There was an old-fashioned Juke Box, maybe five cents a song. A counter and maybe four small tables for two. The grill was just behind the counter. I learned to fry bacon one piece at a time."

I believe I once saw a photo of an old Worcester Lunch Car Company diner at this location, but I cannot find it. There are three vintage diners now in Brattleboro. I have traced the previous locations of T. J. Buckley's and the Chelsea Royal Diner. Was the now boarded old diner on Canal Street previously in Walpole? Can you help answer that question, and also provide the year the Green Lantern closed?

— Ray Boas



Portion of a 1950s real photo postcard.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY KATIE (ROGERS) KITTREDGE

*Green Lantern Restaurant Staff early 1950s. Left to Right: Louise Stafford (co-owner); Elisse Nash; Barbara Licence; Ann Rogers; Katie Rogers; and, Anna Podwin (co-owner).*

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One of my favorite sights in May is watching the grassy hillsides of the Connecticut Valley green up. As soon as the slopes turn vivid green, swaths of bright yellow dandelions light up the hillside. Dandelions have an abundance of pollen and nectar for the early pollinators. Within a few days, the yellow flowers fade, replaced by the white orbs of seed heads. The winds soon launch millions of seeds, transported by tiny white dandelion "umbrellas". Seed traveling season has begun.

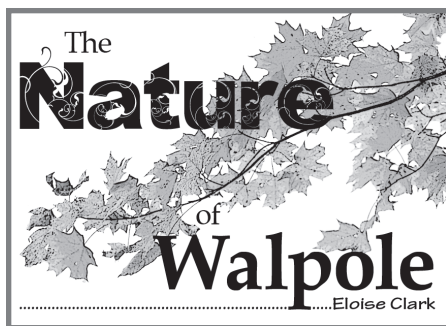
By May, maple trees and elms have released their seeds, also suited for air travel. A pair of maple seeds is equipped with wing-like samaras. These spin and waft in the breeze and carry the seeds away from the parent plant. Elm tree seeds are oval shaped. Their tiny seed is sandwiched between two translucent layers that float frisbee-style through the air. Pines also have winged seeds.

Late this month watch for the "snow" of cottonwood seeds to float earthward and accumulate in "drifts". The consistency of the fluff gives cottonwood its name. Through the summer and fall, many kinds of seeds become airborne. You are probably most familiar with milkweed. Asters and goldenrods, members of the "composite" family have very tiny seeds that also travel on the wind.

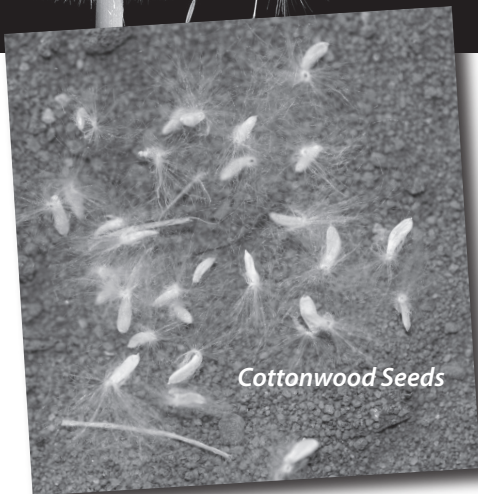
Water is another agent of transport for seeds. Cattail and willow seeds are light enough to swarm through the air. They are also light enough to float on the water's surface, held by the surface tension. Water lilies have buoyant seeds that float. Wind or water currents will then push any of these seeds to new locations.



*Burdock*



*Dandelion*



*Cottonwood Seeds*



may grow. I have found black cherry seeds stored in a ski boot in my attic, compliments of the mice!

Some seeds are hitchhikers. They cling to animal fur, or perhaps your socks? Burdock and burr marigold are two examples. Burdock has a tiny hook attached to each seed, think Velcro. Burr marigold has a flat seed with two tiny probes protruding from one end. Both plants have seeds arranged in an orb shape to maximize the chance for the seedhead to be "caught" and transported.

Jewelweed and Witch Hazel plants forcefully expel their seeds. It's fun to gently squeeze the soft green pods of the jewelweed. With just the gentlest pressure the seedcoat splits and curls. The sudden pop propels the seeds from the parent plant into new territory. Witch hazel seeds snap open when the fruit is ripe. Seeds can be hurled up to 30 feet from the plant!

Some plants encase their seeds in a yummy package of tasty fruit pulp. While providing a meal for birds, the seeds pass through the avian digestive system quickly enough to be deposited, along with a bit of fertilizer, at a new locale.

Mice and squirrels help transport seeds. While some are eaten immediately, many are buried in caches for later use. If the animal forgets the locale or its life ends, a new oak, hickory or butternut

People transport seeds as well. While native to Eurasia, we now grow rice and wheat in this country. Corn and sunflowers, native to the Americas, are grown in Eurasia. Invasive species of plants have spread from the seeds of plants we brought to this country for ornamental purposes. Buckthorn, Oriental bittersweet and barberry are a few examples. Other seeds traveled incognito in the ships of early European settlers. *Taraxacum officinale* was one such stow-away. We know it as the dandelion.

Of the hundreds, perhaps thousands of seeds a plant produces, their chances of germinating or growing to maturity are very slim. Conditions of soil, sunlight and water must be just right. Predators must be few. That's why seeds are so plentiful. It's yet another survival strategy. Watch for the many seed travelers this growing season.





# Hooper Scholarship Program

Something for Everyone

The Hooper Scholarship was established as a trust in the will of George L. Hooper to foster and promote the teaching and learning of agriculture, forestry, botany, conservation, environmental sciences, and the development and improvement of soils. This scholarship is available to all Walpole, NH citizens, regardless of age, who wish to pursue study in these and other closely related fields. Since its inception in 1998, many Walpole students and adult residents have received funding.

By May 15 of each calendar year, applicants for college or graduate coursework scholarships should submit a letter of application outlining accomplishments to date, the proposed program of study for the upcoming year, recent academic transcripts, and household financial information. Applications for workshops or seminars, such as bee keeping, seed saving, cheese making, sustainable agricultural practices, food security, or alternative energies, should submit a letter of application outlining the proposed workshop/seminar, its applicability to support study in appropriate fields, and fee information. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Submit applications to: Chair, The George L. Hooper Scholarship Committee, Walpole Town Hall, P.O. Box 729, Walpole NH. 03608

– Carol Malnati

## FMSF

### Fall Mtn. Scholarship Fund Seeking Guidance from Local Businesses

For years the Fall Mtn. Scholarship Fund (FMSF) has awarded scholarships to Fall Mountain graduates who were continuing their education. In addition to supporting students pursuing traditional four-year colleges, now more than ever, FMSF believes that investing in students who are pursuing technical certificates is an excellent investment for the betterment of local businesses and the local community. The question then being, Which Technical Scholarships will Best Benefit Local Businesses and the Local Economy?

Technical education and resulting certificates provide individuals with specialized skills and knowledge that afford them greater employment opportunities, increased earning potential and bring needed talents to local industries.

Furthermore, people with technical certificates help to attract businesses to the local area as companies are more likely to locate in regions where there is a skilled workforce available, leading to increased job opportunities as well as economic development in our local communities.

“To balance proficiencies with needs, we want to have discussions with business and community leaders on their longer-term employee and skills requirements”, said Peter Berger, FMSF’s recently named Chair of Business and Community Development. “We look forward to raising additional funds and reinvesting the funds into scholarships that build the community. Building a skilled professional workforce will provide greater resources for industries plus greater individual opportunities,” Berger added.

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– Garrison Macri

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miles of maintained roads, 7.44 miles, or just under 13 percent, are dirt. Today, dirt roads are not usually the quagmires of a century or past decades ago, as troubled the 1914 Model T Ford illustrated here. But, not just on the roads, mud season is a way of life off road as well.

In New Hampshire and Vermont, Mud Season generally spans the six-week period between snowmelt in mid-April and Memorial Day. This year the State of New Hampshire announced an early arrival of the season - mid-February. Not something new. Geologists point out the muddy quagmire originated 13,000 years ago when melting glaciers smeared New Hampshire and Vermont's bedrock with a layer of silt and clay. The resulting layer acts more as a sponge than a sieve. Thus, when the sun hits most dirt roads each spring, the melt doesn't seep down or out but instead sits and stews on the surface. It is a natural cycle of the ground thawing out.

Recently on VTDigger, Kevin O'Connor reported, "Brattleboro has installed new signs along its gravel roads that feature not only green, yellow, orange or red advisory labels, but also QR codes that cell-phone users can scan to learn the latest driving conditions on every sloppy,

soggy twist and turn. ... In a state where more than half of all roads are dirt, one might think a municipality could literally just pave over rabbits and ruts. But Vermont's 247 cities and towns, each facing an average of 46 miles of gravel routes, have found asphalt and its maintenance can cost even more."

I don't know about you, but BLUE BELLE (1960 MGA) and I cannot wait to return to Vermont's dirt roads. When the temperature broke last week, we traversed 100 Vermont miles, but only a few of dirt. Next month, if space, I will explain why rocks grow in fields this time of year. Enjoy.

— Ray Boas



## Walpole Fire/EMS

Meet the member: This week, Captain Bryan Wetherby.

*How many years have you been on the department/in the fire service?* 31 years.

*What made you decide to join?*

I Always wanted to be involved. I didn't join until I was 27 because I didn't know how easy it was to join until a friend did. I always had other friends that were involved and never asked them how.

*What is your favorite part of Fire/EMS?*  
Helping the community the best I can.

Bryan is also an AEMT, AHA instructor, Ice rescue instructor, certified diver/water rescue technician. On top of Bryan's many certifications he is also our EMS trainer and instrumental in licensing and renewals.

Last year Bryan made 78% of all of our calls, so chances are if you have ever needed us or seen us working Bryan was most likely there!

— Facebook

**Bryan Wetherby**

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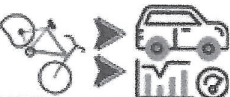


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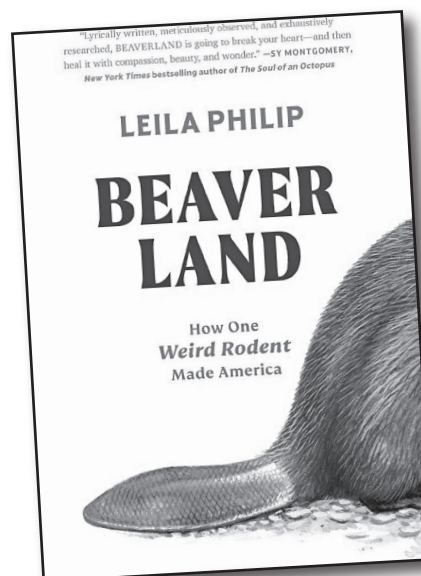
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PAPER	363,840.00 LBS	 You conserved enough energy to charge about <b>74,132,945.76</b> cell phones!
TIRES	6,075.00 LBS	 You conserved the equivalent of about <b>1,275.75</b> pounds of coal being burned!

## Beaverland

Even though surrounded by over 14,000 books, I seldom shout from the rooftop and highly recommend a book that totally stands out. I must make an exception, and urge you to pick up *Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America*, by Leila Philip, published this past December (our library has a copy). Extremely well written, packed with easily presented information and locales I could relate to. I could not put the book down, and hope you will have the same experience.

Philip explains how beavers were almost trapped to extinction, and how they were reintroduced (one state did not realize that instead of two males, a



male and female are needed). Beavers play a vital role in stabilizing our environment. Quietly doing all the things beavers do, they slow water down, store it, clean it, thus helping recharge aquifers, all the while raising the biodiversity of their neighborhood. The wetlands beavers create recycled nutrients and clean water.

Master engineers, beavers intuitively understand dam construction, and how to maintain their dams by hearing the slightest leak and making rapid repairs. Philip creates a total understanding of how they live and work. So much more I could share. I have notes upon notes I made while reading, and plan to read *Beaverland* again, and soon. Do check it out.

– Ray Boas

## All About Dreams

### Causes, Reasons, and More!

Dreams can be weird, fun, and disturbing things! Why do we dream, and what the heck do they mean, anyway?

Dreams are basically stories that our brains create during sleep. Dreams can happen anytime during sleep, but they are most common during the REM (rapid eye movement) stage of sleep. This is when your brain is most active! There are also dreams that are called "Lucid dreams." Your lucid dreams are dreams that occur in between REM sleep and waking up. These are the dreams that you usually remember when you wake up. Some research shows that your lucid dreams come with an EXTRA boost of energy in the parts of your brain that are usually "dormant" during sleep.



Nightmares, a common form of dream, are usually pretty scary or disturbing. Nightmares often come from something you stress about, or a fear. They can also come from recent or past traumatic experiences, illness, emotional problems and more. If you continually have a nightmare, it could be your body trying to tell you something. If you become concerned, talk to someone about it, there's almost always a way to solve the problem. Just remember that your dreams, no matter how scary, almost never happens in real life.

So why exactly do we dream? Researchers have found that some dreams come from mental, emotional, and physical health. Others believe that dreams have no meaning. There is also a theory that if you dream about a person continuously, it may mean that that person is thinking about you.

Some more fun facts about dreams: The name "Ashlyn" means dream, we dream every night but we usually don't know, strange is normal, low stress means happy dreams.

There is so much more to learn about dreams, but that would be a VERY long article! Happy dreaming.

– Savannah Anderson (Grade 6)



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## NBA Playoff Preview

The playoffs promise to be full of drama from start to finish. The Bucks had the best regular season record, but only thanks to one more win than the Celtics. Both those teams will be the favorites to make the Eastern Conference Finals, although the 76ers will have something to say about that and the Cleveland Cavaliers are a young team who could surprise. The defending champions, the Golden State Warriors, will have to get past an exciting Kings team in a tough first round match-up. The Nuggets and Grizzlies are the favorites in the West, but the Phoenix Suns (4th seed) and the 7th-seeded Los Angeles Lakers could pose a threat to their opposition.

The playoffs will run from mid-April until mid-June. All that is left is a series of questions: Can the Warriors repeat their title winning season of last year? Will the Boston Celtics bounce back from their Finals defeat last year to claim their 18th championship and break the all-time record? Could the Kings win it all after over 70 years? Is there a team that will come out of nowhere and shock everyone in the process? All of these will be answered in the next two months. The only question we cannot answer is, will you be watching?

– Elias Tsitonis and Artemis Lakin (Grade 6)

*All eyes are on the ball during the WES Faculty/WVFD game... not an NBA Playoff Preview.*

## Faculty vs WVFD

### Walpole Staff vs. Walpole Fire Department Basketball Game

On Thursday, March 30th, the staff of Walpole Schools played in their annual basketball game against the Walpole Fire Department. The winner would get to keep the coveted trophy for the entire year. The game was a part of Walpole's Screen Free Week which encourages students and family to take a break from the screens and participate in fun activities. The week of events hosted by the Walpole Parent Teacher Group gave the students of Walpole opportunities to attend and participate in events such as Candy Bar Bingo, a dance, and a show involving the Mad Scientist.

The game was competitive throughout, with both teams trading the lead throughout the first three quarters. It all came down to the final seconds as the Walpole Fire Department held on to repeat as the champions. They will hold the trophy for another year. Next year, both teams will compete once again, much to the delight of students and the community of Walpole.

– Perry Lent (Grade 8)



## Social Media's Impact

The internet is a common item on many mobile devices. Some say it corrupts the minds of many minds in the world. Others say it's simply another way to socialize. Mobile devices have been received by younger people each year, in 2023 the average age of a child to receive a cellular device is between age 8 and 12, this is in comparison to 10 years ago, 2013, where 14 to 17 year olds received phones. Since 2020 cyber security has increased immensely.

Social media is a constantly evolving platform of the world and with younger users constantly joining, it has become unsafe. Some of the most popular social media platforms are TicTok, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat, Twitter, and Facebook. All of these platforms people post public photos, personal information and sometimes even location. Now let's get into the real reason writing this article is important.

In 2004, Facebook was introduced. A year later, YouTube was launched in 2005. Next up, Twitter, May 21, 2006. In 2010, Instagram was launched out to the public world, in 2011, Snapchat was next up in the Social Media world. And the most recent one being touched on in this article is Tic Tok, in 2016.



By writing this article, I hope to raise awareness about why your teenager or just someone in general may be acting differently. Social media has many different effects with each of its platforms. Lots of people say that social media is just another way to socialize with friends and family. While this argument is correct and valid, many people use it to do other things. This area of the platform is vast, there are many different impacts, some are beyond what we would think. An example of an impact could be cyberbullying, this impact is very well known unfortunately.

There are many ways this can come up, an example could be: A person posts a picture of themselves on social media, they feel good about themselves, this

is the first time they feel confident in the body they have. A couple of hours, maybe days go by, all seems well, the girl gets comments saying how pretty she was, her friends were being supportive of her. She feels good, until that one comment comes by. The comment reads "Ew, you should go back into hiding, I don't know how you were even brave enough to post that." And then it's left at that. The girl who posted feels awful, she may have no idea who that person is, but it gets to her, it always does. The person who commented feels fine, they don't feel that they have just ruined a single life, they feel safe, all because they can hide behind their screen. You could argue it being the person who posted fault, because they should not take it to heart. That is easier said than done. As said before this is just one single way a person may be affected by social media.

As I close I hope to leave a message about what social media could do to you. If you experience cyberbullying don't be afraid to talk to someone you trust, if you experience any kind of impact, tell people. It's always better instead of keeping it bottled up inside you.

– Keira Doescher (Grade 8)

## Online Scams & Viruses

## How to Avoid Them

In the modern day, online virus spreading and scamming has become more and more accessible to more people around the world. More than 3.4 billion scam emails are sent every day. With the amount of people using the internet in the 21st century, there is a high chance that one of these emails will be sent to you. And if to make things worse, there are many other dangers to look out for.

One of the most reported scam emails state that you have won something expensive, from a phone to a lakehouse. The main rule to follow is if it's too good to be true, it ain't true. Never take a chance. There is an almost definite chance that you will never be given a free iPhone 14 during your lifetime. Whenever you get an even slightly suspicious email, whether it be a giveaway or something else, check; is this reasonable? Do the links in this email look legit? (example: amazon.com versus recoveryappr.net- "recovery-appr" has nothing to do with Amazon)

Website holders get paid big-time to show virus ads on their website. One that is very commonly seen is a popup that says "Download Ready!" This is



one of the most successful methods of virus spreading, as it can easily confuse and trick people that are unaware. This popup is usually found on websites that involve you downloading some type of software. If you are downloading a piece of software off of the internet, make sure you are clicking the correct download button. If you are not sure, hold off on downloading it. You are better off without a ruined computer.

Most people use 3rd-party antivirus software in fear, such as McAfee, and Norton. Though these applications are not as nice as they sound. Sometimes, you will find an antivirus installed on a computer that you just bought. This is because the antivirus paid the computer manufacturer to sell their computers with the antivirus software already installed!

Any 3rd party software that is installed on a brand new computer is called bloatware. One of the largest companies economically supported by bloatware is HP. (Hewlett Packard) HP has reported that every new laptop or desktop computer that you buy will come with bloatware—no exceptions. And even worse, sometimes the bloatware is a virus itself! Some bloatware will be almost impossible to get off your computer, and will ask you to pay them money in varying ways.

If you find a website that looks suspicious, usually you can look up the legitimacy of the website. An example is looking up, "Is recoveryappr.net safe?" More often than not you will come across information stating that a website is unsafe. Doing this simple step can save you thousands of annoying scam notifications.

Computers may seem robust and powerful with all the features that they have nowadays, yet they are still vulnerable to simple attacks. The internet's bad side is far more expansive than the good side—naughty people use scams and viruses to make a living. Whenever you open an internet browser, remember these tips and save your computer!

– Josh Edson (Grade 8)

## About Last Month

Yet another April issue has found its way into the recycling bin, and it's time to fess up about what we invented — in case you couldn't figure it out yourself. First, it's worth mentioning that it seems to be getting harder to find suitable subject matter to spoof. The once-rich field of Walpole "improvements" turned suddenly risky this year given recent ballot issues. And although the national landscape is littered with media and political personalities just begging to be ridiculed, we've tried to avoid stirring the midden of contemporary American political discourse.

Anyway, the Giant Leg Lamp update was as bogus as last year. The E-Nuff app ad is a great idea that doesn't exist. The Did You Know That... nudist camp featuring Seymour Fleisch was too good to be true. Special kudos to Rowan Aube of WES's Newspaper Club for his Goodbye Mickey piece — our first WES April Foolery.

The cows on Main Street (and elsewhere) were very real — so real and docile that one followed me to my car, just inches from my pocket. And, as mentioned, my Liberty Utilities adventure was all-too-real. Hope you enjoyed the issue.

— Jan Kobeski

## Walpole Business Notes

### IGROW: Investment Group of Walpole -

New members are invited to join our investors group that has been active since 1997. The group's purpose is to invest the assets of the partnership solely in public traded equities for the education and benefit of the partners. Monthly meetings are held at the Walpole Library on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM for approximately one hour. New members should have an interest in learning and sharing knowledge about investing. Monthly minimum investment is \$30. Questions and additional information, email Carol Malnati at [carolmalnati@yahoo.com](mailto:carolmalnati@yahoo.com)

Carol Malnati

Your 100 word submission of "Business Notes" is welcome for possible insertion.

## CHESHIRE KIDS

by Erik Doescher



## Gleanings from the Town Minutes

**Selectboard - March 16** - Red Alert: Mr. Dalessio stated he would be speaking with Mark Houghton about the Red Alert notification system, and how people can sign up. Ms. Mayberry commented that she received three different notifications at once from the school during the recent school closures. Mr. Dalessio stated that only people who subscribe would receive the notifications.

**Selectboard - April 6** - Mrs. Peggy Pschirrer has been elected as the new Chair of the Selectboard for the next year.

**Conservation Commission - April 3** - Recreational Trail Program Grant: Wendy Grossman reported that they will get the \$20,000 grant from the state, and expect to receive the contract to sign in early May. Alicia Flammia will write the letter to the Trustees of the Trust Fund to get the previously approved money from the Fanny Mason Funds to meet the 20% matching requirement by the state for this project.



## FROM THE CLARION...

**A sampling of what we've reported in more than 11 years of publication:**

**One Year Ago (May 2022)** – Congratulations to Diane Gallion on her 30th anniversary with Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW). Diane is SBW's longest tenured team member.

**Three Years Ago (May 2020)** – Stay at Home Continues...New Challenges — many articles reported on the impact COVID-19 was making changing our lives.

**Five Years Ago (May 2018)** – A SPECIAL ISSUE reported: D&C Transportation Withdraws Application: No Gas Station! Entrance To Village To Be Preserved And Conserved. Fund raising to purchase and conserve this ten acres with 1,000 feet of Connecticut River frontage began.

**Seven Years Ago (May 2016)** – The Walpole Town Library celebrated its 125th anniversary on May 7th.

**Nine Years Ago (May 2014)** – April 12 was 4-H Day in New Hampshire. 4-H Day is the day when 4-H members compete to win a Blue Ribbon or an overall Room Winner prize. This year's 4-H Day was held at the Walpole Middle School. The categories included action exhibits, posters, demonstrations, public speaking, and photography.

**Eleven Years Ago (May 2012)** - On April 22nd, Walpole lost its oldest resident, the youthful and vibrant Nathalie Nelson. She would have been 99 this coming December.



# MILESTONES

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Eric V. Merklein

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## Reader Commentary

### WVS Thank You

The Walpole Village School wants to say a big "Thank You" to the community for attending and contributing to our annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, held on April 2, 2023, at the Walpole Town Hall. It was especially exciting as it was the first event since our property was sold to the Walpole Foundation and is an expression of our commitment to continue to serve the community going forward as our new school building planning process commences.

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to all the staff, volunteers and local business sponsors who helped make the Pancake Breakfast such a success.

We would also like to take this an opportunity to say "Thank You" to Attorney Robert Kasper who has provided many years of service to the Walpole Village School pro bono. Rob has assisted us in many ways, some small but important efforts, and some larger, more significant. We would not be as strong without his guidance and assistance. Rob also represented the WVS in the closing for our recent sale to the Walpole Foundation.

Once again, a very big and sincere "Thank You" to all who attended the Pancake Breakfast and contributed to its success!

— Walpole Village School Board

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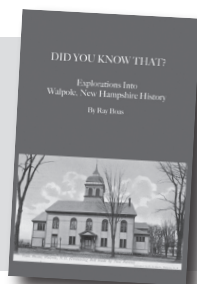
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### PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Back on my porch writing this on a warming day, I am having a hard time comprehending that 2023 is now a third of the way through - it just started. But making it easier to comprehend are the outdoor activities and upcoming events to be found on this month's twenty pages. It has been a while since enough was happening to require twenty pages - maybe the page has been turned (sorry, could not resist), and COVID-stalled activities are bursting forth with the flowers and leaves on the trees. Hooper camps are taking registrations, trail and birding walks are offered, and the walking group is welcoming all to join.

Peggy again reminds us of the power and accomplishments of Walpole volunteers. It is what makes a small diverse community run, and run well with all the talented, willing and dedicated residents to chip in and help with what interests them. There would be no Memorial Day Parade without volunteers, no fund-raising events, no groomed snow mobile trails, no plays, and no young 4-H members doing so much for the community, again bringing a smile on my face, when they stopped with some "Valentines Day cheer." Thank you again.

I was thrilled when Phil Rogers contacted me with memories of The Green Lantern Restaurant. It is important that our unique history be documented and preserved. Phil promises me some more tidbits, but if you also have a memory or image to share, I would love to hear from you. Enjoy getting outdoors, and stay well.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

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***Cub Scout Pack 299's Easter Egg Hunt about to begin. The Pack wishes to thank everyone that made the annual Easter Egg Hunt a huge success, including the Walpole Creamery for its donations. And a special thank you to the gentleman who made a monetary donation. – Debbie Pawelczyk, Cub Scout Committee Chair***

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