

St. John's Reaches Out

From Peggy's Desk

Each week I receive an email from Congressman Ann Kuster. This week she announced is National Police Week (May 14-20). Congress, by joint resolution, approved on June 21, 1961, designated May 13-19, 1962, Police Week. And May 14 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of Federal, State, and municipal peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. This year, Peace Officers Memorial Day was May 15, 2023. Ironically, our local Police Committee met that evening at Town Hall to continue our work toward a new Police Station. I am not sure any of us knew it was National Police Week.

The US Census Bureau reports that in 2020-2021, the US had 712,112 police officers with powers of arrest. Locally, in Walpole, we have a chief and four officers. There is one opening for another officer. We are in the process of searching for part-time officers because, at this point, we have none. Part-timers are an essential part of the Police Department because they can provide relief for the full-time officers.

The Police Committee has made Power Point presentations for the Women of Walpole and the Grange. A public meeting will be scheduled for the month of August in Town Hall. The Committee is searching for an appropriate location of approximately three acres of land on Route 12 and has sent RFPs to several architectural firms in the State to determine interest in designing a new building.

In the month of April our Police Department had 385 calls, down from

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The sign that the soldiers are holding says: Thank You Friends from Walpole, NH and "Slavia Ukraini!" (Glory to Ukraine)}

Ukrainian Outreach Project

The folks at St. John's Church raised money, supplemented by contributions from the United Congregational Church, to send care packages to soldiers on the eastern front of Ukraine. The project originated with a request from a local Ukrainian woman, Sophia Sushailo, to provide needed items specified by her physician father living in western Ukraine. The items requested and sent were Mylar aluminum blankets (to protect from cold and rain), wool socks, specialized corded ear plugs (to deaden sound), as well as vitamins and pain medications.

Sophia gave a presentation about Ukrainewithcurrentpicturesofherhome-land. She introduced us to Petrykivka decorative painting, a Ukrainian folk art form native to a region in southeast Ukraine. All children from this area are trained in this art form. This style of painting is on the UNESCO Intangible

Cultural Heritage List. The congregation spent a coffee hour stuffing socks with compact blankets, ear buds, energy bars, replicas of the Ukrainian flag and handwritten notes. Several folks went home with genuine Petrykivka art providing some cash for the civilians living in the southwest. The two large boxes filled with the 100 pairs of stuffed socks and bottles of medicine had a long journey by ship, arriving several weeks later. We received photos of the soldiers in return. We plan to send more supplies with remaining funds.

— Marilyn Wilking



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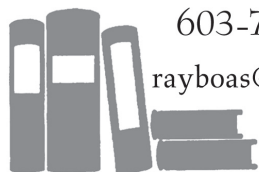
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The Walpole Fountain

And Pinnacleview 4-H

Do you know the connection between the Fountain in Walpole and the Pinnacleview 4-H Club? The fountain was an early part of the community, mostly used to water horses. The people of the town and the people travelling through could use it. The fountain was built to look like a lion spewing water into the basin. Sadly, over many years of rough weather, the fountain needed repair.

In 1984, for Old Home Days, Peggy Graves and Betty Prentiss from Walpole organized the community to raise money and repair the fountain. They installed a flower garden around the base of the fountain, and then the Pinnacleview 4-H club began to plant the flowers and tend the garden as a community service project. The fountain has been tended by other club leaders like Cindy Westover. When George Gage was serving on the town's selectboard, he suggested that the 4-H Club could establish flower beds along the walkways of the town hall. And so, even today, the Pinnacleview 4-H Club serves the Walpole Community by tending these gardens twice a year, spring and fall.

Pinnacleview 4-H has other community service projects. The members of this 4-H Club mostly are learning about Leadership, Community Service, and Dairy Science.

If you would like more information about 4-H in Cheshire County, please contact the UNH Cooperative Extension at 603-352-4550

— Ashlynn Smith

Hooper Institute

Educator Wanted

The Hooper Institute is looking for a talented and creative educator to teach farming, environmental science, botany, forestry and soils in the pre-K through grade four classes of the Walpole Area Schools. The school gardens and grounds with nearby woods are our outdoor science classrooms. This is a part-time school year position that includes leading a two-week summer morning camp, participating in seasonal special events and assisting with marketing and fundraising on behalf of the Hooper Institute. The position is funded by the Hooper Institute and the Hooper Trust in Walpole, NH

All inquiries to Helen Dalbeck via hoo-perinstitute@myfairpoint.net, or call 603-756-4382

Thanks everyone! Spread the word.

— Helen Dalbeck

NH Gives

Walpole Nonprofits Are Gearing Up for NH Gives

NH Gives – an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits – is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits, and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector. For many nonprofit organizations across the Granite State, it's their biggest (and in some cases only!) fundraising event of the year. The 2023 fund drive will take place from 5:00 PM on June 6 to 5:00 PM on June 7.

If you're able to make a donation, and you'd like your dollars to support a cause close to home, there are two Walpole-based 501(c)3 organizations participating this year — the Walpole Village School and Friends of Distant Hill. Donations to the Walpole Village School will help support in-class enrichment activities and field trips, and may also help subsidize the school's sliding scale tuition fees, which make it possible for families of all income levels to attend the school. Donations to the Friends of Distant Hill will support the construction of ½ mile of brand new stroller- and wheelchair-accessible trails, as well as the site clearing and pouring of a foundation for the new outdoor learning pavilion at Distant Hill Nature Trail, which will be able to host environmental education events, nature-based playgroups, community gatherings, and more.

So mark your calendars for NH Gives on June 6 and 7, and thanks in advance for considering supporting one (or both) of these fantastic local organizations!

— Sarah Mann

Student of the Month

The Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund is proud to Announce Junior, Andrew Byrnes, of Walpole, was selected as the FMRHS Career and Technology Education Center (CTE) Student of the month for May 2023. He is the son of Catherine and John Byrnes.

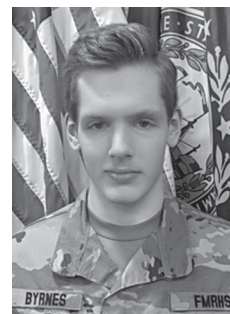


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Andrew is a cadet in the JROTC program. His current rank is Cadet Command Sergeant Major. This year, he served as the Team Captain for the Drill Team, Marksmanship Team, and Raider Team.

— Rich Nalevanko

The Walpole Foundation

The Moover Bus Route – a schedule has been posted on the Moover Bus sign located at the Savings Bank of Walpole on Westminster Street. Route maps have been distributed to Mascoma Bank, Savings Bank of Walpole on Westminster Street and the Town Hall. The pamphlet shows all the routes that they travel plus regional connections. Did you know that the Moover Bus has a bicycle rack on the front of the bus? It's a great way to get to that favorite bike route! The drivers are very friendly and accommodating. The website, moover.com, has a wealth of information about the bus and where they go.

– Bert Wiemers

Age in Motion

Age in Motion, or AIM, is an exercise program for seniors. The program began in February and participants have decided that they want to continue meeting during the summer months. Classes are held at the Town Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. All seniors 50 and older are welcome. Just show up and sign up for the classes. Our terrific instructor is Janet Chamberlain. There is \$3.00 fee for each class.

– Marilou Blaine

Writing It Down

Writing It Down, an amateur writing group, meets the third Saturday of every month, from 10:00 AM to noon, at the Walpole Town Library, and we encourage you to join us and share your stories. Perhaps you want to preserve your memories for your family and friends, or perhaps just to entertain yourself. Members have written about first dates, learning to cook, first jobs, their youth, heart-break, happiness, grief, embarrassment, health, and stories they heard from their grandparents. Whether you have written before or if this will be your first attempt, we welcome you. You can also come just to listen. There is no need to sign up, just join us.

– Stephen Stefanko

Benefit Concert

The Walt Sayre Orchestra will present a concert on the common in Walpole on Sunday June 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This concert is sponsored by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Walpole. The boys will be selling refreshments, including hot dogs and pie, and a collection will be taken during intermission to help support Scout activities.

– Judy Northcott

Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole met on May 17 and enjoyed a presentation by Ginnett Groom on Qigong, an ancient Chinese health system that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques, and focused intention.

WOW also reelected officers and welcomed Robin Sanctuary as our new Vice President.

On June 21, we conclude our 2022-2023 season with a picnic at the farm of Carol Malnati. This will be potluck lunch, so mark your calendars to join us on June 21 at 12:30 pm.

WOW welcomes any woman working or living in Walpole to attend this and any future meeting. Look for WOW to resume meetings in September. We wish everyone a sunny relaxing summer.

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

– Susan Johnson

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

- **Bible Study** will be on summer hiatus from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

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Community Comes Together to Care for Distant Hill

Distant Hill Nature Trail is an absolute local treasure, and such a gift to our community. With the wonder of the storybook pages placed like breadcrumbs along the winding, welcoming trails and the endless delights of the natural play space, the bog walk, the water pump, and more, my kids and I idle away hours upon hours in those wonderful woods, enjoying the unique delights brought by each season.

That's why when Michael Nerrie, owner of Distant Hill, announced the first annual Family Work Day this past April, my husband and I were quick to sign up. On a brisk Earth Day morning, we showed up, tools in hand, and met up with families and nature-lovers from all around the area to help take care of this beloved free resource. Over the course of two weekends, volunteers cleaned up the trails and play spaces, fixed up some key features, and installed two new elements in

the play area — a slackline for balance training and a spider-web net for climbing. It was so meaningful to spend those mornings working and playing alongside friends and neighbors, giving back to a place that gives so much, so freely, to all of us all year round.

Whether you've never heard of Distant Hill, you haven't been in ages, or you're regulars like my kiddos, I hope the return of warm weather inspires you to come out and see what's new! And if you want to do your part to support Distant Hill, look for the article on NH Gives in this edition of the Walpole Clarion. Happy trails!

— Sarah Mann

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417 in the month of March. Criminal investigations and motor vehicle calls were down in April. There were fewer automobile accidents and fewer crimes against people. Public safety calls were up which consists of emergency calls and assisting citizens.

May is the month our lower electric costs kicked in. As members of CPCNH, our rates for electricity dropped to 15.8 cents per kilowatt rather than 22 cents per kilowatt. In Walpole only four households opted out; One thousand six hundred sixty-nine (1,669) opted in. The Power Committee is still working on a solar system for the Recycling Center and the potential for a community solar field.

Work will soon begin on Middle Street to repair our water and sewer lines. Residents of Middle Street have been contacted individually. Everyone should be alert for traffic changes. The work is anticipated to be finished by June.

Summer is around the corner; summer concerts on the Common begin soon.

New pickle ball courts are in place; the pool work is nearly complete, and we are on the downside of completing the Brownfield cleanup. Enjoy the tulips still in bloom and look forward to summer gardens. 'Til next month.

– Peggy Pschirrer



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HOT Day

Help Our Trails Day Wrap-up

Help Our Trails (HOT) Day was a great success for Walpole! Twenty-seven volunteers turned out on April 29 for this event sponsored by the Walpole Trail Committee. After coffee and donuts at Town Hall, the volunteers spread out in small teams to the trails at Mill Pond Sanctuary, Fanny Mason Forest, Reservoir Town Forest, and the Cheshire Rail Trail. Armed with loppers, saws and other tools, they clipped back vegetation, cut and cleared fallen branches and trees, filled in holes, and hauled out litter. Many continued doing trail work even after it began to rain.

Many thanks to all the Help Our Trails Day volunteers. Special thanks to the other Trail Committee members who led work teams and helped in other ways.

The efforts of these volunteers did indeed help our trails get in better condition! We encourage everyone to go out and enjoy Walpole's trails.

– Wendy Grossman & Kara Dexter

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The Walpole Players

Who would have thought that Wabasha, Minnesota could be so entertaining. Great fishing and first-rate snowmobiling certainly, but decades-old grudges, leavened with romantic rivalry, and spiced by a predatory IRS agent... who knew? Four well-satisfied audiences, actually. The Walpole Players production of *Grumpy Old Men, The Musical* took its final curtain on May 20 after four full houses — for the performance on the 19th folks had to be turned away. Those who were able to attend were not disappointed.

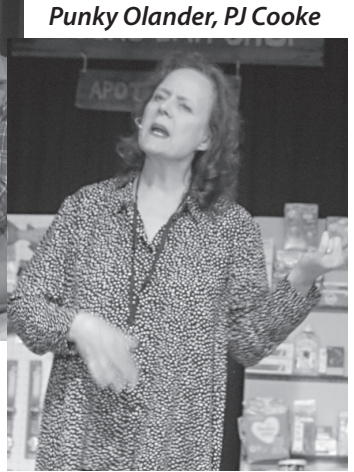
This musical version of the 90s film featured a core of veteran Walpole Players plus a contingent of first-time Players from other regional theater groups. Barbara Kasper directed, with piano and percussion accompaniment by Walt Sayre and Glen D'Eon respectively. The company's energy level was high throughout, particularly during the musical numbers; the humor of the situations, dialogue and sight gags was not lost on the audience.

— Jan Kobeski

IRS agent Snyder, Sarah Manning



Two Grumpy guys and friend: Kevin Royce, Ray Mahoney and Rob Gray



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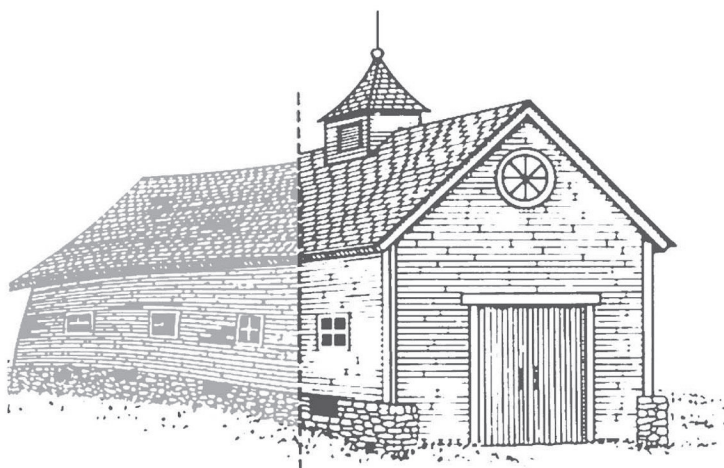
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Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...Penny, with an outburst

while in a Vermont courtroom in the early 19th century, stopped the proceedings, garnering laughter, and causing the defense attorney, "crestfallen and dumbfounded," to sink back in his seat, never completing his plea?

One hundred years ago, a marble plaque inscribed "To Our Gentle, Kind and Faithful Penny" could be seen attached to the southeast corner of the Bradley Tomb in the old Westminster, Vermont, cemetery adjacent to the memorial to the martyrs of the 1775 Westminster Massacre (see DYKT August 2013 CLARION). Originally, when Penny died, the memorial stone was erected at a little mound in the front yard of the Bradley homestead which remains still on Westminster's grand street at the north corner where School Street intersects. Penny, a dog, was the much loved and inseparable companion of the Honorable William Czar Bradley (1782-1867) of Westminster, Vermont, who, as a leading Vermont lawyer, had his law office just north of the homestead (see DYKT August 2019 CLARION). Visiting the tomb in May 2023, I could see no trace of the marble plaque where it was reported to be - but that report is from 100 years ago.

Much of the Rockingham, Vermont, area history would have been lost if not captured by Lyman Simpson Hayes (1850-1934). Besides writing the definitive HISTORY OF ROCKINGHAM 1753-1907, in 1898 he began a series of historical sketches in Brattleboro's VERMONT PHOENIX. Later Hayes arranged with the editor of the BELLOW FALLS TIMES to run a similar series in the TIMES, and 111 articles were published up until a few years before Hayes' death.

The courtroom incident of Penny is best related in Hayes' own words. "The late judge Daniel Kellogg of Westminster, a descendant, used to tell of the dog frequently accompanying Mr. Bradley into the courtroom. On one of these occasions, when Mr. Bradley had made one of his eloquent pleas, he took a seat and as usual little Penny jumped into his master's lap. His opponent, desirous of displaying his forensic ability, commenced his reply in a loud voice and with wild gesticulations. Then little Penny from his seat in his master's lap became interested evidently in the discussion and commenced to furious barking. The old

back crestfallen and dumbfounded. He never completed his plea."

William Czar Bradley commenced his law practice in Westminster in 1802, building his little historic law office some-

time between then and 1810. He was the son of Stephen Rowe Bradley (1754-1830), who was also a lawyer. Stephen Rowe moved to Walpole in 1817, from the ancestral home, purchasing his new home from David Stone located on the south side of Westminster Street at the top of Depot Hill. Bradley's heirs sold in 1833. Eighty years later, in



Above: Bradley Tomb showing empty space in southeast corners (lower left).

Right: Bradley home at corner of School Street and US Route 5.



orator patted the little dog on his head and said in a voice loud enough to be heard all over the courtroom, "Hist! Hist! Penny, only one dog at a time." Suppressed laughter from the bar filled the courtroom, and even a broad smile illuminated the countenance of the dignified judge, while the young lawyer sat

1913, the home returned to the family when Bradley's great-great-grandson Henry Kellogg Willard (1856-1926), of Washington, DC, purchased the home. Known as the Stephen Rowe Bradley House, the house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

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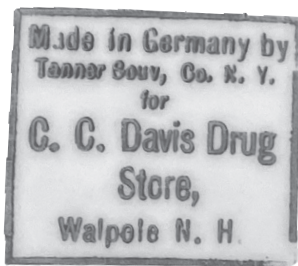
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Souvenir China

Walpole Collectibles

The word "souvenir" literally means "to come to mind." A souvenir is a keepsake which serves as a reminder of a place, person, or an occasion. German-made scenic China served as souvenirs captivating Americans between 1890 and the 1930s. The images on these pieces provide their collectability. Some collections can be of town scenes, and I have been able to amass a large Walpole collection, adding two pieces just this past week.



These hard paste, white-based porcelain items were produced in Germany or Austria with engraved scenes. The scenes, or decorations, were usually transferred or painted onto the porcelain. Engravers created the scenes, then printed onto sheets to be cut. These decals were rubbed or burnished onto the undecorated piece prior to firing. Black line images were easiest, but color images were created by hand-painting before the transfer.

The McKinley Tariff Act of 1891 added something to their popularity. The Act required that country of origin be shown on imported items. A smart marketing feature was created, and the manufacturer/importers could include the selling merchant's name and location on the souvenir at no additional cost. Plates, dishes, and cups are the most common items, but I have many unique shapes featuring Walpole scenes. Most Walpole pieces are back-stamped C. C. Davis Drug Store, Walpole, N.H. I will share more of these pieces here as space permits.

– Ray Boas



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• **Update on our new front door:** installation is tentatively scheduled for June 7-14. Exact dates will be posted on our website and in the library newsletter as they become available. The North Walpole Branch will be open expanded hours while the Main Library is closed. Curbside pickup will be available as well.

• **Museum Passes** The library offers a selection of Museum Passes for Walpole library cardholders to borrow. You can check out any of the following passes (subject to availability):

- American Precision Museum
- Bandwagon Series
- The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center
- The Currier Museum of Art
- The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
- The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens
- Mass MOCA
- The Montshire Museum of Science
- Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS)

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For Teens and Adults:

When you sign up you will receive a canvas library tote bag. For each book you read, you will earn a raffle ticket towards fun prizes.

• Special Summer Programs:

Adult Author Talk with Edward Di Gangi, Thursday, June 22, 5 PM, Main Library

Kids Author Visit with Steve Swinburne, Wednesday, June 28, 10 AM, Main Library

Grafton Nature Museum, Thursdays 1 PM, June 29-August 10, Main Library

Wiggle Time, Mondays at 10 AM, Main Library, *Outside Weather Permitting*

Story Time, Wednesdays at 10 AM and 5:30 PM, Main Library, *Outside Weather Permitting*

Teddy Bear Parade, Saturday, July 15, 11 AM, Distant Hill Nature Trail

Adult Author Talk with Ryan Bernsten, Monday, July 24, 5 PM, Main Library

Family Concert with Lisa Nichols, July 29, 10:30 AM, Main Library

For more information on all of our programs, please call us at 603-756-9806 or check our website: walpoletownlibrary.org.

Friends of the Library Plant Sale

Just a reminder that the Friends of the Walpole Library Plant Sale continues on at the Walpole Reuse Center, and runs throughout the growing season. We are still looking for plants that you would like to donate to the sale. Please label them and bring them to the Reuse Center Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8am to 4pm. 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 pe-

rennials 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 garden this summer, please remember to stop by the Reuse Center to shop for new plants. Our inventory is ever changing, so check it out often.

Also, it is not too early to be collecting books that you would like to donate to our fall book sale. More about that later. Your ongoing support of the library is greatly appreciated!

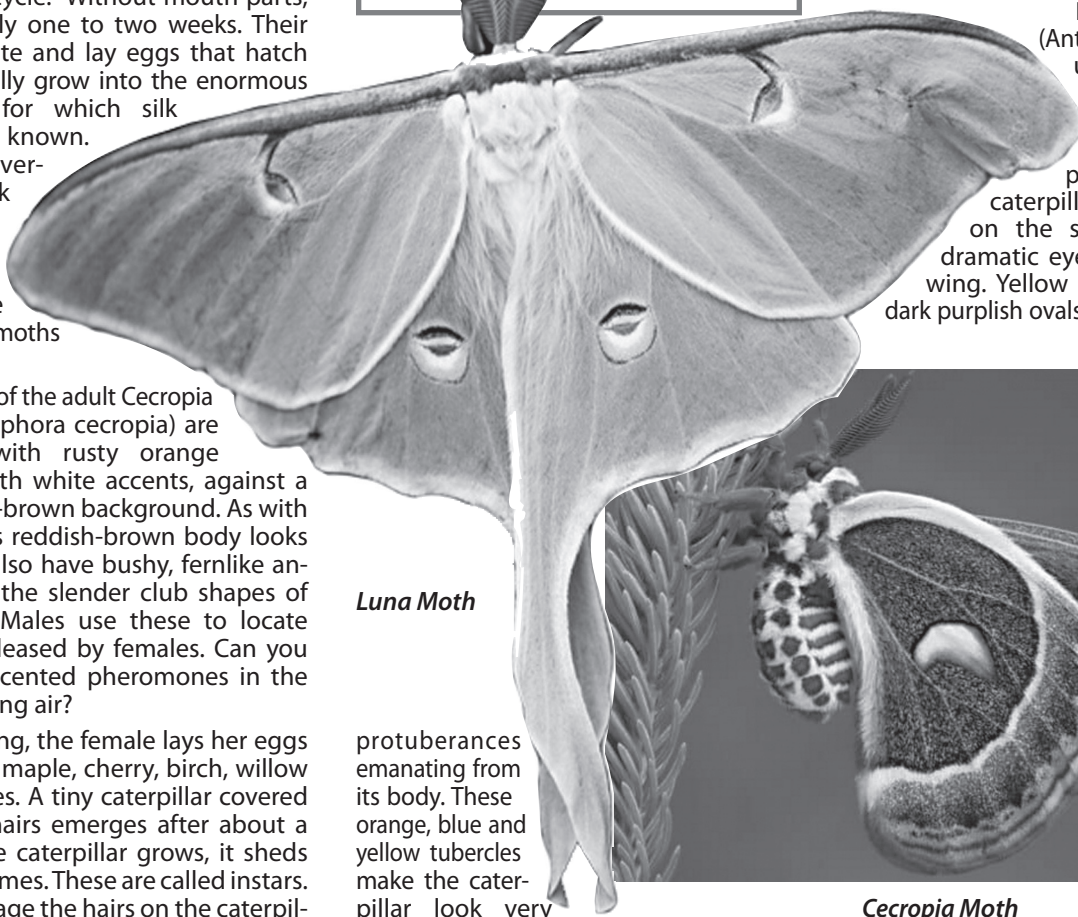
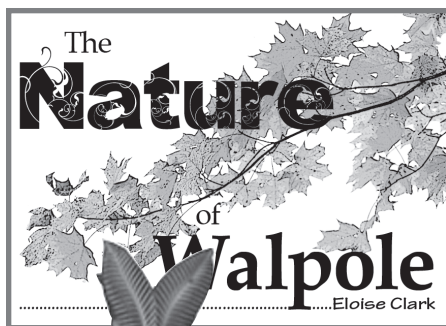
– Jana Sellarole

June is a most magical month—strong sunlight, lingering twilight, soft evening air punctuated with firefly sparkles. There's even a chance to see a giant silk moth. Whether it's a Cecropia, Luna or Polyphemus moth, these animals dazzle us with their huge body size and impressive wingspans of four to as much as six inches!

The adults we see are nearing the end of their life cycle. Without mouth parts, they live only one to two weeks. Their job is to mate and lay eggs that hatch and eventually grow into the enormous caterpillars for which silk moths are known. These then overwinter in silk cocoons as pupa and emerge next year as the magnificent moths we see.

The wings of the adult Cecropia moth (*Hyalophora cecropia*) are patterned with rusty orange crescents with white accents, against a dark grayish-brown background. As with all moths, its reddish-brown body looks hairy. They also have bushy, fernlike antennae, not the slender club shapes of a butterfly. Males use these to locate the smell released by females. Can you detect her scented pheromones in the humid evening air?

After mating, the female lays her eggs on leaves of maple, cherry, birch, willow or apple trees. A tiny caterpillar covered with black hairs emerges after about a week. As the caterpillar grows, it sheds its skin five times. These are called instars. With each stage the hairs on the caterpillar disappear to reveal a vivid lime green color. By the final instar it turns bluish-green. This 4" long creature has colorful



Luna Moth

protuberances emanating from its body. These orange, blue and yellow tubercles make the caterpillar look very festive.

In autumn, a cocoon is spun on a nearby branch. This dark brown leathery pouch is made of three different densities of silk that shed water but is still breathable. After ten days in its chamber, the caterpillar metamorphoses into a pupa, where it lies dormant for the next ten months. If it can survive the gauntlet of predators such as squirrels, mice and parasitoid flies and wasps, it will emerge in spring. The new adult must pump fluid from its abdomen to its crumpled wings. Once the wings are inflated, they must dry and harden before the magnificent moth can fly.

Most people are familiar with Luna moths (*Actias luna*). Their pale green col-

oring and large size are hard to miss. The adults lay their eggs on host plants that include paper birch, hickory, maple and sumac in our area. The final instar migrates to the ground to spin its single-layered silk cocoon. Unlike other silk moths the hind wings of Luna moths are long and tapered. Experiments have shown this disrupts the echolocation of bats, making this moth more difficult to capture at night.

Polyphemus moths (*Antheraea polyphemus*) undergo a similar life cycle. Elm trees, birch, willow and oak serve as host plants for these green caterpillars with silver spots on the sides. They have a dramatic eyespot on each hind wing. Yellow spots contrast with dark purplish ovals that surround them.

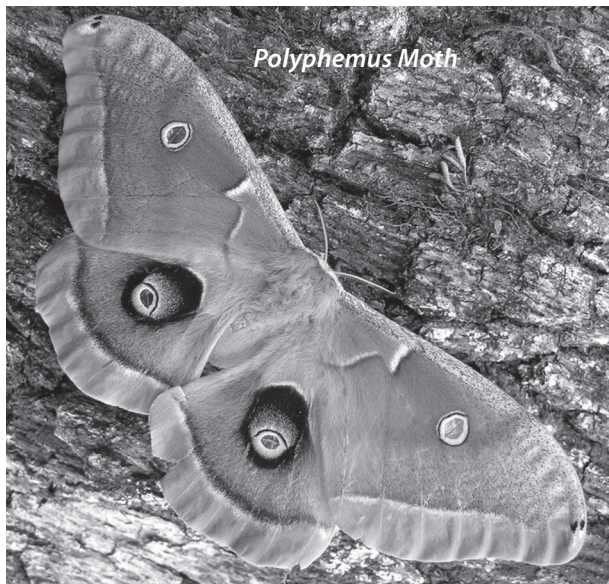


Cecropia Moth

It is thought these "eyes" mimic the eyes of owls. This may startle avian predators, giving the moths a chance to escape. Other silk moths also have patterns of spots on their wings, also thought to be defensive coloration.

Sometimes, I'll find just a pair of wings. That, of course, indicates a predator has consumed the nutritious body of the moth. Bats along with the tiny sawwhet owl and screech owl will hunt moths at night.

Compsilura concinnata, a tachinid fly, has really impacted the numbers of giant silk moths. It was introduced from Europe to control the spongy moth (formerly gypsy moth). Unfortunately, its larva has also found a delicious meal in giant silk moth caterpillars. Finding one of these beauties has become a rare, but very treasured experience. Listen for the flutter of moth wings this month.



Polyphemus Moth

Trash Talk

An educational smorgasbord
of everything trashy
From the Recycling Center

Spring cleaning traffic at the Recycling Center is picking up, and we are excited to welcome the public and their recyclables this summer. Much is happening at Walpole Recycling between facility projects, Reuse Center events featuring NYC artist Michael Albert, a battle of the bands recycling concert, and the unknown "trash treasure" that you might come across at our "trashy-prestigious" Reuse Center.

Some people prefer to stay away from the crowds on Tuesday or Thursday at Walpole Recycling, but many find enjoyment in immersing themselves fully into the controlled chaos that is recycling on a Saturday. Many of our staff, volunteers, and members of the public have expressed the fun that they have had in conversing with other members of the public attending Walpole Recycling. You will often find a smile on the face of those recycling, and those processing recycling on any given Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday at Walpole recycling. Please be advised that we do have an active karaoke machine, and Tom is not the only person permitted to use the machine.

Remember to follow the one-way flow of traffic at our recycling center, use only yellow Walpole trash bags for your waste, recycle as much as you can, and take advantage of household hazardous waste days at the top of the hill at Keene Recycling Center on Route 12. You can bring up to 10 gallons of hazardous waste for each visit. We do accept used oil at Walpole Recycling to help keep our building warm in the winter.

Antifreeze, cleaning chemicals, and oil-based paints need to be brought to Keene recycling center during household hazardous waste drop off times for Walpole residents. I once had a resident bring a jar of recalled contaminated JIF peanut butter to household hazardous waste days. When in doubt as to the hazardous nature of an item, just give the good folks at Walpole Recycling a jingle at (603) 445-5197, or bring the item directly to hazardous waste days in Keene. The town of Walpole covers the cost of using the hazardous waste day service, just show the Keene scale house operator your Walpole identification.

Excellent, that about wraps 'er all up for this episode of Trash Talk. Keep up the good work, have a fun summer, and keep recycling Walpole!

- Ben Hoy



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The Michael Albert reuse craft show at Walpole Recycling.

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Fenway Park

STEM Day 2023

On April 20th, the eighth grade class traveled to Fenway Park to participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) day and watch a Red Sox vs Minnesota Twins baseball game. The students had to arrive at the school by 5:50 AM and depart by 6:00.

We got to Boston at about 9:30, and we walked around to some different STEM stations around the park. After participating in a few activities, everybody got seated and ready to watch the egg drop. A few Walpole students built a device to drop an egg off of the Green Monster. The box had to be under 20cm, and there could be no parachute or air resistance devices attached to the box. The egg was dropped off of the 11 meter tall building and survived!



After the egg drop, some of the station leaders did presentations on a bunch of different things. One group did a Bernoulli's Principle presentation. During that, they had us all blow over a small sheet of paper and watch it float. They also had some kids throw bean bags at a ball floating over a leaf blower to try to knock it off. The last thing they did was put Mentos in different types of soda so that we could watch it explode.

Another group did a lego battle. They had lego "propellers" hooked up to a motor so that they spun. Two kids would build a structure around it and battle until one creation fell off the table.

There was also a Boston 25 News presentation where they talked about what it was like being a meteorologist.

After the presentations, we all found our seats for the game itself and ate lunch. We watched the teams warm up, and then we watched them play! The Red Sox won 11-5, and then we left the park to head back home! The trip was a lot of fun, we all came home with smiles and sunburns.

Thunder Chickens

The Thunder Chickens is a club that motivates younger kids to stay active throughout the month of March. They strive to teach students how to work hard to achieve the feeling of satisfaction. This method could also ignite a passion for running and pushing yourself. The teachers and staff of North Walpole School started and run the club.

The group recently ran a 5k. The race took place at Central Elementary School Bellows Falls VT. From various sources around the Walpole Elementary School, I discovered that students younger siblings that participated in the race had a wonderful time. Even through the rain they kept on running and pushing themselves.

The club prepared for the race by meeting every Monday and Wednesday at the Common. The kids ran laps around the Common and earned foot tokens for the number of laps they ran. This is a very good method of rewarding the kids but still continuing to motivate them.

The Thunder Chickens will continue to provide a fun and encouraging environment for kids who want to be active and have fun. This club will continue to prepare for more races in the future. Hopefully the Thunder Chickens will continue to gain new members and receive support from the community.

– Addie Fuller (Grade 7)



Women's Suffrage

Many today still do not know what the Women's Suffrage Movement is. In fact, it was a very important period in history that gave women the right to vote. It is saddening to accept the fact that women were not allowed to vote until the 19th Amendment was passed in the August of 1920.

This issue wasn't solved in a day of protesting, though. In fact, it took 100 years of protesting, marches and speeches to finally win passage of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution. Susan B. Anthony, the woman who started this cause, was born on February 15, 1820, in Adams, MA. Anthony was a social reformer, and played a huge part in the Women's Suffrage Movement. At the age of 17, she also participated in the collecting of anti-slavery petitions.

Though many people believed it was improper for women to give speeches in public, she stayed strong and continued to do what she believed in. She became a very successful leader, and gave many passionate speeches against slavery. Susan B. Anthony led many marches, and led women into a future of success, empowerment, and made them feel empowered to continue advocating for their rights, no matter what. Susan B. Anthony passed on March 13, 1906, in Rochester, NY. Her legacy is celebrated every year on February 15.

"Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less." – Susan B. Anthony

– Sophia D'Alessandro (Grade 8)

WES Girls Softball

Mellisa Westover and Julie Jones are coaching the girls softball season this 2023 season. The team has 15 girls altogether. They have three catchers, Violet Colburn, Liv Tucker, and Avery Richardson. So far, there are four pitchers, Violet Walz, Luna Loch, Taylor Latham, and Amelia Richardson. The rest of the team rotates around playing different positions. They have played four games so far this year. They came close to winning their games, but sadly fell short by a few points. In last week's Walpole vs Hinsdale game, the WES team entered the last inning 3-16, but gained nine runs and ended with a final score of 12-16. It was a tough game, but the girls persevered and brought the score up by many points.

Amelia Blaine and Violet Colburn both got a home run in their second game. All of the pitchers have struck someone out in their games so far this year.

— Violet Walz & Avery Richardson (Grade 8)

WES Boys Baseball

The boys baseball team this year has a total of 11 players. Including our 8th graders Avery Bierweiler-Franks, Carson Bruzgis, Perry Lent, Alex Colburn, Keeghan White, our 7th graders, Joseph Paulette, Rowan Aube, Riley Marquay, Mason Broe, Matt Northcott, and a 6th grader, Ethan Elliot. Keeghan pitches, catches and plays first, Mason plays first, catches, and pitches, Avery plays third, Carson plays shortstop, Perry plays first base and outfield, Alex plays third and outfield, Rowan pitches and plays outfield, Riley plays second and outfield, Matt plays outfield and pitches and Ethan plays outfield. We mainly play at Hubbard Park but travel at some times to play different teams. Currently, the team is 0-3 but the team remains competitive as they take on different and challenging teams.

The team has gotten good pitching from Keeghan, Rowan, Matt, and Mason and big hits from the rest of the team. There is about 1 month left in the season and the boys will continue to work on skills and improve as a whole.

— Perry Lent (Grade 8)

Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was a famous aviatrix. We know her as someone who once took off and was never found again. Whenever I hear her name I think of that flight because of stories I've been told, but I don't even know how old she was when she began, that is why, in this article we learn who that woman who soared through the sky really was.

Amelia Mary Earhart was born on July 24, 1897 in Atchison Kansas. Her father was a railroad lawyer, and her mother came from a very fortunate family. As a child, Earhart was adventurous, and spent the majority of her time outside and displayed an independent nature which she later became known for. At the age of 14, Earhart's grandparents died and her family fell into a financial struggle and her father began to drink. Shortly later, the Earharts moved again. Amelia Earhart completed high school in Chicago in 1916.

A little while later Earhart's mother received her inheritance and Amelia began at Ogontz School in Rydal, Pennsylvania. However, after visiting her sister in Canada, Amelia started a new interest in caring for WW1 soldiers. In 1918 she left her Junior College and started as a nurse in Toronto.

While a Red Cross nurse in Toronto, Earhart attended her first flying expedition in 1918. She took her first flight in 1920, "As soon as we left the ground, I knew I myself had to fly. She was given the flight by Pilot Frank Hawk. In 1921 Amelia took her first flying lesson. In 1922, Earhart received her first plane, a Kinner Airster.

After she received her pilot license, promoters looked for an aviatrix to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1928, it was decided that Earhart was the one for the job. She departed on June 17, 1928, and returned on June 18, 1928. Earhart returned as an international celebrity. She wrote about her flight: in total, it was 20 hours and 40 minutes long. She began a lecturing tour across the entire United States. Her publicity was controlled by George Palmer Putnam, who she later married.

— Keira Doescher, (Grade 8)



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Metal Music Surge

Heavy Metal Is Back.

As many music genres do, much of the original music that had been made up of heavy metal in the 80's have died down. In the 90's, it was replaced with grunge and alternative rock. However, ever since the pandemic of Covid-19, there has been a recent uprise in heavy metal. Many metal bands such as Mötley Crüe, Metallica, and Judas Priest have started touring again, causing a surge in the popularity of heavy metal music.

So what caused this surge in popularity? Some may argue that people rediscovered heavy metal on their own time while others may argue that bands reunited due to lack of communication during the pandemic. Other people may argue that those who were around during "the time of heavy metal" in the 80's have been teaching others the metal roots to grunge and alternative music on their own time, as the pandemic gave us time to think and talk with our own "bubble" of people and reflect back on our experiences.

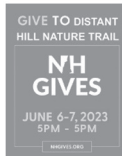
Clearly, heavy metal is becoming more popular and therefore quickly becoming the fastest growing music genre today.

— Aidan Suozzi (Grade 8)

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

What Not to Say...

Things not to say at the airlines! It's 9 PM and the phone is ringing. It can not be good news at this hour. "Pick it up" she yells, "it Velma. I pick it up, "what kind of trouble is Elwud in," I ask.

"How quick can you get to Bradley," She yells in my ear. "Well, if there aint no cops patrolling, I can make it in less than an hour." "Can you bring his truck back, also. They are holding his license for six weeks." I'll give my buddy George a call. He is always up to some adventure.

So George and I flew to Bradley in about forty five minutes. Parked in a red zone and was immediately met by security guard.

"You can't park here," he barked. I explained why we were here. He laughed and wrote on a red slip, and stuck it to my window, stating that we were authorized to park for a limited time only and signed it. He showed us to the TSA office where we found Elwud and his cousin Jack, stark nakid and chained to a steel table guarded by three TSA agents.

"So Elwud, do you want to explain what you did to put you two in this position? I asked.

"Well sir, I came lookin' for Uncle Jack... The place was packed and I spotted Jack way in the back, so I called out to him by yellin' loudly three times Hi Jack. Next thing I knows is this 300 pound guard has me on the floor and he is sittin' on my back. Then they frisk us and ask where are your guns? I said we dont got no guns, except the old double barrel shotgun behind my drivers seat, which I use to shoot varmints that is pesterin' my hens. Next thang I knows is we get stripped nakid. Then out comes the sniffin' dog, a big German Shepard. He heads direct to Jack and sniffs his butt. Seems Jack had a sore back there and the doctor put on some salve, which the dog smelled.

What happened next shouldn't happen to another human being. I asked if they were looking for a Peterbilt and he gave it an extra twist. He claimed people hid drugs and guns in their cavity. I allowed they must be sick #5#ds to shove anything up there. I asked the agents what it would cost to turn them loose. "\$500 each and someone to take the truck, which we already searched and confiscated the shotgun, which we will return along with the drivers license in six weeks."

I paid the \$500 each, George grabbed the truck keys, the boys got dressed and we rushed out of the airport. George took off in flash and was at least ten miles ahead when I noticed we were being followed. Sure enough, five miles up I-91 the red and blue light came on and we were surrounded by FBI agents and a dog sniffer. They tore my car apart, found nothing and sent us on our way. We delivered Jack and Elwud to Velma and headed home. We told Jack that when he went home to fly out of Albany, connect with another flight in Chicago into Nebraska.

And no matter how you decide to ever come back, **Do Not** ask Elwud to pick you up and for heavens sake **Never** yell **Hi Jack** inside the airport!

CHESHIRE KIDS

by Erik Doescher



FROM THE CLARION...

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

One Year Ago (June 2022) – Walpole Welcomes Back Old Home Days - June 22–26. — It has been five long years since we were able to come together and celebrate our town, our history, and our neighbors. We are looking forward to coming together again this June for a weekend of festivities.

Three Years Ago (June 2020) – Lori Landry announced that Mr. Sam Jacobs, Principal of Walpole Schools for the last 23 years, will return for one more school year on a limited basis. Mr. Jacobs had announced his retirement ... Beginning next school year, Justin Cassarino will serve as Assistant Principal. During this time Mr. Cassarino will learn from Mr. Jacobs and transition into the administrative role of Principal beginning July 2021.

Five Years Ago (June 2018) – Phase II Begins: Fundraising — When word of a potential gas station to be built on the Connecticut River on Route 12 became public, a small group of concerned citizens spontaneously formed in early April. The group agreed that work had just begun, and moved into Phase II - preserving the parcel for future generations, and protecting that precarious environment. The proper custodian is logically the Walpole Conservation Commission (WCC).

Seven Years Ago (June 2016) – On Saturday, May 21, the Walpole Elementary School Student Council held a chili and pulled pork fundraiser on The Common. Anyone who came out could try samples from 13 chili teams and 7 pulled pork teams, and then vote for a winner.

Nine Years Ago (June 2014) – The Walpole Grange held its annual awards night at the Walpole Town Hall. The Grange (officially The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry) is a fraternal organization, founded in 1867. ... [its] 2014 Community Citizen Award was presented to Peggy Pschirrer.

Eleven Years Ago (June 2012) - Youth in Bloom — Saturday evening, May 26, the Walpole Common was a swirl of color with beves of beauties and masses of masculine élan. The occasion: 2012 Fall Mountain Regional High School prom.

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Jean Marie (Gay) Ostrowski
December 18, 1926 – May 15, 2023

Great Decisions

Politics in Latin America

Our next "Great Decisions" topic for discussion will be *Politics in Latin America*. We will meet on Monday, June 26, at 6:00 PM in the Walpole Town Library.

Suggested reading is the article *Political Trends in Latin America*, by Jorge Castaneda, available at the library or via email by contacting Jane Malmberg, Library Director: jmalmberg@walpoletown-library.org. Also available at the library is the Master Class on DVD, *Politics in Latin America*, with which we will begin our meeting on June 26.

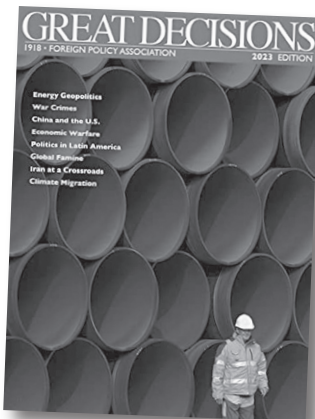
This is a complex topic to tackle, with dictatorships, social democracies and populist governments rising and falling. What does democracy look like in Latin America? Why

have left-wing governments been popular? Can the new governments overcome problems of extreme income inequality, gang violence and leadership corruption? How well do we understand our southern neighbors, their contemporary elections, our own culpability, the growing influence of China and the plight of migrants seeking asylum?

All are welcome to join this public forum, 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@walpoletown-library.org.

– Sue Kibbe



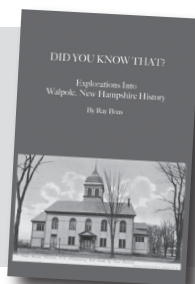
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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Christmas comes once a year, the timing predictable. It can be stressful, but we know it is coming and have time to prepare. Your **Clarion** comes once a month, also predictable, but with the shorter interval between issues, a tad more stressful. I often wonder how Jeremy Paulus brought you *The Walpole Gazette* weekly. A tough schedule and lots of pressure.

With the dearth of activities to share and report to you, I feel "long COVID" has impacted our lives in many ways, changing what we do, and affecting activities that we used to enjoy, and may no longer. And that filters down to no longer being able to report the news of those events.

The New York Times last June reported, "Over 360 newspapers in the United States have gone out of business since just before the start of the pandemic..." Of course, that is the "big guys" who lost advertising revenue with COVID impacting businesses. But also, the generational shift to obtaining news on-line, social media, and simply shopping with a click, all have impacted hard-copy newspapers. And, many smaller local publications, not in those numbers, have simply vanished. Several neighboring Vermont news sources are now only "on-line."

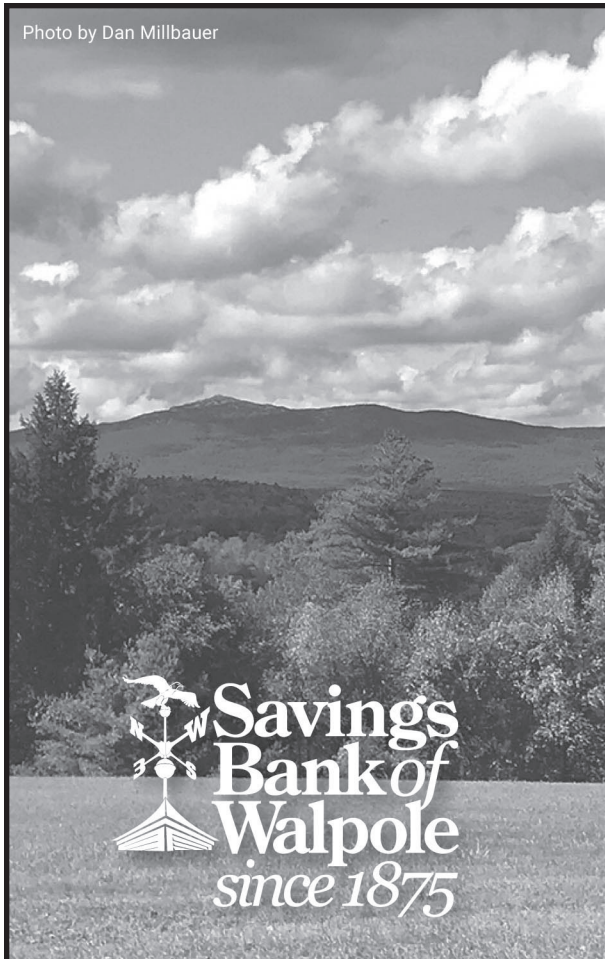
Yes, I am lamenting the way life has changed, but I wish to assure you that based upon my "business plan" the **Clarion** will continue to serve the community. It is the right thing to do. Hopefully, your activities to share and for all to enjoy will soon be back close to pre-COVID levels and reported here.

– Ray Boas, Publisher

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- 18 • Westmoreland Town Band
- 25 • The Walt Sayre Orchestra
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JULY

- 2 • Keene American Legion Band
- 9 • Nelson Town Band
- 16 • The Temple Band
- 23 • Springfield Community Band
- 30 • East Bay Jazz Ensemble

AUGUST

- 6 • Brattleboro American Legion Band
- 13 • The Residential Band