



Changes Coming around Town

More Commercial Development

At the Planning Board meeting, June 9, a Public Hearing will be continued considering a commercial site plan at the junction of Route 12 where Main Street intersects heading north out of the village. Introduced at the board's April 14, meeting this application from Snowplow Sales Development and Brookside Real Estate LLC (Levi Hubbard), is for development of a 75 acre parcel (now a cornfield), north of Blue Seal (formerly Agway) on Route 12 where Main Street intersects at what may become an even more dangerous intersection depending upon the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation approval of a "road cut." As shown on the Google Maps aerial view below, currently there is an agricultural cut off Route 12 to the parcel.

As proposed, quoting from the April minutes, "The office is 3,360 square feet and attached to the 8,000

square foot store. The size of the office is 56 feet by 60 feet. The two-floor store is 100 feet wide by 80 feet long. The office will face Main Street and the store will be behind it. The store is barn red with black window and doors."

Also planned are open bins lined up along the southern boundary line. At the end of these open bins are two larger ones with salt and sand. They will be covered. There are 55 parking spaces. From the minutes, "They will also host a landscaping business."

Overhead LED lights will be down lit and sprinkled around the parking lot. Four trees will be placed along Route 12. Shrubbery will be placed at the driveway entrance and surround three sides of the office building." Following the presentation the Board voted to hold a public hearing in May.

And, from the May minutes: "the Route 12 cut for a driveway has lapsed so a new application had to be filed and NH Department of Transportation should be getting back to the applicants in two to six weeks, ... The area of most concern from the Board was

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North Walpole School - Closing

A Walpole Schools Information Session was held the evening of May 20 at the Walpole Elementary School regarding the upcoming consolidation of the North Walpole and Walpole Elementary Schools this coming school year. Led by Walpole Attendance Area Principal Justin Cassarino about a dozen people were in attendance with thoughtful questions in the session lasting over an hour.

Prompted by the 2026-2027 school budget not passing, the administrative team across the district made some challenging decisions to reduce an additional \$600,000 from the budget. Since 2023, discussions have been held about district consolidation, including the possibility of closing North Walpole School. With the recent budget outcome plans were accelerated for the 2026-2027 school year resulting with all North Walpole students and staff transitioning to Walpole Elementary School. Additionally, the central offices, with its staff of 22, may be moved from leased space in Langdon to the North Walpole building.

Today there are 78 students at the North Walpole School in second, third and fourth grades; 129 students at the Walpole Elementary School (grades 5-8); and 66 students at the primary school in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and the first grade. Next year a three-year old

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Quilts Tell Stories

Quilts tell stories, and quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles – quilting is NOT just an American art. Pam Weeks, Binney Family Cu-

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program will begin to be held in the mornings there, with Pre-K convening in the afternoon. Asking the question if the building can accommodate the students comfortably it was shared that in the last 25 years enrollment has decreased about 40 percent. Walpole, unlike other school districts with one central school for all students K-8, currently has three buildings, almost five miles from one location to the other.

Besides the budgetary benefits there are many "pluses" to having all Walpole students on one campus. No longer "isolated" North Walpole students will be closer to school activities and have more mentoring opportunities. Students are dismissed 20 minutes early from North Walpole to be bused to Walpole Middle School for transportation home. This equates to a loss of six full school days a year and will no longer happen. Staff co-located will save time leading to greater efficiency and student time.

The North Walpole school gym and playing fields will continue to be used by the Recreation Department, and the playground remains for community use. And, as noted plans are to be developed to transition the SAU-60 offices there. By the time you read this new traffic patterns for morning drop-off and afternoon pickup will have begun to see if adjustments need to be made for the coming school year. Additional meetings will be held allowing residents to provide comments as changes are made.

-Ray Boas

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the cut for the entrance to the property. Traffic was entering from Main Street, continuing on Route 12 past the driveway and cars traveling south could be turning left into the entrance. The board voted to continue the hearing until June when the applicant will return with an update from NHDOT on the 'road cut', and a picture of the sign."

Safe traffic flow is of a major concern at this intersection, but out of the hands of our local board. As with any public hearing, residents are encouraged to attend to ask questions and express concerns such as the line of sight at this intersection, particularly of traffic coming from the south. There is a process for residents to challenge state decisions on road cuts.

-Ray Boas

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rator of the New England Quilt Museum, and author of the book Civil War Quilts will speak at Chase's Mill, Friday, June 19 7 pm-8:30 pm. In her talk Weeks weaves world history, women's history, industrial history and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. Prompted in part by the material culture at hand, she may speak about fashion fads, the Colonial Revival, quilt making for Civil War soldiers, and anything else quilt-related that can be squeezed in.

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Distant Hill NH Gives Campaign

Friends of Distant Hill is proud to participate in this year's NH Gives on June 9-10, raising funds to support the organization's Trail Accessibility Initiative and increase awareness of its new free TerrainHopper Accessibility Project.

NH Gives is New Hampshire's largest online fundraising event, bringing together nonprofits and community members across the state for 24 hours of giving. This year, Friends of Distant Hill has set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 to help expand public access to the natural beauty and educational opportunities available at Distant Hill Gardens & Nature Trail.

Funds raised during NH Gives will directly support outreach, programming, and public awareness efforts surrounding the nonprofit's TerrainHopper initiative. The TerrainHopper is

an all-terrain electric wheelchair designed to allow individuals with mobility challenges to explore trails and outdoor spaces that might otherwise be inaccessible.

"Our goal is to ensure that everyone, regardless of physical ability, can experience the beauty and benefits of nature," said Hannah Silverblank of the Trail Accessibility Initiative. "With community support through NH Gives, we can continue building a more inclusive outdoor experience for visitors of all ages and abilities."

Friends of Distant Hill serves the Monadnock Region by providing free public access to gardens, walking trails, educational programming, and environmental stewardship opportunities. The TerrainHopper initiative reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and community connection.

Community members can support Friends of Distant Hill during NH Gives by visiting NH Gives at www.nh-gives.org between 5PM, June 9, and 5PM, June 10, and searching for Friends of Distant Hill.

For more information about the Trail Accessibility Initiative or the TerrainHopper program, contact Hannah Silverblank at hannah@distanthill.org or visit www.distanthill.org

Scout Concert

The Boy Scout Troop 299 and Cub Scout Pack 299 of Walpole are sponsoring a concert by the Walt Sayre Orchestra on the common on Sunday June 28 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be available and a collection will be taken. This is a much needed fundraiser for the Scouts. The yearly registration fees for both adult leaders and boys have increased a great deal to around \$150 for each leader and about \$200 for each boy. The parents and leaders are not asked to pay these fees because we strongly believe that Scouting should be open to all.

-Judy Northcott

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June at the Library

Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm, Main Library. Join occupational therapist Eryn Finnell of Every Home Solutions for an empowering educational talk on aging in place in safety and comfort.

Thursday, June 11, 6:00 pm, Main Library. Professional organizer, Bonnie Borromeo Tomlinson. Learn how to live an organized life that doesn't involve constant maintenance

Fourth Annual Walpole Reads. This year, as part of US@250 Big Watch, we are reading *You Never Forget Your First* by Alexis Coe. Grab your copy beginning June 20 at the Main Library.

Wednesday, June 24, 6:00 pm Main Library. Intro to the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum featuring artifacts and a virtual tour, followed by Q&A

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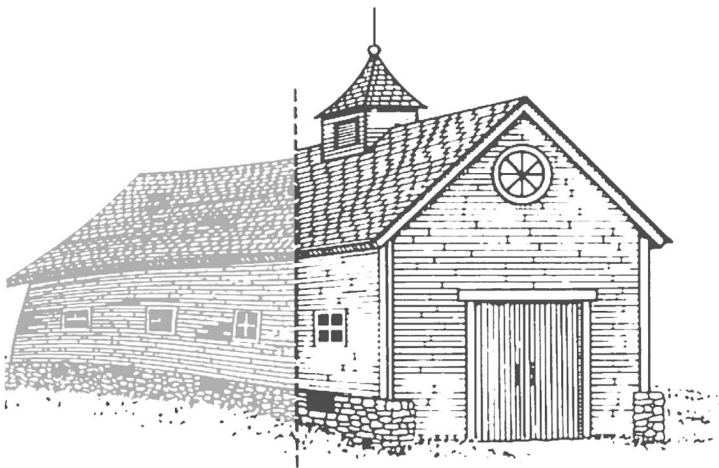
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Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...that the Cold River Stock Yards opened in 1872? I introduced you to this busy enterprise in January 2016, but since then have found additional stereoviews to help better pinpoint the area it occupied - basically where Aubuchon Hardware is now located.

These stereoviews (new to me) were published by J. A. French in Keene, and on the rear side of the card have the following same description:

COLD RIVER STOCK YARDS, ON THE CHESHIRE RAILROAD.

One mile East of Bellows Falls, at the base of Fall Mountain, and at the junction of Cold River and the Connecticut, were opened in 1872. The Yards have the best of convenience for loading or unloading Stock, and are supplied with spring water brought into each yard from the mountain.

They also have ample Barn, Shed, and Stable room.

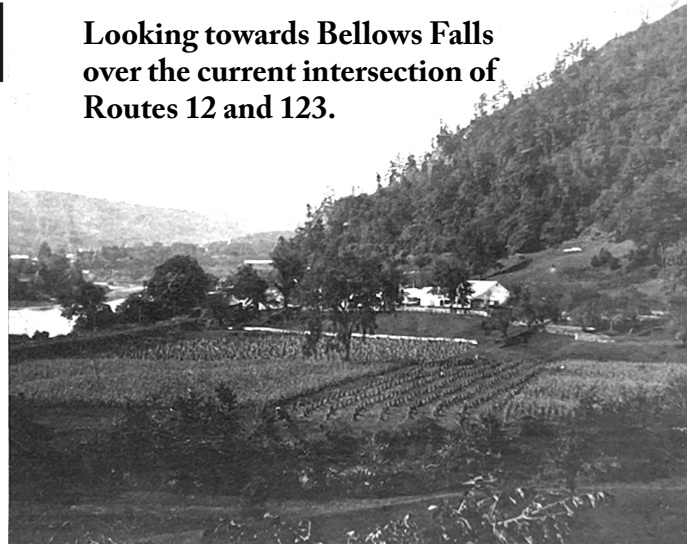
The Hotel has recently been entirely re-fitted and re-furnished, making it one of the most pleasant and comfortable Hotels on the line; and stock men will find every provision made for their comfort and convenience while stopping here.

Later the Boston and Maine Railroad had its Cold River Station on the tracks, shown in the postcard on page 8. To the left rear you can see the grain

store of John H. Bynes, probably built on railroad land since no deed appears recorded. The station agent lived in the tenement above the grain store. Between the highway and Cold River were the cattle pens on what is now still basically open flat land. Farmers who drove their cattle here would leave with their grain purchases.

As noted in Frizzell's History of Walpole, in 1875 the value of animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter here totaled \$254,095 would be worth roughly \$7,633,000 today. Also recorded, during a four week period

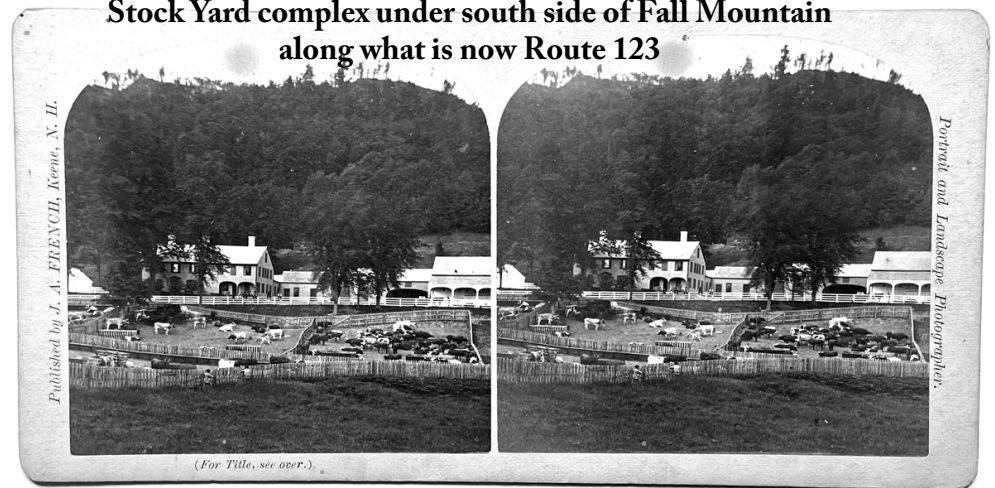
Looking towards Bellows Falls over the current intersection of Routes 12 and 123.



in the summer of 1895 the following were shipped to Boston from the yards; 615 calves, 117 sheep, 251 cows, 20 beef animals. Monday was a shipping day.

I have not been able to find a date when the Stock Yards closed, and the buildings, including the hotel, were demolished. The Boston and

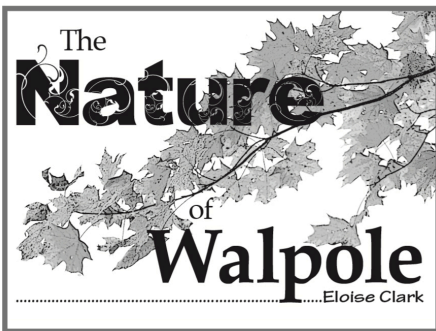
Stock Yard complex under south side of Fall Mountain along what is now Route 123



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Maine Railroad ceased operations on this section of track by 1962, and the rails removed. Route 12 was then rerouted no longer passing through the Village of Walpole, past the school, cemetery and the former R. N. Johnson buildings. It was the bypassing of the village of Route 12, and the work of the Walpole Foundation, that has preserved "downtown" much as it has been the past 150 years.



Caterpillar season has begun. After the egg hatches, a voracious creature emerges. A caterpillar is the larva of an adult moth or butterfly. It's intent on eating as much as possible to reach its desired size before it forms a pupa. In a butterfly we call this pupa a chrysalis, in a moth it's a cocoon. After its metamorphosis, the winged adult emerges. It sets off to find a mate, lay eggs and renew its life cycle.

While caterpillars share a long and slender body shape, their coloring and adornments set them apart and help us identify them. Let's look



at some you might find over the next few weeks.

Most of you are familiar with the monarch caterpillar. It's famous for its warning coloration, alerting predators that it tastes awful because of its consumption of bitter tasting milkweed leaves. If you investigate a milkweed plant you will also find the milkweed tussock moth. Only an inch in length, its body is covered with yellow and black tufts. From either end much longer black and white "pencils" poke out. Between its milkweed diet and covering of dry hairy tufts, it's unappetizing to many potential predators.

Two more tussock moths are fairly common to find: the American dagger moth and the banded tussock moth. Both have short white hairs with longer black "pencil" hairs poking out. The banded tussock moth is the smaller of the two, closer to one inch. It has a black band down the length of its back, while the dagger moth is pure white. And yes, the hairs can cause skin irritation if the caterpillars are handled.

Several of our common butterflies have larva with branched spines. The mourning cloak caterpillar has a black body with tiny white dots and protruding black branched spines. Eight bright red dots or markings align on the back. The painted lady, red admiral, buckeye, question mark, checkerspots and fritillaries all have caterpillars with branched spines. The spines are likely a deterrent to predators.

Although the adult viceroy and white admiral butterflies look quite different, they are closely related. The viceroy's orange and black pattern imitates the monarch butterfly. By mimicking the distasteful monarch, the viceroy deters predators. The white admiral is brownish-black with a white bands on all four wings. Despite the adult differences in coloring, the caterpillars are quite similar. Their skin sports a mottled mix of white, tan and brown splotches, making them look like bird droppings! The chrysalis is also camouflaged as a bird dropping.

The woolly bear caterpillar with its banded body is a familiar sight in the autumn. It's covered with bristles that are black at the fore and aft



4-H members planting at the Fountain

and a reddish brown in the middle. It feeds on dandelions and other plants growing near the ground. This larva of the Isabella tiger moth spends the winter as a caterpillar.

Many moths and butterflies spend the winter as an egg or pupa. The mourning cloak butterfly is unusual, as it hibernates as an adult sheltered under loose tree bark. It emerges in the warm April sunshine as the first butterfly of spring.

Enjoy caterpillar season and know that these creepy crawlies are a crucial food for birds and their nestlings.



**Left - Banded Tussock Caterpillar
Above - Mourning Cloak Caterpillar**

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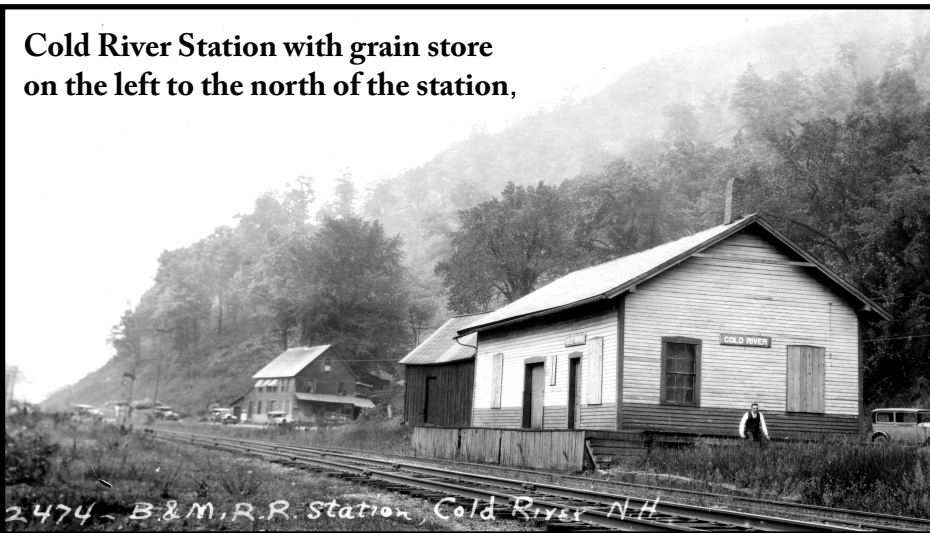
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Walpole Grange July 4th Decoration Contest



Walpole Grange #125 is sponsoring a home and business patriotic decoration contest as part of the town wide celebration activities for the Fourth of July. Residents and businesses are urged to aggressively decorate their homes and buildings with U.S. flags, red white and blue colors, and patriotic symbols to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Walpole Grange is offering prizes for the most patriotic decorated homes or buildings in town. \$250 for first place. \$150 for second place. \$100 for third place. Judging will take place from July 2 to July 5. No contemporary political, partisan or candidate messaging on the premises will be included in the evaluation of the displays. Contestants can sign up to participate in this contest by sending an email with their name (personal or business) and the address of the building that will be decorated to Walpole Grange Program Director, Leroy Watson, at lawatsonjd@gmail.com by June 16th. The winners will be announced on July 21, at the annual Walpole Grange Community Awards night program at 7:00 pm at the town hall.

**Cold River Station with grain store
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Fun in the Sun: How to Enjoy Your Summer

By Reagan Westover (6th grade)

This summer, you can do a lot of fun outdoor activities and even go on new adventures. New Hampshire is home to many wonderful trails, wooded areas, and hiking spots. You could go hiking in the woods. You could also use this summer to try new things, such as kayaking on one of the many beautiful rivers or lakes in the area. You should also try and visit different parks and beaches. There are several local beaches on lakes that allow for picnics, sunbathing, and swimming.

Another outdoor activity you could try is camping or riding bikes with your friends. Both of these things will allow you to unplug and reconnect with nature. These activities will help you relax, explore, and make really unforgettable memories. So, this summer I hope you at least go outside a couple times. Even if you might not have a big backyard or a bike, you can still make your summer fun as it could ever be. So, have fun and enjoy every moment of your summer.

Walpole 8th Graders Visit Washington DC

By London Swain (8th grade)

Walpole and Charlestown 8th graders got to experience the Washington DC trip this past April just prior to break. For a week we had the opportunity to see where American history has been made and go to places where history is appreciated.

During the days we would go on tours around Washington DC with our tour guide. We got to see the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. They look especially incredible when you lay at the bottom of it and admire its architecture. Our group got to go to numerous museums which included history pieces and short

movies teaching us about what we were seeing.

History, of course, is also a recording of tragedies. While we were in Washington DC, we visited the Holocaust Museum. It was incredibly sad however it's important we learn history so we can prevent it from ever repeating itself.

On the trip, we got the chance to meet new classmates that we will be seeing in high school. Many friendships were made and as an overall group we had a blast. It was definitely an amazing experience.

Later in the afternoon we would go to more memorials and monuments and then we would all go eat dinner together. The weather, although sometimes hot, was beautiful for our week in Washington DC. A couple other things we got to go and see were the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Capitol Building. It was such an amazing experience and so many memories were made.

Walpole Baseball and Softball Start Strong Seasons

By Jake Gagnon

The Walpole Elementary School Baseball team is off to a hot start. The team has a sole loss against Keene Middle School but victories over Vilas, Chesterfield, and two victories over Winchester Middle School. Head Coach Matt Beam, assisted by Dale Paquette, has led a talented group of players that have improved in each game so far this season. The 8th grade leaders on the team include Corbin Beam, Seamus Cahill, Ethan Houghton, Miles Smith, Will Lent, and Adam Ballou. The team is also anchored by their starting catcher, 7th grader Chase Paquette, as well as classmate Max Smith and 6th grader Jaxon Latham in the corner outfield spots. Beam has been one of the main pitchers for Walpole this season.

"Coach is always telling us to sit back and drive it," said Beam, on the advice they receive when hitting. "And to always be on our toes."

Walpole has several games remaining this season as they play through May and the start of June. They hope to continue their momentum as they face Bellows Falls, Claremont, Charlestown, and Hinsdale. "We are a solid team with a lot of 8th grade leaders," said Beam.

Walpole's Softball squad is a combination of Walpole and Vilas student-athletes. Walpole's 8th graders are Gaby Carbone and Mason Perron. They are 2-2 on the season and Carbone noted their improvement from last season. "We are better than last year," said Carbone. "We've hit well. Especially Ava." Seventh grader Ava Paul has been a force at the plate for her Walpole team. They will continue to build on their season as they play Chesterfield, Charlestown, Marlborough, Bellows Falls, Hinsdale, Claremont, and Leland and Gray through the first week of June to cap off the middle school season.

Staff of the Month: Mrs. Fleet

By Harper Rodenhauer (6th grade)

Why did you choose to become a teacher? — "My art teachers in high school inspired me to be an art teacher. I've always had a lot of interests, art being one of them, and I've always liked working with people so it was a practical and easy way to combine two things I was good at and interested in. I choose to continue to be an art teacher because I love seeing student growth and creativity. Walpole is an especially special place to teach because I get to have my students for such a long time."

How long have you been teaching? — "This is my ninth year and it's a special year because it's the first

year that I have had my 8th graders since Kindergarten.”

Did you always want to be an art teacher? — “I did not always want to be an art teacher. When I was really little I wanted to be a dolphin trainer. Growing up I also considered medicine, writing, and archaeology.”

What’s your favorite style of art? — “In terms of viewing art, I like weird art or art that people question if it’s even art. Installation art is also a favorite of mine because it is a whole experience. I love anything that makes me wonder or feel something or think differently about the world around me. I’m also partial to impressionism because it’s so beautiful. When it comes to making art, I love painting, linocut printmaking, mixed media,



drawing birds with colored pencils, and large scale sculpture.”

Did you ever think of quitting art? — “I think like anyone who has a craft or practice that takes time, effort, and skill, I’ve thought about quitting or had a time where I stepped away. I could never truly quit art though. It’s part of who I am.”

WES Drama Club Presents Hot Lunch

By Allie Vickers (6th grade)

WES presented Hot Lunch on May 15th, 2026. The play was performed by the WES Drama Club after months of practice and rehearsal in the Hubbard Gymnasium. It was performed twice: first during the school day for all students and staff and then in the evening for the community. Co-directed by Amanda Dustin and Diana DeSorcie, the play was a great success.

“My experience was good because I had a fun time acting with friends,” said 6th grader Junie Jenkins. Eighteen actors participated in the play: Allison Vickers, Juniper Jenkins, Oliver Chabre, Calvin Westover, Lucas Leggett, Brook Glover, Brooklyn Kelly, Sophia Formica, Lily Schoen, Krissalyn Mousley, Owen LaFayette, Ellie Griffin, Sadie Andrews, Magnolia Snelling, Tessa Walters, Rieley Harper, Charlotte Kemp, and Waverley Wise. Everyone did a great job, thanks to the two months of practice. Each rehearsal was lighthearted and fun, with lots of learning and laughs.

Though it’s hard to get up on stage and act in front of peers and family, we all got over the fear and pressure to put on an amazing show. Thank you to Mrs. DeSorcie and Mrs. Dustin for all of the help and lessons you gave us. Now you can sit back and enjoy Walpole’s next Drama Club performance.

Past Drama Club performances used microphones to enhance sounds. This year we have a new and improved sound system. “The actor’s voices are enriched and blast out of large speakers,” says 6th grader Ellie Griffin. A popcorn stand was set up for the 6:00 pm show to raise money for even better lights and speakers to make Drama Club performances as good as they can be. You can also purchase popcorn online in an effort to continue raising funds for these wonderful productions, concerts, and shows. Drama Club, NHD, band/choir, and more all need these new additions for all of the wonderful things Walpole schools do, so any donations would be helpful. Please reach out to Diana DeSorcie for how you can buy delicious popcorn and, at the same time, support the arts programs in Walpole.

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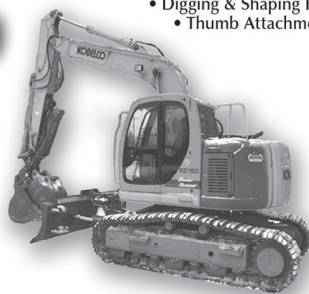


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We've had a wonderful spring up here at the Hooper Institute and we couldn't have done it without you all! Thank you to everyone who has attended, volunteered, or otherwise supported any of our spring events, including our most recent Hooper Birthday Picnic. We especially appreciate the Women of Walpole for helping with our bake sale, Jim Baucom for sharing his music, and our Board members for their continued support.

Summer is right around the corner and we still have opportunities to be involved! If you haven't already subscribed to our Flower CSA, email us to save your spot to get 6 weeks of beautiful locally grown blooms. Only a few shares are left!

We're looking forward to another fun season at Hooper Camp! There are still a few spots left, and registration closes June 8. Students in grades 1-4 can join us for Morning Camp, while middle schoolers can get exploring with Adventure Camp or gain new

skills at Wood Camp. Every week brings hands-on opportunities to explore and connect with the natural world. We hope to see your campers this summer!

As the school year wraps up, we are so grateful for all of this year's learning opportunities! We've loved watching students get excited about the natural world through digging in the soil, planting seeds and flowers, bird-watching, bug hunting, and so much more.

Follow along on Facebook and Instagram for our final teaching updates of the year, camp adventures, and upcoming programs. We hope to see you this summer.

-Greta Drager

Adventure campers celebrating the last day at the Hooper shelter with a campfire.



A field of Garlic Mustard

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This is garlic mustard. It's an invasive species, bearing hundreds of seeds every year. Left alone, it takes over, as you can see in the photo, and out-competes our native plants. If you have it on your property you are encouraged to pull it up gently, so that you pull up the roots if possible. Do NOT put garlic mustard on your mulch pile or discard it randomly in the woods, as it can still produce seeds. Bag it and discard it, or at least bag it and leave the bag in the sun until it is thoroughly dead, which could take some time. For more information, see <https://www.bhg.com/how-to-get-rid-of-garlic-mustard-11734604>.

-Debbie Hutchings



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Great Decisions

"Great Decisions" will meet Monday, June 15, at 6:00 pm in the Walpole Town Library to discuss "Ukraine and European Security". The grim and grinding war in Ukraine is well into its fifth year, with no end in sight. The threat of further Russian aggression has forced European nations to confront their own vulnerability in view of America's sharply decreased role in a frayed alliance.

Join our discussion of the challenges to European security and beyond. Adrian Basora, former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, will serve as moderator.

The reading from the Foreign Policy Association is "Ukraine and the Future of European Security" by Thomas Wright, eminent scholar and practitioner who has served on the U.S. National Security Council. A copy of his article can be emailed to you upon request to Library Director Jane Malmberg:

jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

All are welcome to join in person or via Zoom - request the Zoom link from Jane Malmberg and instead join at 6:30 pm, following the "Master Class" video which cannot be shown via Zoom.

Walpole Business Note

New! Yoga in Walpole — Looking to unwind, relax and re-connect? Join us Wednesday evenings (7-8 PM) at the Hastings Memorial Parish House (behind the Unitarian Church) for a grounding, accessible yoga class of mindful movement and breath. Great for all ages and levels. No experience or commitment required -- drop in for one class or make it a weekly practice. Donation based (no one turned away). More details and RSVP for class at luma.com/transformationalyogaNH. Location: 14 Union St, Walpole, NH. Questions? Get in touch with Charlie Stephens at (714) 883-6747

Your 100 word submission of "business notes" is welcome or possible insertion.



FROM THE CLARION

A sampling of way we've reported in more than 14 years of publication:

One Year Ago (June 2025) - "Our Roots Run Deep" was held Wednesday June 25 – Sunday June 29.

Three Years Ago (June 2023) - In 1984, for Old Home Days, Peggy Graves and Betty Prentiss organized the community to raise money and repair the fountain. They installed a flower garden around the base of the fountain, and then Pinnacleview 4-H club began to plant the flowers and tend the garden as a community service project.

Five Years Ago (June 2021) - Work began May 11 to replace and improve water lines on Elm Street from the Town Hall south replacing the over 100 year old six inch main line, in which barely a pinprick of space was left for water to pass through.

Seven Years Ago (June 2019) - 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.

Nine Years Ago (June 2017) - Ernie and Susan Vose worked with the Monadnock Conservancy 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 of the 22-acre farm property on Wentworth Road.

Eleven Years Ago (June 2015) - The Walpole Grange sponsored "Coffee With A Cop" on June 5. Police Chief Mike Paquette shared some facts and figures regarding police activity in and around Walpole.

Thirteen Years Ago (June 2013) - On April 25th, a Cheshire County Superior Court Judge ruled that the Walpole residents who sued the Planning Board over its approval of the largest apartment development project in the town's history "have not met their burden of persuading the court that the board's approval was unlawful..."

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More than 20 members of Women of Walpole plus members of the community were trained in Hands-Only CPR by Walpole EMS and Fire Department as part of the NH CPR Challenge at the May 20 meeting held at the Walpole Historical Society. Our "hands on" training was followed by Christie Winmill's talk about the Historical Society and Louisa May Alcott's time in Walpole and how Walpole events can be found in the pages of *Little Women*. The June meeting of WOW is the annual picnic at noon on Wednesday June 17. The location TBD with two very good options under consideration; watch for the location in our email to members.

Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the picnic. If you would like to learn more about WOW or be put on our email distribution list please contact Mary Feeney (508-397-2583) or Carolyn LeBail (714-717-4184) or write us at Women of Walpole PO Box 931.

-Mary Feeney

Scholarship for Working Moms

The Savings Bank of Walpole is now accepting applications for The Julie Tewksbury Scholarship for Working Moms. Now in its sixth year, the annual Bank-sponsored scholarship supports working mothers who are pursuing personal and professional growth, and who are striving to make an impact in their careers and communities.

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available online at walpolebank.com/scholarship-for-working-moms/, and must be submitted by Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

The scholarship honors longtime Bank employee Julie Tewksbury, who served as Senior Vice President of Operations before retiring in 2020. During her 28-year career—including 15 years on the Bank's leadership team—Julie was a champion for employee development, particularly for working mothers balancing career advancement with family life.

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It is afternoon on "closing day" and the June files go to the printer in three hours. Putting the CLARION together for you is a process - a building process. I have in mind where I am going for a pleasing and informative presentation for you and I try to round out full pages one at a time. It is a "balancing act" and I do enjoy it with work spread over four to five days, or more. Of course, as with any project, I will leave for awhile, work on something else while still thinking CLARION, and then come back with a layout solution. As I will often say, "too much fun."

Summertime family activities about to begin, and there is a great deal to see, do and enjoy, close by and also within a couple hours of Walpole. You do not have to "fight the crowds," get on a plane, or "break the bank." I enjoy exploring. The searching and planning an adventure is often as much fun for me as is the actual execution of a trip and its explorations and discoveries. Many of you follow "Shunpiking with Ray" where I "write to remember" but also to share. Over the years I have shared some of those adventures here with you in my column, ROADS AND ROUTES, and space permitting I will do so through the summer to offer you some suggestions.

Have a nice summer, stay safe and well, and "see you next month."

-Ray Boas, Publisher



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