The Walpole Clarion

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# Walpoleans Join 9,000,000 Americans

## Rallying for Democracy

(Editor's Note - Last November's Headline was the same, except 7,000.000.)

On a beautiful October, Saturday, 100 people gathered outside Jouvay Chocolate for the fourth protest under the No Kings banner. The October 17th rally promoted voter turnout with the message that every ballot gives citizens a voice. Organizers reported nearly 20 official protests across New Hampshire and more than 2,500 nationwide, including events in Charlestown, Concord, Dover, Enfield, Exeter, Keene, Hanover, Lancaster, Lincoln, Littleton, Meredith, Nelson, New London, Orford, Nashua, Portsmouth, and Bellows Falls, Vermont. The demonstrations aimed to turn civic action into electoral participation. In Walpole, supportive honks from pass-

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## Walpole Police Report

The Walpole Police responded to 311 calls and incidents during September 2026. Traffic enforcement remained the department's most frequent activity, with 68 motor vehicle stops, many concentrated along the Route 12 corridor. Officers also responded to 36 ambulance calls, 19 suspicious vehicle/person incidents, 19 follow-up calls, eight motor vehicle accidents, disturbances, thefts, welfare checks and other public-safety matters. In addition to enforcement activity, officers continued to provide a significant level of community service through citizen assists, building checks, directed patrols, motorist assistance and responses to medical emergencies.

September included several incidents beyond routine traffic enforce-

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The October 17 crowd alongside Route 12.

**New Hampshire**
**GENERAL ELECTION**
**Tuesday, November 3**

**Polls open 7 am to 7 pm**
**Walpole Town Hall**
**St. Peter's Church**

**(Cold River the dividing line)**

**You must bring a government issued photo ID such as a NH Driver's License**

## "He's Presidential"

Now that I have your attention. On January 7, 2008, my late-bride, Cathy, and I got up at 4:30 am to get ready to attend candidate Barack Obama's campaign rally at Stevens High School in Claremont. A packed and enthusiastic gymnasium, we had the opportunity to shake his hand and briefly chat with him as he exited. He went on to serve two terms as President. Outside, and watching the crowd leave, a major TV news channel interviewed us briefly. When asked what I thought of the candidate my reply was, "He's Presidential." That interview is still on YouTube.

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ment and service calls. Among the more notable entries were a domestic disturbance resulting in an arrest, an assault investigation, a DWI/DUI arrest, theft complaints, criminal trespassing, suspicious-person/vehicle investigations, a suicide threat/attempt investigation, and several motor vehicle accidents.

The log also reflects a substantial service role: 36 ambulance calls, welfare checks, citizen assists, motorist assists, animal complaints, found/lost property, building checks and interagency assistance. For example, the opening days of the month included ambulance calls, an unwanted-subject complaint, follow-up investigations, animal complaints and a disturbance in addition to traffic enforcement.

Traffic enforcement continued to represent a significant portion of police activity, with 68 motor vehicle stops during September. The log shows stops distributed throughout town, but NH Route 12 was clearly the primary enforcement corridor. Early in the month alone, stops occurred at Route 12/South Street, the Train Station, Route 12/North River Road, and Route 12/River Road.

(End Note: The Walpole Police Department has begun providing the CLARION monthly detailed monthly statistics. Compiled following the close of a month, August statistics were received after the October issue's September closing date. The September statistics were received by the October closing date for the November issue, thus summarized here.)

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ing drivers added to the rally's joyful, spirited, and defiant atmosphere.

Speakers included Executive Councilor Karen Liot Hill and New Hampshire Representatives Lucy Weber, Nick Germana, Jim Gruber and David Luneau of Hopkinton. Other attendees included Zoë Hill, a first-time New Hampshire House candidate from Lebanon who had spent years driving her mother to rallies, and Rep. Terri O'Rorke of Keene. Although the elected officials at the Walpole rally were Democrats, national commentators described the October No Kings event as nonpartisan and focused on encouraging everyone to vote on November 3rd.

No Kings rallies have become a prominent outlet for widespread dissatisfaction with the current administration. Against a backdrop of the unnecessary war in Iran, rising inflation, and doubled gas prices, Trump's approval ratings are among the lowest in presidential memory. With the election two weeks away, experts expect opponents of the administration to perform strongly.

-John McCollister



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Saturday 4:00 pm - Sunday 8:30 am

St. John's Episcopal
Sunday, 10:00 am
http://stjohnswalpole.org

Walpole Unitarian
Sunday, 10:00 am
https://walpoleuu.org/

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## Death, Dying and Dunkin' Donuts

Join Walpole First Congregational Church interim minister, Melissa O'Brien, for an open conversation about all things end of life. As a former hospice and hospital chaplain, and long-time minister and senior community chaplain, Melissa has spent a great deal of time in the presence of those who are transitioning out of this world. Death is one of her favorite topics of conversation, though it's probably not yours! Come with questions and curiosities; bring your coffee and we'll provide the sugar rush. Saturday, November 14 at 10 am in the Walpole First Congregational Church's Fellowship Hall.

Questions: melissa519@me.com

## Help Fight Hunger

Community Members please help us fight hunger in our area during the holidays by donating non perishables for the Thanksgiving Food Boxes for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf drop off items on Sunday November 15 at the Walpole Congregational Church on the common from 11 am to 1 pm.

-Kathryn Graves

## Church Luncheon

The United Church of Bellows Falls Fellowship community outreach services will host a luncheon Saturday, November 21, from 10 am to 1 pm at the United Church at 8 School Street Bellows Falls. Being served is: corn chowder, assorted sandwiches, apple crisp, and a beverage for $10.00. We also will have a bake sale and raffle at this event. We are accessible to all and entry is at the back of our church, downstairs. Take out will be available also. If any questions you may call me at 603 445-2527.

-Sally McGaffigan

## Congregational Events

Sunday, Nov. 8 - Annual Veteran's Day Service when we honor our veterans during worship. We will recite poems from various wars, say a prayer for our country, read a list of names of veterans in our area and end the service with taps. Always a moving time.

Sunday, Nov. 8 - Collecting frozen turkey donations for the Fall Mt. Food Shelf. Please bring them to church and food shelf will pick up.

Saturday, Nov. 10 - Death, Dying and Dunkin' Donuts. Join us for an open conversation on all things end of life with Pastor Melissa O'Brien. All are invited. Bring your curiosities and your coffee and we'll provide the sugar high. (see article center column)

Sunday, Nov. 15 - Musician Tom Ragland joins us for our morning service. Tom is an ordained Interfaith Minister and graduate of All Faiths Seminary. He does music therapy and leads spiritual study groups in senior living memory care units in the southern Vermont area.

Sunday, Nov. 15 - Collecting donations for Fall Mt. Food Shelf Thanksgiving boxes. Please bring stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, etc. to the church, and they will pick the items up.

## OPEN HOUSE



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## Find Your Holiday Treasures in Walpole
## Saturday, November 21
## All venues open 9 am - 2 pm

1. St. John's will host their annual Holiday Fair in their Parish Hall. The fair features the famous Cookie Walk (large variety of cookies for sale by the pound), baked goods, fresh wreaths and swags, birdhouses, home goods and Christmas decor, antiques and a 50-50 Raffle. Also offering free tea, coffee and spiced cider. Come early for the best selection! Credit cards, cash or check accepted.

2. The UCC Church on the Common will host their annual Mistletoe Mart featuring crafts and food. You can find candies, baked beans, macaroni and cheese and other homemade goodies, as well as Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers, plants and kitchen accessories. A sit-down lunch is available from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Venmo, cash or check accepted.

3. The Walpole Firefighters Auxiliary will hold their Crafts Fair at the Walpole Town Hall with vendors on both floors. Breakfast and lunch options available. A quilt and vendor donated items will be raffled off on the second floor. Drawings to start at 1:30 pm. If interested in a vendor space, contact Brad Nash at 603-852-0361.

4. The annual Thanksgiving Farmers Market on the Common is hosted by Local Food Matters, a project of the Great River Co-op. It will feature local vendors offering food and artisanal crafts, including syrup, honey, local meat and produce, bread, treats, holiday decorations, jewelry, and other unique gifts. There will be activities to support area nonprofits, as well. If interested in a vendor space, contact Gretchen Markiewicz at gretchen.markiewicz@gmail.com

## Walpole Community Giving Tree Project

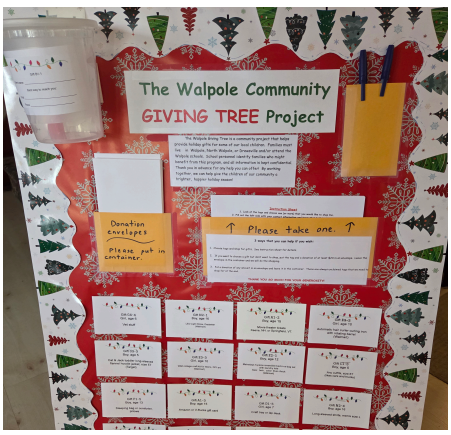
The Walpole Community Giving Tree Project is getting underway again for the 2026 holiday season. This project helps families provide holiday gifts for their children ages birth-18 (or older if still in high school). Participating families must be residents of the Walpole township (Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville). PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: From NOVEMBER 9-23 only, tags will be available at the following locations during their regular business hours: River Valley Church, First Congregational Church (go to back door by ramp), St. John's Church, St. Peter's Church, the Walpole Library, Diamond Pizza, The Hungry Diner, Watkins Tavern, Savings Bank of Walpole on Westminster St, and Mascoma Bank. UNWRAPPED gifts should be returned to any of these same locations no later than November 30. You do not have to return your gift to the same location where you took a tag. You may also mail donations directly to us at 192 Upper Walpole Road, Walpole, 03608. Please make checks payable to Jeanne Cloues and put "Giving Tree" in the memo line.

In 2025 over 200 gifts (along with wrapping paper, tags and tape), were provided, and over $500 from individuals and $500 from the "Community Fund." This is a wonderful project that helps to brighten the holiday season for many of our local families, and we appreciate everyone's help! If you have any questions email:

weilcloues8808@gmail.com

or message 603-209-1484

-Jeanne Cloues and Marcia Weil,
Project Organizers



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In October of 2017, I was touring my grandson in Paris while my son and daughter-in-law were running a conference for their scientific community. Trump had been in office for ten months. I was embarrassed to speak on the streets aware that my accent would reveal where I lived — the "Reign of 45" was already proving anything but "presidential."

Always cautious of what I say here, not wishing to offend anyone, in our country of "free speech," there gets to be a point when you must express your feelings. Where do I begin? There is comfort that three quarters of Americans may feel the same way. There have always been differences of opinions, but this is not "how I grew up" and how I wish to leave the world for future generations.

Mainstream news sources take caution with what they say, possibly for fear of retribution. Secondary online news feed sources like VTDigger, New Hampshire Bulletin, and Heather Cox Richardson, are providing truthful nuggets of insight. On September 28, 2026, the New York Times stated, "The president and his administration have gone from breaking the law to trampling it," And quoting the Times from October 12, **"**Much of what Trump has done in his second term either meets or exceeds the threshold of his first impeachment. There is his corrupt profiteering off the presidency, his occupation of American cities with the National Guard, his use of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection as a secret police, his attempts to seize the power of the purse, his abuse of the pardon power, his unlawful political retaliation against law firms and universities and his attacks on press freedom — all impeachable offenses." Heather Cox Richardson on October 20 stated, "…our stories, just from today, encapsulate the administration's betrayal of U.S. national security, its corruption, and its disregard for the welfare of Americans. It's not a great record to run on, and the leaks



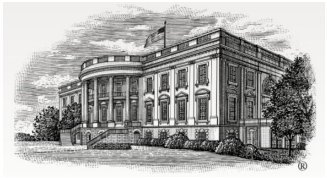
**Image captured from YouTube Video of the Obama Claremont Rally.**

from the administration show that at least some insiders are aware of how unpopular and dangerous that record is."

Sadly I could go on and on quoting reliable truthful sources. A true democracy cares for the peoples' welfare, and not for the welfare of an elite few. Ego has no place when serving others. Profanity and verbal abuse are unacceptable period. It's going to take decades to restore the programs slashed and regain our status in the world - status and programs that have been lost by the whim of one man and those in support of his nonsense. A small plaque I have had on my desk for over fifty years reads, "the best way to get something done is begin." It is time - this time - we must "Vote for Democracy."

-Ray Boas

## The People's House



When John Adams moved into the White House in 1800, he wrote to his wife, Abigail: "I Pray Heaven To Bestow The Best Of Blessings On This House And All that shall hereafter Inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof."

## The Walpolean On-line since 2005 New Events Calendar

There is now an Events Calendar in the menu. This feature should make it easier for readers to find information about upcoming community activities. There is a drop-down menu at the top of the calendar (where it says "Choose View") that offers a variety of display options, from a traditional calendar format to a daily, weekly, or monthly list. Clicking on an event will open a pop-up that contains a link to the full post. Link to the Walpolean is —

https://thewalpolean.org/

## Not Presidential

Heather Cox Richardson's *"Letters from an American"* fills us in on what the prime news sources probably are afraid to share. On October 21 her "letter" started: "Everything feels out of whack in the United States. First of all, the president's behavior is becoming more and more erratic. Earlier this week, he walked past the open door of his armored car, known as "The Beast" and wandered toward an open field before Secret Service agents redirected him.

And he is losing any filter he used to have. At campaign rallies, he has taken to commenting on how he finds Ohio Republican senator Jon Husted physically attractive. "I looked at his a--, and then I looked at his legs, and my—I said, 'His a-- is like, it's like a pile of muscle.' Then I looked at his legs, and I said, 'Man, his feet are big.' Then I looked at his shoulders, and I tapped him on the shoulder, and it actually hurt my hand. It was like a piece of steel. I said, 'This guy's a monster.'"

Today he snarled at CNN's Kaitlan Collins: "You don't know what you're talking about. You're a dummy. You're a low-IQ person, you're a dummy, and you work for CNN."

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## November at the Library

**Silent Auction**. November 2, 10:00 am through November 9, 5:00 pm, Main Library. Bid on the library's beautiful, original antique door. $50 minimum bid. Winner is responsible for transportation.

**The Odyssey: a 2800-Year-Old Tale**. Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 pm, Main Library. Inspired by all the buzz around the massive new blockbuster, we're setting sail for literature's ultimate road trip. Join us for an open conversation as we explore the wild plot, legendary monsters, and modern translations of Homer's classic epic. Led by Dennis Marcom.

**French Conversation Group**. Thursday, November 12, from 2:00-3:00 pm, Main Library.

**Movie: *Belfast*** Thursday, November 19, at 1:00 pm, Main Library

**Smartphone Photography Class**. Tuesday, December 1, 5:00 pm, Main Library. A hands-on introductory workshop focused on taking stronger photographs using your smartphone. The class will cover simple, practical techniques. No prior photography experience is required, and all skill levels are welcome. Registration is required.


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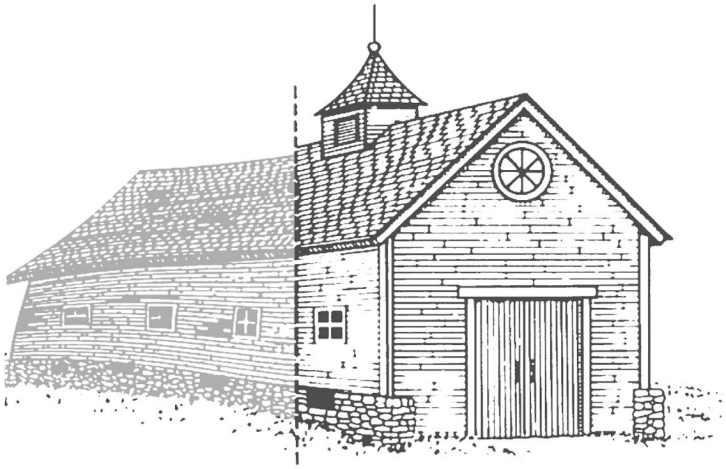
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## Crop Walk 2026



Another successful Walpole CROP Hunger Walk is in the books. On a beautiful October morning, about 40 walkers, including the Walpole Dog Walkers, joined together to raise awareness and money to fight hunger and poverty locally and worldwide. Final numbers are not in yet, but it looks like the total will be about $20,000. A quarter of that will go to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

Sincere thanks to the Walpole community for your very generous support, whether you donated online, wrote a check, or contributed outside the post office on a Saturday morning! We also want to thank the local businesses who donated so generously to CROP Walk: Len-Tex Corporation, Savings Bank of Walpole, Galloway Real Estate, Walpole Veterinary Hospital, Townline Equipment, Robert Kimball PC, Harlow Farm Stand, Pete's Stand, Hubbard Farms, Diamond Pizza, and E.E. Houghton Co, Inc.

This year's CROP Walk was dedicated to Chuck Shaw who we lost this year. He was a huge advocate and fundraiser for CROP Walk. He would have been proud of Walpole's 2026 CROP Walk.

-Jana Sellarole



## Pinnacleview 4-H Beautifies

On Sunday October 18, Pinnacle view members Sawyer Rowina, and Alyssa Frederic took out and replanted the water fountain flower bed in Walpole. As well as taking out the flowers in front of the town hall. They also made four scarecrows and a cow in Pinnacleview 4-H Beautifiesfront of the gazebo. They were accompanied by leaders Crystal Phillips and Mike Rowina and had extra help from Matt Phillips, and Michelle Langholff.

-Alyssa Frederic

-Photo: Michelle Langholff

## Win a Thanksgiving Feast

Looking to add something special to your Thanksgiving celebration? Enter the Walpole Elementary School (WES) 8th Grade Thanksgiving Basket Raffle for a chance to win a basket filled with holiday favorites and festive touches, all while supporting a great local cause.

Each year, the WES 8th Grade class celebrates the students' accomplishments and their special time at WES with an end-of-year class trip and graduation celebration. Proceeds from this raffle will help make these memorable milestones possible for our students.

The Thanksgiving basket is packed with goodies to help make your holiday extra special, including a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, squash, pies, a table runner, candles, a centerpiece, a handcrafted carving knife, gift certificates, and much more!

Tickets are just $10 each or 3 for $25 and may be purchased:

Saturday, November 7, 8:00 am–12:00 pm at the Walpole Post Office and Shaw's.

November 9–20 - Diamond Pizza.

Saturday, November 14, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm - Walpole Recycling Center.

Saturday, November 21 - Walpole Farmers Market.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the day on Saturday, November 21. You do not need to be present to win.

Can't make it to one of the ticket sale locations? No problem! Contact a WES 8th grader or email Lisa Putnam lisamputnam@gmail.com to arrange your ticket purchase.

Thank you for supporting our Walpole students and helping make their final year at WES one to remember. Your generosity makes a difference, and you might just be bringing home the perfect addition to your Thanksgiving table.

-Lisa Putnam

## The Walpole Players

The Walpole Players will present *I DON'T HAVE A CLUE* by Craig Sodaro Friday through Sunday, November 13, 14 and 15 at the Helen Miller Theatre in the Walpole Town Hall. A laugh-packed murder-mystery dinner party with a moody maid and butler dishing up a three course meal, and no one is surprised to find a stranger hiding in the window box.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 7 pm, and Sunday is a dinner show beginning at 4 pm with curtain at 5 pm. Tickets are available at Mascoma Bank in Walpole - Friday and Saturday are $20 per person ($40 for a family). Tickets for the Sunday dinner performance (catered by Walpole Grocery) are $50 per person.

For information contact walpoleplayers@gmail.com

-Jenny Plante



## CLARION STYLE GUIDE

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These are the CLARION style guidelines

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# Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

…from 1872 to 1882, Louisa May Alcott wrote six volumes of *Aunt Jo's Scrap Bag*, and in Volume Six the lead story is "*An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving*," about the Bassetts, who "sixty years ago, [lived] up among the New Hampshire hills… They were poor in money, but rich in land and love …" The story, and setting, most likely developed from Alcott's time living in Walpole almost thirty years prior, during pre-Civil War America. A man came to the Bassett house saying "old Mr. Chadwick, down to Keene…" said Mrs. Bassett's mother was "failin' fast, and she'd better come today." The eight children were left to prepare Thanksgiving Day dinner. "Gran'ma lived twenty miles away…" and with no railroad yet, Mr. Bassett hooked up their carriage "while the old mare shook her bells as if she preferred a trip to Keene to hauling wood all day."

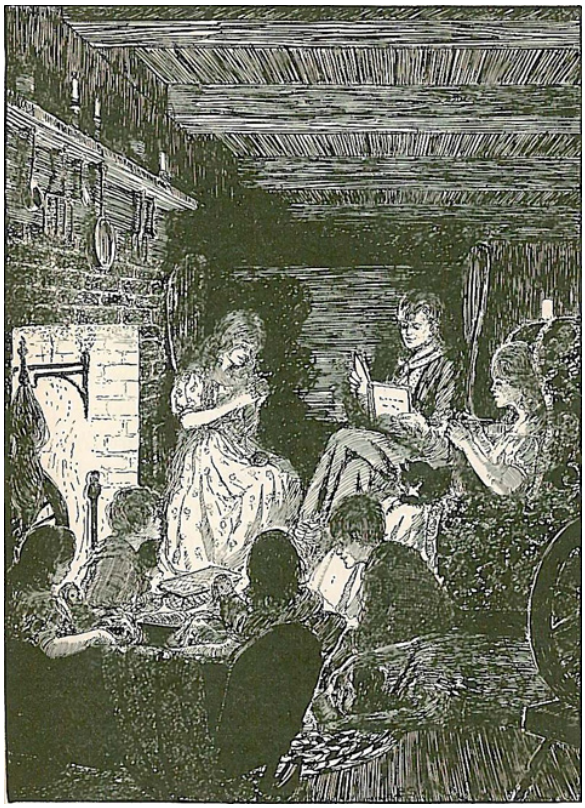
Following the success of *Little Women*, written in 1868 and 1869, Aunt Jo is now the grown up Jo March from Alcott's successful tale. A very market savvy publisher capitalized on the success of *Little Women*, having Jo, who loved to read and write as a child, now the storyteller for the Scrap Bag stories.

The origin and evolution of our Thanksgiving Day feast follows many paths. Aunt Jo's descriptive writing, however, gives us a clear image of the Bassett holiday preparations. "The big kitchen was a jolly place just now, for in the great fireplace roared a cheerful fire; on the walls hung garlands of dried apples, onions, and corn; up aloft from the beams shone crooked squashes, juicy hams, and dried venison… Savory smells were in the air; on the crane hung steaming kettles, and down among the red embers copper sauce-pans simmered, all suggestive of some approaching feast."

In 1777, the Continental Congress made the first National Proclamation of Thanksgiving. George Washington created the first Thanksgiving Day by proclamation October 3, 1789, stating: "...therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being…" Similar proclamations were made by states, and the federal government, but not every year. In the early 19th century Thanksgiving was celebrated at different times in New England.

Sarah Josepha Hale, New Hampshire native and editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*, published *The Good Housekeeper*, a cookbook, in 1841. In her cookbook are all the recipes Alcott mentions in "*An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving*", including: cider applesauce, hasty pudding, Indian pudding, brown bread, baked apples, and roast turkey. In 1846 Hale began her seventeen-year campaign to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. Finally, her letter to Abraham Lincoln convinced him to support legislation establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1863. Succeeding presidents issued similar proclamations holding the last Thursday of November as a national holiday. In 1939, with five Thursdays in November, FDR faced a dilemma. His solution was to declare the fourth Thursday to be Thanksgiving Day. Beginning in 1942, Congress resolved that Thanksgiving Day henceforth would be the fourth Thursday in November.

(With continued interest in Louisa May Alcott in Walpole, I thought it fun to re-share this from November 2019.)



**The Bassett family in their farmhouse kitchen as illustrated in the original edition of Aunt Jo's**

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# The Nature of Walpole

Eloise Clark

By November, the cloak of leaves covering our hillsides has dropped to the forest floor. Without foliage, the different shapes of deciduous trees appear. It's possible to identify leafless trees in winter by observing their silhouettes and studying the colors and patterns of bark.

The palette of bark is quite varied. It can be white, golden, green, tan, brown, dark red or orange. Shades of gray range from silvery to charcoal. Surfaces can have a matte or glossy finish. Textures can be curly, shaggy, smooth or sinewy. Trunks can have plates, scales, vertical strips or ridges and furrows. The thickness of bark can vary greatly as well.

The job of bark is to protect the living layers of cells beneath it. It helps to keep tree fluids in and weather out. Bark insulates the tree from extreme heat and cold. Trees with thick bark can resist small forest fires. Some tree bark contains substances that are distasteful to animals and repel insects. However, if bark is breached by injury or insects, tree health can be compromised. A wound can allow the entry of fungi or bacteria.

The active growing layer of a tree is just beneath the bark. Growth is driven by a thin layer of cambium cells. The cambium divides to form bark on the outer side and wood on the inside. The inner side is called the sapwood or xylem. This is the pipeline for water moving from the roots to the leaves. When these cells die they become heartwood, the center of the tree.

On the outside of the cambium layer is the inner bark or phloem. This transports and distributes sugar water manufactured in the leaves to the roots and helps the tree grow. When these cells die, they form the cork-like substance that becomes the tough exterior surface we call bark.

As the girth of a tree expands annually, the bark of many trees splits and cracks. The appearance of the tree changes. Black cherry is a good example. Saplings have glossy brown bark peppered with horizontal, tan-colored lenticels. Mature trees have dark brown scales that look as though burnt potato chips have been glued onto the trunk of the tree.

When a tree is young, a remarkable thing can happen. Just beneath the thin bark is a green layer known as the cork skin. It contains chlorophyll, enabling the tree to make food from sunlight, even if the tree has no leaves. Carbon dioxide is absorbed from the atmosphere through lenticels, tiny pores in the bark. The tree uses the carbon to grow and releases the oxygen atoms back into the atmosphere, a benefit for life on earth.

As bark thickens on the trunk, sunlight is cut off from the cork skin. However, areas with thin bark can continue to photosynthesize if temperatures are above freezing. If you scrape the twig of a tree, you can find the green cork skin layer.

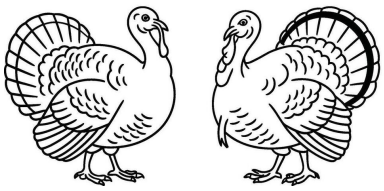
If you are interested in learning about trees in winter, there is help at hand. *Bark: A Field Guide to Trees of the Northeast* by Michael Wojtech has 450 detailed photos, illustrations and maps of sixty-seven native and naturalized trees of the Northeast.

Get outside, hug a tree and thank it for our life-giving air. Happy Thanksgiving.



**Yellow Birch Bark (above) and mature Black Cherry Bark (below)**





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# Hooper Institute

Our Hooper classes in the Walpole schools have seen a variety of topics, and the students have loved learning and exploring outside. We have learned about some favorite fall critters, from bats, owls, deer, and chipmunks, to our favorite fall treats such as pumpkins and apples! Ask your student what they learned and I bet they can share a fun fact, craft or game that they participated in during their Hooper time. Our Facebook or Instagram are great places to go to see photos and learn more about what our students are up to.

We are excited to announce our Wreath Making Workshop on December 4 at the Hooper Institute and our Foraged Winter Decor Workshop on December 5 at Distant Hill! Join us on Friday for some traditional natural wreaths or get extra creative with us on Saturday as we forage our own materials at Distant Hill to create some holiday decor such as swags. Registration is required for both events. See our website for more details and to register.

We will be hosting our second year of our Winter Explorers Camp over February Break for students in grades 1-4. Registration opens December 1. Join us to enjoy all that the winter season has to offer as we explore and spend time outside soaking up the snowy weather.

Looking for a space for an upcoming meeting, workshop, family function, or business event? The Hooper Institute is now pleased to offer building rentals. Check out our website or email hooper.director@gmail.com to inquire about using the space.

We are grateful for the continued support of our families and community as we head into the end of our centennial year. Thank you all. -Greta (Drager) Vansickle


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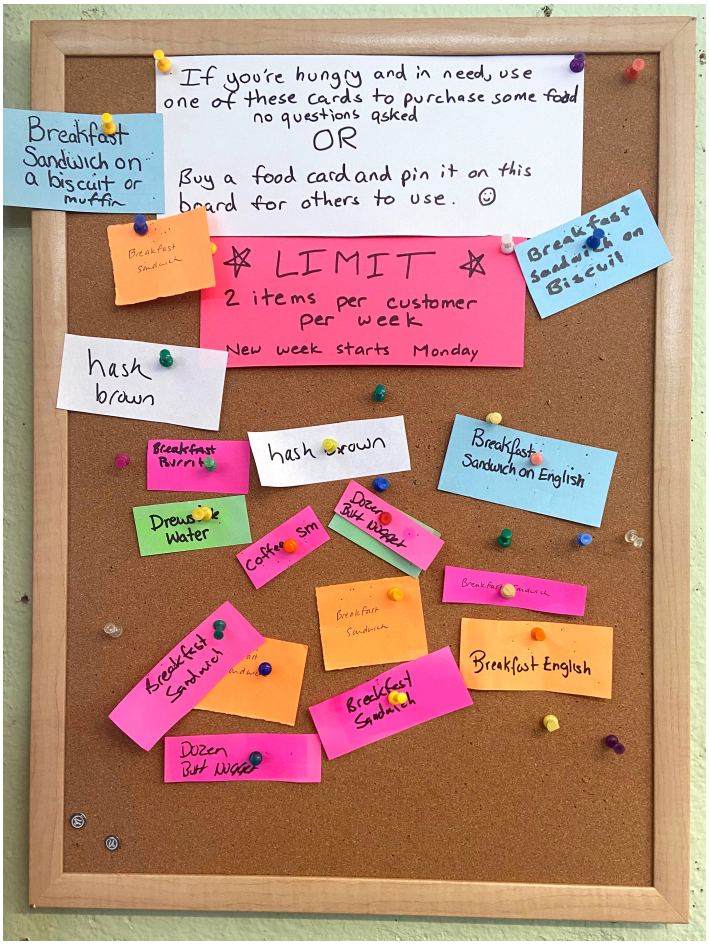
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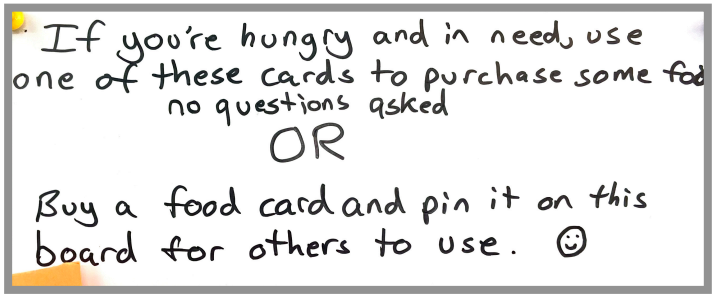

# Drewsville General Store "Pay it Forward" Food Board




Recently I saw a Facebook post of the Drewsville General Store's "Pay it Forward" food board and knew I had to share their efforts with the community. I visited to take these images. Open seven days a week from 6 am to 8 pm, customers may purchase a card for a food item and pin it up on the board near the front door.. Those in need (yes in our area as well) are welcome to come in and select one or two cards a week. Chatting with Elaine at the store she told me, "It is really obvious that some folks are really in need."

Do consider stopping by when passing the store on Route 123 opposite the Drewsville Common and purchase a food item card to help an unknown neighbor in need.

-Ray Boas



## Gleanings from the Town Minutes

**Planning Board - October 13** — Surveyor Joe DiBenardo presented three new projects. The first was from Joseph and Sonia Sawyer, 632 River Road. The proposal is to subdivide the property into 2 lots. Lot 1 would be 5.97 acres. Lot 2, a burial lot, would be 3 acres of the southeast portion of the 8.7 acre property to then be donated to River Valley Natural Burial. The property is on Route 12 just south of Black Jack Crossing and where the former flea market and gravel pit were. It is in the rural agricultural district. River Valley Natural Burial is designated by the IRS as a 501(c)13 nonprofit organization for nonprofit cemetery and is planning the burial site.

Marsha Campanello is a board member of this nonprofit. She said natural burial means no cement vaults, metal or rain forest hardwood caskets or chemical embalming. The group promotes the use of locally made biodegradable caskets and shrouds. There will also be a pavilion nearby where families can gather. A wooden sign will indicate its location. A temporary Port-A-Potty will be on the property. Longer-term plans include a single outdoor composting toilet system and a structure to support it. There is electricity on the property. All burials will be conducted at a minimum of 50 feet from known water sources, and 100 feet from state highways and buildings. No vertical headstones or other vertical monuments will be erected. Flat field stones or ceramics will serve as grave markers. Capacity will be 300 to 400 burials per acre depending on terrain.

Mr. Marcom made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed cemetery in November. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

You are invited to participate in

## *Sending Sunshine*

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***Schedule:***

**at The Gathering Place - 14 Westminster St., Walpole, NH**
**Saturday, November 21**
**9 am - 3 pm**

**at the Flat Iron Cooperative - 51 Square - Bellows Falls, VT**
**Wed., November 11 - Thurs., November 12 - Fri., November 13**
**11 am - 2 pm all three 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

## Walpole International Affairs Discussion Group

For more than 20 years Walpole International Affairs Discussion Group (WIADG) has been hosting speakers on foreign affairs and other international topics. For our first event of the 2026-27 season, on Thursday, November 19, we will welcome back Robert Beck, who will speak with us on the changing post-Cold War world order, the origins of these changes, and the consequences for the future of American global leadership.

Bob Beck has an extensive background in foreign affairs having served for more than 30 years as a member of the US foreign policy community at embassies in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. He is currently teaching Foreign Policy at Cheshire Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) at Keene State, speaks and writes frequently on world events in the Monadnock region, and is a non-resident Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

Join us at Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm Street at 6:30 for our social hour, with the presentation by Bob Beck starting at 7:00, followed by an always lively Q & A and ending at 8:30. First time visitors are free, so bring your questions, meet others who share your interest in international affairs, and hear an expert help us make sense of the world today. For more information, email Tara Sad at tara.eric@gmail.com

## Women of Walpole

More than two dozen members and guests of the Women of Walpole gathered at the Hooper Institute October 21 and created three-dimensional large snowflakes and decorated amaryllis to be donated to seniors. It was a very good time. We meet next month on the evening of Wednesday November 18 at 6:30 pm at the home of Aylene Wozmak for a presentation by a representative of the Food Shelf/ Friendly Meals. More details will appear in your member emails.

Women of Walpole, a civic nonprofit organization that provides collegial and educational gatherings welcomes any woman living or working in Walpole to join us. Guests are always welcome to attend a meeting To learn more email WOWalpole2025@gmail.com or call 508-397-2583

-Mary Feeney

## Walpole Celebrates Autumn with Fall Fun Day

By Charlotte Kemp and Olivia Wright (7th grade)

On Thursday, October 15th, Walpole celebrated a fun day for all of Walpole students. Students celebrated both Autumn and Halloween with a Fall Fun Day.

Students in grades 5-8 decorated their doors in their homerooms. The door decorations had the theme of Halloween movies that were chosen by the Student Council and each homeroom representative. These choices included Ghostbusters, Coraline, Beetlejuice, Spookley, Hocus Pocus, The Nightmare Before Christmas, and Casper the Friendly Ghost.

Students also enjoyed watching Halloween movies and playing games during and after door decorating. After BrainPower Hour and lunch and recess, all of the students carved pumpkins for the annual Keene Pumpkin Festival this weekend. Also, while pumpkin carving, there were snacks for all of the students like apple cider and donuts. One of the stations also included making lanterns.

## Walpole Club Hosts Bake Sale to Benefit Monadnock Humane Society

By Ellie Griffin (7th grade)

Have you heard about Walpole School's BPH's? BPH stands for Brain Power Hour. There are many of them, but one of the most important and helpful ones is called Community Service. They held a bake sale on Thursday, September 24. The sale was during BPH, or for second, third, and fourth graders, lunch and recess. It had many sweets and treats, including cookies, muffins, whoopie pies, popcorn, pudding cups, and brownies. All treats were brought and baked by the members of the BPH themselves. "I thought the bake sale was a good idea because we're helping people and animals. We raised a lot of money, so it helps the Humane Society more," says seventh grader Olivia Wright. Everything cost from 50 cents to 1 dollar. Another seventh grader, Harper Rodenhauser said, "I believe the bake sale was great because we got to help the Humane Society while baking and eating treats." The BPH works hard to help our community and be kind to everyone. The whole point of the bake sale was to raise money for the Monadnock Humane Society. The sale raised just under $250. I personally spent about $5. The members of Community Service are planning on going to a nursing home with cards. To round this off, the Community Service members, led by school counselor Amy Treat, help other people throughout our community.




## Walpole Hosts Spirit Week

By Charlotte Kemp and Olivia Wright (7th grade)

The week of September 28 to October 2, 2026. We had Pajama Day Monday, Character day was Tuesday, Wednesday was Walpole wear Walpole gear, Thursday was dressed as an Old person, and Friday was Tutu/Tie Day. At the Walpole school we have started a competition between each homeroom.

The challenge is how many students participate in their homeroom at the end of the year. It is known as the best homeroom of the year. Right now in first place is Mrs. McGuirk, one of the 7th grade homeroom teachers. In second place is Mrs. Broadley, one of the 2nd grade teachers. Finally, in third place, is Mr. Gagnon, the other 7th grade homeroom teacher.

## Cross-Country Running

By Sophia Formica (7th grade)

The running season has started for us runners at the Walpole School. This year the runners are Keagan Formica, Helen Lauter, and Sophia Formica. So far we have had one race at Newport with the high schoolers from Fall Mountain as well. The middle school racers and the high school racers began at different times so that they were not competing against one another.

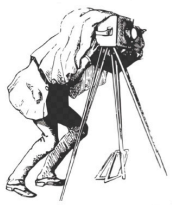
We have an upcoming race with just middle schoolers. The practices are also very fun, mostly start the day with stretches, we go for one mile runs in the woods, sometimes warm ups which is one lap around the track, and Keagan's favorite part is game time which could be Friday the 13th. Somedays, if we are lucky it would be games all day. So if you like to run or race other people your age, this would be a great sport for you.

## Walpole Volleyball Continues to Build on Solid Start

By Sadie Andrews (7th grade)

Walpole's Volleyball season was off to a rocky start, considering that they lost Mrs. B.T. to High School Varsity and Junior Varsity. The first game against Springfield was won, while the game against Charlestown was lost. The volleyball team won the game against Vilas as well. "The one thing I love most about volleyball is that it is a very supportive community. I'm not saying that soccer or basketball isn't. But whenever a set or a serve is over, we all come together and congratulate each other. Same with the bench. We hype each other up more than I have ever seen in any other sport," said Brook Glover of Walpole's Volleyball Team. The team goes to the JV and Varsity games at Fall Mountain occasionally, and they got to tunnel the Varsity team on their game at home. Captains are Belle Welch, Anna Paul, Emma Trainor, and Claire Florian. Other players are Sadie Andrews, Juniper Jenkins, Brook Glover, Ella Dumont, Reiley Harper, and Hadley Smith.


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## Walpole Girls Soccer

By: Ellie Griffin (7th grade), Julia Kobeski (6th grade), and Fin Aube (8th grade)

The Walpole girls' soccer team is having fun on the field this Autumn. The team's first game was Friday, September 18 against Vilas. The team won 3-0, with eighth grader Avery Hubbard scoring all three of the goals. She pulled a hat trick with the help of the other girls on the team. Skylar Michaud started as goalie and switched with Maya Westover in the second half. Julia Kobeski started as a sweeper with Kelsey Beam. Ellie Griffin and Caitlyn McCants started as left and right midfielders. Harper Rodenhauser was a right back with Allie Vickers. Avery Hubbard was a dominant striker. Olivia Wright was a defensive midfielder. Finally Finley Aube was a midfielder. Vilas put up a good fight, but Walpole pulled through and won.

Their second game was on Tuesday the eighteenth of September. The game was against Chesterfield. Walpole wins again, 4-1. Olivia Wright, Avery Hubbard, and Finley Aube all scored goals, with Finley scoring 2. Walpole's goalie, Ava Paul, saved multiple shots by Chesterfield, including a penalty kick. The team is proud and can't wait for another game.

The third game was held in Townsend, Vermont against Leland & Gray. Walpole won 3-0, with Avery scoring two goals and Maya scoring one. When sitting on the sidelines, everyone was freezing. The game was well played by Walpole.

The fourth game of the season was held in Chesterfield. Walpole won 4-0. Finley and Kelsey scored 1 goal each, while Avery scored 2 goals.

Walpole played their last home game against Leland & Gray. Walpole won for the fifth time in a row. The score was 5-1. Finley scored one goal, and Avery and Kelsey both scored two. Walpole is living large, and can't wait to get back on the field.

## Profile of Georgia Anderson

By Emma Rennick (6th grade)

At WES (Walpole Elementary School) we have an amazing school nurse named Georgia Anderson but we call her Mrs. Georgia or just Georgia. Georgia has been in Walpole for one full school year. She has been a nurse for 8 years but she has been working in health care for a total of 19 years as a certified medical assistant.

Georgia could not imagine doing anything other than nursing. "I love nursing. I do not have (a dream job in mind) but nursing is my favorite job so far and any job that I can help people with anything."

Nurse Georgia went to Vermont Tech for her Registered Nurse (RN) License and to Chamberlain University for her Bachelor's Degree.

Why does Georgia want to work in a school? Because it combines two things she loves most: nursing and kids. "You guys are great and I love kids and I love nursing," said Georgia. "What better way to put the two together?"

Her favorite part is being in a school setting, getting to know all of the students, and getting the opportunity to help everyone. According to Georgia, the most rewarding part of being a school nurse is simple: "All of the student's little smiles every single day."





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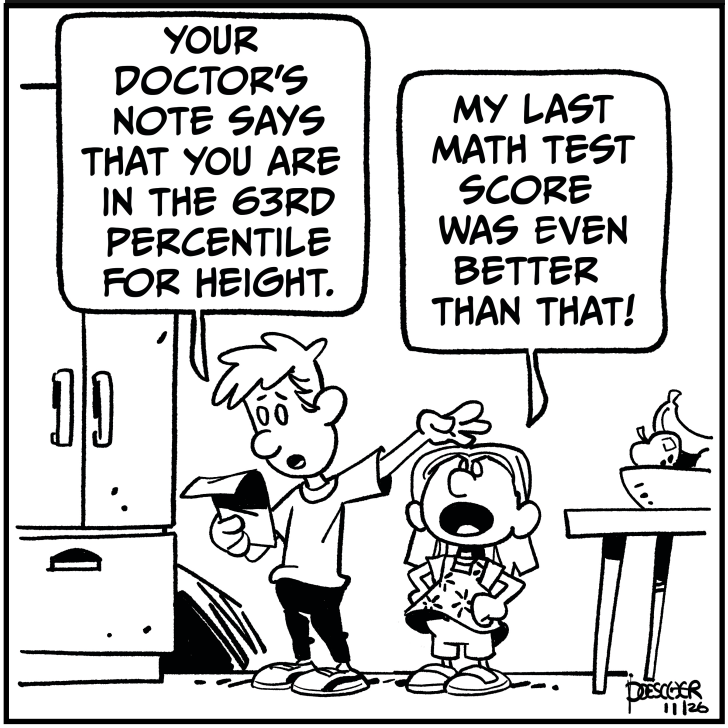
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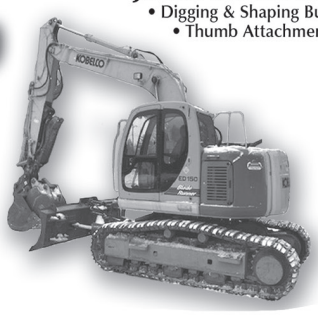
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## Golf Out Cancer 2026 Thank You

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Thanks to your overwhelming support, the event was a tremendous success, raising more than $25,000. These funds will directly benefit cancer research at Dana-Farber while also supporting key initiatives within our local community. We offer our deepest thanks to everyone who contributed. Please mark your calendars for next year's event on and —together, we truly make a difference.

-Kerry Pickering

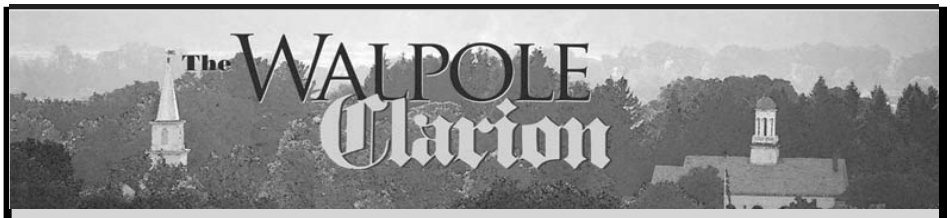
## Scouting for Food

On Saturday,November 7 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Walpole Cub Scout Pack 299 and Walpole Boy Scout Troop 299 will be doing their Scouting for Food Drive. We will be handing out information tags at the following locations: Walpole Post Office,Walpole Recycling Center; Tractor Supply, and the Savings Bank of Walpole. If people want to donate on this day we will gladly accept donations,

On Saturday, November 14th, from 8:00 to 12:00 pm we will be at the same locations to collect the following items: non-perishable food items , pet food , toiletry items , and monetary donations. Everything collected goes directly to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

-Debbie Pawelczyk

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**A sampling of way we've reported in more than 15 years of publication:**

**One Year Ago (November 2025**) - On Sunday, October 19, volunteers for the Walpole Conservation Commission (WCC) planted five new trees on the west side of the Walpole Common.

**Three Years Ago (November 2023)** - -"The American Buffalo" is Dayton Duncan's final documentary before he steps away from filmmaking. Duncan and documentarian Ken Burns have worked together for over 30 years.

**Five Years Ago (November 2021)** - The Hooper Hill Hoopers snowmobile club repaired a bridge on the rail road bed behind Pinnacleview Equipment. The club is entirely volunteer to maintain and repair the miles of out trail system.

**Seven Years Ago (November 2019**) - On October 10 the Selectboard signed a congratulatory letter to Thomas Beaudry on being selected "Educator of the Year" by the Cheshire County Conservation District. Mrs. Pschirrer pointed out that Mr. Beaudry has always been a strong contributor in the Town of Walpole, serving on the Conservation Committee and chairing it for several years.

**Nine Years Ago (November 2017)** - The Walpole Historical Society received the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire Public Education Exhibit Award for 2017. It was presented "for excellence in exhibiting your children's clothing collection in an informative and creative manner.

**Eleven Years Ago (November 2015)** - The eighth grade at Walpole Elementary School went to Cold River to determine the health of the Cold River post-flood. The Cold River was the site of a huge flood in 2005 which changed the dynamics of the river.

**Thirteen Years Ago (November 2013)** - The finishing touches on the repairs and renovation of the cupola atop the Walpole Town Hall were completed. The flat roof inside the cupola was leaking and causing structural damage.

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Gloria Helen Hodgkins
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## Great Decisions

"U.S.-China Relations" is the topic for discussion on Monday, November 16, at 6:00 pm in the Walpole Town Library. Imports, exports, tariffs and investment restrictions, Taiwan, AI regulation, supply chains and rare earth minerals, global competition…many issues remain unresolved between these competing powers. Xi Jinping visited the White House in September 2026 for the first time in a decade. What does this state visit signify and what did it accomplish? Has Trump succeeded diplomatically, if not strategically, in his meetings with the Chinese leader?

The reading from the Foreign Policy Association is by Oriana Skylar Mastro who is a scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She is the author of "Upstart: How China Became a Great Power" and "The Costs of Conversation." Her article, "U.S.-China Relations in the New Trump Era," is available at the library and can be emailed to you by library director Jane Malmberg: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

All are welcome in person or via Zoom. Please request the Zoom link from Jane Malmberg and join the meeting at 6:30 pm, after the "Master Class" film which cannot be shown over Zoom.

-Sue Kibbe


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## PUBLISHERS CORNER

Welcome back. In my final days of preparation of the next CLARION I begin to worry about having a nice mix of articles and images for you on a pleasing layout. November is now done except for my thoughts to you here.

I had a suspicion as to why I am getting less contributions of upcoming events and reports of past happenings. As I was selecting items for the "From the…" column I took closer attention, and my thoughts were confirmed. You may recall how COVID interrupted our lives. Not only have activities prior to COVID not come back, but I now see that many of my past contributors have moved on, or sadly passed. It appears no one has picked up to continue many of those activities. Thus fewer activity inputs to share with you as to what is happening.

Also, "social media" has impacted as well. The CLARION is ephemeral, but "social media" moves at a rapid pace, and fleeting words and information are soon gone. It is a "new world" print may be passé, but with your help and inputs the CLARION will continue.

And one great reason to continue is to be able to share the good works many are doing to help others. Do take time to read about the Drewsville General Store, the Giving Tree Project, and efforts to help stock the food shelves. We are blessed, but others need our help. Happy Thanksgiving.

-Ray Boas, Publisher

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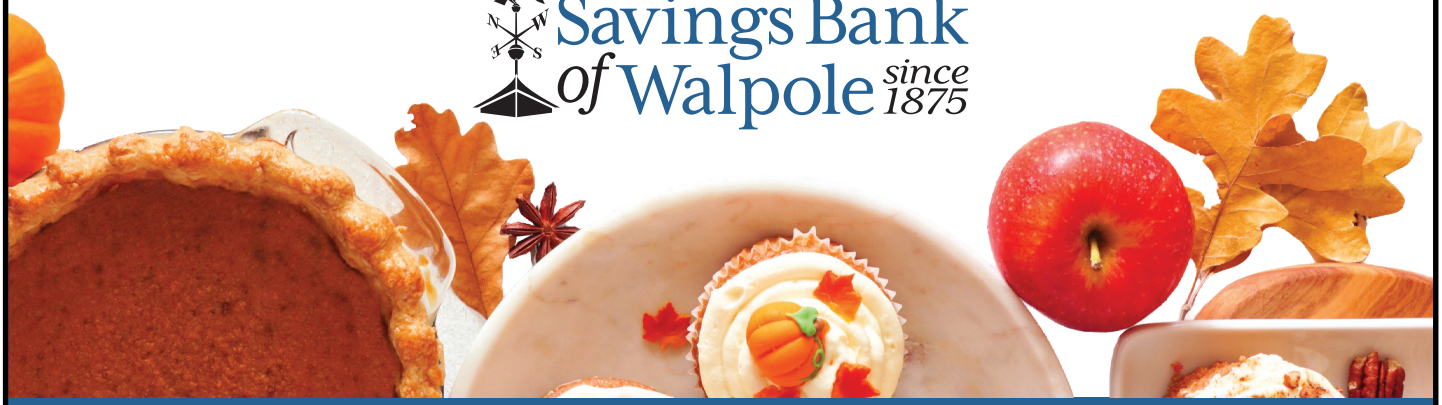
## Just $500 to open!

Keep your money growing close to home with three special rates, whether your CD is new or it's time to renew. **Enjoy a low minimum of $500 to open.**

| CD TERM | RATE | APY* |
|---|---|---|
| 6 month | 3.45% | 3.50% |
| 12 month | 3.93% | 4.00% |
| 18 month | 3.69% | 3.75% |

** Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is effective 10/1/26. APY assumes funds remain on deposit. Penalty for early withdrawal. Contact a representative for further information regarding applicable fees and terms. Fees could reduce the earnings on the account. $500 minimum to open. Rates subject to change.*

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