



Special Town Meeting

Monday, August 17

A special Town Meeting will be held Monday, August 17, at 7 pm at the Walpole Town Hall to vote on a Warrant Article for a bond, not to exceed \$3,000,000, for construction of the new Police Station. The Walpole Police Building Committee recently wrote, "our existing station no longer meets the demands of modern policing. It is undersized, lacks essential workspace for evidence processing, does not provide legally required separate, holding areas for youthful offenders, and has been vulnerable to break-ins." The proposed new building, to be located just south of the Shaw's market, addresses these deficiencies. As to timing for the meeting, the Selectboard advised the CLARION, "We will read the article, accept a motion, and a second then discussion before asking for a vote. I am guessing the vote will take place around 8:15. There are no other articles to discuss."

A Bond and Budget Hearing was held July 1, to outline the building needs, the cost, and projected sources of funding revenue. At that meeting the cost (as of April 2025) was estimated to be \$5,249,276. Sources of revenue to cover the cost include: \$2,058,000 from a USDA Congressional Direct Spending Grant; \$500,000 from a local fundraising initiative; and, \$3,000,000 from a Municipal Bond - the subject of this Special Town Meeting.

At the July 1 hearing the cost of the bond to taxpayers was questioned. In the July 9 Selectboard minutes it was reported, "... that if the Town assumes the rate will be 4.5%, the current rate, on a bond of \$3,000,000 maximum for twenty years, the increase in taxes would be \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value. Mr. Dalessio and Mr. Varone each calculated the same estimate using different methods."

To vote on the bond, registered voters must be in attendance. Absentee voting for any annual meeting or special meeting is not legal since warrants under consideration may be amended during a meeting, thus nullifying any absentee ballot. Secret bal-

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North Walpole School

The closing of the North Walpole School, and relocation of its students to the school on Main Street in Walpole, was reported in the June issue of the CLARION. At that time it was believed the School Administrative Unit 60 (SAU 60) central offices, with its staff of 22, may be moved from leased space in Langdon to the North Walpole building. Since that time concern has developed as to SAU 60's intentions with the North Walpole facility. On June 25, Patrick Kiniry, Joe DeBernardo, and Katherine Kopji, North Walpole Village Commissioners; Rose Bolio, North Walpole Village Clerk; Ann

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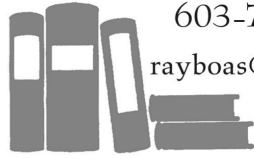
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lots are permitted, and have taken place at Walpole Town Meetings. As reported by the New Hampshire Municipal Association there are "two ways for the voters to request a secret written ballot at town meeting: (a) Any 5 voters can make the request in writing to the moderator before a vote is taken, (if the town's population is less than 500, it only takes 3 voters) or (b) After a non-ballot vote has been taken and declared by the moderator, any seven voters can orally request the vote to be taken again using a secret written ballot, but the request must be made immediately, before the meeting moves on to other business (RSA 40:4-a and 40:4-b)."

-Ray Boas

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Shaunghnessy, Paula Cunningham, Mary Aumund, and Mark McGuirk from North Walpole met with Selectboard members Carolyn Vose, Cheryl Mayberry, and Steven Dalessio. The CLARION has requested current details, but has only received minutes from that meeting. To provide you with details as they currently seem to stand, the following is quoted from that meeting's minutes.

"Pat Kiniry explained that the concern is the property itself more than the consolidation of the schools. To convert the space into SAU offices, the current cost estimate is \$285,000 in building upgrades plus \$50,000 to move office items plus a sprinkler system which has no reported cost estimate. North Walpole's biggest fear is that the Fall Mountain Regional School District (FMRSD) will sell the school and surrounding property. The Articles of Agreement say that the Town votes to determine a new use of a school building. But the School Board will not give voters the opportunity to vote. When the North Charlestown school closed, it went back to a trust. North Charlestown voted to move the students and close

the school. North Walpole submitted a petition and the Selectboard wrote a letter asking FMRSD to have a meeting at the Walpole Town Hall. Without any hearing or vote in Walpole, FMRSD has said they will announce a decision in November. That is in the 2027-28 budget year. When the use of a building is changed, it requires a zoning review which has not been done. The new Walpole Elementary School playground is coming out of discretionary surplus for 2025-26. The administration decided on the expenditure without voter input. The North Walpole Commissioners wondered, what are Walpole's rights? The FMRSD will not have a conversation with the commissioners. There was a consensus agreement that the Town needs a legal interpretation of the Articles of Agreement (prior to) November 9th when the FMRSD Board plans to vote . . .

The Town could petition the Superior Court to see non-public minutes. It was reported that the school district is changing the structure of FMRSD again. At School Board meetings, public comments are now only allowed after the vote is taken, i.e. when it can no longer affect the decision. North Walpole Commissioners and residents reported that FMRSD has a realtor who has done a walk-through of the school. Mr. Dalessio believed that School Board members are not receiving information ahead of meetings long enough to review the material and decide.

-Ray Boas

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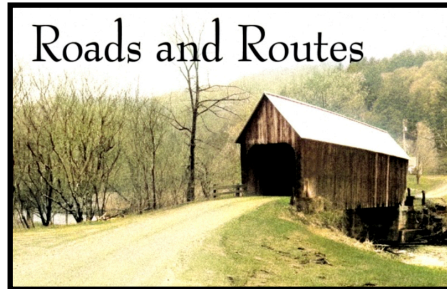
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And, that "road" could be a "route" along a lake. "On my list" for over two



decades was to experience the dinner cruise on Sunapee Lake departing from bucolic and picturesque "down-town" Sunapee Harbor. Finally in early July I enjoyed the two hour cruise on the 8 mile long and 2.5 miles wide (at

the widest point) lake. The meal was good and plentiful, and the captain entertaining while providing a detailed and historical tour around the waters. He kept saying the weather was ideal that evening, and it was - and then the sunset.

To extend my experience I spent the night at a B&B that has been in the same family for almost 50 years, and was again pleased with my choice. Want to plan a trip, either for the day or an overnight? Read my full story on ShunpikingWithRay.com

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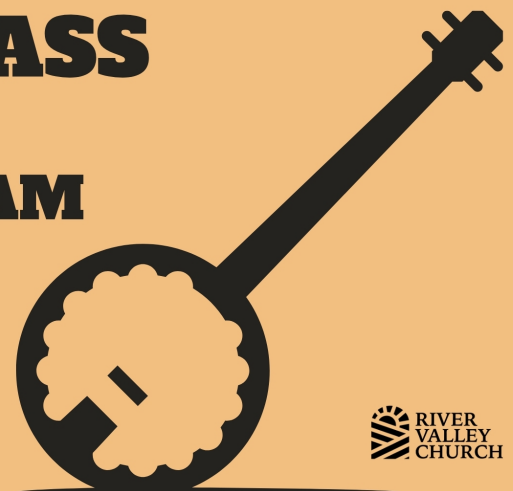
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August 1 – **Behind the Seams** - Elisabeth Roos will bring her extensive professional experience in museums to a discussion of how to create an exhibit of textiles, using the garments in the Walpole Historical Society collection as an example. What stories will the collection tell? Elisabeth will conclude with insights into how the design and sewing techniques used by makers of historical garments have influenced the contemporary art which she now creates.

August 8 – **The Tavern in the Life of the Community** - Joanna Andros will discuss the role of the tavern in 18th and 19th century life in our region, with specific examples from the many taverns near Walpole.

August 15 – **Integrated Baseball in the United States** - Bill Ranauro will discuss his book, *The Chosen City: The Owner, The Players, and the New Hampshire City That Integrated Baseball in the United States*, which recounts events in Nashua, New Hampshire in 1946.

August 22 – **The Whaling Ship Catalpa and the Six Fenians** - Jim Ryan joins us from New Bedford, MA, with the story of his great-grandfather, American captain George S. Anthony and the whaling ship Catalpa, the Irish fight for independence from Great Britain, and the daring rescue of the Six Fenians from Freemantle Prison.

August 29 – **Crazy Quilts: Nothing Crazy about Them** - Kathy Cray will show examples of crazy quilts from 1880 to 1900, made from silks, velvets, and cottons, addressing the “decorative art craze” of the late 19th century and the influence it had on this prominent quilting rage.

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The Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) announced the July retirement of two familiar faces at the Walpole Village Branch. Diane Gallion after 34 years of dedicated service to the Bank and the communities it serves. Diane began her career at SBW's first Keene branch before later serving customers at the Village and North Meadow Plaza branches in Walpole. Over more than three decades, she became known for her friendly demeanor, professionalism, and commitment to building lasting customer relationships. A longtime member of the Walpole community, Diane embodied the spirit of community banking by taking the time to know her customers, their families, and their stories.

Also retiring was Tonya Waters. Tonya began her banking career in 1977 as a teller at SBW's Walpole Village branch. After gaining experience at several other financial institutions, she returned to SBW in 2003. She has spent the past 24 years serving customers with a friendly, personal approach that embodies banking at SBW.

Both Tonya and Diane will be missed by the Walpole community.

Kim Lewis Recognized

When I first read the description of the Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement Award, I immediately knew who I wanted to nominate. The award recognizes retired educators who continue to make a difference in the lives of young people and support public education long after leaving the classroom. No one embodies that spirit more than Kim Lewis.

I was thrilled to learn that Kim had been selected as this year's recipient of the Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement Award.



Although Kim retired from the Walpole Schools several years ago, her commitment to our students and community has never wavered. She has continued to support science education by regularly returning to school to mentor and assist our science teacher. Her willingness to share resources, offer guidance, and provide encouragement has helped ensure that our students continue to receive a high-quality science education.

Kim has also remained heavily involved in the Walpole Hooper Program. Through countless volunteer hours, she has helped provide hands-on learning opportunities in agriculture, forestry, botany, soils, and environmental science for students from PreK through eighth grade. She has supported fundraising efforts, program activities, and the expansion of summer camp opportunities, helping ensure that these valuable experiences remain available to all students.

In addition, Kim serves on the Fall Mountain Education Endowment Association committee, where she helps raise and distribute funds that support innovative educational opportunities throughout our schools.

Kim's impact on education did not end with her retirement. She continues to give her time, expertise, and passion to support students and educators throughout our community. This award is a well-deserved recognition of her lifelong dedication to education, and Walpole is fortunate to continue benefiting from her service.

—Justin Cassarino
Walpole Attendance Area Principal

Boston Cane "Winner"

In March of this year the search began for the "newest" "oldest resident" of Walpole to receive the Boston Cane. In August 1909, Edwin A. Grozier, (Editor and Publisher of The Boston Post), sent 700 letters to Selectboards in New England in a fascinating publicity move. He asked if they would be trustees of one of the 700 ebony, gold-topped canes he recently had made. Grozier stipulated the canes were to be given to the oldest citizen in the town. Walpole was among the selected Towns, and has been recognizing its oldest resident since.

Many canes have been lost over the years, and Walpole's cane now is retained on display in the Town Hall. Born February 16, 1927 (and now 99 years old), John Ramsey was recognized in April of this year. A small celebration was held July 9 on the Ramsey porch. The Town gave John a WOHD "Walpole Old Home Days" hat and some ice cream which John loves. His name will now be added to the plaque in the Town Hall.



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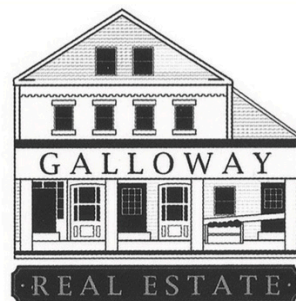
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August at the Library

The Summer Reading Challenge ends Saturday, August 1. All raffle tickets must be submitted by 7 pm on Wednesday, August 5. The final raffle prizes will be drawn Friday, August 7. Beads for the younger kids will be available for collection through 1 pm on Saturday, August 8.

Registration for the fall session of Code Club (kids in grades 2-5) begins August 10. Sessions will take place from 3:15-4:15 pm on Tuesdays at the North Walpole Branch, Wednesdays at the Main Library, and Fridays at the Main Library (beginners class). Space is limited so be sure to secure your place quickly. Call the library at 603-756-9806 or email Julie at jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org to sign up.

Book Donations for the Friends of the Library will continue to be welcomed at the Reuse Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. We ask that larger donations be dropped off at the "coops" (behind the Hungry Diner) on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am, and the last Saturday of the month from 9:30-10:30 am. Questions? Email: friends@walpoletownlibrary.org.



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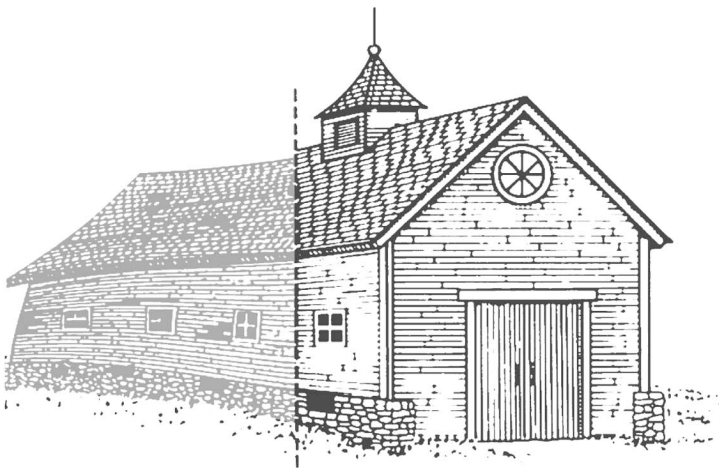
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Grange Announces Award Recipients

More than 50 people attended the annual Community Leaders Awards Night on July 21. This event has been held every year since 1978. Winners of this years awards were: Young Farmer - Savannah Anderson, who aspires to own and operate her own dairy farm. Educator of the Year - Anna Dunn, music teacher at Walpole Elementary School. Caring Heart Award - Pricilla Reynolds, for her public greeting card creation workshops. Business Award - Savings Bank of Walpole for more than 150 years of service to our community. Community Citizen - Tom Murray, life long Walpole resident and civic leader. Walpole Grange member Gwendolyn Yardley was also recognized with a special award for her 75 years of continuous Grange membership.

The Grange also announced the winners and honorable mentions for

the home and business patriotic decoration contest that was part of the town wide celebration activities for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 2026.

1st - Steve O'Connor, 136 Upper Walpole Road \$250 prize

2nd - E.E. Houghton, Inc, 279 Main Street. \$150 Prize

3rd - Savings Bank of Walpole, North Meadow Plaza. \$100 prize

Honorable Mention: Becky Pearson, 297 North Road; Edward Jones Financial Advisors, 57 Main Street; Brookfield Farm, 460 Old Drewsville Road; Blue Seal Farm and Home, 334 Main Street; Len-Tex Corp., 18 Len Tex Lane, North Walpole; Houston family, 27 Main Street; and Town of Walpole, NH, Road Department.

Walpole Grange wants to thank all the families and businesses who participated in this truly impressive community display of pride and patriotism.

-Leroy Watson

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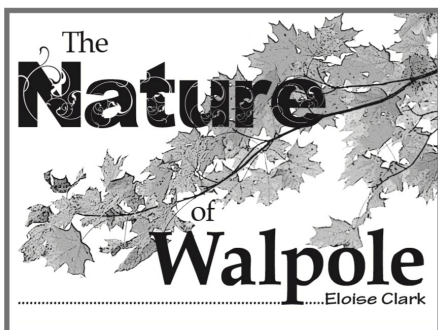
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Here we are in the Dog Days of Summer. August begins hot, simmers for days but often cools by month's end. I don't know about you but my behavior becomes "crepuscular". I hunker down during the heat of the day. I plan strenuous activities during the cooler hours of early morning and evening.

Often, during the last couple of weeks of August, northwest winds clear out the heat and humidity and offer a glimpse of autumn days to come. Moonless nights bring us the finest of summer stargazing. It's not too cold but there's plenty to see. Let's set the scene. It's mid-August, about nine PM.

First, find north by looking for the Big Dipper, Ursa Major. The dipper is tilted toward the horizon pouring its heavenly contents earthward. Find the "pointer stars" on the outside edge of the dipper. Follow them slightly upward to find Polaris, the North Star. It resides at the tip of the handle of Ursa Minor, the Little Dipper.

Venture back to the handle of the Big Dipper. By following the arc of the handle toward the western horizon, you'll find Arcturus (make an arc to Arcturus). Although this red giant star is running out of fuel, it is still the fourth brightest in the night sky.

Arcturus lies at the base of the constellation Boötes, identified by its club-like shape. To the left of Boötes is the easy to see Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. This "C" shaped constellation is a brilliant diadem. The ringlet is a rich area to scan with binoculars.

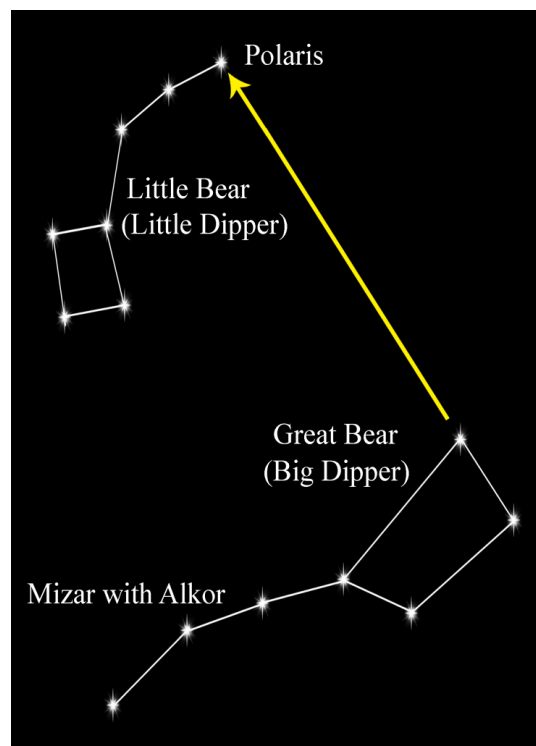
Let's pivot toward the southern sky. It's the realm of two distinctive summer constellations. A few degrees above the horizon is another red super giant star, Antares. It's at the heart of the constellation Scorpius, the Scorpion. From Antares, look right to find the claws of the scorpion. Then follow the trail of stars down toward the horizon to find the body and curved tail of the scorpion, ready to sting.

Directly to the left of the scorpion's tail look for the "teapot" of Sagittarius. It's not too difficult to see the shape of a cozy teapot with the handle on the left and the spout on the right. On a clear night, one can view the "steam" rising from the spout. It's the Milky Way of course. Use your binoculars again to peer toward the star-studded center of our galaxy.

Let's follow the Milky Way upward to the neck-straining zenith. Directly overhead is the bright blue-white star Vega, fifth brightest in the night sky. It's color indicates a youthful star with plenty of hydrogen to burn. Vega is part of the small constellation of Lyra, the Lyre.

Near the zenith, also look for the Northern Cross, also known as Cygnus the Swan. The brightest star is Deneb, the tail of the swan, a blue super giant star. Albireo is the star marking the beak of the swan at the base of the cross. Below it flies Aquila, the Eagle. Most noticeable are three bright stars in a row. The central one is Altair, another young star and some say, the eye of the Eagle.

Rising in the east is yet another aerial constellation, Pegasus, the



winged horse. The body of the horse is known as the Great Square. This vast diamond occupies much of the eastern sky and serves as the harbinger of autumnal night skies.

And just cresting the eastern horizon is Sirius, the brightest of all stars in the heavens. As the eye of Canis Major, it's also called the Dog Star, for whom the Dog Days of Summer are named.

Take time this month to enjoy the awesome and humbling experience of stargazing.

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Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

... there were four railroad stations serving Walpole and just across the river in Westminster, Vermont, and one station building survives that you may pass often, and not realize its previous life? On the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut River the Cheshire and Sullivan Railroad laid tracks in 1849-50. Walpole's station was on the river bank at the covered bridge at the end of the now dead end Westminster Street. Later another station was built just north of Cold River at the stock yards. On the Vermont side of the river the Vermont Valley Railroad was chartered in 1841 but not completed between Bellows Falls and Brattleboro for nearly another decade.

In Westminster, in the center of the village area, Grout Avenue heads down to the location of the former Westminster train station. To the north, where the road from the Walpole covered bridge met what is now US Route 5, another railroad station was constructed, the area becoming known as Westminster Station, complete with its own Post Office. This station remains, but you know it as a convenience store and gas station as you come up from the railroad underpass.

With the arrival of the railroad at Westminster Station commercial activity and light manufacturing developed close by including a chair factory, a farm machinery factory, and a corn canner. The Abenague Engine Company operated from 1894 to 1921, pro-

ducing engines and tractors. A tad further north William Gage established his basket workshop in 1863, which became the largest U.S. handmade basket producer by 1880. Nearby orchards now easily shipped apples.

Business and railroad ownership changes impacted rail service on both sides of the river. In spite of local opposition the railroad station at the end of Grout Avenue closed in 1940. At public hearings residents explained the closing would impact community life and have an adverse effect on the valuation of both farm and village property. The Boston and

Maine gave up rail service through Walpole, and by 1962 the tracks and station were gone with Route 12 now bypassing the village proper allowing the village to maintain its 19th century appearance. Passenger rail service ended on the other side of the river in 1966.

Today, on the Vermont tracks, Amtrak's The Vermonter passes both north and south every day, usually on schedule. The tracks there also serve several daily freight trains. There are a few grade crossings in the flats going to farm land, and per regulation the trains must sound their horn. Pleasant music to my ears.

Above: Westminster Railroad Station c1915 postcard.

Inset - same view today.

Below early view looking north on US Route 5.



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What a summer season! Thank you to all who have made this summer so wonderful at Hooper. We had a great 3 weeks of camp with lots of new and returning faces. We hope your campers had as much fun as we did exploring the woods, streams, and sites around Hooper and Walpole.

A special thank you to our mentors for our High School Summer Workers who have helped our students learn and grow in new experiences this summer. We appreciate the support of so many local organizations and farms that are willing to provide learning opportunities and training to our students. This year we had students placed at Meadowair Farm, the Walpole Foundation, and Brookfield Farm as well as serving as camp counselors for our Hooper Camp.

We are excited to be taking a break and preparing for the school year here at Hooper! We will be getting a fresh coat of paint here soon on the outside of our building and hope you will come see us and our refreshed space this fall! Our next events up here will be our Seed Saving Workshop with the Harris Center on September 17 and our yearly Fall Festival on September 26. Stay tuned for more details.

Please save the date for the Hooper 100 year Gala on November 7, 2026,

New residents, Richard and Sarah Paige, encountered this “native resident” on their way home from the band concert on June 28. Sharing with the CLARION, Richard reported, “we were stunned to see an adult black bear casually sauntering across a lawn and then the road right in front of us, as if he were one of the citizenry! As you can see by the signpost, he passed by at the intersection of Prospect Hill and County roads, ‘bearly’ outside the village center!”

at the Walpole Town Hall. We are honored to have served the Walpole community for the last hundred years and look forward to celebrating this milestone with everyone who has supported our mission. Additional details and invitations will be shared soon.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for program announcements and updates. For information about any of our events, please contact the Hooper Institute at hooper.director@gmail.com or 603-756-4382.

We hope to see you soon!

-Greta Drager

The Bear Facts

“Why can’t you just relocate the bear?” We get this question a lot regarding human-bear conflicts in Vermont, and we understand why people ask! In theory, moving a bear away from the conflict site and putting it in the wilderness would solve the problem, but relocating bears doesn’t stop conflicts and isn’t good for people or bears. Here’s why:

There is nowhere in Vermont remote enough to move a habituated bear to without creating problems for someone else. It’s nice to imagine we could drop the bear in isolated woods and they would learn to search for natural foods again, but once a bear is used to looking for human food, they will keep using that knowledge unless

they are taught otherwise. It’s better for the bears if we humans double down on bear-proofing before the bear ever becomes a problem. This gives bears the chance to un-learn the association between people and food and stay in their home range.

Speaking of home range, there’s also nowhere in Vermont we can move a habituated bear to without potentially putting it in conflict with other bears. We have over 7,000 bears on the landscape in Vermont, and that means our landscape is well-occupied by resident bears. Moving bears is unneighborly to other bears.

In cases where they are moved, relocated bears have been shown to travel hundreds of miles and end up right back in the town where they were first captured. So, relocating a bear won’t solve the original problem for very long. It will, however, force that bear to make a dangerous journey across highways and other bears’ territories and create new problems for people all along the bear’s route back home.

We understand that the suggestion to relocate bears to resolve conflicts comes from a well-meaning place! But for the bears’ sakes and our neighbors’ sakes, relocation is not a good option. Everyone who lives in Vermont is responsible for preventing conflicts with black bears where they are, because everywhere (except the Islands) in Vermont is bear country.

-Vermont Fish & Wildlife
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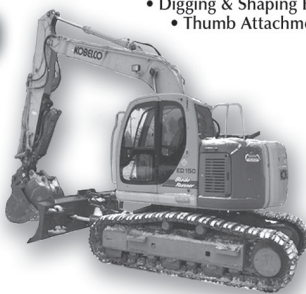
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Pinnacleview 4-H

In July Pinnacleview 4-H members participated in a mini fair held at Crescent Farm. On Friday, July 10 the kids that are able to qualify for the Big-E (12 +) had their own mini fair where Peter Hawks, Jr. from Cadillac Farm in Alstead came to teach them how to properly clip and show their animals. Saturday was focused on the younger and less experienced members, where the older kids taught them how to properly show their animals in the ring and taught them how to clip using their new knowledge, as well as how to properly tie a slip knot for fair season. This was followed by a potluck lunch and a quick meeting to end the day.

-Alyssa Frederic



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

One Year Ago (August 2025) - Thursday, July 17, a Good Trouble Lives On demonstration was again held on Route 12, north of Huntington Road.

Three Years Ago (August 2023) - Walpole Recycling is undergoing a transformation over the summer with the demolition of storage trailers and construction of new storage facility.

Five Years Ago (August 2021) - Following a more than a year long COVID inspired hiatus, the Walpole Players returned to the stage (actually the gazebo on the Common) with a performance of Jeeves at Sea.

Seven Years Ago (August 2019) - At the seventh annual Extraordinary Women recognition held August 29, at the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College, Walpole's Peggy Pschirrer was among the 12 recognized for significant contributions.

Nine Years Ago (August 2017) - During Old Home Days, Gretchen Hurlburt and her daughter Gillian Cox organized a walking team to raise awareness and money for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Eleven Years Ago (August 2015) - The Last of Its Kind...Real to Reel Shuts Doors after 30 Years, and sold its huge inventory of over 20,000 DVD movies.

Thirteen Years Ago (August 2013) - Torrential rains in early July caused flooding damage to Walpole roads in excess of \$100,000.

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The Scouts Thank You

On a beautiful Sunday evening Walt Sayre & Friends, including Aislin LaRock Beer as featured vocalist, recently performed for a large crowd on the Walpole common. The music provided was well received and greatly appreciated. So on behalf of all the scouts and their leaders, we want to extend a sincere thank you to the musicians.

Many area companies contributed financially to this concert guaranteeing that the orchestra would be paid regardless of the weather. Your continued help is most appreciated. Many thanks also to all those who donated while at the concert.

Funds raised at the concert will be used toward yearly registration fees of \$200 per boy and \$150 per leader which are completely covered by the troop and pack in order to keep scouting open to all.

-Judy Northcott

Cub Scout Mum Sale

The Walpole Cub Scout Pack 299 will soon be taking orders for their Mum Fall Fundraiser. All proceeds from this fundraiser pay for scout activities and registrations.

This year the sale will start August 7th, and go through September 7, unless we sell out before then. This is a very popular fundraiser and we have a limited number of mums to sell. Please place your order early to make sure you get your Mums! Last year we sold out quickly.

Mums are between 15 to 18 inches across, and planted in 9.5" pots.

Colors available are red, white, yellow, orange-bronze, and purple/pink. We are selling them for \$20.00 each. Mums will be available for pick-up on Sunday, September 20, on the Walpole Town Common between 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

You can place your order by finding a Cub Scout from Pack 299, or you can call Debbie Pawelczyk at 603-445-5475.

WIADG Lecture

On Friday, August 7, the Walpole International Affairs Discussion Group (WIADG) will host Ian Easton, with his discussion topic China's Global Strategy, the Chinese Invasion Threat, and Taiwan's Defense.

Ian Easton is associate professor in the China Maritime Studies Institute at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He is the author of "The Final Struggle: Inside China's Global Strategy" and "The Chinese Invasion Threat: Taiwan's Defense and American Strategy in Asia." He previously served as a senior director at the Project 2049 Institute in Virginia and a visiting fellow at the Japan Institute for International Affairs in Tokyo. He holds an M.A. in China Studies from National Chengchi University in Taiwan and a B.A. in International Studies from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He studied Mandarin Chinese at Fudan University in Shanghai and National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei.

The event will be held at the Walpole Town Hall, beginning with a reception at 6:30 pm, followed by the presentation and Q&A at 7:00 pm. We would love to have a huge turnout for Prof. Easton, so bring all your friends and relatives (admission is always free the first visit - \$25 per year for membership thereafter).

-Lynne Reed

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The August CLARION issues are typically "light with news" and events, past and present. Planned activities also go on vacation as Walpole residents do the same. "Big" stories this month are the continuing concern over the fate of the North Walpole School building, and the Bond vote for the new Police Station. The need for a replacement police station building is clear and understood. But, sadly following discussions earlier this year, police statistics have not been provided monthly to the CLARION as promised. The hope was to make everyone aware of any problems our officers face; the offenses seen, where in town, and when they happen. Thus we all can be more cognizant and aware of any potential problems, and remain safe. In addition, being aware of what has happened or could happen, we all can provide additional "sets of eyes" to help our police force in keeping everyone safe and well.

As the fall season approaches, and activities and events start back up, remember to submit your articles to share with the community. If in doubt about a submission, be it an article or advertisement, feel free to contact me and discuss. I just got off the phone with one reader about an item now on these pages. Stay safe and well, and enjoy.

-Ray Boas, Publisher

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