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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I know it still doesn't quite feel like Spring, but this is very typical for New England. We can tell it is Spring in the Village when the bike path has traffic and the sidewalks are full of neighbors, when the osprey return to the Cape and start building their nests and the herring fill the fish ladders. This is our Spring! The buzz of summer is fast approaching despite the gloomy weather.

We are very excited to announce the 42nd running of the Paul White Memorial Road Race coming up on the 6th of July with the gun announcing the start at 9:00 AM sharp! Check your newsletter and the web Sites for more information. Thank you again to Scott Muma and all the dedicated volunteers who help to organize this fantastic and fun event. Please help support however you can. This is our only fundraiser and we need to raise enough for our \$1,000.00 scholarships which we give to four deserving North Falmouth students. Do what you can to help and be sure to line the streets and cheer on your friends and family as they run the 4.81 mile course around the Village!

We look forward to seeing you about the Village this Spring!

Priscilla (Rand Hildreth Case) Geraghty

THE PAUL WHITE ROAD RACE

MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF NFVA



Exciting activities are underway for the 42nd running of the Paul E. White Memorial Road Race to be held on July 6th, 2019 starting at 9:00 am at Nye Park. As you all know, the North Falmouth Village Association is a non-profit organization with the purpose of promoting civic pride in our community, providing educational, charitable and social activities for all ages. The Paul White Road Race is the major fundraiser of the NFVA for supporting the many charitable endeavors embraced by the Village Association. Again this year we are asking the membership, as well as, local businesses, to contribute with a tax-deductible

monetary donation to allow us to continue the ongoing projects and enhance the scholarship initiative for the North Falmouth Graduating Seniors' future education.

All members will receive a letter and return envelope for this purpose dated June 1, 2018. Please fill out and return the enclosed envelope and support the mission of our Village Association. If you would like more information on this year's race, please visit our website: www.paulwhiteroadrace.org.

Scott Muma - Director
Paul White Road Race Committee
Priscilla Geraghty—Chairperson, 508-274-4631

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### Calendar 2019

*July 6th:* Paul White Memorial Road Race with a 9:00 AM start

*August:* Ice Cream Social, Time and Location TBA

Family Movie Night at Nye Park, Time TBA

*October:* Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper, Halloween Parade

*December:* Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling

Be sure to check for dates and announcements on-line at: [www.northfalmouth.org/](http://www.northfalmouth.org/)





The North Falmouth Village Association presents:

## The 42nd Annual Paul E. White Memorial Road Race

Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 9 AM  
Nye Park, North Falmouth

### \*Road Race\*

- This 4.81 mile race is a fundraiser, limited to 600 runners, and is held rain or shine.
- **Family Team** (2-person) category! Must pre-register by **postmarking a paper application by Saturday, June 29**
- All others, please register online until July 2nd at: **[www.paulwhiteroadrace.org](http://www.paulwhiteroadrace.org)**.
- Or mail in your application to: Paul White Memorial Road Race, P.O. Box 1365, North Falmouth, MA 02556. Checks payable to: PWMRR. Do Not Mail Applications after June 29th, 2019
- T-shirts available on race day: \$20.00.

**This event is sanctioned by USA Track & Field**

#### Registration Information

#### Age Division

Entry Fee: \$25.00

**On Race Day: \$30.00**

Online Entry Deadline: Until July 2nd

Family Teams must register by mail. Postmarked June 29th

**All Number Pick-Up:** Race morning beginning at 8 AM  
North Falmouth Library Lawn

**Race Start: 9:00 AM**

Male-Female

11 & under

12-16

17-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

70+

Wheelchair

**Call Priscilla Geraghty for details and questions: 508-274-4631**

I consider myself adequately trained for this race. I absolve The North Falmouth Village Association and the Town of Falmouth and anyone involved in this race from any liability for injury or illness suffered by me in connection with this race.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age on race day \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature (if applicant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

If entering as a Family Team (postmarked June 29th), check this box and staple team member's application to this one:

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## Historical News—Early Blacksmith Shops in North Falmouth

by Daniel R. Small, NFVA Historian



Back in the 18th and 19th centuries, there were no hardware stores anywhere in the new world, so any hardware items, such as nails, hinges, handles, horse-shoes and brackets had to be handmade by a blacksmith. Because transportation wasn't easy, these items had to be found locally. Hardware needed in the 17th century had to be imported from England or other countries.

A typical village blacksmith shop for the two hundred year era from 1700 to 1899 was usually a small, three sided shed, for example 12 feet deep by 20 feet long, with the front side left completely open to the elements so that the heat of the fire could escape and the blacksmith could work fairly comfortably. (Note: Old Sturbridge Village has a working blacksmith shop.)



Usually every village had its own blacksmith back in this period of time. Sometimes a village would have more than one, depending on the size of the village, etc. I've learned that our own village of North Falmouth had three blacksmiths! They may not have all been operating at the same time. It would be very difficult to find records of this.

A long time village resident (see list of credits at the end of this article) informed me that one of our village blacksmith shops was located on the present day County Road, behind the Superette, just to the west of Warwick Engineering Co. No further information is available about this.

The same old timer went on to say that another blacksmith shop was located between #249 and #251 Old Main Road on the east side of the street and may have been operated by a member of the Cahoon family who lived at #249 for many years.

The third blacksmith shop in North Falmouth was located in a more southerly part of the village by my maternal great grandfather, Joseph D. Wing (1805-1899), whose shop was located at #32 Wing Road. He and his wife lived across the street at #29 Wing Road in the big colonial house still there.



Early in the 20th century this blacksmith shop was no longer needed and it was converted into a seasonal cottage. My great grandmother lost the property in the Great Depression. A wealthy lawyer from Boston, a Mr. Wardner, bought the property, settled into the colonial house and his nurse, a Mrs. Fowler, took up residence in the old blacksmith shop/cottage.



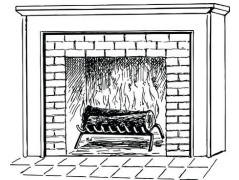
As a boy, I actually remember the cottage. Back in the late 1940s and early 1950s, my father Walter J. Small, Sr., who was a farmer, rented most of the farmland and a fruit orchard there behind the main house from Mr. Wardner. As I remember, Mrs. Fowler had hollyhocks and roses blooming in front of the cottage. It was a



very attractive spot with Wing Pond behind. (Today, the home of Linda and Bruce Simmons of #8 Millstone Street off of Curley Boulevard, reminds me of the old blacksmith shop turned into a cottage. It is of the same design.)

By the way, when the old cottage at #32 was torn down (at this point it was falling apart) some of its old boards were purchased by Edward F. Roskovicks of #233 North Falmouth Highway and are now the interior walls of his kitchen pantry. Today a newer Cape Cod style house sits just to the east of the site of the old shop/cottage at #32 Wing Road.

Today, some remnants of a West Falmouth blacksmith shop can still be seen at #20 West Falmouth Highway (Route 28A). Just north of the Bourne Farm on the same side of the highway sits the Arthur Burke place. On the north end of the barn you can see a fireplace left over from the blacksmith shop that was there earlier. It had been updated in the 20th century when a young blacksmith worked there with old Mr. Burke. Many blacksmith shops were turned into auto repair shops with the invention of the automobile.



I would like to thank the following for information on this subject:  
Edward F. Roskowicks, Louise Jennings Small (dec.) and Walter J. Small, Sr. (dec.).

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Wild Harbor General Store Reopens!



It is with great pleasure that we welcome the reopening of the Wild Harbor General Store! New owner Caroline Gabriel, along with her sons Rowan and Henry Thompson, held a soft opening on Thursday, April 11th. An official grand opening will be scheduled after they receive the results from the Liquor License Hearing which took place on April 22nd in Town Hall.

While discussing plans for the future Ms. Gabriel indicated she will continue providing pastries, lunch, and some of the usual convenience items; but she is really excited to add in some more organic, natural, whole food options. "In North Falmouth we already have Dean's, the Superette, the Village Pantry, [and the Cheese Shoppe] who all do what they do well. So rather than adding more of the same, we want to provide our customers with products they can't get elsewhere," Ms. Gabriel said.

Ms. Gabriel will be using her connections with Whole Foods distributors along with her 20-years of experience as a chef, her master's degree in naturopathic medicine from Bastyr University, and her years of counseling clients as a Naturopathic Nutritionist to provide healthful, nutritious food options to North Falmouth residents and visitors all year long.

The Wild Harbor General Store is currently open 7am - 6pm every day. Hours will increase as the summer approaches.



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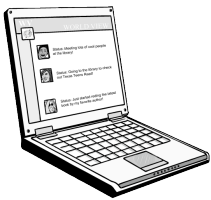
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YOUTH NEWS

By Meegan Hatch

Recently I was asked how our schools are implementing and managing rapidly changing technology in education. That is a really important question. It is a question that we should all be asking regardless of whether we have school aged children or not.

I had a general idea of the answer, but I thought it best to ask the experts, our teachers at North Falmouth Elementary. In the upper grades the Smartboards (a large, touch sensitive whiteboard) can be used during the introduction or review of concepts, for showing educational videos and for movement activities. The Smartboard also magnifies the material so it can be easily seen by everyone. Each child has access to a chromebook (a small laptop) during the day and they have a variety of uses such as working on supplemental math programs for building skills, conducting research on kid-safe search engines for projects, and going on educational websites. The students can also save their school documents in one handy spot called Google Documents (or Docs) where they can draft, revise and edit as their project evolves (even from a computer at home).



For the lower grades, much of the technology is the same but at an age appropriate level. Smartboards for collaborative learning and educational play have a place in the classroom. Technology is used as a tool to help make learning more accessible for all students and fun too. The younger kids have the opportunity to use iPads for animal research projects and small group lessons in math, phonics and reading, and even computer coding.

The students aren't the only ones using technology in the classroom. Technology has helped teachers modify lesson plans for diverse learners, collect classroom data, integrate computational thinking and adhere to curriculum standards to name just a few of the ways technology can enhance the learning environment.

In light of all that computers bring to the table, it is important to note that schools have a responsibility to balance that essential human interaction and high tech to benefit learning. Another of our NFE experts, Principal Tim Adams, outlined a model in our February 2019 newsletter that will hopefully be effective in striking that balance.



The **SAMR** model breaks the ways in which schools use technology into the following four steps. **S**ubstituting technology as a replacement for traditional methods like using a website instead of a textbook. **A**ugmenting a lesson with an enhancement such as a video clip. **M**odifying a lesson design with technology which can not only lead to unique solutions to problems but can also reach students with varied learning styles and lastly, **R**edefinition. This can be used in a variety of ways, for example, students working with their peers in other countries or locations and comparing their findings or collaborating from a distance. You can find more information regarding this model at : <http://www.schoolology.com/blog/samr-model-practical-guide-edtech-integration> Happy summer everyone, and for what it is worth, don't be afraid to splash along the shores of Megansett because your iPhone might get wet!



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