

SBW CELEBRATES 150 YEARS



Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) is proud to invite the community to a special 150th Anniversary Community Celebration—a free, family-friendly event taking place in Walpole on Sunday, July 27 from 11 AM to 2 PM.

The celebration will feature live music, food, and family fun in honor of SBW's 150 years of community banking. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Following the celebration, at 6:30 PM, the Brattleboro American Legion Band will perform on the Walpole Common as part of SBW's Concerts on the Green Summer Series...

"Reaching our 150th anniversary is a remarkable milestone, and July 27 marks the exact day Savings Bank of Walpole first opened its doors," said Mark Bodin, President of Savings Bank of Walpole. "This celebration is our way of saying thank you to the communities that have supported us for generations. We hope families will come out to enjoy the festivities and share in the spirit of community that has defined us for a century and a half."



Walpole Village School and Community Room

The Walpole Village School & Community Room project has been awarded a state tax credit allocation through the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). This award makes it possible for businesses to support this local project while significantly reducing their state tax burden.

Total proceeds from tax credit purchases will result in a \$420,000 contribution to the project, bringing the total amount raised to \$2.4 million (62%) of the \$3.9 million goal. The remaining funds needed for the project will be sourced from The Walpole Foundation, which is applying for a loan through the Savings Bank of Walpole, and the capital campaign.

Businesses with New Hampshire tax liability can contribute to the project in exchange for a 75% state tax credit that can be applied to the Business Profits Tax (BPT), Business Enterprise Tax (BET), or Insurance Premium Tax (IPT). In addition to the state tax credit, the donation may also be eligible for both state and federal charitable contribution deductions.

Funds raised through this allocation will support the construction of a new, energy-efficient, three-classroom preschool facility and a multi-purpose Community Room. When complete, the Community Room will be available for public use outside of school

hours, serving as a flexible gathering space for Walpole residents and local organizations.

The Walpole Village School currently serves more than 40 children and has a longstanding reputation for providing high-quality early child-hood education to local families. The new facility will expand access, address critical safety and infrastructure issues, and create a new community gathering space that will benefit the region for decades to come.

Businesses interested in supporting the project through purchasing tax credits are encouraged to contact the Walpole Foundation's campaign consultant Sara Barrett at sara@sarabarrett.org or visit www.thewalpolefoundation.org/wvs to learn more.

-Jocelyn Horton & Laura Palmer Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

From Peggy's Desk

The Walpole Foundation, whose mission is to ensure Walpole has a thriving commercial and residential center, is, for the first time, asking the Walpole community for help in meeting that challenge.

Les Hubbard, in the 1980's, was concerned that Walpole Center was deteriorating. Route 12 had bypassed

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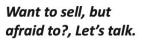
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Please note, we will be CLOSED Friday, July 4th for the holiday and CLOSED to the public Saturday, July 19th to host the Hooper Member/Guest dinner.



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- Peggy from Page 1

the village, and businesses were moving from the center to Route 12. In 1989, Mr. Hubbard bought the brick building which had formerly been a grocery store and, in 1994, it opened as an ice cream parlor. Its next iteration will be Rancho Viejo. In 2004, the Walpole Foundation, a 501(c)(3), came to life to maintain the several buildings, each an LLC paying property tax to Walpole. Now, the Foundation needs your support.

Two years ago, the Foundation purchased the Walpole Village School on lower Westminster Street. Fifty years old, the WVS has had several homes but is now housed in the former greenhouse office building, which is inadequate for its own mission of providing educational childcare for children 2-5 years old and after school programs.

The Walpole Foundation agreed to build a new school on the property and immediately planned to fund the project by seeking grants and fund raising. To date we have raised about \$1,900,00. Northern Borders awarded the Foundation one million dollars, and most recently CDFA granted the Foundation Tax credits of \$525,000.

The Foundation also applied for Congressional Funding from Senator Shaheen's office and was granted \$1.5 million dollars, only to have it erased March 14, 2025, when all Congressional Funding was eliminated.

Consequently, the Foundation is now turning to the Walpole Community to raise another \$250,000. There are fifty years of alumni from the Walpole Village School, many still living in or around Walpole. The Foundation hopes they remember fondly their own positive experience as either a student or parent. Every gift is important to this project, no matter the size of the gift.

The new school building will have three classrooms, one of which will be for infants. In addition, there will be a community room which will not only serve the school but the Walpole community as a whole. Supporting early childhood education and childcare for 2–5-year-olds ensures a healthy future for this village.

Grange Awards Night

Save the date! On Tuesday, July 15th at 7:00 pm, Walpole Grange will present the annual community awards night at the Town Hall. You're invited to help us celebrate this year's deserving recipients for their dedicated service to our community. Awards will be presented for Educator, Youth Service, Business, Postal Service, Young Farmer and Community Citizens.

Come enjoy an evening honoring these hard-working people who make such wonderful contributions to our lives here in Walpole.

- Kathy Yardley

Tree Plan

The Walpole Conservation Commission is working to develop a Street Tree Plan for the villages of Walpole, Drewsville, and North Walpole, and we would like your input.

Where would you like to see trees planted?

What types of trees would you like?

Two ways to share your thoughts:

Join the next Tree Committee meeting on Monday, July 28,7pm in the gazebo on the Walpole common.

Scan the QR code below and take a short survey (only 2 minutes!) to help inform the Walpole Street Tree Plan.



Nicole Adams



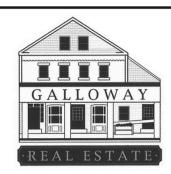
Its all about the volunteers at Walpole Recycling, and we had a volunteer extravaganza party to celebrate that fact. Shaena was grilling, Patty set up the tent and lubed up the bubble machine, Don lit the tiki torches, and I created the 7 hole mini golf course out of recyclable and reused materials found right here at Walpole Recycling. I must admit I have always wanted to create a mini golf course out of reused and recycled materials, which became a dream come true scenario at the volun-

teer party held this Saturday. Thank you to the town of Walpole for generously supporting the efforts of our volunteers, and to the volunteers who put in time and effort to keep our facility running at peak efficiency.

Clean pallets, brush, and invasive plants are the only items being burned in our fire

pit. Please do not leave dimensional lumber, plywood, or furniture in the fire pit area or brush area. Those items are considered construction and demolition. They need to be weighed on our scale with carts. Thank you for being great recyclers and reusers. Remember to thank one of our volunteers at Walpole recycling the next time you recycle! Keep Recycling Walpole!

-Ben Hoy



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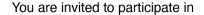
Mass Schedule: Friday 8:30 am Saturday 4:00 pm - Sunday 8:30 am

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For Service Schedules visit the church websites.





Sending Sunshine



a local movement to connect with others by sending greeting cards through the mail.

July Schedule:

at The Gathering Place - 14 Westminster St. - Walpole, NH Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 16 Come anytime between 11 am and 4 pm.

at The Flat Iron Cooperative - 51 Square - Bellows Falls, VT Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25 11 am - 3 pm both days.

Bring names and addresses of people to whom you would like to send greetings.
Select cards designed by local artisans or Create a card. Write greetings.
Walk to the Post Office and mail your cards.

Host: Priscilla Reyns — Questions may be directed to preyns@yahoo.com



Celebrate the 4th at Plymouth Notch, Vermont

The only US President born on the 4th of July is Calvin Coolidge. He was inaugurated at 2:47 a.m. on August 3, 1923, by kerosine lamp by his father, a notary public, following President Warren Harding's untimely death. The inauguration took place in the parlor of the family home in Plymouth Notch, Vermont, across the street from where Calvin was born July 4, 1872. "Cradle to Grave," Coolidge was buried in the Plymouth Notch Cemetery following his death January 5, 1933.

Now a state of Vermont Historic Site, Plymouth Notch is basically unchanged from the time of Coolidge's inauguration. In my travel blog, "Shunpiking with Ray," I have shared many adventures to this small quiet hill town, especially enjoying the July 4th festivities.

Again this year the celebration begins at 9 am with a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. At noon there is a procession from the village (of just a few buildings) to the cemetery for the wreath-laying at the President's family plot. A concert begins at 1 pm, with other events following. This year there is no food service available, so bring your picnic lunch and blankets.

-Ray Boas







For more information, visit the library website https://walpoletownlibrary.org or call 603-756-9806.

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

July / August at the Library

Explore Your World at the Walpole Town Library! Summer Reading Challenge for kids, teens, and adults. June 14-August 2.

Special Summer Children's Programs:

Thursdays, June 26-August 7, 1 PM, Main Library. Summer Unplugged with the Grafton Nature Museum.

Saturday, July 19, 10 AM, Distant Hill Nature Trail. Join us for the annual Teddy Bear Parade.

Tuesday, July 29, 1:30 PM, Main Library. Imagine, Build, Play w/ NH Children's Museum. Meet our superstar guests from the NH Children's Museum and dive into the world of engineering magic. Perfect fun for kids of all ages.

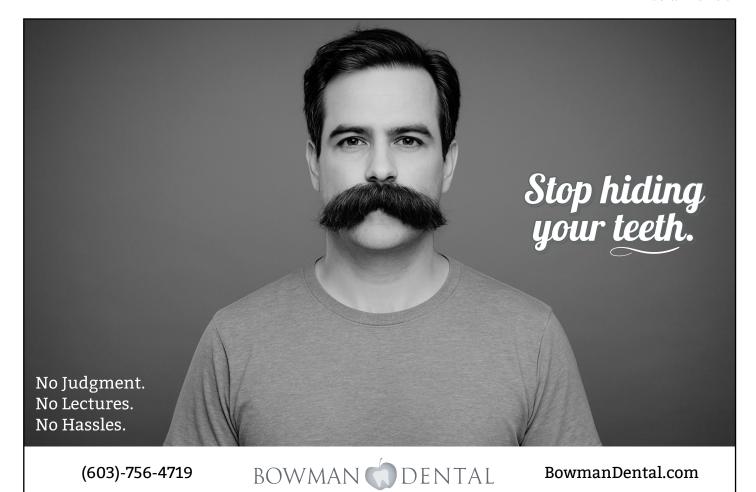
Thursday, September 4. The Walpole Town Library is excited to welcome Rowan Jacobsen to talk about his book, *Wild Chocolate: Across the Americas in Search of Cacao's Soul.* Following Rowan's presentation, Marietta Burdick of Jouvay Chocolate will talk about their partnership with cocoa farmers in Grenada and provide samples for a chocolate tasting.

Walpole Foundation



The Town Clock has been refurbished thanks to Pete Lawlor. He repainted the base and the circle on the outside of the face. Replacement motors were bought and installed; LED lights replaced the single bulb on the inside. Lettering is the last step on having this town icon back up and running. The clock was purchased by the Walpole Foundation in 2007 from the East Bay Clock Company.

-Alberta Wiemers







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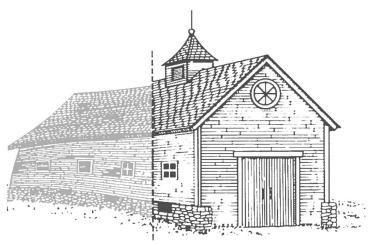
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Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...Uncle Sam, the iconic symbol and personification of the United States, was a real person, and at an early age lived in New Hampshire? Samuel Wilson (1766-1854) was born in Mentomy, now Arlington, Massachusetts. When he was 14 his large family moved to Mason, New Hampshire, settling in a Cape Cod style home that still stands on Route 123 (Valley Road). Wilson joined the Continental Army March 2, 1781. While serving, his duties involved caring for and guarding cattle that would be eventually slaughtered and packaged as meat to feed the troops. With the potential for the enemy to poison food sources, this was an essential duty.

Samuel, with his older brother Ebenezer, in 1789, moved (by foot) to

UNCLE SAM'S HOUSE
Nearby stands the boyhood home of Samuel Wilson (1769-1854) who of Samuel Wilson

Troy, NY, on the Hudson River, as it was first being settled. Sam was 23, his brother was 26. There they established a successful brick building company.

By 1793, they established a meat-packing business, the E & S Wilson Company, and in 1812 had over 100 employees slaughtering 1,000 head of cattle weekly. Treating his employees, well they affectionately called Sam "Uncle Sam."

Troy became an important shipping center for food and ammunition for the US Army when the War of 1812 broke out. The Secretary of War contracted with Elbert Anderson in New York City to supply rations for the Army. In turn Anderson contracted with Ebenezer and Samuel for 2,000 barrels of pork and 3,000 barrels of beef for one year. Wilson was appointed as a meat inspector and marked each inspected barrel "E.A.-U.S." for Elbert Anderson, United States. Seeing a shipment on a Troy pier, a boat passenger

asked a guard what the marking meant. The guard, also an employee of Samuel Wilson, answered that the initials stood for "Uncle Sam" who owned most of the goods in the area. With many of the troops former employees of Wilson, "Uncle Sam" became a nickname for the "U.S." stamp on the barrels. This association eventually extended to all army prop-

erty marked with U.S. as "Uncle Sam's" and a "figure of speech" describing the United States.

In 1817, Samuel and his young brother Nathaniel moved to Catskill, NY, where they opened another slaughterhouse and meatpacking plant. Many of their Troy employees moved along as well. Both families lived at 251 West Main Street. It was in this same mansion that, in 1807, Martin Van Buren married Hannah Hoes prior to becoming the 8th President of the United States.

Probably the most iconic, and well known image of "Uncle Sam" was created by James Montgomery Flagg

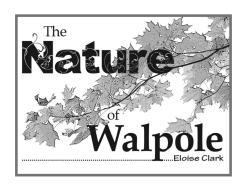


(1877-1960). An American artist and illustrator, he probably is best remembered for his 1917 Uncle Sam Army Recruiting poster for World War I - "I WANT YOU." Flagg modeled the portrait on himself, adding a goatee and white hair. Over four million copies were produced during World War I. There still is some debate as to the origin of the phase "Uncle Sam" but the 87th US Congress on September 15, 1961, adopted the resolution, "Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives that the Congress salutes Uncle Sam Wilson of Troy, New York as the progenitor of America's National symbol of Uncle Sam."



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When the heat of July becomes unbearable, we often seek relief in nearby freshwater ponds and lakes, swimming holes in rocky streams or the wide Connecticut River. Anything to get cool! Both motorized and nonmotorized craft can carry us across cooling waters to our favorite spots to take a dip or relax.

In your travels through these waterbodies, be on the lookout for invasive species of plants and animals. They thrive because they have no natural predators to control their numbers. Populations can careen out of control, crowding out native species. If you are a boater, it's important to be diligent and not inadvertently transport them from place to place.

New Hampshire Lakes has an excellent guide to "Aquatic Invasive Species in New Hampshire". It has color photos and detailed descriptions of each of the eleven invasive plants and animals in our waters.

Besides negatively impacting the ecology of freshwater systems, aquatic invasive species can hinder recreational activities and cause safety problems. They can even hurt the local economy by discouraging visitors who may shy away from infested waterbodies. Once an invasive species has become established, it can be difficult and costly to eliminate.

Aquatic invasive plants often grow in large, dense clumps. These may be either floating mats of vegetation or below the water's surface. They prefer shallow water where sunlight reaches the bottom and currents are slow. These opportunists may

quickly take over an area where the bottom has no plants. Propellors or paddles may catch and transport these unwanted hitchhikers.

Who are these hardy rogues? Curly-leaf pondweed has crinkly leaves, half inch by three inches long. Fanwort has wire-thin branches in a fan shape. Hydrilla has flat, whorls of leaves. It forms dense mats on the water's surface.

Variable milfoil has thin leaves and resembles a bottle brush. Eurasian water milfoil has feather-like leaves in whorls. European naiad has slender, lime green leaves. The diamond-shaped leaves of water chestnut form dense floating mats. Their seeds have four sharp barbs and easily float to new locales.

One species of aquatic invasive animal, the *Chinese mystery snail*, was introduced by aquarium owners. The snails were imported to help

clean algae from fish tanks.

When people tired of their hobby, some

snails were dumped into

nearby freshwaters.

Three bivalves have found way into New

Hampshire waterways as well. These include the *Asian clam* and *Quagga mussel*. Both grow to two inches. You may have heard of the *zebra mussel*? This striped denizen, first found in the Great Lakes, has become famous for growing on all available surfaces, even plugging up discharge pipes.

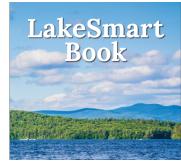
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How many of these plants and animals are found in the Connecticut River? The Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) will be surveying the river between Hinsdale and Lebanon this summer and monitoring areas with known invasives. They are hiring field assistants in this effort. Contact them if you are interested. They also host



volunteer events such as "water chestnut pulls." Check out this organization if it's new to you. They do good work.

Be sure to clean off all plants, animals and debris from your boats, trailers and any gear that has come in contact with the waterbody you have just visited. Boaters know to open drain plugs and empty live wells onto dry land. Cleaning and draining boats is the law in New Hampshire. Public waters are for everyone to enjoy. Let's care for our shared resource and prevent the spread of these invasive hitchhikers.





Women of Walpole

Women of Walpole met on Wednesday June 18 at the home of Robin Fernsell to celebrate the end of the year with our summer potluck/picnic. Good food - with truly excellent and abundant desserts - good company, and rousing conversation made for a terrific outdoor meeting, under a canopy and protected from rain.

After a summer hiatus, we will meet again on Wednesday, September 17 at 2 pm, the meeting to be held outdoors on the Common, counting on a lovely end of summer day. Rain location in the Gazebo (if available).

Planning continues for the WOW Holiday Home Tour: six festively decorated Walpole Homes to tour on December 13 and 14, as a fundraiser for Walpole causes. More to come.

Women of Walpole encourages and welcomes any woman living or working in Walpole to join. Meetings occur both during the day and sometimes in the evenings on the third Wednesday of each month between September and June. If you want to learn more or be put on our mailing list please contact Mary Feeney (508-397-2583) or Carolyn LeBail (714-717-4184)

-Mary Feeney

To the RIGHT - Walpole's Reagan Westover along with Chloe Gauthier working at the clipping workshop. -photo provided



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Pinnacleview 4-H — Cattle Field Day

May 31st and June 1st, the Pinnacleview 4-H Club attended Beef and Dairy Field Day. At this event many 4-H'ers learned about 4-H and showing. There were many different activities and workshops for the 4-H'ers to attend. Workshop topics included: washing cows, judging beef cows, judging dairy cow, beef and dairy showmanship, clipping and fitting demonstrations. A informational session for families with kids old enough to qualify to attend the Big E, there was a vet science workshop for kids under 12. During the weekend, older kids with dairy Or beef cows attending helped little kids learn about chores and how to take care of your animal and feed them, after the animals where all taken care of everyone got to eat dinner and attend an ice cream social. The second day of beef and dairy weekend all 4-H'ers helped feed, wash, and fit animals to be show ready. And everyone that wanted to experience showing a beef or dairy cow got a chance to do a mock fitting and showmanship. This weekend was a great event for all new and experienced 4-H members and their parents. To learn more about 4-H Animal Science Projects and help them have a better show season.

Emma Ann Lee Pinnacleview 4-H Reporter



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Summer Ruth Tyson
June 1, 2025
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Will Tyson and Susie Dain-Owens
Grandparents:
Bill and Kris Tyson, Walpole
Jim Owens & Debbie Dain,
Mercer Island, WA



Passed

Edward McCatty June 10, 1954 - June 14, 2025

Distant Hill Thank You

Thank you all for your generous support of our 2025 NH Gives fundraiser. Because of your contributions, Distant Hill raised a total of \$11,625 from 272 donors. Every donation made a difference. We received a \$1,000 Donors-not-Dollars Challenge grant for reaching 250 donors just three minutes before the 5 PM deadline on June 11. We wrapped up the 24-hour fundraiser with 255 donors and a total of \$10,530 in donations.

We also received a \$250 prize for having the most donors in the Monadnock Region. Technically, we placed second in the region, but the first-place winner was ineligible because they had already won another prize.

Once all the dust had settled, the final total of \$11,625 from 272 donors was achieved because NH Gives allowed late donations until 11:59 PM on June 12. Although these contributions didn't count toward the official total for prizes, they were still significant. An additional 17 late donors contributed \$1,095 to the overall total. All donations help Distant Hill fulfill our mission to "Make Nature and the Outdoors Accessible to Everyone."

It's worth noting that Distant Hill ranked 6th in unique donor count among the over 600 non-profits in New Hampshire participating in NH Gives this year. A truly impressive milestone indeed!

-Michael Nerrie



Westminster Cares (VT) will be hosting their annual Garden Tour on the weekend of July 5th and 6th. Scan QR code for details.



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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

I do hope some CLARION readers take a few moments reading my 250 (plus or minus) words here each month where I share some thoughts and observations. This month I wish to apologize for the small, twelvepage issue, resulting from fewer articles on events (past and present) submitted. In reflection, and in discussion with others, there could be several reasons. There are fewer activities happening (which could be a seasonal phenomenon, but not always the case in reviewing past years' issues) Also it appears that other print periodicals are smaller as well. Less could be going on to report on, but also social media may be the new preferred choice for getting the word

For over sixty years I have enjoyed, in small ways, printing and publishing, starting with a small 3x5 inch hand letter press. Publications such as the CLARION are printed in sheets, a sheet comprising four pages when bound. I aim to have a pleasing balance of words and their supporting images while working within those four page segments, all interspersed with eye catching advertisements. Remember it is the CLARION advertisers that make the paper in your hands possible. In this issue there are some wonderfully designed advertising messages to attract your attention. I hope you thank those businesses for their support with both words and business.

Enjoy your summer.

—Ray Boas, Publisher

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Sunday, July 27 | 11 AM – 2 PM | Walpole Common

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(All shows will be held rain or shine on Sundays from 6:30-8:00 pm)

JULY

- **Nelson Town Band**
- East Bay Jazz Ensemble 13
- Springfield Community Band 20
- 27 Brattleboro American Legion Band

Join us from 11 am -2 pm for SBW's 150th Anniversary Community Celebration as well as a late afternoon cookout followed by music at 6 pm

