

Solar Dedication

On June 14, welcoming a small but conservation-minded crowd, Recycling Center Manager Ben Hoy was proud to host the fourth ribbon-cutting ceremony at the center since it opened in 1992. Those in attendance included a three-year-old holding his home-made poster "Reduce - Reuse - Recycle - Rejoice"; and, Fritzie Till, who, in 1990, while an environmental teacher at the Hooper Institute, introduced and involved students at the Walpole schools in recycling with a program she developed called "Kid Power Recycling".

Hoy, who has been the center's manager for five and a half years, shared, "Every day I come to work is great, and now a blessing with the solar power." Till added, "...this is evolutionary and great to see. When we started, we were crushing glass by hand." Hoy further explained the joy of watching the electric meter showing the power generated when the sun is out. With group 'net metering',



**Paul Looney, Chair of the Walpole Community Power Committee, (left), and Ben Hoy, Recycle Center Manager
CUT THE RIBBON**

power excess to the Recycling Center's needs becomes credits to other Town buildings. Both Hoy and Till expressed thanks to Walpole residents for their exemplary support of recycling. The funding for this solar installation was approved unanimously at Town Meeting this March for the Town's award winning center

-Ray Boas

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From Peggy's Desk

The visitors I have all tell me how fortunate we, as residents, are to live here – a small, rural town with beautiful houses, active farms, quiet, etc. All true, but I need to write about another blessing we have - a group of 54 Fire-EMS (Emergency Medical Service) personnel who respond in record time to emergency calls. The Walpole Fire-

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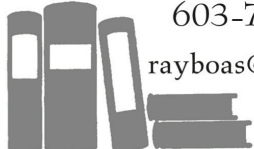
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The conservation, recycling conscious attendees
at the solar dedication June 14.

Historical Society

The Walpole Historical Society will kick off its season on Saturday, July 27 with the first of the season's weekly events. At 12:30 pm in the Walpole Heritage Museum, local author Bill Ranauro will lead a discussion of the history of architectural guidebooks, his talk, "Building America: How Connecticut Valley Architects Shaped American Architecture in the Nineteenth Century".

At the center of the talk will be the Museum's current display of original nineteenth-century guidebooks, including five original editions by the Connecticut Valley architect and author, Asher Benjamin. His book, *The Country Builder's Assistant*, published in 1797, would become the most

influential book in American building in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. His Federal style church design would dominate New England towns and villages until 1830 when the Greek Revival overtook the Federal style in architectural design.

The Walpole Historical Society will be open from noon to 4:00 pm on every Saturday from July 27 through October 19. Each Saturday will feature a special presentation: a discussion, tour, reenactor, or demonstration. The museum and the weekly presentations are free and open to the public.

Everyone is welcome to visit the museum to explore the refreshed exhibits, browse the museum shop, and enjoy the presentations of Walpole's history.

- Christie Winmill

Grange Community Awards Night

The 2024 Walpole Grange #125 Community Awards Night will be held Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm at the Walpole Town Hall.

The award recipients this year are:

Community Citizen Award - Dennis Marcom
Educator - Allegra Bisson
Agriculture - Far Hills Farm/The Galloway Family
Business - Galloway Real Estate

Refreshments will be served after the awards presentation.

Admission is free.

Come and celebrate the awards with these worthy recipients.

- Kathy Yardley

-Peggy continued from Page 1

EMS responded to 753 calls in 2023. In 2024 they have responded to my needs four times when I have had cardiac and respiratory issues, such as the recent bout of Human-Metapneumovirus.

These volunteers, sometimes called First Responders because they are first on the scene in response to a 911 call, receive six-to eight months of training before they are certified to act as EMS providers. That training includes such basics as CPR, splinting fractures, providing oxygen, assessing vital signs, and stabilizing hospital bound patients, and providing medical assessment of trauma patients. Ambulances are equipped with the latest life supporting equipment for blood pressure, electrocardiograms, oxygen levels and the ability to communicate with the Emergency Department.

Walpole Fire-EMS has been participating in a Trial Program with the Cheshire Medical Center Emergency Department which permits the EMTs to do a blood draw of the patient while in the ambulance on the way to

the ED, which allows a faster diagnosis of the condition of the patient arriving in the ED. I was a participant in this program and experienced its usefulness.

Paramedics are EMS qualified individuals who receive a higher level of training which may take 1,200-1,800 hours depending on state requirements. Walpole calls for paramedics on occasion.

When you call 911 you reach the Southwest New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid Desk in Keene. The voice who answers that phone is calm, asks for pertinent information and stays on the line until the EMS personnel arrive. Some residents in Walpole have asked why should we be in a Mutual Aid program? Walpole is a small town in an area surrounded by small towns, our neighbors. If we were to need help with a fire or a tragedy of any level, our neighbors are ready to help us. We need to be ready and able to do the same.

The EMS providers – man or woman -who arrive are well equipped, professional, sympathetic, and effective. If you want to contribute to our community, think about joining this

group of Fire and EMS personnel. Both are collegial groups; you will develop new skills and contribute to the health of this community.

Walpole Fire/EMS also provides local training programs every year at the Fire Department open to all residents. Wellness@WalpoleFireems.com will provide you a list of classes.



SENDING SUNSHINE
by Amy Stodola, Harrisville



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NW Village Park

The next Outdoor Movie Night will be held Friday, July 19 at the North Walpole Village Park. The rain date is Friday, July 26. The movie is Disney and Pixar's *Inside Out 2*. Bring your chairs, blankets, pillows, snacks etc., and join us at dusk.

On Saturday, July 27, we will take our Summer Sunset Hike to Table Rock. Meet at the North Walpole School at 7:00 pm. This is a leisurely saunter and people of all ages are welcome.

- Diane Harty

Summer Swim Group

Please join your Walpole friends and neighbors for a Guided Swim Workout beginning at 10:00 am each Wednesday morning in July and August. This workout is for Adults Only and all adults are welcome regardless of their swim ability.



Regular Pool Admission Rates apply. Daily Swim Rates for Walpole Residents is \$2.00 (the cost for Non-Residents is \$4.00). Daily Swim Rates for Walpole Senior Residents is \$1.00 (the cost for Senior Non-Residents is \$3.00). Walpole Resident and Non-Resident Full Summer Rates are also available.

No pre-registration is necessary; come to the pool Wednesday morning at 10:00 am and swim.

The Walpole Town Pool is located in the Frank W. Whitcomb Recreational Park at Pool Road in Walpole, NH.

—Jon MacClaren

Walpole Foundation

Summer is finally here! The Walpole Foundation has been busy keeping the properties looking nice for everyone to enjoy. The gardens are weeded and mulched. The parking lot at 11 Westminster Street has recently been seal coated and striped. The gazebo has been power washed so it will be ready for the band concerts. The grounds at the Walpole Village School are maintained weekly. It's the time of year when the flowers are coming into full bloom making all the hard work worth it.

—Bert Wiemers

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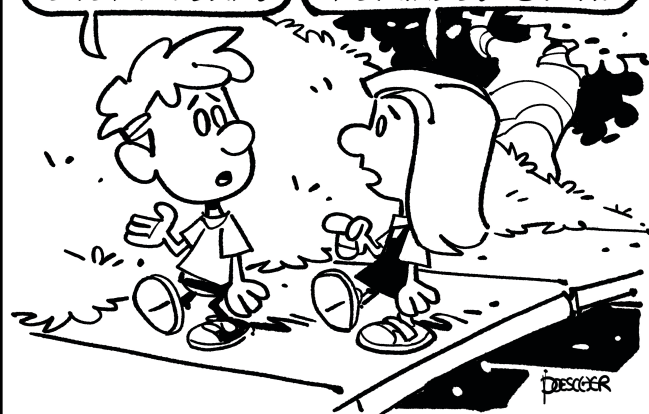
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Distant Hill

'Power of Community' at Work

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated to Distant Hill during our recent 24-hour NH Gives online fundraiser. Your generous support helped Distant Hill win the \$5,000 'Power of Community' Award again this year.

The NH Charitable Foundation created the 'Power of Community' awards to encourage more people to donate during NH Gives. Awards went to the small, medium, and large organizations with the highest number of unique donations made over the 24 hours. And thanks to you, Distant Hill won the \$5,000 first prize for a small organization (under \$150,000 budget).

One of our goals during this year's NH Gives fundraiser was to increase the number of donors from last

year. We met our goal and went from 231 donors in 2023 to an impressive 264 donors in 2024. Remarkably, we ranked #4 in the number of unique donors out of all 650 participating organizations, including those with million-dollar budgets. The NH Gives Final Numbers for Distant Hill: \$30,538 Raised from 264 Donors.

Your contributions are already making a significant impact. Join us and see your donations at work when we raise the timber frame of the community pavilion on Saturday, June 29.

We're scheduled to have a volunteer work party to install the roof boards and trim on Saturday and Sunday, July 6 & 7, with the standing seam metal roof set to be installed by roofing contractor 'Vonderhorst & Sons' soon after.



WCC Barbecue

The First Congregational Church of Walpole, 15 Washington Street, will be having a Chicken Barbecue July 21. Half chickens and full meals will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the BBQ may be purchased at the church office between 9 am and noon weekdays, or at the office of Galloway Real Estate on Main Street. Chicken and meals will be ready for pickup at the church, fresh and ready to eat, on the afternoon of July 21. For full details, check the church website.

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

July at the Library

- **Community Conversation.** Drop in for conversation with friends and neighbors about topics that are important to you. Coffee and treats provided. Saturday, July 6: 10-11:30 am, Main Library.
- **Lunch and a Movie and Social Justice Discussion Group.** Taking a hiatus for the months of July and August. See you in September.
- **Adventure Begins @ Walpole Town Library!** Summer Reading Challenge for kids, teens, and adults. June 15-July 27.
- **Special Summer Programs:**
 - Grafton Museum, Thursdays, June 27-August 15, 1 pm, Main Library
 - Teddy Bear Parade, Saturday, July 13, 10 am, Distant Hill Nature Trail
 - Monadnock Falconry, Tuesday, July 16, 2 pm, Walpole Town Hall
 - Pop-Up Code Club, Wednesday, July 24, 2-4 pm, Main Library
 - Wiggle Time, Mondays, 10 am, Main Library (No Wiggle Time on July 1)
 - Story Time, Wednesdays, 10 am and 5:30 pm, Main Library (No Story Time on July 3)

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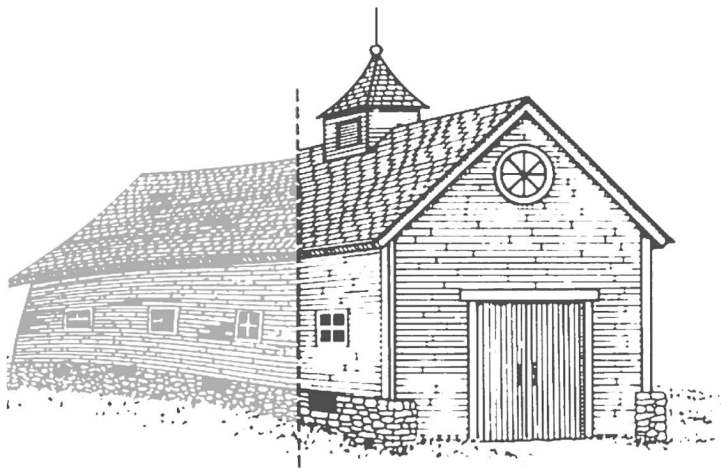
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Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...John Adams firmly believed America's independence should be celebrated on July 2nd, and not July 4th? Thus, as reported, he repeatedly turned down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest.

The Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, where, on June 7, 1776, Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee proposed the motion that the colonies declare their independence from Great Britain. Debate followed, but it was not until July 2nd that the Continental Congress voted and passed Lee's resolution for independence. John Adams immediately wrote his wife Abigail that July 2nd "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival..." with celebrations to in-



John Adams

clude "...Pomp and Parade, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and illuminations [fireworks] from one End of the Continent to the other."

It was two days later, on July 4th, that the delegates from the 13 colonies met and adopted the Declaration of Independence, resulting in celebrations from that date in 1776 to the present as the birthdate of American independence. Prior to that fateful year, American colonists celebrated the King of England's birthday (as is still the English tradition). Those celebrations included speeches, processions and parades, the ringing of



Fireworks at the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883
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bells, bonfires, and possibly fireworks. Now free of the King (but still at war with England), Americans began anniversary celebrations of their independence on July 4, 1777, complete with fireworks.

The first fireworks were used probably as early as 200 BC when the Chinese roasted bamboo stalks until they would turn black and sizzle. Eight hundred or a thousand years later they filled bamboo with gunpowder and additives to make them sparkle. On

the first anniversary of independence in 1777, the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported on July 5th, that the 4th "... was celebrated in this city with demonstrations of joy and festivity... The evening was closed with the ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated". Boston also saw fireworks with their celebrations July 4, 1777.

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Quoted in Frizzell's *History of Walpole* (but as yet have I been unable to verify the original source) is this Walpole celebration in 1800 ... "On the Fourth of July, the small, loyal town of Walpole remembered those who gave Independence to our country. A discharge of cannon announced to the inhabitants, the morning of the twenty-fourth anniversary of their liberty was arrived, and summoned them to the duties and delights of the day. A procession, composed of soldiers and citizens, and cheered by an excellent band of music, proceeded, at eleven, to the meetinghouse, here, after a vigorous, pious and pertinent address to Heaven, from the Rev. Mr. Fessenden, a crowded audience was instructed and entertained by an excellent and chaste oration of the historical class, from the pen of John Hubbard, Esquire. At intervals several favorite marches were played. An Ode, composed by certain of our own poets, was performed to the popular tune of 'Hail Columbia.' At 2 o'clock, at the hall of Major Bullard, a party of gentleman were regaled with an elegant and well served repast."

It was not until 1870 that the 4th of July became a federal holiday, and in 1941, the 4th became a paid holiday for federal employees.



Consider joining the Hooper Institute Flower CSA this summer. We provide a weekly bouquet to be picked up on Fridays at the Hooper Institute. Subscribe for 6 weeks, 6 bouquets for \$120 or you can subscribe for a half subscription, 3 bouquets, \$60. All of the flowers are either from the Hooper gardens, the school gardens we plant with students or from flowers that I forage. All proceeds go right back into the gardens where we grow flowers, herbs, and vegetables for the school kitchen or our local food pantry.

Here are some examples of the types of flowers we had in our bouquets in 2023, which change over the weeks during the summer. WEEK 2, July 7, 2023; Wild mustard, snowball viburnum, dill, zinnia, bachelor buttons, sweet peas, larkspur (purple), hay-scented fern, cosmos – 2 kinds, garden phlox, anise hyssop, snapdragons and love in a mist. WEEK 6, August 4, 2023 included Viburnum, dill, zinnia, cosmos. Garden phlox, anise hyssop, snapdragons, sweet

Flower CSA



above - Week Six

basil, apple mint, lemon queen sunflower, tithonia, lisianthus, cleome, red bee balm, rudbeckia, queen anne lace, celosia, coneflower, tansy, lemon basil, garlic chive, and ammi dara.

New this year will be many more kinds of sunflowers, plus sea holly, straw flowers, scabiosa, verbena, dahlias and calendula. Email me, Helen Dalbeck, hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net to join today. This is a beautiful and fun endeavor.

- Helen Dalbeck



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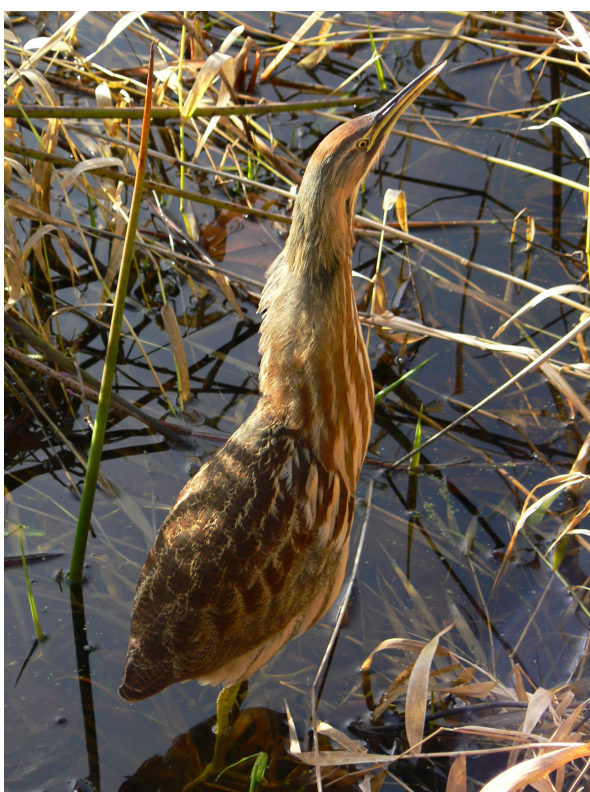
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The Nature of Walpole

Eloise Clark

July is the month that draws us to water. It's time to be by, on or in the water. The freshwater of the Connecticut River is a beautiful place to recreate. If you visit, you'll likely share the space with a great blue heron, or as we birders like to call them, a GBH. Great blues, green herons and bitterns are three species of herons that can be found in our area.

Of the three, the GBH is the most visible. Great blue herons (*Ardea herodias*) are impressive! They stand 50 inches tall. The bill alone is 6 inches long. Their wingspan of seven feet matches that of the bald eagle. The long legs and bluish-gray body are supported by a wide tripod of fringed toes. These act to help the bird stay "afloat" on a mucky bottom as they wade in shallow water to feed.



GBH's are intense hunters. It's fun to watch as they remain poised, motionless for minutes, waiting and watching for prey to move within range of their sharp bill. These herons will eat many types of fish, frogs, aquatic insects and crayfish. They are not averse to hunting on land if conditions force them. I observed one bird hunting and successfully catching voles in our field. It lies next to a brook. At the time, the water was unusually low.

Great blue herons nest in colonies, often well removed from their watery hunting grounds. They require tall trees, either live or dead, to support their large stick nests. Sometimes, bald eagles fancy their structures as well. They will drive the herons off their nests and adapt it for their own use. Who's to argue with a bald eagle! As an upset GBH unleashes its harangue, listen for the primordial "rok-rok" call. The bird is definitely not a songbird.

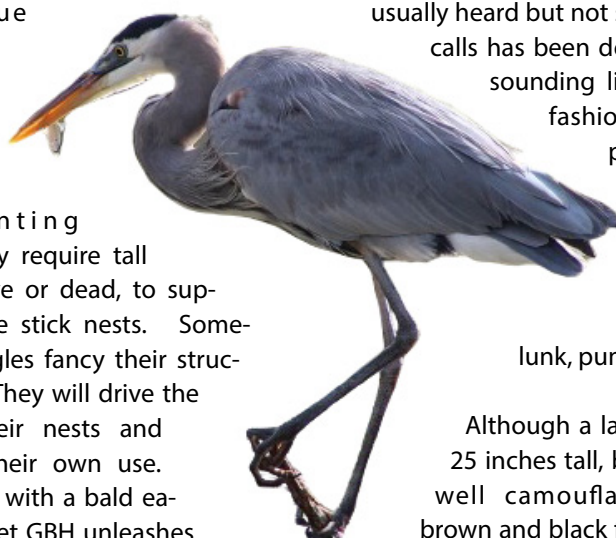
Green herons (*Butorides virescens*) will also hunt along the banks of the Connecticut River. They perch in trees overhanging the water's edge. At 19 inches long, they're much smaller than the GBH. True to their name, the head and back has a mantle of dark, bluish-greenish feathers. The neck is reddish-brown, with speckled brown wings. Green herons have yellow colored legs and feet, another unmistakable clue to their identity. They use their feet to stir up the bottom in search of fish, crayfish or insects.

I've seen them plunge headfirst from their perch

into water in pursuit of prey. Meal snatched; they return to their stoop to devour it. Perhaps they'll take time to preen and oil their feathers, then return to the hunt again. This time of year, they are also hunting to maintain a family, with many trips back to their nearby stick nest.

The American bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) is a stealthy hunter. They prefer cattail marshes, so the quieter setbacks of the Connecticut River are ideal habitat. These birds are usually heard but not seen. Their

calls has been described as sounding like an old-fashioned hand pump,



"pumper-lunk, pumper-lunk".

Although a large bird at 25 inches tall, bitterns are well camouflaged with brown and black feathers on the back and vertical brown and white stripes on the chest.

As they move into the cattails, they dissolve from sight. Their nests are well hidden near the base of the cattails. They feed on fish, frogs and even small mammals.

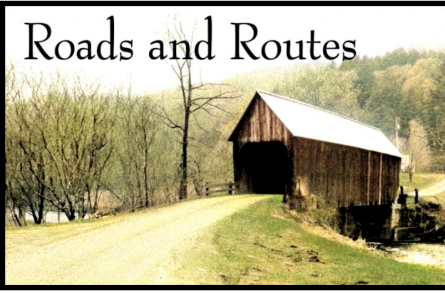
Other herons visit the Connecticut River shoreline in lesser numbers. These include several species of egrets and the night herons. A good field guide will help you identify them. I recommend the *Field Guide to Birds: Eastern Region* by Donald and Lillian Stokes. It contained much helpful information used for this column.

Enjoy the height of summer as you are by, on or in the water.

Above:
Great Blue Heron

Left:
American Bittern

Roads and Routes



In January 2021, I began an occasional column to share adventures I have documented on shunpiking-withray.com. As summer approaches, and you may have out of town visitors, I wish to encourage you to visit



the Vermont Institute of Natural Science - VINS - in Quechee, Vermont - <https://vinsweb.org/>

Like me, you have probably passed the entrance on US4 for decades without a second glance - but plan a visit. You can easily head up I-91 to I-89 to US4, but I enjoy backroads, and on my 29 June 2022 visit and shunpiking post I shared scenic back routes to and from there.

There are outdoor lectures throughout the day, and I arrived with plenty of time before Predators of the Sky at 11 am, and later I sat in on Raptors Up Close at 1 pm. I took in a fascinating exhibit in an enclosed pavilion next to the open air theater which traces the evolutionary path of birds. If for no other reason, you need to visit to enter and explore the "Forest



Canopy Walk - Climb into a Wild Forest". Kids will absolutely love this experience, and "this kid" meandered through for over an hour, enjoying the views, and others having fun.

With its Museum Pass program, the Walpole Library has one VINS pass which admits up to 4 people for \$5.00 each. This pass must be returned to the library after use. For a full day pack your picnic lunch and enjoy.

—Ray Boas

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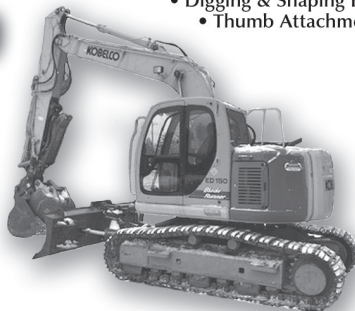
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You're Outta Here! Angel Hernandez, Controversial MLB Umpire, Suddenly Retires

Seamus Cahill (6th grade)

Today is a good day in the baseball world. Angel Hernandez retired. This umpire had many blown calls that have changed the course of a game throughout his nearly twenty years in the big leagues. His mistakes have been made even more glaring since MLB's adoption of replay challenges, although not all plays, or blown calls, are able to be challenged by baseball managers. In one Red Sox game, five of Angel Hernandez's calls were overturned. He had 161 blown calls in his career. Out of the ninety umpires in the league that are analyzed for accuracy, he is almost always found in the 70's rank. Players, coaches, and spectators alike have wondered why it has taken this long for Mr. Hernandez to retire.

FMEEA Thank You

The Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association (FMEEA) would like to thank you for helping make the May 18 District Dash 5K such a success this year. With your support and generosity, we raised over \$9,500. Funds raised will go directly back to the Fall Mountain Regional School District in the form of grants for innovative projects including field trips, classroom activities, presentations, and speakers. The FMEEA board is so grateful for the generous support of our local community.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FallMountainEEA.

Check out our website for upcoming events at www.FMEEA.com.

—Kimberly Lewis

Walpole Schools Celebrate Field Day 2024

Kassidy Doescher (8th grade)

Walpole's annual field day happened the day before the 8th grade commencement on Thursday, June 13th.

There were lots of stations available for field day, which included something for every grade from pre-K through 7th grade. The 8th graders partnered up to create and run each station. They did a wonderful job. Some of the stations for students included a slip and slide on the hill going down from WES to WPS, slip and slide wiffle ball, a water relay race, a physical game of tic tac toe, dodgeball, and kickball. Stations for younger students included face painting, freeze dance, an art station, water blast game, and more! The youngest children participated in their own activities like the water blast and 1st graders and up to 3rd grade did the freeze dance.

All students had an amazing time thanks to all of the hard work and dedication from the 8th grade class.

The afternoon concluded in Walpole Elementary School with the 2nd annual Advisory Charity Race in which teams from every advisory worked



together in the weeks preceding the tournament to build a chariot out of cardboard, duct tape, and rope. Four students per team pulled the chariot while one student sat inside it. Each advisory picked their own name and mythical creature (from this year's category) and created a corresponding flag and/or chariot. These creatures included Shrek, Godzilla, the Red Bulls, the Gremlins, and much more. In the final, championship race, Senior Schilb's advisory (the UA advisory) won their second consecutive championship defeating Mrs. Mulhearn's advisory in a narrow victory.

Students are excited to carry on the field day tradition next year and beyond.

Concerts on the Green Summer Series June 16 - Westmoreland Town Band



In Defense of Recess

London Swain (6th grade)

While most schools around the country eliminate recess from their every day schedule, the students of Walpole Elementary School retain a recess break all through their 8th grade year. During the difficult years of the COVID pandemic, students were able to have a morning and afternoon recess in order to get fresh air, take a break from their masks, and to socialize at a distance.

Recess has many benefits. First, recess gives students a break after working all morning. It also gives them time to socialize with friends and be active. Students learn a lot about how to socialize during this time since it is unstructured and students have to communicate and work together to organize games, including gaga, soccer, basketball, two-hand touch football, kickball, wiffle ball, or even just playing on the swings or equipment. They often have to communicate to students from their class or even another grade.

Recess lets students reset their brain so they are ready to go back to learning and focus.

After a long morning of learning it's nice to get fresh air. There are some kids who don't play sports and recess gives them the option to be outside and do something active. These students may not get the same opportunities throughout their day due to outside activities and obligations, so recess is a time for them to be active and simply play.

In conclusion, recess is very important for kids' development.

Not something new in Town, in June 1878, Nelson Hastings astonished residents with his feats on his modern bicycle that cost \$150. By 1879, bicycle racing on Main Street became a pastime.

Sylvia Fry Honored by Walpole Students Prior to Retirement

Jake Gagnon - Language Arts Teacher

Sylvia Fry, lovingly known as Ms. Fry by generations of students who have passed through the halls of Walpole schools, is set to retire at the conclusion of this school year. She has been in the district for 26 years, including 20 years in Walpole. During most of that time, Ms. Fry worked with the fifth grade students. This was the perfect role for Ms. Fry. She was able to not only assist students with their academics, but she was also able to help every student feel extra comfortable and loved during what can be a big transition to the "Big School."

Her former fifth grade students often visit Ms. Fry throughout the day or talk to her during lunch. Most often, they talk sports, one of Ms. Fry's favorite topics, and invariably they invite her to attend their games. Ms. Fry has a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of the Boston Red Sox and she has shared that history with staff and students alike over the years, making sure that they are well versed in the local baseball team.



Ms. Fry - School Photo

On Wednesday, June 12th, Ms. Fry was honored with this year's yearbook dedication. Each year, the 8th graders of Walpole Elementary School select one staff member to honor by dedicating their yearbook to them. This includes an often heartfelt write up and the honoree's picture on the very first page. The entire school was joined together for the presentation of the honor which gave Ms. Fry just a glimpse of all that she has meant to the students and staff of Walpole. While Ms. Fry will be missed dearly, she is also incredibly deserving of her rest and retirement.

Nelson Hastings and Cycling Friends



Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole closed our 2023-2024 season with a potluck picnic at the home of Carol Malnati. Officers were re-elected and members were briefed on plans for the fall and winter of 2024. WOW is now on hiatus for the summer. Please join us again on September 18th for the beginning of our new season. Look to your member emails and this column in August for more details.

WOW welcomes any woman working or living in Walpole. 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

Friends of the Library

We are excited to share some updates regarding the Friends of the Library fall book sale coming up in October


This year's sale is the last weekend of October, Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th. Hours: Saturday 8:00-10:00 am (dealers), 10:00 am-4:00 pm (public), Sunday 9:00 am-1:00 pm (public).

Book sorting has started. Join us every Wednesday morning throughout the summer from 9:30 to 10:30 at the chicken coup behind The Hungry Diner. We welcome all to help with this task.

Public drop-off of book donations are welcome every Wednesday during this sorting time until the end of August. Those unable to make Wednesday can drop off at Reuse Center on Saturdays.

Funds raised by the Friends of the Walpole Library are used to buy books and other materials and equipment, in addition to library programs.

- Eryn Sellarole



FROM THE CLARION

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

One Year Ago (July 2023) - Walpole's Boston Post Cane was presented to Walpole's oldest citizen, Mrs. Shirley Sanctuary, by Selectboard member Peggy Pschirrer on May 31 at a ceremony in the Town Hall with family and friends in attendance.

Three Years Ago (July 2021) - Principal Sam Jacobs retired after four decades of service.

Five Years Ago (July 2019) - On June 5, Walpole was one of 149 communities selected by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive one of its grant awards for Brownfields. A check for \$500,000 was presented to Walpole.

Seven Years Ago (July 2017) - David Westover was presented the Sprague W. Drenan Award June 10 during the Alumni Reunion Luncheon at Keene State College. Presented annually since 1968, this award is given to an alumnus "whose participation in, and support of, alumni activities is worthy of recognition."

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

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

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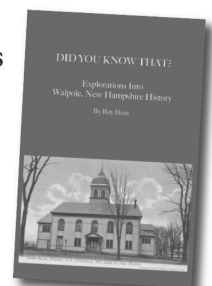
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Great Decisions

“NATO at a Strategic Crossroads” — our next “Great Decisions” public forum — will be moderated by Adrian Basora, former United States Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic. This discussion will be on Monday, July 8, 6:00 p.m., in the Walpole Town Library. The relevant article from the Foreign Policy Association’s 2024 publication is “NATO’s Future,” by Sarwar Kashmeri. A copy of the article can be emailed to you by Jane Malmberg, Library Director: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

—Sue Kibbe

This Summer on Walpole Trails

During the past year, the Walpole Trail Committee and volunteers at Help Our Trails (HOT) Day and other trail work events have worked hard to maintain and improve the Cheshire Rail Trail, Mill Pond Trail, and Fanny Mason Trail. Please take advantage of the summer weather to explore, enjoy, and appreciate our Town’s trails.

Rail Trail. Brush hogging has just been completed on the Walpole section of the Cheshire Rail Trail! Now that the grass is shorter, trail users on foot, bicycle or horseback can more readily enjoy the scenery along more than 7 miles of rail trail within the Town’s borders. The rail trail is accessible from Blackjack Crossing Rd., Halls Crossing Rd., River Rd., the Walpole Gateway, Route 123, and the Boat Launch WMA. There is a dedicated rail trail parking lot on River Rd.

Rail trail users this summer should find far fewer wet spots than in past years, thanks to last fall’s major drainage improvement project. In key areas, drainage ditches were dug out, culverts cleared and/or the trail surface raised to keep water off the trail. On HOT Day, volunteers cleared out leaves and silt to maintain good drainage.

Mill Pond. On the Mill Pond trail, the HOT Day volunteers made bridge repairs, put up signs, cleared away trees and did erosion control. In mid-June, Trail Committee members cut back vegetation where the trail was becoming overgrown.

Fanny Mason. The bridge on the Fanny Mason trail was replaced last fall by a group of Trail Committee members led by Stephen Dumont. More trail maintenance is planned at Fanny Mason Forest later this year.

Trail maps and photos of trail work events can be found on the Walpole Conservation Commission website, walpoleoutdoors.org. Trail maps are also available at Town Hall.

—Wendy Grossman
Walpole Trail Committee

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PUBLISHER’S CORNER

Time again for me to reflect back over the past month, and the coming month, while assembling your July issue of the CLARION. Even more so in reflection, half the calendar year is over as we transition, in today’s heat, into summer. Vacation time for school, and I imagine families are soon off on summer escapes. But do remember we are blessed to be living here in a place that others would happily call their vacation escape to a slower pace of life with beauty, charm, and friendliness. happening at the North Walpole Village Park. Mark your calendars to join in. And you may also join in at Distant Hill as their projects expand for everyone’s enjoyment as well.

This month I have shared the dedication of the solar installation at Walpole’s Recycling Center. Manager Ben Hoy is pleased and proud of what has taken place, and I for one am pleased and proud of his efforts and work for the Town of Walpole. Peggy has taken the opportunity to remind residents of our outstanding EMS personal, and the services they professionally provide. I am pleased to be able to share the events happening at the North Walpole Village Park. Mark your calendars to join in. And you may also join in at Distant Hill as their projects expand for everyone’s enjoyment as well.

Again, it has been a pleasure sitting down and laying out what I hope you find is a pleasing and informative local news source. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

—Ray Boas, Publisher

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