



Town Meeting 2016

Budget Approved, Officials Sworn in, Playground Funding Defeated



The citizens of Walpole take their civic responsibilities seriously. Twenty-two new voters registered on Tuesday, March 8, adding to the 2623 registered voters on the checklist, bringing the end of the day total to 2645. Of that total, 962 ballots were cast on Election Day. Even more pleasing was that a good percentage of the people I saw at the polls were our younger voters.

Prompting the turnout was a change to Walpole's Zoning Ordinance providing that recycling centers and/or transfer stations shall be permitted uses in the Industrial Zones only if "owned and operated by the Town or by a Regional Solid Waste District." Voters approved this article with 725 yes votes to 124 no. Additionally, there was competition among 11 candidates for 6 elected positions. When the polls closed, coming out victorious were: for Selectman - Joseph Aldrich; for Planning Board - Dennis Marcom and Robert Miller; and for Library Trustees Fred Ernst, Jean Kobeski, and Gail LaHaise.

The first floor of Walpole's Town Hall was packed on Saturday the 12th for Town Meeting Day, when the balance of the Articles were acted upon. Tradition began with the parade of the colors, pledge of allegiance to the flag, and the Star Spangled Banner. Continuing with tradition, Bill Houghton read Articles 3-13 in turn, and moved for

Continued on Page 4

Residences at Abenaki Springs

Following years of confusion, concern, and controversy, the first modular unit of The Residences at Abenaki Springs was swung into place February 2, 2016. Phase I of the complex, on Route 12 behind Tractor Supply Co., consists of 21 units - 15 one bedroom and 6 two bedroom units - made by Ritz-Craft Corporation, "a leading builder of modular homes and manufactured housing", and trucked to Walpole in 62 foot lengths from their Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, plant.

To clear up some of the misconceptions surrounding this project, I recently toured the construction site with principal owner, Jack Franks. The apartment units arrived completely fitted out with quality, all wood cabinetry, vinyl flooring, carpets, and finished walls. A 62-foot modular unit consists of apartment segments separated by an expansive center hallway. Since each modular unit

Continued on Page 3

Opioids & Walpole

What our friends and neighbors in Walpole need to know about the addiction crisis in our community, our state and our country.

This is a sad story, but one we need to share.

Addiction is classified by the medical community as a disease. Just like diabetes, it has to be managed throughout the patient's life. Years ago, before the flood of addictive opiates became available to mainstream Americans, people suffering from addiction were regarded as people with some sort of moral failure. Now this crisis is affecting people in every walk of life and every age bracket.

The recent dramatic upsurge in the number of people diagnosed with substance use disorder (addiction) is directly related to the amount of pain medications that have been prescribed by the medical community. And a significant reason for that is because members of the medical community

Continued on Page 10





TIP TOP
LANDSCAPING LLC
WALPOLE, NH
603-756-4274
Commercial & Residential Mowing
& Snowplowing

EVERETT E. HOUGHTON Co., Inc.
Electrical, Plumbing, Heating & Utilities

Electrical License - 0241C
Plumbing License - 4762C



279 Main Street
Walpole, NH 03608
Office - 603-756-3372
Fax - 603-756-9998
After Hours - 603-615-5555

info@eehoughton.com
www.eehoughton.com

Bellows Walpole Inn
Great place to stay!
The Inn Pub
Great place to meet!

297 Main Street, Walpole NH 03608
(603) 756-3320
www.bellowswalpoleinn.com

DAN'S
WATER TREATMENT
SERVICE

Sales & Installation of New Systems;
Servicing Most Existing Systems

603-756-4398 1-888-679-6059

KASPER & ASSOCIATES
PLLC

Serving your legal needs
for over 30 years

603-756-4200

Leadership Academy

Did you ever wonder how our town operates, how decisions are made or whom the people are making decisions. You may feel you would like to give some time back to the community but are not sure where you would fit in.

The Walpole Leadership Academy is the ideal way to answer these questions and get to get know your town better. Many of your elected officials and various board members have all attended the Walpole Grange Leadership Academy before being appointed or elected. The class will begin in late April, and will meet once or twice a month thru July. We will meet about half hour before each board meeting where the board will introduce themselves and explain how they conduct business. Course materials will include copies of regulations, ordinances and other reference materials.

For more information contact: Steve Dalessio @ steve@lakemachine.com or 973-713-9185.

- Steve Dalessio

April Clean Up!

It's that time once again to get outside and help clean up the streets of Walpole. Saturday, April 23 is the date to bring your work gloves, your weather gear (if needed), and your enthusiasm to the Walpole Transfer Station at 8AM, where you will be treated to coffee and donuts. Then choose your maps of roads to tackle, and head off to clear the candy wrappers, beer cans and soda bottles from our roadsides.

At 11:00, come back to the transfer station with your booty, and see if you win one of the great prizes for most trash collected, most unusual or heaviest pieces, among prize categories. It's a fun day, and it helps keep our beautiful town a place of which we can be proud.

Groups are encouraged but not necessary. Call Tara at 756-4861 with questions.

- Tara Sad

1st Annual...

Walpole Student Council Chili and Pulled Pork Cook Off

On Saturday, May 21, from 12:00 to 2:00 PM, the Walpole Elementary School's Student Council will be hosting a Chili and Pulled Pork Cook Off as a way to raise funds for the student group. This event will take place on the Walpole Commons or, if spring rains threaten the afternoon, in the WES Gymnasium.

J.S. Automotive, who has agreed to buy supplies needed for the Student Council to host the event and raise as much money as possible, sponsors the Cook Off. Student Council is looking for families, businesses, and groups to participate. It is free to enter a chili or pulled pork. Tasting cups will be provided for the competitors. A donation is needed per family to taste and vote for the winner. At the Cook Off, there will be also be live music, a 50/50 raffle, grilled hot dogs and drinks for purchase, and games to play. There is also a possibility that one of those games could be "dunk a teacher" if a dunk tank is available.

The event will collect money for a wonderful cause. Student Council uses the money raised to fund field trips, assemblies, playground balls, equipment and supplies for homeroom/pep rally competitions, geography and spelling bees and more. Questions or to register a team, contact Nick LeBail, Student Council Advisor, at nleball@sau60.org or 756-4728.

- Nick LeBail

The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected.

- Will Rogers





Phase One under construction earlier this year

In preparation for my visit with Franks, I perused the Avanru Development Group website – Frank’s company. Stated on the pages detailing the two commercial lots south of Red Barn Lane (bordering Tractor Supply Company and leading to the apartment complex) was “still some commercial spaces available in this development.” That prompted my next line of questioning during the interview. Franks is planning to break ground this summer on the first commercial building, which will be the closest to Route 12. Currently, discussions are being held with a banking institution and communications company as possible tenants. The anchor space will be occupied by the Cold River Brewing Company. A restaurant and brew house owned by Jack Franks.

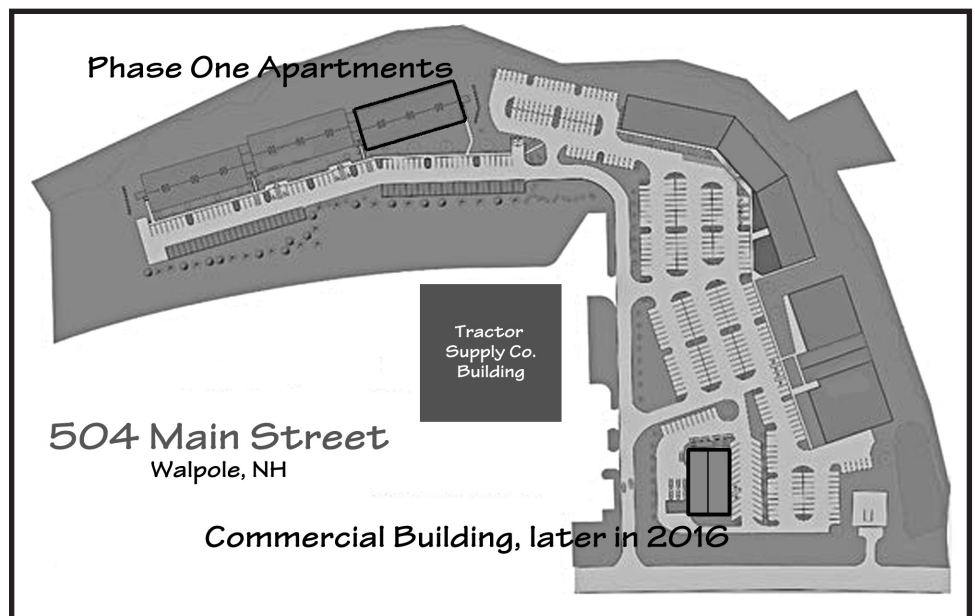
– Ray Boas

Continued from Page 1: Abenaki

was built essentially as a stand-alone structure with 6-inch walls and insulation, when assembled the units have a foot separating them for sound deadening (and more between floors). With the units now in place, the mechanical systems are being connected, and the public spaces are receiving finishing touches. Occupancy is planned for June 1, or earlier.

Franks reported that with square footage ranging from 784 square feet for the one-bedroom/one-bath apartments, and 1176 for the two-bedroom/two-bath units, they exceed the average New Hampshire apartment size by 24 percent. Additional apartments are planned, in Phase II and III, to be connected to the north. Asked when that construction would occur, Franks replied that for “market rate housing” he could start immediately, but to apply for additional “workforce housing” investment, the current unit would have to be fifty percent full.

Originally conceived as a condominium project for 55 and older residents, the apartment units currently being completed are termed “workforce housing”, or “moderate income housing”. They are also designed for retirees with a “stable income”. The project’s investors have made their investments to receive tax credits. Thus, they must abide by state-mandated maximum rental rates. This is not subsidized housing. The savings gained by the investors is passed onto the tenants, with mandated rents significantly less than local averages. There are, however, income limits for applicants for an apartment, which will be verified, along with both a credit report and criminal background check. The maximum income for an applicant to The Residents at Abenaki Springs ranges from \$30,360 for a single person to \$43,320 for a family of four.



KING'S QUALITY PAINTING
 Residential & Commercial/Interior & Exterior
 Fully Insured/Lead Renovator Certified

Peter King
 Walpole, New Hampshire
 NH 603.756.4078
 VT 802.258.1936

www.kingsqualitypaintingllc.com

Professional work without compromise.

Highway Department switches to Spring/Summer Hours April 4, which are 6 AM- 4 PM Monday - Thursday.

Walpole at the MFA

Local Garden Clubbers to Exhibit at Art In Bloom

Three local Monadnock Garden Club (member of Garden Club of America, Inc.) members: Nancy Shepard and Peg Dion from Walpole and Harriet Knappe from Chesterfield comprise the team exhibiting at the show, *Art In Bloom*, at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. This show is the major fundraising event for the MFA, and is the creative interpretation in floral design of a major piece of art; whether sculpture, painting, furnishings, silver or china. This fundraising venue, which originated in Boston, has now extended to major museums throughout the country.

Boston's "Art In Bloom" will be held Saturday through Monday, April 30 – May 2, at the Museum of Fine Arts on Huntington Avenue, Boston. The Museum will be celebrating the event's 40th anniversary.

The photo is an example arrangement created by Nancy Shepard for the 30th anniversary event.

– Nancy Shepard

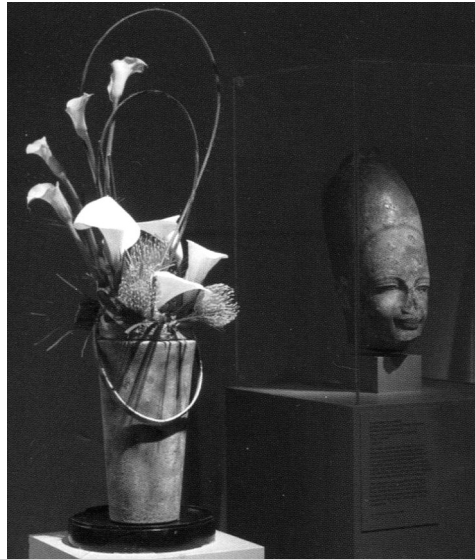


PHOTO PROVIDED

*It's the curse
of the competent
not to be
called upon.*

– Robert Priest

Continued from Page 1: Town Meeting

voting. Little discussion surrounded the money articles, with the town budget of \$3,946,102 passing without question. The majority of the 4.92% increase in funding needed for the operation of the town in 2016 is (as was last year) for labor costs. Salaries were increased by 2%, and the costs for medical and other insurances continue to escalate.

Articles 4-12 also involved the raising or handling of town funds. Funding was approved for pool repairs at the Walpole Recreation Center; replacement of a Salt Shed Wall at the Walpole Highway Department; purchase of an electric forklift for the Walpole Recycle Department; roofs and other maintenance repairs on Town Buildings; and the purchase of a new Police Patrol Vehicle. The remaining money related articles involved the establishment of and/or funding of reserve and revolving funds. Those are funds raised for future uses, and proportioned over time to lessen the tax impact of a needed major capital expenditure all in one year.

The last article brought forth was a petition article submitted by voters. This article posed the question if the Town would raise \$30,000 to add to a "fund drive aimed at buying and installing [a] new playground on the site of the current playground behind the Walpole Primary School." Submitted moments prior to the deadline for petition articles, no public hearing had been held to discuss the article. Amendments were proposed from the floor to the article, but following lengthy discussion, the legal issues surrounding this proposal spelled it as an inappropriate article. Essentially, anything on school property is the responsibility of the school district, and not the Town. The article was then overwhelmingly defeated.

At the conclusion of the meeting, retiring Selectman Whitney Aldrich was presented a plaque for his twelve years of service. Cake and refreshments were then provided by the Walpole Grange.

– Ray Boas

Bellows Falls Country Club

*"Small Package, Big Time Golf, Great Value,
Player Friendly Environment and Great Hospitality Since 1923*

OPENING SOON!!!

Check www.bellowsfallscountryclub.com
and our Facebook Page for opening day and hours.

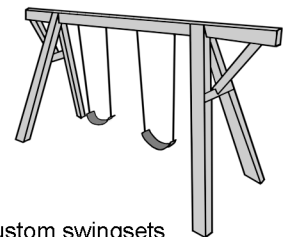
BFCC is offering fantastic membership rates:

Single Adult Member (over 24) - \$495 plus tax
Young Adult Member (19 - 23) - \$195 plus tax
Junior (Younger than 18 at sign up) - \$50 plus tax

NEW RESTAURANT!!!!!!

BFCC is pleased to announce the *Outnumbered Grill* will be offering lunch and dinner service Tuesday – Saturday with a breakfast buffet on Saturdays. *Outnumbered Grill* is family owned and operated, offering homemade, great tasting food with the freshest of ingredients. You can't beat the warm friendly service and great food to be plated up by Billy and Christina.

SWING INTO SPRING!!!



custom swingsets
(like at Scoop Shop)
starting at \$350!

phone: 603.209.9055
email: btshriver@gmail.com

W.R.A.P.

Future Generations at the Recycling Center

Breaths of fresh air visited Walpole Recycling in recent weeks, in that the Center has been the site of school and service organizations visits and services.

Saturday, March 12 was unusually sunny and warm. What a perfect day for a Girls Scout cookie sale! And Troop 20978 of Alstead, led by DeAnna Colburn and Susan Oswald, had a most successful sale – at the Center! Sales were good and many generous Walpoleans offered donations to the Scouts as well. Congratulations, Ladies, on a job well done.

Fall Mtn. Regional District schools have been actively engaged in recycling for some time, now, as the Fall Mountain Recycling Undertaking. Some have become award-winners from the New England Recycling Association for most tonnage collected in an academic year, like 2013 at Charlestown (led by teacher Shawn Broder-Stevens) and Alstead in the 2014-15 school year at Vilas, with teacher Dorrie Ferreria as leader. Recycling clubs are formed at the middle schools in Walpole (with teacher Tony Morrison leading students) and at Fall Mtn. Regional High School, Earth Sciences teacher Jay Fisher leads a group.

Recently, Center Manager Paul Colburn wanted to update the Walpole schools' participants with Walpole Recycling – due to some changes in recycled-products



PHOTO: PAUL COLBURN

FMRHS students behind the scenes at the Center

processing. So each school's club was invited to bring in their regular, school's recycled products and work through the next steps at the Center level, before those items were shipped out to their final destinations. Paul reports that the visits were quite successful in product processing and student efforts and cooperation. Only North Walpole School has not yet visited, but their visit is upcoming.

When the FMRHS students visited on March 4, they toured the entire facility with presentations on technology

recently installed or improved, services outside the Center's main building and grounds services. They did not take this field work lightly – in fact, the high school group, itself, weighed in on the Center's scale at 2,200 pounds.

Our future generations are committed to and engaged in their environment. Watching them and their teachers' involvement with them in these activities has been refreshing as a spring breeze – especially so at one of Walpole's favorite gathering spots.

– Donna Drouin

Humane Society

Seeks Executive Director

The Monadnock Humane Society seeks an experienced executive to lead the organization beginning in June 2016. Working with a strong, experienced staff and an engaged Board of Directors, the

Executive Director's primary mandate will be to achieve a sustainable business model enabling MHS to fulfill its mission.

Award-winning Monadnock Humane Society just celebrated its 140th birthday. The MHS Adoption and Learning Center

is a 90-acre, 23,000 square-foot facility that includes a state-of-the-art training center, comfortable rooms for dogs, feline "catillions," a thriving dog daycare, boarding facility, and an in-house veterinary clinic for shelter animal care.

Serving 44 towns in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire, MHS provides adoption, dog and cat boarding, dog daycare, community spay/neuter clinics, training courses and private consultations, and community events. With a dedicated, hard-working full- and part-time staff of 27, and a vibrant volunteer staff of several hundred, MHS is more than a shelter and is committed to serving the animals and people of the Monadnock region. <http://monadnockhumane.org>

A position description, qualifications and questions may be directed to Dr. Kathy Reilly, Board Chair at boardchair@humanecommunity.org

–Dr. Kathy Reilly



The Call of the Ice

In a winter that barely was, outdoor sports lovers too often faced a bleak and uncooperative landscape – slopes and trails without snow and ponds without ice. A sad state of affairs for pond rats, skiers, snowshoers and snowmobilers across New England. Walpole's own Winterfest was cancelled when Winter failed to cooperate.

Walpole's Abe H. A. Boyd, however, is not a man to meekly accept what Mother Nature is dishing out. An ice fisherman from boyhood, Ahab (to his friends) could not abide a winter without squatting on the ice. He speaks with passion about his sport.

"It's in my blood. I just can't wait for the ponds to freeze over. If you haven't experienced the thrill of that first nibble vibrating up your line, through numbed fingers and seeping into your brain... well, you just can't understand. You're a part of nature out there... defying the elements. I couldn't let that go, not even for one crappy winter."

But this winter was a formidable challenge. "I couldn't use my usual kit, but I couldn't stand sitting at home channel surfing and thinking about all those fish out there laughing at me... So I got creative."

"It really wasn't too hard to put together. I found the life raft in an Army-Navy store – for peanuts. I made the seat out of a wooden box from my basement and secured it with a fair amount of duct tape. The hole was my kids pool float."

"I've gotten some odd looks from folks who've seen me on the pond, but I don't mind. I've had the "ice" all to myself. Shoot, I'm laughing all the way to the frying pan."

A testament to Yankee ingenuity and determination, look for him on the pond. He might be ice fishing through the 4th of July.

– Jan Kobeski

Beekeeping Workshop

Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-4 PM on Saturday, April 16, at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road.

Topics of discussion will be early spring management: locating apiaries, equipment, handling bees, feeding syrup and supplements, making nuclei, reversing, and requeening. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required. email: lindenap@gmail.com or call 756-9056.

– Charles Andros



Resourceful Abe Boyd lands another...

The Chimney Doctor
Chimney & Stove Care

• Ian Conway •

- Cleaning
- Repair
- Installation
- Relining
- Year-round Service
- CSIA Certified

(802) 387-6037
Putney, VT
chimdoc@comcast.net
www.vtchimneydoctor.com

CYNTHIA REEVES
International Contemporary Art

The Barn at 28 Main Street
603 756 4160
Tuesday - Saturday, 10-5

Founded in Walpole in 1995
cynthia-reeves.com

April 1 -This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

– Mark Twain

SPRING INTO A NEW SMILE!



CALL US TO SCHEDULE A COMPLIMENTARY NEW PATIENT EVALUATION

WALPOLE ORTHODONTICS

Emily J. Samuel, DMD, MMSc

♥ Shaping Smiles at 24 Westminster Street, Walpole, NH 03608

Tel 603 904-4150



Members
American
Association of
Orthodontists

WalpoleOrthodontics.com

May Day

Spring Celebration at the Hooper Institute

On Sunday, May 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, the Hooper Institute will host a spring celebration. All ages are welcome to join us at this time of "high spring." We will have a Maypole to dance around and weave our ribbons. There are May baskets to create. We may have some special guests to show us some traditional May Day dances! There will also be activities to do within Hooper Hall, and displays to learn about the many programs the Hooper Institute offers to the youth of Walpole. Tour the Community Gardens and walk the grounds. Meet the people who helped the conservation easement happen on the Hooper Golf Course property.

There is still time for Walpole high school students to apply for the High School Summer Work Program. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 25. The work program pairs students with work sites in agricultural settings and related businesses. There is also an opportunity to be a camp counselor for our two-week Summer camps or work at the Town Recycling Center. If you think you might like to be outdoors this

summer, contact the Hooper Institute for more details. (756-4382). The program is open to students entering grades 9-12.

If you have children currently in grades K-7, the Hooper Institute hosts three camps for that age group. This year, the camps run the weeks of June 20-24 and June 27-July 1. Camp programs and registrations will go home with all children who attend the Walpole School in early May. Registrations will also be available in the "drop box" by the Institute's front door. We are located at 165 Prospect Hill Road, Walpole. Any questions? Please call 756-4382 or e-mail us at HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net.

– Eloise Clark

And an Invitation...

In addition, the Friends of Hooper Institute invite you to join them for their annual meeting April 26th at 6:30 at the Hooper Institute. The public is welcome to come learn more about the Friends group and what projects they are currently working on and what they hope to do in the future. There will be light refreshments.

– Becky Sethi



FLETCHER TREE SERVICE

Jordan Fletcher

Westminster West, VT 05346

Hazardous Removals ~ Pruning ~ Cabling

FREE ESTIMATES

Honest Work, Fair Prices, Prompt Service

30 Years of Climbing Experience

802-869-1731

Walpole Worshipers

Drewsville 7th Day Adventist

Service: Saturday, 11 AM

First Congregational Church

Reverend Craig Breismeister

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

Grace Bible Fellowship

756-4837 • www.gb4hisglory.com

Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

All Saints Parish

Pastor, Reverend Steven M. Lepine

Mass: Mon., 8:30AM; Fri. 8:30AM;

Sat., 4PM; Sun., 8:30AM

St. Peter Church, North Walpole;

Tues. 8AM, Thurs. 5:30PM, Sun. 8:30AM

St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown

Confessions: Thurs., 4:45-5:20 PM,

St. Catherine's; Sat., 3-3:45PM, St. Peter

St. John's Episcopal Church

Rector, Reverend Susan de Puy Kershaw

Communion Service: Wednesday, NOON

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

Walpole Unitarian Church

Reverend Lisa Mobayed, M.Div.

Service: Sunday 10 AM

First Congregational

Spring Rummage Sale

The First Congregational Church UCC on the Common will host our Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, in Fellowship Hall. Friday's sale, called "First Picks" is from 4:00 -6:00 PM, while Saturday's sale is 9:00 AM -1:00 PM, with the popular 'Bag Sale' from 12:00 -1:00 PM. Also on Saturday, we will have a food table with lots of yummy baked goods for sale.

We will gladly accept donations of spring and summer clothing as well as tag sale items beginning Monday, April 25, through Thursday, April 28 from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, and Friday, April 29, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM.

We ask that all clothes are clean and in excellent condition. We will **not accept the following**: fall/winter clothes, shoes, underwear, anything with a cord, anything broken, cracked, stained, torn or dirty. No leftover yard sale items, please!

Please come and shop! You'll be sure to find some treasures! For more information, contact Ellie Shaw, 756-4866.

- Ellie Shaw

Come to the Cabaret!

The First Congregational Church of Walpole invites you to the 10th Annual Cabaret on Saturday, April 9, at 7:00 PM, in the Church Fellowship Hall on 15 Washington Square, Walpole. Take a break from your spring cleaning and enjoy a fun evening of singing and storytelling from young and old(er). Admission is by donation. Refreshments at intermission.

- Chuck Shaw

Silent Auction

The church will host a silent auction starting Sunday, April 17 through Sunday, May 1 in the Fellowship Hall. Items include experiences such as a tour of the Florentine Films offices by one of

their seasoned producers, gift baskets filled with such goodies as sundae fixings, and collectibles such as a DVD set of the brand new Jackie Robinson documentary from Ken Burns. The best times to access the auction are during coffee hour on Sundays (about 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM) and during the church supper on April 30. The auction is hosted by the Christian Education Committee and all proceeds benefit the ministries of the church. For more information, call the church office at 756-4075 or email walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

Ham Supper

The First Congregational Church of Walpole will host a Ham Supper on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Enjoy scrumptious baked ham, macaroni and cheese, peas, salad, rolls, and apple crisp for dessert.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 & under. Tickets are available at Joanie Joan's Bakery, Galloway Real Estate, and at the door. Please join us!

- Marilyn Shriver

Friendly Friday at New Location

The food, fun and fellowship will be the same, but the venue changes for just this month. Rev. Craig and his family invite Walpole area families of all kinds to join in Friendly Friday on April 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM down at the Walpole Primary School Community Room. We'll play group games (hopefully outside!), enjoy a delicious potluck and learn about how our faith can give us strength to face the challenges of life. Please bring a side or main dish to share. Church will provide the drinks and dessert. For more information "like" Friendly Fridays on Facebook, or contact the church at 756-4075, walpolechurch@yahoo.com

The Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church in Walpole at noon on Monday, April 18 for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share with the members. Surprise program!! Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

- Jan Martin

Please Support Our Advertisers

NEED REASSURANCE? I OFFER IT.

Has your confidence in Wall Street been shaken? Volatile markets can test your conviction and purpose. But it's important to have a thoughtful plan-and stick with it.

Let me help you create a sensible, comprehensive investment plan and guide you to remain on track to pursue your goals.

Investing involves risks, including loss of principal. No strategy assures success or protects against loss.

Call today for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Richard B. Anderson, J.D.
Financial Advisor

J. Townsend Gilbert
Financial Advisor

42 Main St.
P.O. Box 820
Walpole, NH 03608
603.756.3935



 LPL Financial

Securities offered through LPL Financial, Member FINRA/SIPC. Investment advice offered through Flagship Harbor Advisors, a registered investment advisor and separate entity from LPL Financial.

Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday, April 13, at 7PM, the Women's Fellowship at the First Congregational Church of Walpole will have Karen Brooks of Big Brothers/Big Sisters as our guest speaker. Karen will be talking about an afternoon program at the Walpole School. Big Brothers/Big Sisters is looking for volunteers to be mentors at the Tuesday After School Program. This is an informational meeting open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about this wonderful program for our Walpole schools. There will be refreshments following the presentation, then a business meeting. The business meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. Hope to see you there.

- Peg Winnen

Walpole Unitarian

"Let the Games Begin!" is family game day at the Walpole Unitarian Church, Sunday, April 3, at 10 AM at Hastings Parish House. This is our popular monthly Family First service, a casual event that combines potluck brunch with social activities and conversation.

This month, we'll have board and other group games to play; it won't matter if it is raining outside! We'll discuss the games we played as a child, and ask the kids about the games they play now! How different are they? What are the similarities? Since we'll be playing, our potluck recipes this month will be "finger foods and snacks" so as not to interrupt the fun!

Hassle-free, this is a time for adults or the entire family to interact with other families, and talk with members of the congregation about values and spiritual dimensions in our lives. We'll feed your bodies, your curiosity, and your spirit! And of course, yours need not be a family with children - it could be an individual, or a middle-aged woman and her cousin and mother! Families of all composition are welcome into our church family.

This year, we have a twist. Each month, we'll ask for a different type of favorite family dish to share in a potluck, and the recipes as well! These could be a simple dish you created that you associate with your definition of family, an heirloom recipe, or something you made up that moment for supper!

If you don't cook, and have no family recipes to hand down, that is fine too! Bring a reading perhaps, or offer to make coffee that week. What do you like to eat? What memories do you have of sharing meals and food with another? Do you have a photograph of yourself or a loved one cooking in the kitchen?

We'll print the second edition of our cookbook in early 2017 as a fundraiser. Also, the cookbook (as our last cookbook) will include thoughts and sentiments that we offer up to feed our spirits as well as our bodies!

Join us!

- Antonia Andreoli

Music
is God's little reminder
that there's something else
besides us
in this universe. . .

- Robin Williams

St John's Episcopal

St. John's Episcopal Church celebrates the season of Easter with meaningful liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, beautiful music, and warm fellowship. Eucharists are celebrated each Sunday at 10 AM, and each Wednesday at noon. The season of Easter is all about the stories of the witnessing of the Risen Christ. Come join us and rejoice in how the Risen Christ is in our midst! Everyone is welcome.

MessyChurch follows the Eucharist each Sunday. Messy Church is an interactive faith formation program that originates in the UK. We meet Jesus in stories and creativity, symbols and images. We have fun! We invite the curious and creative of all ages to journey with us to knowing Jesus through Messy Church!

- Susan Kershaw

Christian Education

Growing in a Life of Faith

Attention, parents, grandparents and guardians of young teens. Are the young people in your life asking questions about faith as they gain more independence? Are you looking for ways to nurture your teens' spiritual development as they venture farther out into the wider world? Rev. Craig and the Christian Education Committee at the First Congregational Church of Walpole are offering a new program for youth age 12 to 15 to nurture the seeds of faith that have been planted in our young people as they transition to a mature expression of faith. The goal of the youth program includes getting ready for Confirmation by exploring what it means to live into the Christian faith with love, grace, mercy and justice. All youth in the Walpole area age 12 to 15 are welcome. Family membership in the church is not required.

Youth will meet two Sundays per month, 9:00 to 9:30 AM, with Rev. Craig and a parent helper. Teens and their families are then welcome to join us for worship at 10:00 AM. We also anticipate monthly fellowship and service activities, which may include youth from other nearby churches.

There will be an informational meeting for parents, grandparents and guardians with Rev. Craig and members of the Christian Education committee on Sunday, April 10, at 11:30 AM at the First Congregational Church of Walpole, 15 Washington Street, upstairs conference room.

For more information, contact Cheryl Watson via text a 903-9474 or email at ccfordjd@aol.com.

WALPOLE ARTISANS

52 MAIN ST - WALPOLE NH

Glass, Jewelry, Pottery,
Woodwork,
Fiber Arts, Basketry, Photography,
Acrylics, Pastels, Watercolors,
Sculpture & more

Come in & see new work by our artists

Art After School

Walpole Art After School will be celebrating Spring with projects that explore different media. In March, the young artists had a great time painting water lilies in the style of Claude Monet. Every painting was a masterpiece! Upcoming projects will include unusual crayon techniques, paper sculptures, origami, paper fish, and a collaboration with the Walpole Historical Society. Walpole Art After School is an art enrichment program for young people in first through sixth grade. The program is free, though donations are always welcome. Sessions are held every Wednesday that school is in session, 3:15 - 5PM. Please contact Susan Kershaw, Executive Director, for more information: info@walpoleartafterschool.org; or visit our website: www.walpoleartafterschool.org.

- Susan Kershaw

Project Graduation

Yard/Bake Sale Fundraiser

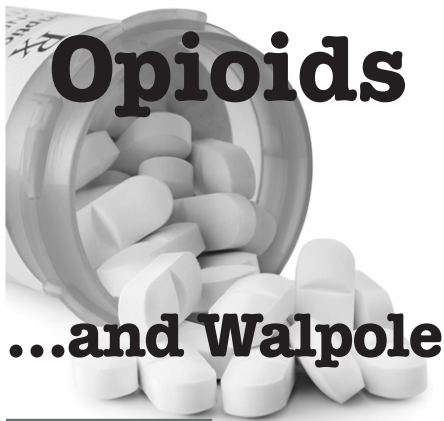
The FMRHS Class of 2016 is having an indoor yard and bake sale fundraiser on April 23 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Charlestown Middle School. We are still accepting items for the yard sale and have the storage for it. Please come and show your support!

- Terry Zehr



- Service
- Repairs
- New Installations

plumbcat700@yahoo.com
4 Eaton Rd Walpole, NH 03608



Continued from Page 1

were misled by the pharmaceutical companies who sold those medications.

When oxycodone was introduced to prescribing clinicians, they were told that approximately 1% of people who used opiate pain medications would become addicted to them. The figure is actually between 54% and 57%. Think about that for a moment. Of 100 people prescribed this class of medication, between 54 and 57 will become addicted. A frightening prospect.

Yet, two years ago, when the FDA was investigating the new drug, Zohydro, (which is ten times stronger than oxycodone), an advisory board was created to study the benefit/risk of this powerful new drug. The FDA's own advisory board voted 11-2 AGAINST approving this drug, but it was approved anyway. Just as alarming, last year the FDA approved the use of opiates in children as young as 11 years old. Why? Well, last year pharmaceutical companies spent an average of \$422,000 per member of Congress in an effort to further their agenda regarding sales of these extremely profitable products.

People who are born with a genetic predisposition toward addiction have little or no defenses against the effects of opiates on their brains. Some people can become addicted to an opiate after one use. In a very short period of time, the

opiate will change the brain chemistry of these people. Other people have the opposite reaction to opiates, and can be made nauseous by the same drug. The differences exist even within families.

Personal stories from this year's Presidential campaign demonstrate the pervasiveness of the problem. Carly Fiorina's daughter died of a drug overdose. Ted Cruz's older sister died of a drug overdose. Jeb Bush's daughter spent time in prison for drug related charges. Chris Christie's best friend from law school died from a drug overdose after he was prescribed opiates for a running injury. He could no longer fill his prescription for legal opiates, so he switched to heroin. He lost his law practice, his wife and children, and then his life.

Families in Walpole, across New Hampshire and throughout the United States are dealing with the devastating effects of the opiate crisis. Last year, the number of deaths from opiates was greater than the number of deaths from automobile accidents and gun violence combined.



The government and health providers have recognized the problem and the reason for the problem. Now the recovery community is focusing its energy on helping the people who have been left in its wake. One part of that help is to make the public aware of the fact that people suffering from addiction are our friends, family members, co-workers, lawyers, doctors, politicians, neighbors, loved ones. Getting rid of the stigma that

historically surrounded people suffering from addiction is an important part of the solution.

Sadly, New Hampshire ranks 49th out of 50 states in the availability of resources for people who are suffering from this disease. Many are desperate to be free and are begging for help, but the resources are just not available. Newspapers are full of stories of addicts who have died while waiting for a bed in a treatment hospital.

If you are one of those people who think that people suffering from addiction "did this to themselves" and should "just be allowed to die", you do not understand the disease nor the path to destruction that these people were put on, often with no idea of what lay ahead. The CDC recognizes that this is an epidemic - not a moral failure on the part of some class of our population. We need to reach out to our friends and neighbors who need us.

- Becky Pearson



* Editor's Note

On March 22 I met with Walpole Police Chief Mike Paquette and Sgt. Justin Sanctuary. To date in 2016, the Walpole Police Department has made 15 drug related arrests. These arrests have primarily been the result of motor vehicle stops for driving violations that then lead to drug investigations. "Our patrol officers look beyond the stop," Sgt. Sanctuary explained, "and based upon our investigative skills and training, we recognize when something is not right, causing us to further investigate." He and the Chief further explained that "patrols are key to safety."

More importantly, the Walpole Police Department, in recognizing the growing drug epidemic, desires to help those facing an addiction problem. "We want to help those who have a problem, and will assist them in getting that help. Anyone with an addition problem, or who knows someone who does, can contact or meet with us in confidence, without fear of prosecution, and we will direct them to the correct resources."

In future issues, the Clarion will publish those resources for overcoming addition problems. However, you can call the Police Station at any time for help 445-2058. In addition, the Walpole Police Department will be providing the Clarion with local crime statistics and tips for your safety.

No Insurance? No Problem!

Save up to \$188 per year on cleaning, x-ray and exam services just for joining.

Ask us how the plan will save you 10-15% on other dental services.

Join . Save . Smile .


to learn more
Call 756-4719
www.BowmanDental.com

BOWMAN DENTAL

The Walpole Players
PRESENT

Blithe Spirit

by Noël Coward



HELEN MILLER THEATER • WALPOLE TOWN HALL
MAY 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2016 AT 7 PM

Tickets: \$10.00 Adults & \$5.00 Under 12
Available at Galloway Real Estate, Joanie Joan's, Walpole Artisans Co-op & Village Square Booksellers

GREATER FALLS INSURANCE

serving VT and NH since 1996



Home • Auto • Farm • Business • Motorcycle • Recreational Vehicles

7190 US Route 5 • Westminster, Vermont 05158
802-463-1900 • www.greaterfallsinsurance.com

**A common mistake that people make
when trying to design something
completely foolproof is to underestimate
the ingenuity of complete fools.**

– Douglas Adams

Blithe Spirit

The curtain will go up the second and third weekends in May when The Walpole Players will present *Blithe Spirit*.



The story goes that Noël Coward wrote *Blithe Spirit* over a days-long trip of less than a week to North Wales in May of 1941, between his long stints on concert tour for the troops of World War II. Its first production was only six weeks later, moving that same year to London's West End where it was an instant success at the Piccadilly Theatre: "Without a single lapse into improbability, it achieves the impossible... The author's light, easy, amusing way with ectoplasm, poltergeists, hypnotic trances and the like is so adroitly sustained that we are surprised only as we are meant to be surprised when, at the bidding of the briskly fantastic, madly sincere Mme. Arcati, the first Mrs. Condomine returns after death to make herself scandalously at home in her husband's pleasant country house." (The Times, 1941). *Blithe Spirit* ran for more than four years, becoming one of the West End's longest-running shows. It also enjoyed long runs in Paris and on Broadway, and remains one of Coward's most popular plays.

At first, producers weren't keen on a comedy focusing on death during wartime, but the real subject of the play, like so many of Coward's plays, is marriage. Subtitled "An Improbable Farce in Three Acts," the play centers around the popular novelist Charles Condomine and his second wife, Ruth. Charles is gathering material for his next novel about a homicidal medium, and in the hope of observing a lot of fakery and hocus-pocus, they invite the eccentric Madame Arcati to conduct a séance in their home in the Kent countryside. However, things don't go as expected, and the Condomines end up as unwilling and mystified hosts to Elvira, the ghost of Charles' first wife, who changes their marriage from one of almost boring complacency to a scandalous, albeit spectral, ménage à trois.

Don't miss The Walpole Players' spring production of Noël Coward's *Blithe Spirit*! Shows are Fridays, May 13 & 14, and Saturdays, May 20 & 21. All shows begin at 7:00 pm in the Helen Miller Theater in the Walpole Town Hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Joanie Joan's Bakery, Galloway Real Estate, and the Walpole Artisans Cooperative in Walpole, and Village Booksellers in Bellows Falls. Tickets (Adults \$10; under 12 \$5) will also be available at the door.

– Lisa Bryan

12 Cal.

13 cal.

Memoir Workshops

Ongoing 8-week Sessions in Walpole with Pam Bernard

Award-winning author Pam Bernard announces the continuation of her popular and ongoing 8-week sessions of writing and reading memoir workshops, to begin the week of April 11, at her home in Walpole, NH.

A quiet revolution is taking place around a big table near the village of Walpole, New Hampshire. Folks are coming together who have never before considered their lives worthy of exploration, finding new meaning in the act of harnessing memory and imagination.

Unlike other modes of writing, memoir demands an honesty that cannot be faked. A good narrative rises from raw experience, but transcends that experience by virtue of our willingness to honor our lives. Frankie Brackley Toleman, botanist and artist, expresses her surprise at what happens in a workshop mentored by Bernard. "Pam's memoir class changed my life. I thought that I had something to say but I didn't know how to say it." David Robins, a retired UU minister adds, "When I sit down to work on my memoir, it is possible only



PHOTO PROVIDED

because of the writing I was encouraged to do in Pam's memoir class."

"One need not be working on a full-length memoir," Bernard says. "Rather, the work generally involves drafting short narratives begun in class, which may or may not be woven together at some future time. Each moment or event brought to the page becomes material to better understand your past and make of it a story that conveys your deepest humanity."

Pam Bernard, author of four books, is a poet, painter, editor, and adjunct professor at the New Hampshire Institute

Seminar in progress: (L to R) Lynda Tallarico, Anita Brockmann, Pam Bernard, Sarah Franklin, Mike Delaney, Christine Cole

of Art and Franklin Pierce University. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Warren Wilson College and BA from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Please email pam@pambernard.com, or visit www.pambernard.com or call for more information, including days and times, 603.756.4177. — Pam Bernard

ADVERTISEMENT

Hooper GC Open

The Hooper Golf Course is now open for the 2016 season. Meeting House West, LLC will be managing the course on an interim basis, relying on member volunteers to help staff the Pro Shop and maintain the course until it is sold. Several volunteers have already devoted their time to make sure the course will have the same quality conditions that golfers have enjoyed over the years.

Membership rates for the 2016 season have been established:

- Junior (to age 25) - \$150
- Young Executive (26-32) - \$350
- Single Adult - \$550
- Week Day Only - \$400
- Couple - \$950
- Family - \$1,050
- 2nd Club Membership - \$275

If you want to enjoy playing golf on the 11th best 9-hole course in the country, please forward your membership fees to: Meeting House West, LLC, P.O. Box 1082 Walpole, NH 03608

— Tom Goins

THE BELLOWS FALLS OPERA HOUSE
CLASSIC FILM SERIES

7:30 PM
All Tickets \$5.00

April 13
A Hard Day's Night
1964

April 27
The Russians are Coming,
the Russians are Coming
1966

802-463-3964


CANADA
Election Year Specials
exod-us.com
Emigration Specialists
information•application•expedited departure
Offer valid 11-9-2016 through 1-27-2017

REMINDER



**All Dogs
Must Be Licensed
Per NH Law**

**Visit Town Clerk by April 30
With Proof of: Rabies
Vaccination and Spay/Neuter
(If Applicable)**

**\$9.00, or \$6.50 if puppy
or it's spayed/neutered.**

**\$2.00 for first dog
if senior citizen**

**Late Fees Accrue
for Each Month Late.**



Carin Torp (L) & Meg Kupiec investigate a mystery

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE STATE CAPITOL

In a surprise move that could well signal a new era of Concord bipartisanship, New Hampshire legislators on both sides of the aisle announced in late March they are prepared to do whatever it takes to repeal the heretofore sacrosanct Murphy's Law. Considering the partisan battles waged in recent years over Medicaid Expansion, the Gas Tax, and Marriage Equality, it is refreshing to discover an issue on which both parties can agree.

With little fanfare, HB 2111 cleared the House Labor Committee several weeks ago, and, in a surprise move, was referred to the House Legislative Administration Committee for a second look. "House Leadership realized that the repeal would have a significant impact, not only on our labor force and our businesses, but also on the makeup of the New Hampshire Legislature, which is why they sent it on to Legislative Administration," said Rep. Lucy Weber, of Walpole, who serves as Ranking Member of the committee.

According to Rep. Tara Sad of Walpole, the bill's prime sponsor, "Murphy's Law has clearly been the single greatest stumbling block to getting things done in the New Hampshire Legislature and elsewhere in the state. Get rid of that, and the sky's the limit..."

"There seems to be a real consensus that the time has come for Murphy to go. Frankly, legislators from all over the state – Manchester, Nashua, the Seacoast, Connecticut River Valley and the White Mountains – are totally in agreement on this one. Remember, these are factions that couldn't agree on whether the sky was blue over the last several sessions. But this time we're all in agreement – Murphy's Law must go. Enough is enough.

"I don't even get the impression that any arm-twisting or deal-making will be necessary," said Sad confidently. "We'll likely just let it move forward on its own momentum and reap the benefits."

The bill will be voted on in the House during the first week of April, and is expected to move quickly through the Senate, perhaps as early as May.

What could go wrong? – Alan Smithee



Radio Follies

Cabin Fever Follies a Success

The Walpole Players would like to thank everyone who came out to the 2016 Cabin Fever Radio Follies on March 13. The Town Hall was filled with a wonderful audience who came ready to laugh - and laugh they did!

So much talent was shared that night. There were performances of skits from 'Fibber McGee', 'George and Gracie', 'The Bickersons' and more. Mike Delaney returned with another 'Farm Report', the "Commercial Girls" sang old Pepsi Cola, Chevrolet and Rice-A-Roni jingles, and Jim Baucom with the Follies Fillies and the Walpole Warblers sang old time songs that got some of the Walpole Players

Tom Durnford as The Announcer

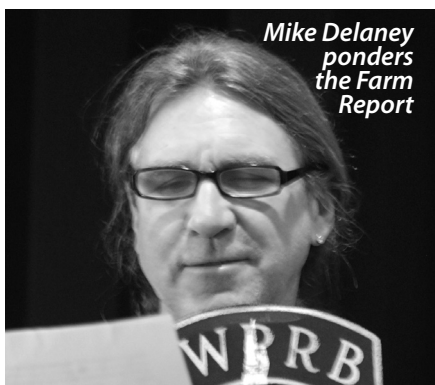


dancing on the stage and in the "Green Room". We even surprised cast member (and Walpole Players President) Ray Boas for his birthday! Thank you again for another successful Radio Follies.

The Walpole Players are excited to be entertaining the community again in May with our presentation of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*.

If you know of anyone who likes to act or would like to take a stab at it, or know someone who just wants to help out behind the scenes, the Players would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact Joan at 499-1027, or Ray at 756-4545. We are always looking for good ideas, too!

– Joan Balla



Mike Delaney ponders the Farm Report

J.S. Automotive
Complete Automotive Service & Repair since 2009

Joel Stoddard
Owner- Lead Technician

Phone: 603.904.4130 jsautonh@yahoo.com
 FAX: 603.904.4131 538 Main St.
 Cell: 603.558.1132 Walpole, NH 03608
 www.jsautonh.com

WVFD

New Fundraiser Slated for Summer

The Walpole Fire Department will be holding a new fundraiser this summer, which – depending on its success – may replace its annual golf tournament. Assistant Chief Mark Houghton reports that a suggestion was made at the last meeting to sell calendars featuring “in the buff” photos of the department members. Similar calendars by other organizations in other towns and states reportedly have sold well, netting their groups thousands of dollars. Said Houghton, “As an all-volunteer department, we already put in a lot of hours and organizing events like the tournament really takes time. The crafts fair does well also, and so many people enjoy it that we wouldn’t discontinue it, but we thought a calendar would be something new and less labor-intensive.”

The firemen will pose in a variety of locations with the tools of their trade. Boots, belts and helmets – strategically placed – will be worn as the men are photographed on their trucks, ladders and in sundry locales. Efforts are currently underway to select a professional photographer for the project. Houghton



said several of the firemen’s wives and girlfriends are amateur photographers and have offered to help out, but it “seems wiser to hire an outside professional!”

The calendar will be in an 18-month format as most of the firemen wish to be included. There are, of course, still extra men as there are “roughly 45” members.

Houghton said this has caused some consternation, so in an effort to choose the models impartially, a contest will soon be announced. “We want our community’s input on this important decision – we aim to please, as well as to put out fires. And we want to sell as many calendars as possible!”

The price of the calendar will be fixed when photography and printing costs have been determined. – Barbara Kasper

PHIL SHAW MASTER PAINTER



Serving the Area
with Pride and Skill
since 1973

WALPOLE, NH
603-756-9828



**Say
Goodbye
to
Mud
Season...**



And Get a Jump on Spring:

- Yard Cleanup
- Mowing
- Brush Hogging
- Bark Mulch
- Hydroseeding

Fully Insured • Call Today for a Free Estimate.

**Our Tractor-mounted Brush Hog
Will Make Short Work of your Overgrown Fields.**

Phone: 603-499-6799 • Address: PO Box 576 Walpole N.H.

Walpole Library

April Events

Join us on April 28 at 7 PM for an interesting look back at Walpole in the 1700's with Gail Golec. *The Death of Twitchell and Flynt: Story Behind a Blood-Debt Killing in 1750s Walpole, NH.* The killings of two soldiers serving at Bellows Fort (Walpole, NH) in the summer of 1755 by a group of Native American warriors was seen by the English as an unprovoked, random attack on innocent men. A closer look into the manner in which the soldiers were killed indicates at least one man was specifically targeted by the Natives, as retribution for a terrible crime of his own.

Daddy and Donuts Story Time will now be a monthly event at the Walpole Library! Dads, grandpas, uncles, and older brothers are invited to bring their little ones to the library on the fourth Saturday of each month for stories, songs, a craft, and of course donuts and coffee!

The Walpole Library will be holding its second **Stuffed Animal Slumber Party** on Friday, April 8, at 6:30 PM, when children are invited to a special story time with their stuffed animals. They'll hear stories, make a craft and tuck their animals in for a night at the library. Stuffed Animal pick-up will be from 9 AM to noon on Saturday the 9th. Last time, the Stuffed Animals and Dolls had a lot of fun getting into the leftover Halloween candy and climbing up the book shelves! We even had one bear who made sure everyone brushed their teeth before bed! We'll see what kind of trouble the animals get into this time!

– Justine Rogers

Book Group

Historical Non-Fiction

The Non-Fiction Book Group added four new members in March. Marya Holcombe led the Tuesday evening discussion on what the U.S. response should be to ISIS in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia. We tried to get a focus on the several conflicting parties, their Islamic denomination, and geographical distribution. We considered what might be the ISIS attraction for Western youth and young adults. Our source document was drawn in part from *The Revenge of Geography* by Robert Kaplan. No consensus was reached, but we had a solid evening exploring the military, economic and diplomatic options, both for containment and resolution.

The next meeting will be April 5. We will be discussing an article from the Brookings Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World: *From Paper State to Caliphate: The Ideology of the Islamic State* by Cole Bunzel. The 44-page article provides a comprehensive overview of the history of the Islamic State's rise to power. Mary McMahon will be leading the discussion on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:00 PM. The following lengthy Web-link has been tested. Download the article, read it on your computer, for free at:

<http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/papers/2015/03/ideology-of-islamic-state-bunzel/the-ideology-of-the-islamic-state.pdf>

Sal Vation Works LLC

Handyman, light carpentry, tree/yard work, painting, caretaking, property management.

Mike Delaney
24 Kingsbury Rd
Walpole
762-4046



Romans 10: 9-10

mdelaney10@myfairpoint.net

About the Historical Book Group: On their own, each member selects and presents the monthly subject; a book, a scholarly article, a historical opinion, a theory, a map, a "What If" scenario. The subject can be narrow or broad; ISIS, the cure for Tuberculosis, "If Lincoln had not freed the Slaves", "Nickel and Dimed – or not getting by in America", The Peloponnesian Wars, The dissolving European Union. We have not yet fixed our program for May 3. Please consider joining the Group at the Walpole Library on Tuesday, April 5. Become part of a lively, but thought provoking discussion on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

– Mary McMahon

*It is the ability to take a joke,
not make one, that proves
you have a sense of humor.*

– Max Eastman

KEENE DOOR
garage doors
residential & commercial

Overhead Garage Doors & Openers
Service & Repairs
Replacement Panels
and more...visit our website

Free Estimates

KeeneDoor.com



**24-Hour
Emergency Service**

603-352-8553

Donuts From the Sky!



...and other baked
delectables.

Delivered warm to your door...



by drone!

Joanie Joan's
Baked Goods Company

joanballa@yahoo.com

499-1027

Takes it to the next level starting in May...
Pending FAA approval.

Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

NOTE: It made sense to relate this tale after last month's story about Walpole's stolen cannon.

...the Revere Bell in the Town House was also stolen, but only once?

Originally hanging in the Meeting House at the top of Prospect Hill, in 1867 the people of Walpole decided to remove the bell and store it in a safe place. Then, in 1869, the town voted to put it in the Town House on the Common, and a bell tower was built on top of the Town House Observatory for this purpose.

Agricultural fairs were extremely popular in the 1870s, not only for livestock and farm products, but also for their entertainments. The Rockingham Agricultural Fair, on the other side of the river, was no exception. In October, 1871, Connecticut balloonist, Silas Brooks, was engaged to demonstrate his gas bag (also known as a hot air balloon), sprinkle leaflets from the air, and take passengers on ascensions for a fee. Area residents were fascinated with this brightly-festooned conveyance – the first time a balloon was seen in the area.

Also fascinated was a group of Bellows Fall brutes. Recalling the stories of the Keene miscreants and Westminster bandits with the pilfering of Walpole's cannon, these Rockingham ruffians devised their own audacious and devious plan. These *Bellows Fallers Fellars Rowdies* (or, BFFRs, as they were affectionately called) secretly proclaimed, "Anybody can swipe a cannon on the ground!

It was Sunday, October 8, 1871. (Ironically the Great Chicago Fire was later that same evening). A group of BFFRs approached balloonist Silas Brooks, and, before he knew what was happening, they commandeered his balloon. Four other BFFRs, having crossed the Tucker Bridge, stealthily sneaking down the Turnpike with their tools, approached

the Town House. They gained entry, barricaded the doors, and climbed to the top of the new bell tower.

Walpole's resident photographer, Warren P. Chapin, at that moment was preparing a wet-plate to document the Congregational Church before its being jacked up to add another floor. Turning around, he could not believe what he saw. Stunned, he hastily turned his equipment around, capturing on his glass plate this now scarce image of Brooks' balloon drifting west away from the Town House with the Revere Bell dolefully bonging, dangling on a rope below.

The Walpole Selectmen were summoned, and they in-turn, summoned the Riders from the "Horse Thieves." As balloon and bell and men (some of whom climbed up the rope ladder to the balloon from the bell tower) drifted away with the wind westward, the Riders mounted their aged steeds. Crossing through the covered bridge, they barely kept up with the balloon and its dangling, clanging cargo. Fortunately, the weight of the bell and the imprudent passengers was too much for the balloon to stay aloft; and, balloon, bell, and band of men plummeted onto the Tory Tavern in the flats of Westminster.

Warren Chapin's remarkable image of the ill-fated bell theft. The plate clearly shows the empty tower and some passers-by seemingly unaware of the audacious attempt, while others react with surprise/ alarm.



All were captured unharmed. A sturdy wagon was brought to transport the bell back across the bridge to Walpole, up Depot Hill to the Common. Plans were made to rehoist the Revere Bell to its previous and proper perch. The "Horse Thieves" assembled for what was to become a four hour meeting, the topic of discussion being to see if they should add "and Revere Bells" to their official name. It was finally decided that "Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Clothes Lines and Hen Roosts" was already too long a name to keep writing out without adding "and Revere Bells" to the end. However, as a result of this lengthy meeting, the Riders did decide that henceforth no "Horse Thieves" meeting would last more than ten minutes.

At the next select board meeting, Selectman Nehemiah Royce vowed, "We will fix those BFFRs someday. We will just close the Tucker Bridge, or whatever bridge replaces it, even if it takes over 125 years!"

Walpole's Revere Bell was damaged beyond repair when the Town House burned, following a lightning strike, on June 14, 1917.

Remember, you just can't make this stuff up.

FLORENTINE FILMS

Making films in Walpole
for 35 Years.

WALPOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES

THE CHESHIRE RAILROAD

ITS CONSTRUCTION AND A BRIEF HISTORY

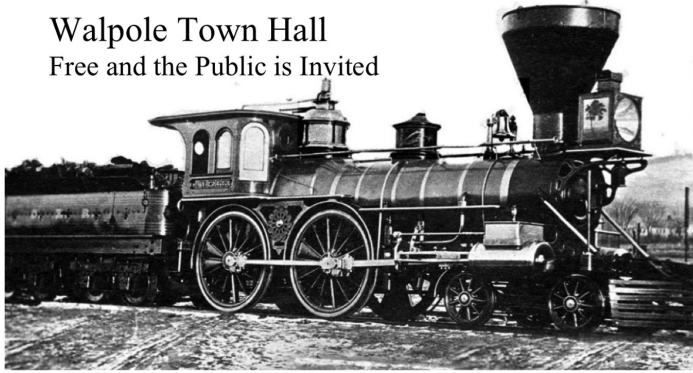
with Cheshire County Historian and Author

ALAN RUMRILL

Friday, April 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Walpole Town Hall

Free and the Public is Invited



This recently found real photo postcard from the early 1940s shows 1937 Buick 4-door Convertible Sedan parked on the Gulf Service Station; Clover Farm Stores, the Central Garage with both Mobilgas and Texaco pumps.

Walpole's Village Square with a the curb. In the background is featuring foods and meats; and,

This card would have been featured in *As It Was...*

And Still Is... Walpole, New Hampshire, by Ray Boas. 300 images, all in full color.

You can still obtain your copy by calling Ray at 756-4545.

Copies are also available at Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company, or The Walpole Artisans' Cooperative.

The 128-page book is priced at \$20.



Anything can happen in life and in business. Be ready.

- Personal and Business Insurance
- Employee Benefits • Compliance Training

CLARK MORTENSON
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Be ready for anything.®



102 Main Street, P.O. Box 606, Keene, NH 03431
174 Broad Street, P.O. Box 1400, Claremont, NH 03743
877-352-2121 | clarkmortenson.com



Household Hints

Spruce Up Your Space

Spring cleaning is a tradition, when we freshen our environment and get a head start on the hectic seasons of spring and summer. A clean environment is a healthy environment! Improve your living and workspaces this spring.

Divide Your Workspace Into Zones:

Determine how you need to use space and set up zones for your daily functions. This will allow for a more efficient use of space.

Keep Only What You Need:

Rid your desk of clutter – essentials only. Supplies, paperwork and personal items should be kept in the zones you've established for them.

Sort Your Catch-All Drawer:

Use drawer dividers to give everything a place. Go through the drawer every six weeks and trash anything that isn't being used.

Eliminate Digital Clutter:

Organize digital files and your e-mail inbox. Also, keep the icons on your desktop to a bare minimum, and trade in sticky notes on your monitor for calendar reminders.

Create A Daily Paper System:

Create hanging files labeled "To Read," "To Do," etc. Establish set days for each, so that you don't get behind.

Disinfect Regularly:

Prevent the buildup of dust, dirt, food stains and fingerprints. Wipe down your desk, phone, keyboard and monitor once a week with disinfecting wipes.

Get organized – and clean. If you need a little help, don't worry, SERVPRO® of Cheshire Co., NH and Windham and Windsor Co., VT has the tools to make your home or business sparkle in no time!

* Tips provided by Forbes



7th grader Bennett Shriver, as Zeus, showing off his Greek Mythology project.

Academic Fair

The Walpole Elementary School held its annual Academic Fair on Wednesday, March 2, in the WES Gymnasium.

The Academic Fair is where students get to express what they have learned to the public. "Academic Fair is a great way for our students to celebrate their research, learning, and individuality," said WES Reading teacher Mrs. Ronning. This helps them with public speaking, internet skills, learning skills, research, writing, and meeting the people of the public to express their newfound knowledge.

To quote eighth grader Maria Mendez, "It was pretty fascinating seeing all the amazing variety of displays." Another eighth grader,



8th grader Gabe Andrus gets into character for his survival in the northeast project.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Gabe Andrus, said that he "though it (the Academic Fair) took a lot of effort, time, and commitment to complete the project. But it was all worthwhile."

Students had to complete a research essay about their topic. In art class, they also created a big picture, with illustrations and a header. In addition to that, they had to use the paragraphs from their essays, mount them on colored paper and put them on a large board. They also had to mount and color pictures to go with each subtopic. "It was amazing to see it all come together at the end," said eighth grader Aaron Blair.

- Kaitlin Faulkner

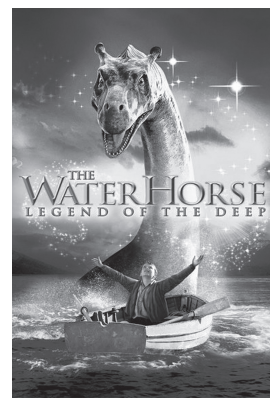
.....
 and stole Shakespeare's play, Hamlet, and Einstein's Theory of Relativity. Professor Thyme gathers his niece, H.G., assistant Boffin, and his press officer, Sally Pigeon, to go on a zany time travel adventure to fix the space-time continuum.

- Emily Heath

Movie Review

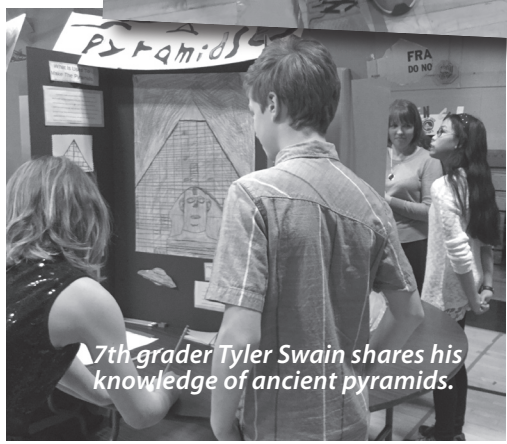
The Water Horse: Legend Of The Deep

The *Water Horse* is a great movie that kids and their parents will both enjoy. The movie, which is available through Netflix, is about a boy who finds an egg along the coast of Loch Ness, Scotland. When the egg is brought home, he gets a big surprise. The egg cracks open to reveal a water horse!



The boy, the protagonist of the film, keeps the creature hidden from his mother even when an unexpected person comes and stays in the workshop where the water horse was being kept. As the story progresses, the water horse grows and eventually has to be released into the lake, where it will stay for the rest of the movie until the end. In the end, there is another egg on the side of the lake that is found by another child, and the cycle of the story continues.

- Shea Gallagher



7th grader Tyler Swain shares his knowledge of ancient pyramids.

Spring Play

Professor Thyme and the History Mystery

Walpole Elementary School will show a play called Professor Thyme and the History Mystery by Richard James. The play will premiere on April 14 at 6:30PM in the WES Gymnasium. The actors and actresses within the play range from fifth to eighth graders.

The play is about a professor named Thyme who builds a time machine. The Evil Count Downe and his dopey assistant Drono went back in time in his machine

Walpole's Totem Pole

Just outside the Walpole Elementary School cafeteria, near the garden, there is a totem pole. Many visitors and students to the school have wondered of its origin. It all started about two years ago.

Walpole Elementary School wanted to put a decoration in the garden for both students and visitors to enjoy when they went outside. Mr. Stan, the school's guidance counselor, had an idea that would bring different students, from different grades, together to create something special.

Mr. Stan, along with a few students, designed, sanded, and put together this totem pole. During a field day, kindergarten and first graders painted the little squares that were cut and sanded by Mr. Stan and the group of students. With the totem pole completed, it can be admired for years to come as the creative design of both Mr. Stan and a variety of students.

– Charlotte Briggs

Walpole Math Team

Competes in Local Events

Perhaps the best thing about the Walpole Elementary School Math Team is its name. Sixth-grader Enrique Ingram, the brain-behind-the-name, came up with, "The Walpole Parenthesis."

"(It's) because we always come first," said Ingram. This is Enrique's first year on the team, but he is not alone. There are 10 students participating, supervised by sixth grade math and science teacher Mrs. Marilyn Menning. Menning is in her third year of coaching. This year's team is made up of eight sixth graders and two seventh graders; or, more appropriately, 80% and 20% respectively.

The math team competes in four meets per year, competing against 10 local schools. Each meet is divided into four sections where students compete in three solo events and one team event. The most experienced team member is seventh-grader Maeve Perron, who has been on the team for two years. It is Walpole's Geography Bee Champion, Jake Bradley, who is this year's highest scoring 6th grader in the whole division! Mrs. Menning says that this year's team is full of fun energy. While some students may struggle with math at times, these kids do not consider themselves geniuses; just those who enjoy math. "I just like the numbers and solving problems," added Ingram.

– Maria Mendez

Kroka Expeditions

Adventure Awaits...

"On the surface, my daughter learned self-sufficiency skills, but less measurable were the little things reinforced regarding tolerance, empathy, cooperation, responsibility to the group, and putting others ahead of yourself." These are the words of the parent of an anonymous Kroka participant.

Kroka Expeditions is an organization for young individuals that teaches life lessons through "adventure sports, community living, farming, and traditional and indigenous skills."

In my short time at Kroka, I quickly learned and accepted these principles listed in the quotation above. When you walk up the trail leading out of the woods, you come up with a head full of memories and a heart open

Totem detail



Confidence
is 10%
hard work
and 90%
delusion.

– Tina Fey

for more adventure. Through wilderness craft and adventure sports, you gain a wealth of knowledge at Kroka that you cannot find anywhere else. Not only did I see how well-run and organized Kroka was, but I saw how dedicated and passionate the staff was to the campers and Kroka mission.

Kroka is a non-profit organization that is meant to be accessible to all. There are many ways to make Kroka affordable for you, with a sliding scale tuition and other scholarship options. I highly suggest looking into Kroka. Their motto is "where consciousness meets wilderness." That is the truth. You can find them online at www.KROKA.org. Whether you are a seasoned adventurer or have never camped in your life, Kroka offers many amazing programs that will foster a zest for life and a spark for adventure.

– Gabriel Andrus

A Modest Proposal

Walpole Elementary School is preparing a campaign to convince New Hampshire state legislators to designate an official state punctuation mark. Over the years, schools across the state have championed birds, minerals, plants, amphibians, fabrics, etc. as New Hampshire's "official" whatever. "We thought it was time to break new ground. The physical categories have been done to death," said a knowledgeable source who declined to be identified.

"Why not consider the world of arts and letters? Well, not actual letters, but punctuation marks -- without which those bunches of letters can get a little confusing."

Deciding on the specific symbol was a challenge. "We went back and forth. We threw out diacritical marks right away -- we thought most folks in Concord would think a cedilla was some kind of vegetable... why even try to explain? The ampersand was an early favorite, but supporters of the dollar sign and elipsis were pretty vocal. We even considered the exclamation point after Jeb was through with it. Eventually, we agreed on the semicolon -- elegant, hardworking, yet often misunderstood. It seems perfect to embody the spirit of New Hampshire. The kids are getting pretty excited."

Though no timetable has been set, it seems safe to say, "Move over Red Spotted Newt and Tartan Plaid, you're going to have company."

– Vern Equinox

Reader Commentary

Thank You

The family of Clarence "Hector" Swain would like to thank the many family and friends that have been such a huge support over the last few months following his passing.

We are proud, and know Hector would have been, for the great send off at his funeral. It was wonderful that so many friends, family and those who cared were there.

A special thank you to members of the American Legion Post #77, Fall Mountain JROTC, American Legion Post #29, Rolling Thunder, the Patriot Guard Riders, Combat Vets and numerous other veterans whose presence added so much to the service. The food and friendship at the Town Hall was overwhelming. Thank you to Bert Nelson for her help with the luncheon and to Donna Gage, Minister and friend, for such a special service. Hector was so proud of the American Legion and loved helping people out. His hard work and dedication to the Town of Walpole will long be remembered. The Hospice staff was so kind and helpful during his last months. It takes a strong heart and person to do what they do, and he came to love them all.

Thank you to those who donated to Hospice and Walpole Youth Baseball in Hector's name - both organizations were near and dear to his heart. Thank you all for your love and support.

- Shirley Swain & Family

Please Support Our Playground - Safe Play Matters

In coordination with the Walpole School, community members and parents are in the process of fundraising for a new playground project for the Town of Walpole. Conditions of the existing primary school playground are deteriorating and becoming unsafe.

The playground committee is committed to raising funds to build a new playground at the Walpole Primary School and near the Whitcomb Recreational Park. The playground committee is writing to ask for your assistance, and is counting on community generosity over the next month to help make this goal a reality for our community.

Top 10 reasons to help raise money for our new playground.

10. Because play can help fight childhood obesity.
9. Because free play helps develop strength, coordination and social skills.
8. Because play develops cognitive reasoning in children.
7. Because the current play structure is becoming unsafe.
6. Because currently, no modern play facility is within walking distance of this community.
5. Because a playground project like this one instills a sense of community pride.
4. Because a playground invites children to play outside.
3. Because a playground brings families together.
2. Because we have committed to making this goal a reality and we want you to be part of our vision.
1. Because all donations (large and small) make a difference.

Continued on Page 23

MILESTONES

Engaged

Bill and Kris Tyson announce the engagement of their son, Alec Tyson to Erica Breaux. A March 2017 wedding is planned in New Orleans.

Passed

Ward (Edward) Francis Vose, 54, beloved husband of Karen (Plourde) Vose March 21, at his home in Newington, Conn. survived by parents, Ernest and Susan Vose; two brothers, Adam and Jeff, sister Carolyn.

The WALPOLE Clarion

published monthly for the Walpole community.

Ray Boas, Publisher
PO Box 757
Walpole, NH 03608
603-756-4545

Submissions about community events and achievements are encouraged for both the calendar and features.

Submit ads, articles & photographs to:
walpoleclarion@gmail.com

May issue deadline: April 22

Tara Sad: Copy-Editing
Jan Kobeski: Layout & Design

The Walpole Clarion on-line:
thewalpoleclarion.com

The Village Printers
5 Canal Street
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
ph/fax 802.463.9697
vilprtnr@sover.net

YOUR LOCAL PRINT SERVICE PROVIDER

Offset Printing
&
Digital Printing

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

As the April issue of the CLARION was coming together, early on Jan, Tara, and I realized that the community is responding to our publication with fantastic content to share. Also, it is gratifying to continue to get new advertisers seeking to get their message out, and in so doing, supporting the CLARION's mission in serving the Walpole community. A big thank you to all - both advertisers, and article contributors.

This is our "annual no-foolin" issue, and there may be one or more items here that, although real and plausible sounding, may not be. Having gotten irate phone calls last year by some readers misinterpreting what they read - may this serve as a disclaimer. Remember, you "cannot make this stuff up," but you also "cannot believe everything you read."

And, even more amazing is that I have already started my folder for the May issue. Yes, we are already working on stories to bring you then. Thank you for your continued support and contributions.

- Ray Boas, Publisher

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Hole In One Tater Farm!

It was a warm, sunny day, perfect for a ride through the Vermont country-side. Headed up toward Windham, Vermont, where my father spent his youth and where we went blueberry picking and hunting. As we drove along we passed the Tater Hill Golf Club. I remembered my father, telling about the hundreds of acres of potatoes that were grown there. That's of course where the name Tater Hill comes from for the golf club. Well, out of the blue, this brilliant, money making idea struck me. With so many locavores in the Walpole area, why not start up a potato farm. When we got home I called my friend, George, and ran the idea by him. "I see two problems right off", he said, "where are you going to find that much land available and a building large enough for storage? After all the original Potato Barn is being converted into, who knows what".

"Well sir", says I, "I can't reveal too much at this point but I have my eye on a piece of land, large enough and very fertile. In fact there has been no crops grown on it for many, many years and has been well maintained. If I can convince enough of the locavores to put up some money, we can send in a bid as soon as it officially goes on the market."

"What about storage?", George queried. "There are a couple of large building that can be converted to storage and a smaller one that can be used as an office."

"What if someone else beats you on the bidding and puts up a bunch of condos or houses?" he ask. "That is the best part of this deal. The land is under conservation easement, which means no housing can ever be built there. But it can be used for agricultural purposes. In addition, I hope to make a deal with the local schools, to use the area for educational purposes, to teach the children the benefit of growing their own food. Part of the learning would be a group to come and plant the taters and at harvest time, come and dig them up. This free labor will allow us to sell the potatoes cheaper than the ones shipped in from Idaho or even Maine. Now promise you will not reveal the location of this proposed farm until after the deal is made."

"Heck", he says, "I can't very well tell anyone where it is, because you have not told me!"

"Well sir, I did tell you that the land I am looking at is under conservation easement and now I will tell you that it is a well fertilized piece of land, high on a hill and gets plenty of sunshine during the growing season. Watch the local news for the excitement, when word gets out, providing me and my partners are able to raise the money!"

"I even have a name picked out for the business. I am going to call it 'The Hole in One Tater Farm'"

"Well all I can say", George responds, "is that if this project is anything like the aircraft business you were talking about starting, it will never get off the ground!"

Apps for All

First a website that actually functions, and now a bold venture into the world of the smart phone. Over the coming months, the Clarion will be offering a series of phone apps unique to (or particularly useful in) Walpole, Cheshire County, the Connecticut River valley – our little corner of New England. Our first offerings:

Clarion App



Connects you instantly (24-7-52!) with the Clarion news stream. Stay intimately in touch with our month-old news. A

must for Walpoleans who aspire to be just a little bit behind the information curve.

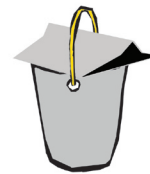
WRAP App



Remote cameras and motion sensors constantly monitor (on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) the dumpster unloading lane at the Recycling Center. Save time. Avoid frustration.

Never again have to wait while 3 pickups unload a month's worth of trash bags. Zoom in... zoom out.

Sap App



Syrup season can be tricky. Keep on top of the flow – don't miss a drop – with this handy tool that monitors sap flow of maple trees within 10 miles of your current GPS-verified position.

PAC App



Around the clock monitoring of your smart/cell phone that automatically reroutes all incoming automated political phone calls and surveys to the DNC or RNC, as appropriate.

Frappe App



New Englanders love their ice cream. Locates the nearest purveyors of the frozen goodies – soft serve, hard, and anything in-between. Completely indiscriminating – identifies everything from the best of the best to stuff that's just cold and has some sort of flavor. When you gotta have it, you gotta have it.

Next Month, Connecticut Valley Emoticons – Connicons!

– Jan Kobeski

Reader Commentary (continued)

Continued from Page 22

Please help us make a difference. You can send a check made payable to the Walpole School Playground Fund P.O. Box 549 Walpole, NH 03608 or visit <https://www.gofundme.com/tqmweb4c> and/or follow us on Facebook: Walpole Playground Structure. Please call us at 756-4728 if you need any information. Thank you for your support. – Sam Jacobs

To the Editors:

It is with great regret that I write to inform you that the Horse Thieves' more-than-two-year pursuit of the pilferer who intruded on our 2014 Annual Meeting has been terminated. The trail has, sadly, gone rather cold.

It seems likely the chicken escaped the fiend's clutches and no one really seems to care a great deal about the clothesline. Still, our membership is disappointed.

– I. Javert

Camp Takodah

YMCA Camp Takodah will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2016, with an Alumni Reunion scheduled for August 26 - 28, 2016.

Camp Takodah, in Richmond, NH, has served thousands of families in the area over the years. We invite any of our alumni, as well as former staff and volunteers, to contact us to learn about our plans, provide input, and register for the event:

Website: www.camptakodah.org/takodah100/, Facebook: www.facebook.com/camptakodah/, Email: info@camptakodah.org, Phone: 603-352-0447

Thank you for supporting our alumni outreach efforts through your publication.

Sincerely yours,

– Ryan Reed, Camp Director

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local
Postal Customer

Best bank around?

Just ask a *local*.

As a local bank, being the best means you have the best of both worlds – hi-tech and hi-touch. At SBW we offer **truly free checking**, enhanced eBanking that lets you seamlessly manage your accounts from all your devices, and **great personal customer service** when you need it.




Want to know more? Just ask a local bank that supports our community. Give us a call at **(603) 352-1822** or visit us online at **walpolebank.com**.

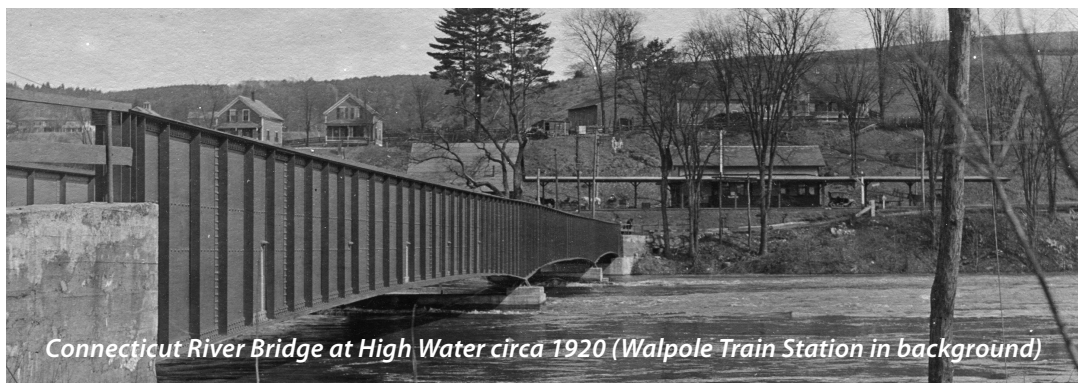


The savings bank of *you*.

Karlie, 27
SBW customer
since 2000



 Equal Housing Lender | Member FDIC | walpolebank.com |  



Connecticut River Bridge at High Water circa 1920 (Walpole Train Station in background)