

Recycling the Sun in Walpole

Editor's note: This month's Trash Talk deserves the front page.

Established in 1992, the Walpole Recycling Center has progressively improved through the efforts of volunteers and continued support of the Walpole townspeople at town meetings. Green energy, and more specifically solar power for the recycling center, has been talked about in Walpole since the 1990's. The efforts of Walpole resident Paul Looney and the Walpole Solar Committee have helped to make those 1990s dreams of green energy at Walpole Recycling a reality in 2024. We are going to create ultra clean, source separated recyclable bales using energy from the sun starting in June 2024. This concept represents the pinnacle of success for all residents who are supporting Walpole Recycling Center. On behalf of the solar committee and the staff of Walpole Recycling, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the residents of the town of Walpole. You are amongst the most environmentally conscious people in the state of New Hampshire.

Paul Looney has been a dutiful volunteer during my five years as manager of Walpole Recycling center. He is an avid Red Sox fan, which is certainly a positive attribute. Paul is also very helpful and kind to the public at large, even to Yankees fans. Around budget proposal time each year, Paul and many others would ask, "are you going to consider solar ener-



gy for the recycling center this year?" I would often respond with yes, ...but, a tree just fell on the (old) reuse center. Or, yes,...but we need a new storage building. Or, yes,...but we need a paved work area.

Finally, in 2023, Paul Looney had just about enough of my, "yes,..butts," and formulated the Walpole Solar Committee. The committee met regu-

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From Peggy's Desk

At March Town Meeting, the voters approved a Warrant Article to install solar panels on the roof of the new Pole Barn at the Recycling Center. On March 9, 2024, the Selectboard signed the contract with Solar Dave to begin that work. On your next trip to Recycling you may see them at work, or you may see the finished project which will deliver enough power to serve the complete needs of the Recycling Center with excess to serve another municipal building, probably Town Hall. The work is being paid for by a State program, federal tax credits and our unassigned fund balance.

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larly to discuss solar power. No stone was left unturned in coming to the realization that solar energy was a financially viable and environmentally responsible approach for the town of Walpole going forward. Paul Looney ultimately took his findings to the town meeting, and won over the support of Walpole residents for the solar installation project at the recycling center.

Solar Dave is currently installing solar panels before as I am writing this edition of Trash Talk. I am confident that the decision to recycle with solar energy will only accentuate the "good vibes" that I hope you feel when attending Walpole recycling. Please join environmental policy advocate Senator Donovan Fenton and the Walpole solar committee for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new solar installation at Walpole recycling on Friday, June 14 at 3:00 pm.

-Ben Hoy

Community Power

Walpole Community Power is now a year old having started in May of 2023. We were the first town in NH to buy power through CPCNH. In the past year Walpole residents have saved over \$300,000. CPCNH has saved 9 Million dollars for all of the member towns in NH. There are now 59 towns that are members of CPCNH.

As of this date most people have chosen the least expensive power option. A small number have chosen the 100% renewable power option. The cost of 100% renewable is about .04 per kWh, for a home that uses 600 kWh per month the additional cost is 24.00 per month.

It is hard to understand how 100% renewable works. Essentially people and companies earn Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) for each green kWh they produce. They sell these credits to CPCNH to verify that your power is 100% renewable.

So if you can't put solar on your house either because you have too

-Peggy continued from Page 1

All of us need to recognize the local Power Committee, chaired by Paul Looney, including Dennis Marcom, Peter Dexter, Rod Bouchard and Andrew Dey. Their work over the last months has resulted in the new energy program for Walpole. Paul has his own update of our work in this edition of the CLARION. Paul and Dennis have represented us with CCNH as we become one of their first members. Paul continues to be a member of their finance committee.

Memorial Day will have come and gone by the time you read, this but I must tell you about something I learned on recent travels: Honor Flights. My connecting flight was delayed because an Honor flight was arriving from Texas. Organized nineteen years ago to honor WW II veterans, it now includes Korean and Vietnam veterans, Honor flights take veterans to Washington D.C. for acknowledging their war service by visiting all our war memorials and entering them. As thirty-five veterans deplaned with their families and care givers, the waiting crowd gave them a rousing welcome. The last Vet off the plane was a World War II veteran of one hundred years old. It was the most moving time I have ever had waiting for a plane. Writing about this moves me to tears again. It was my early Memorial Day.

many trees or your house does not face south or it costs too much, you can make an investment and know you are making a difference now.

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—Paul Looney

Timber Frame Raising - Distant Hill Nature Trail

Mark your calendars for an extraordinary event at Distant Hill Nature Trail! On Saturday, June 29th, starting at 8:00 AM, we invite you to witness the raising of a magnificent 22' x 36' timber frame pavilion. This community event promises to be an unforgettable experience as an all-volunteer crew of experienced timber framers and carpenters come together to erect this stunning structure.

The wheelchair accessible timber frame pavilion will serve as a beautiful and important addition to Distant Hill Nature Trail. Visitors will have the chance to observe firsthand the traditional craftsmanship and teamwork involved in timber framing, a time-honored method of construction known for its durability and aesthetic appeal.

"We are thrilled to host this timber frame raising," said Michael Nerrie, the founder of Distant Hill Gardens and Nature Trail. "It's a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, learn about this historic building technique, and appreciate the

hard work and dedication of our talented volunteers."

The event kicks off at 8:00 AM and is expected to continue throughout the day. Spectators are encouraged to arrive early to get a good viewing spot and to bring their enthusiasm and curiosity. The process of



raising a timber frame is not only a technical feat but also a visually captivating

performance that highlights the intricate artistry and physical coordination required.

In addition to the timber frame raising, attendees will have the chance to explore the stroller and wheelchair-accessible trails of Distant Hill, perfect for a day out in nature. This family-friendly event is free to the public, and all ages are welcome. Refreshments will be available, and guests are encouraged to bring their

own chairs or blankets for comfortable viewing.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a special event that celebrates craftsmanship, community, and the beauty of nature. Join us at Distant Hill Nature Trail, 66 March Hill Road in Alstead, on June 29th for a day of education, entertainment, and inspiration.

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—Michael Nerrie

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Approximately 65 percent of the town is forested, with another 20 percent in farms and open land. The town is home to over 40 threatened or endangered plants. Numerous species of wildlife, including river otter, beaver, deer, and black bear make their homes here. The town also has over 1,200 acres of wetland habitat. Our farms, fields, forests, streams, and wetlands create the green infrastructure that contributes to the quality of life we enjoy. It is against this backdrop that the work of the Walpole Conservation Commission (WCC) takes place.

We welcome everyone to our meetings. Come to the town hall 34 Elm Street, at 7pm, on the first Monday of the month (except national holiday Mondays).

—France Menk



Above:

A Walpole Gateway Spring Walk

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Photo: France Menk



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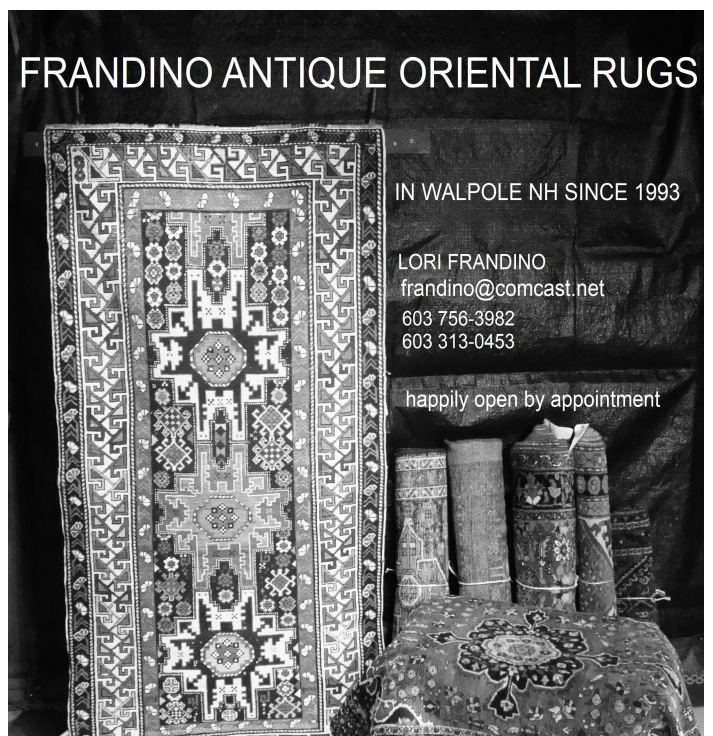
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Scouts Concert

BSA Troop 299 and Pack 299 of Walpole are sponsoring a concert on the common with the Walt Sayre Orchestra on June 23 from 6:30 to 8 pm. The new featured vocalist with the orchestra is the well-known Ajlan LaRock Beer of Walpole.

The Scouts will be selling refreshments in front of the town hall as well as taking a collection during intermission. Proceeds will be used for activities and the cost of yearly registration, currently approximately \$200 for each boy and leader. Special thanks to our business sponsors who continue to support our youth.

-Judy Northcott

NH Gives - Support Distant Hill Gardens

Distant Hill Gardens and Nature Trail needs your support. From 5 PM on June 11th to 5 PM on June 12th, join us for NH Gives, the statewide 24-hour online fundraiser. NH Gives is crucial to helping Distant Hill raise funds for two exciting projects in 2024:

- The construction of a new outdoor learning pavilion.
- Building of another 1/4 mile of stroller and wheelchair-accessible trail.

Last year during NH Gives, Distant Hill won the \$5,000 'Power of Community' prize for having the greatest number of unique donors of any small nonprofit. You can help us win again this year. Any donation received from different email address is considered a unique donor, so if you split your total donation between the emails of all family members, each will be counted as a separate donor.

And your donations will have an even greater impact this year thanks to a dollar-for-dollar match for the first \$10,000 raised. Every \$1 you donate instantly becomes \$2 for Distant Hill.

Even if you aren't able to donate, you can still help make this event a success by sharing our posts on Facebook and Instagram, and/or sending emails to your friends and family and asking them to donate and/or share. Please join us in making a difference! Every dollar and every share counts. Thank you in advance for your support.

—Michael Nerrie



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5 PM June 11 to 5 PM June 12





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Links may also be clicked from the **Clarion** On-Line Resources page.

June at the Library

- **Community Conversation.** The first Saturday of every month from 10:00-11:30 am. Location will alternate between the Main Library and the North Walpole Branch Library. Drop in for conversation with friends and neighbors about topics that are important to you. Coffee and treats provided. The first session Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am, at the North Walpole Branch Library..
- **Lunch and a Movie.** Bring your friends and a brown-bag lunch, and watch a film in the library's community room.
Thursday, June 13, 1 pm at the Main Library: *The Hundred Foot Journey*
Thursday, June 27, 1 pm at the Main Library: *Unzipped*
- **Adventure Begins @ Walpole Town Library!** Summer Reading Challenge for kids, teens, and adults. June 15-July 27.

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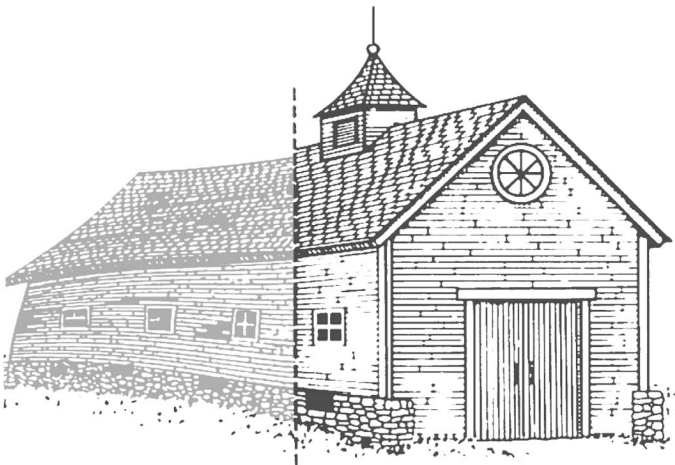


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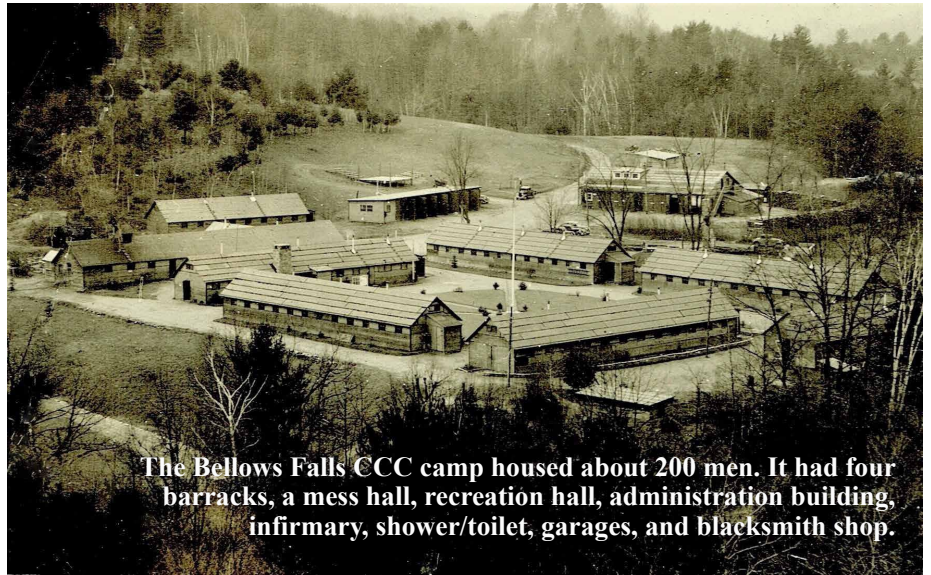
Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...just four miles from Walpole Village there was a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp? In North Westminster, adjoining the Gageville area of Bellows Falls, Camp Wilgus was established June 6, 1933, and closed in April 1941.

Signed into law March 31, 1933, the CCC was one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's more successful New Deal programs. The CCC was designed to provide employment to youth and WWI veterans who were having difficulty finding employment in the Depression years. FDR saw the program as an army of young men overcoming environment problems of destruction and erosion of lands, creating public works projects to protect our lands and create public outdoor recreational facilities. Providing housing, food, medical benefits, educational and vocational training, and pay (with some of their pay going directly to their families) Roosevelt chose the US Army to supervise the camps which consisted of 200 men each. Depending upon how they are counted, there were 36 camps in New Hampshire (closest in Keene and Claremont) and almost the same number in Vermont, with Bellows Falls being the closest.

As written in Lovell's *History of the Town of Rockingham Vermont*, "The boys came to Camp Wilgus that first summer, 185 strong from Massachusetts, for a six-month period on a special train from Fort Devens and were carried out to the camp in trucks and buses. Second Lt. Freeman Bigelow of Bellows Falls was an officer in charge and the boys lived in tents until permanent buildings were



The Bellows Falls CCC camp housed about 200 men. It had four barracks, a mess hall, recreation hall, administration building, infirmary, shower/toilet, garages, and blacksmith shop.

erected. People differed in their reactions toward the camp. Many felt that it served a good purpose and their relations were friendly. But some decided the camp was too near Bellows Falls for the good of its young people, a result of some unpleasant experiences." Lovell continues that at Camp Wilgus "...the boys were employed almost entirely on the pest control jobs of white pine blister rust and gypsy moth under the Forestry Service, differing in this work from most CCC camps. The territory immediately surrounding the camp for a distance of two miles was the most heavily infested in the state and provided excellent training after which the boys worked in forests 14 to 20 miles away."

The camp was almost moved north in early 1936 due to some bad sentiments, but fortunately that did not occur. The men became a great asset following the Flood of 1936 and the Hurricane of 1938. Following both disasters, workers from the camp opened roads, cleared forests of downed trees, and corrected erosion problems. It has been documented that, in the years following the Hurricane of 1938, they cleared 985 acres of downed trees, and opened up 80 miles of roads.

As the Depression waned and employment improved, there were fewer men interested in entering the CCC. With World War II on the horizon, and the draft geared up for the war

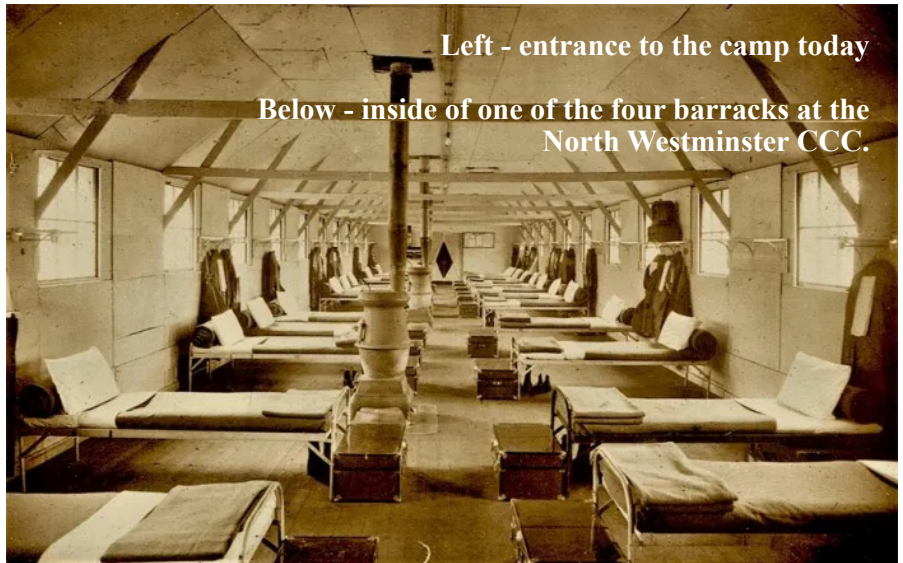


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effort, the need for CCC camps diminished. Camp Wilgus closed in April 1941. The CCC itself finished at the end of the federal fiscal year, June 30, 1942. The town allowed the Forestry Service to use the land and buildings for a time. Passing through several owners, the area became a picnic area, and some buildings were used for various enterprises. Eventually the buildings were abandoned and collapsed. In the early 1960s I-91 was built through the property. Still remaining are the stone piers at the entrance of CCC Road. Traveling up the now dead-end town road, I saw two homes, but not the stone foundations and recreation hall fireplace and chimney that are supposedly there. Much has recently been written about the CCC, and you may wish to learn more. For a quiet drive to the site of Camp Wilgus, head up Henwood Hill Road just south of Allen Bros. on US 5. Once you pass the old stone entryway, continue on Covered Bridge Road (crossing the new bridge over Saxtons River) and turn right to meander through Gageville (see DYKT February 2017) back to Route 121.



Left - entrance to the camp today

Below - inside of one of the four barracks at the North Westminster CCC.



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Additionally, we ask the public who are walking their dogs on our land and trails to kindly keep their dogs outside of the gardens, to pick up all dog waste and to dispose of it responsibly. This hasn't become a huge problem yet, but public use of the property is up and so is the evidence left behind! Thanks for your help.

Of note, regarding all of the Hooper Summer Camps, I've decided to take registrations until June 15. That gives us two weeks to prepare for the best camps ever. Register soon. Email is best. trail networks.

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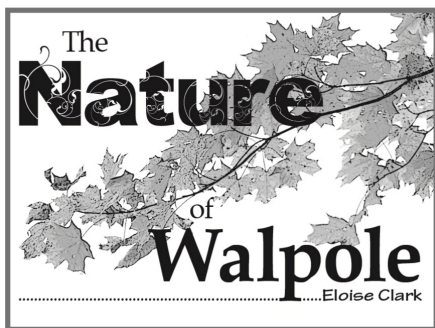
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Butterflies grace our landscape for half the year. From the first mourning cloak to emerge in spring until we bid goodbye to the last migrating monarch as it slips over the southern horizon in autumn, we enjoy the surprise of seeing them.

The variety of butterflies peaks in summer. We regularly see swallowtails including the tiger swallowtail, yellow wings with black stripes and the black swallowtail with yellow trim along the edges of its black wings. These large 3-4 inch butterflies can overshadow smaller species such as the Sulphur butterfly, tiny yellow fliers measuring about 1.5 inches. The common wood nymph is a pretty little brown butterfly with yellow patches on the upper set of wings marked by



Red Admiral

two dots. It's very distinctive. Buck-eyes also have spots on the wings but are much larger, close to three inches.

Soon, the fritillaries will appear. The great-spangled fritillary has a large, almost a four inch wingspan. Its orange wings are checkered with black. It's always fun to see checkerspots, crescents or angle wings. Compact skippers zip from blossom

to blossom. Red-admirals are abundant. They are a black butterfly with red bands across the edges of all four wings. At about 2 inches in diameter, they are close in size to their relative, the painted lady. She is a gorgeous multi colored and patterned specimen. Painted ladies are the most "cosmopolitan" of butterflies being found in both the Americans and Eurasia.

Why are butterflies so colorful? Brightly colored animals advertise that they contain toxic chemicals that will taste awful to a predator. The warning works, as predators shy away. Some butterflies that do not contain toxins will mimic those that do. This clever ruse is used by the Viceroy butterfly. It closely matches the distasteful Monarch in color and pattern. Finally, the bold colors advertise to potential mates, notice me.

Where and when did butterflies originate? How did they evolve? Akito Y. Kawahara and colleagues recently published a paper in the Journal Nature Ecology and Evolution. Using four supercomputers, his team sequenced 391 genes from 2,300 butterfly species. From this DNA sampling, they were able to reconstruct a new phylogeny of butterflies. This evolutionary family tree represents 92% of all genera of butterflies.

They concluded butterflies evolved from a day-flying moth 101 million years ago in what is now western North America. Legumes were a favored diet for millennia. They soon spread into South America. About 60 million years ago butterflies flew across the Bering Strait, an area called Beringia and sought the warmer climes of the tropics. In the Palaeotropics, with plenty of food sources, they rapidly diversified. They then expanded through Asia and Africa, reaching Europe about 30 million years ago.

The researchers concluded about two-thirds of butterfly larva



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

feed

on only one host plant family.

New Hampshire's endangered Karner blue butterfly is an example, feeding only on wild lupine found in the State's pine barrens. The other third are considered generalists. The caterpillars may consume plants from two or more families.

There are also the more unusual caterpillars that feed on grass, detritus, lichens and even other insects. New Hampshire's Edwards' hairstreaks have a symbiotic affiliation with ants. Their caterpillars find protection in ant hills, where the ants feed them. In return, the caterpillars exude honeydew that the ants harvest as food.

You too can be a butterfly researcher. The New Hampshire Butterfly Monitoring Network trains citizen scientists to identify and track butterfly populations. This data informs the steps needed to protect butterflies into the future. During the summer of 2023, 2,605 volunteers documented 115 species through thousands of observations. Learn more by visiting: nhbutterflies.org. Happy butterfly watching.

Great Spangled Fritillary



Len-Tex Corporation Career Awareness with Kurn Hattin Homes

In May of 2023, when Don Lennon, Len-Tex Corporation Founder and President, invited Kurn Hattin Homes' middle school students to visit his company in North Walpole, little did he realize that the experience would launch a new program that would be interwoven with the Homes' academic curriculum. That's exactly what happened. As a result of the students participation in the step-by-step process of designing and producing their own high-end vinyl wallcoverings at Len-Tex, many other businesses and organizations throughout the Monadnock region have opened their doors to the Kurn Hattin Homes Career Awareness Program (CAP).

Sue Kessler, Kurn Hattin Homes' Assistant Executive Director, was part of last year's tour. She recalls, "It was

amazing to see how the students engaged in the process, especially working with Dan to create their own designs. The students' interest and engagement led us to investigate and partner with other businesses in the area so that the students can have first-person experiences in a variety of areas. It's our hope that by putting students in a real-world environment, we spark an interest that might guide choices as they pursue further education and career opportunities."

This year's visit to Len-Tex was hosted by New Business Manager, Heidi Porter, and also began with a visit to CAD Designer, Dan Valerio. Dan introduced the students to the computer-aided design (CAD) phase of the process and worked with them to develop two unique patterns; *Space Party*, which includes special

characters drawn by each student, and *Future Famous Autographs*, which includes (you guessed it) each student's first name. As Heidi told the students, "If you can dream it, we can make it."

The second part of the Len-Tex tour brought the students through the preparation, printing, and production areas in the manufacturing facility. They were able to see how inks are mixed, how screen printing works, and a how giant roll of blank vinyl can become the culmination of design dreams for customers all around the world.

As was the case last year, the students were fascinated with the multi-phased process, but they agreed that designing their own wallcovering was a definite highlight.

—Lorie Rogers

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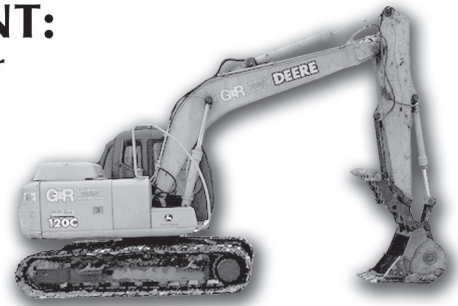
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Pickleball

Pickleball is alive and well in Walpole! After eight months of discussion within the Walpole Recreation Committee, a group of volunteers were given permission to repaint one of the tennis courts at Frank W. Whitcomb Park to create four pickleball courts.

As winter finally ebbed, community members gathered to power wash the west court in preparation for paint. After a solid week of work by many, four courts are now available for anyone to play pickleball.

Over 100 people have played pickleball indoors this winter at Walpole School, averaging 45 people a week. Now open play can begin outdoors to accommodate everyone on

any of the five dedicated courts. Anyone is welcome to play at any given time, though to find out when a group is playing so that you might join in, go online to sign up for Play-time Scheduler. Click on the Monadnock Region and look for Frank W. Whitcomb Park in Walpole.

Special thanks to the Recreation Committee and John Tole at Tole's Auto Body for providing supplies and for all the donated hours of the volunteers of the pickleball community.

- Kimberly Lewis

Our Student Cub Reporters
did not meet this month.

Their advisor was away on
Paternity Leave



To our wonderful Walpole neighbors,

Thank you for the warm welcome and kindness you've shown us over the past two years. We appreciate being a part of such a fantastic community and couldn't imagine a better place for our family.

With gratitude,
Eric, Ioana, George, and Lydia

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Walpole Trail Committee

The Walpole Trail Committee (WTC) is an all-volunteer group, formed in 2020. Chaired by a Conservation Commission member, we come from various interest groups around Walpole: the Walpole Walkers, the [Hooper Hill Hoppers](#), mountain bikers, hikers: all outdoor-minded residents. Membership and participation in WTC events is open to all Walpole residents.



Our mission is to restore, maintain and develop trails within Walpole. We create and update trail maps for trails on town-owned land, maintain existing trails yearly, and conduct large trail construction projects when necessary. To educate and advocate for the outdoors – and our trails – we hold public events: trail and wildlife walks, and trail maintenance days. We look for new trail building opportunities, and work with outside organizations to connect existing trail networks.

If you wish to join our meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, via zoom, please email us for the link. conservation@walpolenh.us

—France Menk

Whitcomb Park Clean-up

Forty years ago, in June of 1984, Frank W. Whitcomb Park was dedicated in Walpole. A ceremony took place culminating in a plaque being mounted on a boulder next to the main walkway and pool in Frank W. Whitcomb's honor. Over the years, the plaque and boulder became completely obscured by large overgrowing shrubbery.

In the fall of 2023, users of the park became curious as to whether there really was a stone marker and plaque since neither could be seen inside a jungle of seven-foot-tall arborvitae! Permission was granted to open enough overgrowth allowing (on hands and knees) to uncover that yes, there was a boulder; however, the plaque was long gone. It was decided to remove the plantings and stumps and to design, order, and install a new bronze plaque just in time for the 40th anniversary of the park.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this rehabilitation project including F. W. Whitcomb Construction, Chip Whitcomb, Tina Boylan, Hubbard Farms, Walpole Recreation Committee, Kraig Harlow, Nate Kelly Landscaping, Steve Horton Construction Management, Keene Monument Company, and Walpole Library for researching valuable information regarding the park.

- Jerry McDougale



Above:
Boulder
Marker



Left:
Clean-up
almost
complete

Keeping Things Active in Downtown Bellows Falls

June is Pride month. events include Classic film Wednesdays, Concerts, Discos, tea, and book readings : <https://shadarko1.wixsite.-com/bellowsfallspride>

June 5, VT's Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference

June 5, 5:30pm Ribbon cutting for the Robertson Paper Mill interpretive kiosk at 21 Island Street in Bellows Falls sponsored by the BF Area Develop. Corp.

June 6, VT Arts Council Creative Convening Summit

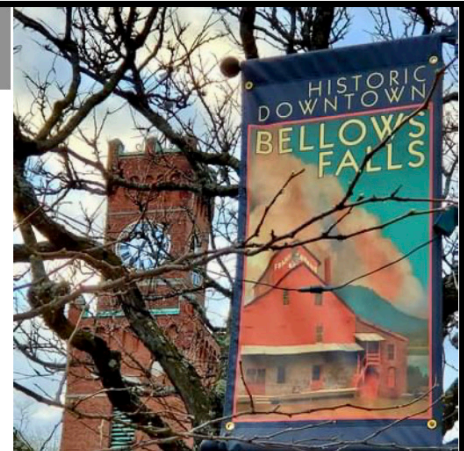
June 7, 4-7 pm The Greater Falls Farmers Market begins Friday June 7 - Sept. 27, 4-7 pm at Hetty Green Park. <https://www.gffarmers-market.com/>

June 7-12 The Rockingham Development Office and Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance announce the unveiling of a model unit at Hotel Windham, furnished by Ethan Allen, made possible by funding in part through VT Council on Rural Development and Southern VT Economy Project and a group of local concerned citizens, offering private tours: June 7 - June 12, developmentassist@rockbf.org for questions.

June 8, BF Rotary and Wild Goose Players presents Bellows Falls Festival with music, food and fun <https://bellowsfallsfestival.org/>

June 14-16 Alumni Weekend June 14-16 with the Parade at 1 pm on Sunday.

July 10-31 Bellows Falls Animation Festival, Classic film Wednesdays from July 10 - 31 <https://bellows-fallsanimationfestival.com/>



For more on events visit the Bellows Falls Downtown on Facebook and www.bellowsfallsvt.org

—Betsy Thurston

Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole met on May 15th at the home of Linda DuChene for a presentation by Ryan Owens from the Monadnock Conservancy. Mr. Owens introduced us to the work of the Conservancy and talked about future plans, including a new headquarters in Keene.

Our final meeting of the year will be a potluck picnic at the home of Carol Malnati on June 19th at 12:00 pm. All members are welcome to join and bring a dish to share. More details on the location address will be sent via member emails.

After our luncheon, WOW will hold our annual meeting and elect next year's officers. We will be holding elections for secretary, treasurer, and compassion liaison. There is also an opening for a Hospitality chairperson. This position is responsible for finding meeting locations and arranging refreshments with the help of the members. Anyone interested should contact Susan Johnson.

One of the missions of the Women of Walpole is to raise money for worthy undertakings that benefit the Walpole community. The Walpole School requested assistance with tuning the piano to make possible a chamber music presentation by the musicians of Ashuelot Concerts. WOW is pleased to help fund the tuning to make this presentation possible.

WOW welcomes any woman working or living in Walpole to attend our meetings. Look for WOW on Facebook and in The Clarion.

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

- Susan Johnson

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FROM THE CLARION

A sampling of way we've reported in more than 12 years of publication:

One Year Ago (June 2023) - 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.

Three Years Ago (June 2021) - Did You Know That...the first U.S. flag flown above a schoolhouse was in May 1812, in the now abandoned hill town of Catamount Hill in Colrain, Massachusetts?

Five Years Ago (June 2019) - Hosted by the Hooper Institute Committee, a retirement reception for Eloise Clark was held Sunday, June 23 at the Hooper Institute to celebrate Eloise's 42-year tenure as Director of the Hooper Institute.

Seven Years Ago (June 2017) - Ernie and Susan Vose worked with the Monadnock Conservancy this spring to help protect their farmland. They love this land and have been caring for it for nearly half their lives. "I don't want to see our field messed up with houses," Ernie Vose said. The 22-acre farm property on Wentworth Road in Walpole, is nestled between the woods and rolling fields. Most of the land is open.

Nine Years Ago (June 2015) - On June 6, the Walpole Library hosted an open house in honor of Mary Farrell, the library director for the last four years. The event celebrated Mary's work at the library, where she has created a welcoming space for the community, as well as enhanced access to both physical and digital information.

Eleven Years Ago (June 2013) - Notes from Concord. May 9th was a very, very special day at the New Hampshire Statehouse when the 4th Grade Class of the North Walpole School came for a visit.

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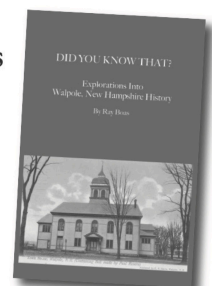
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May 2, 2024

Colin is the son of Thomas Tatro & Loribeth Robare of Walpole
Angel is the daughter of Johnny & Bonnie Chan of San Francisco

Great Decisions

Our next topic for "Great Decisions" is "Risky Science Across Borders" which explores research into atmospheric geoengineering, such as Solar Radiation Modification and other controversial solutions to the climate crisis. Our meeting will be on Monday, June 10, at 6:00 pm in the Walpole Town Library. All are welcome to join the discussion.

The relevant reading from the Foreign Policy Association is their article, "Risky Science Across Borders," by Mila Rosenthal, co-founder of Planet Reimagined, a climate solutions nonprofit, and executive director of International Science Reserve at the New York Academy of Sciences. This article is available from the library upon request: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org. I also recommend Elizabeth Kolbert's "Under a White Sky," specifically the entertaining (and more readable) chapter 2 of "Up In the Air," the final section of her book.

We have invited a member of New Hampshire Healthcare Workers for Climate Action, a grassroots, non-partisan coalition, to speak with us about their concerns and activities. Climate change is having a real and increasing impact on human health.

For those participating on Zoom, please contact Jane Malmberg for the Zoom link: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

Please join "Great Decisions" on Monday, June 10, at 6:00 pm for an open discussion of the health impacts of climate change and some potential solutions. Atmospheric geoengineering, diamond dust in the sky, stratospheric balloons spraying chalk...who decides? What could possibly go wrong?

—Sue Kibbe

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Best water in the state; Unit of the Year award in 2019 citing Walpole Fire-EMS "Best in State," and, Walpole's Recycling Center the recipient of many awards over the years and continuing to stay ahead, and on top with innovation. And, now thanks to the support of Walpole voters, installation of solar panels to "recycle the sun."

Not a week goes by when friends and I pinch ourselves commenting, "we cannot believe we live in such a special place." I have been here over two decades, and my friends over thirty decades; and, we still cannot believe our good fortune having landed here. And now, newcomers, Eric, Ioana, George, and Lydia, feel the same way and shared their thanks and appreciation with you on page twelve. We have a special secret place here, but many have, over the past two hundred years, discovered the same thing. We are close to the busy world, but yet isolated enough to remain relatively unchanged, bucolic, safe, and very special. Even yesterday I was chatting with a woman from Springfield, Vermont, who when married settled there. She told me, "we should have settled in Walpole, our family had been here for some time, and we knew how special it is." Cherish and preserve what we have.

As we enter summer it is time to again look forward to the seasonal events, outings and escapes. Plan your adventures for memories to cherish and share. But, remember to stay safe and well. Enjoy, "see you" next month

—Ray Boas, Publisher

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- 23 - The Walt Sayre Orchestra (Sponsored by the Scouts of Walpole)
- 30 - Keene American Legion Band

JULY

- 7 - Nelson Town Band
- 14 - East Bay Jazz Ensemble
- 21 - Springfield Community Band
- 28 - The Temple Band

AUGUST

- 4 - Brattleboro American Legion Band
- 11 - River Valley Dance Band