# The Walpole Ball Yards Debut

It may have taken longer than anticipated, but The Walpole Ball Yards are open for business. Although there's still work to be done on the baseball/ softball complex before the fields can be considered "finished," the facility off Upper Walpole Road has begun to host games on a regular basis.

On April 15 at least 190 fans watched the first home game of the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League's Walpole Wild Blue against the Saxtons River. Pirates – a game won by Saxtons River. The Wild Blue will play all its home games at The Ball Yards, as will Walpole's Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth teams later this summer. The facility will also host the league tournament's semifinal and final rounds in July. It's hoped The Ball Yards' multiple fields, lights and fan-friendly facilities will make it a magnet for teams of all levels throughout the region.

The Ball Yards are the realization of a dream of the Walpole Youth Baseball Foundation – Walpole baseball fans Dale Hubbard, Jim Neal, Frank Brown and Pat Crotty. Long-time supporters of Walpole and area youth athletics, the four were concerned about the future of local baseball and softball because of the uncertain future of the diamond adjacent to North Meadow Plaza. The Foundation purchased The Ball Yards 25-acre site from Hubbard Farms in 2009, and began work on removing structures on the site and creating the new facility.

The Foundation hopes to continue the work of George Gage and Ted Brooks: familiar figures to generations of area baseball players. Ted and George shared their love of the game from coaches boxes, dugouts and riding mowers as they tirelessly groomed the fields under their care. They devoted thousands of hours maintaining first-class diamonds, coaching hundreds of youngsters in the fundamentals of the game, and performing various organizational duties. The youth of the region owes them an enormous debt. The Walpole Youth Baseball Foundation will strive to continue the baseball tradition George and Ted have created – and build upon it.



Gary Dennis makes contact against the Pirates.



The centerpiece of the Ball Yards is a completely refurbished Ball-Roentsch Field – a regulation diamond built in 1975 and used for American Legion and Senior Babe Ruth play ever since. It's been the home field for generations of Walpole ballplayers. As the Ball Yards premier diamond, the field now features new, spacious dugouts, screened stadium seating for 170, separate bullpens and screened batting cages. An announcer's booth/press box rises behind home plate. Like all the Ball Yards' diamonds, Ball-Roentsch boasts lights to accommodate games during summer and autumn evenings.

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#### Scholarships A Community Investment

The Fall Mountain chapter of Dollars For Scholars was established in 1969. As such, it is one of the oldest chapters in the United States. Through its efforts, more than 2,000 graduates of Fall Mountain Regional High School have been awarded scholarships to pursue either a technical or college program of study. One of the unique features of the Fall Mountain program lies in the fact that the scholarship monies are renewable by those students pursuing a course of study that requires more than one year to complete. The program has enabled Fall Mountain students to pursue careers as diverse as forestry, agriculture, nursing, machining, pre-law and pre-medicine.

"We are dedicated to helping FMRHS graduates acquire skills that can lead them into rewarding careers," chapter president Rich Nalevanko said in a recent interview.

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#### Nathalie Nelson

What was originally planned to be an "unforgettable person" interview for the CLARION is sadly now but a fond personal remembrance. On Sunday, April 22nd, Walpole lost its oldest resident, the youthful and vibrant Nathalie Nelson. She would have been 99 this coming December.

I was to call her Monday to confirm our "date" for the seniors' luncheon on Friday, a call I never again can make.

If you ever met our diminutive friend, you have a lasting impression of her constant cheery attitude, enthusiasm, lively spirit, clear and astute memory, wealth of stories about growing up in North Walpole, her sage advice and deep faith.

My Cathy met Nat shortly after we moved to Walpole and was invited to join her weekly Wednesday morning prayer group which began following the attack at the World Trade Center. For six years Cathy enjoyed her company, learned from her and laughed a great deal. They would run errands together and on occasion we would take her to church. When Cathy died, I started to visit Nat at Applewood

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#### Museum Benefit

The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center is throwing a party at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, on Friday, May 4 at 7 PM. Retired geologist David Howell, a Walpole resident and co-author of *The Winemaker's Dance: Exploring Terroir in the Napa Valley*, will lead a tasting of wines from Australia and New Zealand. He is also a painter and a trustee of the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center.

Hardy Foard Catering will serve a tasting menu of savory, seasonal fare. Donald Saaf and the Bluebird Orchestra will play its unique brand of traditional American roots music; and there will be a silent and live auction of wine-related items and local artwork. All proceeds from the event support BMAC's education programs.

In addition to presenting contemporary art exhibits and a wide range of cultural events, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center runs a number of education programs for students and teachers in southeastern Vermont and the surrounding region. Founded in 1972, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center presents art and ideas in ways that inspire, educate, and engage people of all ages. Each season features compelling new exhibits of contemporary artwork by regional and internationally acclaimed artists, complemented by lectures, artist talks, film screenings, and other public programs. Located in historic Union Station in downtown Brattleboro, at the intersection of Main Street (Route 5) and Routes 119 and 142, the Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information call 802-257-0124 or visit www.brattleboromuseum.org

Among those who have donated artwork and other items to be auctioned off at the May 4 event are artists Eric Aho, Josh Bernbaum, Darren Honey, David Howell, Julia Jensen, Karen Kamenetzky, Mallory Lake, Jeff Lessels, Emily Mason, Petria Mitchell, Stephen Procter, Leonard Ragouzeos, Donald Saaf, Gabrielle Senza, Bob Taylor, and Julia Zanes; as well as Far Niente Winery, Walpole Winery, Hooper Golf Club, and Mount Snow.

Tickets are \$65 and may be purchased online at www. brattleboromuseum.org or by calling 802-257-0124, ext. 101.

#### Walpole Farmer's Market

The Walpole Farmers Market begins its weekly summer season Friday, May 18th. The market will be held on the Common from 4 to 6 PM each Friday, rain or shine, through October 12.

At the opening market, two lucky customers will win an envelope with gift certificates from a sampling of market vendors. Tickets for the drawing will be available throughout the market at vendor's booths. There will be two drawings, one at 4:45 PM and another at 5:45 PM. (No purchase required, one entry per customer, please.)

WFM customers will see the return of most of last year's vendors and a number of new vendors this year, bringing more produce, pickles, jams, cheese, sweet and savory pies by the slice and whole, bedding plants, perennials, and cut flowers.

Fresh Local Food and Family Wellness will be the focus of the market on May 25th. The WFM will welcome Meeting Waters YMCA, The Great River Food Coop, UNH Cooperative Extension, Walpole Wellness, and the Walpole School Parent Teacher Group. These organizations are collaborating to educate families in our community about making healthy choices, including locally grown food fresh from area farms. Special activities at the market will include a farm food safari, samples of fresh local food, a "safe walk" with Meeting Waters YMCA, and other fun family-focused activities.

For more information about the farmers market, visit the website, walpolefarmersmarket.com, email jill@walpolefarmersmarket.com or call 603-756-3168.

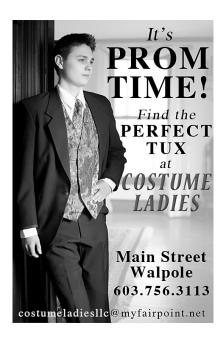


#### Cruise Night

The Real Twist Ice Cream stand in Walpole, NH will hold its first Classic Car Cruise Night of the season, weather permitting, on Sunday, May 13th, from 6-9<sub>PM</sub>. Here's a chance for the whole family to enjoy a Sunday evening looking at old and antique cars, while enjoying a soft serve ice cream or frozen yogurt. . There will be live music by Doc Vinnie Dibernardo (vet on-call duties permitting). Anyone who brings his classic car to show will get a free regular sized sundae. Everyone visiting can get free jimmies, diptop or flavorburst with any cup or cone. Make sure to enter the drawing for free ice cream or DVDs!

The Real Twist is located next to Real to Reel Video at the North Meadow Plaza in Walpole. It is open noon – 9PM, seven days a week. Enjoy your ice cream outside, in the lovely garden, or under the porch.

Future 2012 Season Cruise Nights are scheduled for June 10th, July 15th, August 12th and September 2nd. See you there!



#### Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole will meet on May 23rd at 2 PM. Any woman residing in the town of Walpole/North Walpole/Drewsville is welcome to become a member of the group and guests are welcome at our meetings. Please call 756-3160 if you would like information.



#### Lions Club

The Fall Mountain Lions Club recently gave \$100 towards the Lions International effort to immunize 41 million additional children in the Third World against measles.

More than one billion children have been immunized under the program, saving the lives of at least five million children, according to Lions International.

The William Gates Foundation is matching donations by Lions with a dollar for every two dollars donated.

An additional \$100 was donated by the club to the Fall Mountain Reserve Officers Training Corp which worked with the Lions to clear trash from the side of Route 12 north and south of Charlestown. The

two groups have worked for several years on this project.

Officers for 2012-2013 were elected. Alan Grigsby will be president, Richard Holmes, vice president, Barbara Balcom, secretary, Patricia Rheaume, treasurer, and Donna Pitkin, past president.

Brian Jones will be Membership Committee chairman; Holmes, Scholarship and Eyesight chairman; and Louella Snide, Tail Twister and Lion Tamer.

The club will sell food as a fund-raising event at Fort Number 4's Revolutionary War encampment on Sept. 15 and 16.

Lions membership is open to residents in the Fall Mountain School District and interested persons may contact Grigsby at 542-2031.

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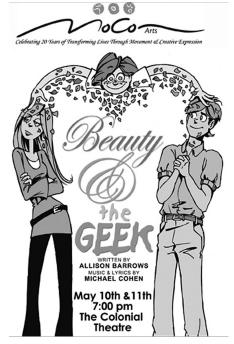
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#### Beauty & the Geek

A local cartoonist, local composer and local talent are all join forces with MoCo Arts to premier *Beauty and the Geek* at Keene's Colonial Theatre.

Allison Barrows, creator of the syndicated comic strip, PreTeena (featured monthly in The Walpole Clarion), brings her characters to life in a new musical, *Beauty and the Geek*. The original musical is based on a summer series of PreTeena daily strips in which the main characters - two sisters, assorted friends and a boyfriend or two-find themselves thrown together at a country farm in rural New Hampshire. Love looms...to everyone's shock and horror.



Michael Cohen of Marlborough, NH, is the composer/lyricist. Once in casual conversation, Cohen asked Barrows if she'd ever thought of PreTeena as a musical. She hadn't, but had often lamented the dearth of light-hearted, high schooloriented plays specifically for schools. So, together they created Beauty and the Geek, a modern story with a nod to The Taming of the Shrew. Snooty, egotistical Jeri Keene and her wryly observant little sister, Teena, visit their grandma's rural farm, where Jeri finds her awesomeness and perfection challenged. Teena's weird best friend, Stick, and a Lithuanian grandmother with a heavy accent and interesting ideas about healthy cuisine lay the foundation for a comedic plot musically supported by Cohen's funny lyrics and catchy melodies.

Barrows, who moved to Keene in 1988, created PreTeena in 1999. The Keene Sentinel was among more than 100 newspapers in which the strip ran until April 2008.

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Field Two is completely new and tailored for Cal Ripken/Little League play. On a smaller scale, it offers the same features as Ball-Roentsch: grass infield, dugouts, screened stadium seating for 105, separate bullpens, batting cage, announcer's booth/press box, and lights for night games.

Field Three is also new. Its dirt infield is intended for softball, but the field's dimensions will also accommodate Little League games. Features duplicate Field Two: dugouts, screened stadium seating for 105, separate bullpens, batting cage, press box/announcer's booth and lights.

All three fields afford clear sight lines along both foul lines and beyond the outfield for additional seating.

In addition to the playing fields, Walpole Ball Yards provide a centrally-located pavilion housing concessions and rest rooms. Paved parking areas can hold 200 vehicles; a designated handicapped parking area is adjacent to Ball-Roentsch. All fields are handicapped-accessible, with wheel chair viewing areas in the screened, stadium seating.

Still to be done: scoreboards for all three fields are on order, parking lot and pathway lighting installation, final details on the pavilion, and landscaping. Also in the works is The Walpole Ball Yards website, which will hopefully launch within the next month.

Though built for Walpole youth baseball and softball, The Walpole Ball Yards welcome all – from Little League to adult. In the words of Dale Hubbard, President of the Walpole Youth Baseball Foundation, "We hope the new fields will encourage new interest in baseball among area youth. We will welcome all kinds of teams and leagues to use it, including Little League, Babe Ruth, Senior Babe Ruth, Walpole girls softball and even school teams. We want to get as many boys and girls as we can into the game."

– Jan Kobeski

MoCo Art's Marty Hennum will direct a talented cast of local teens active in area theater companies. MoCo (aka The Moving Company Dance Center) is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and it was Hennum's vision that it offer something truly unique - and locally grown - to mark the occasion.

The musical will be presented on May 10 & 11 with a 7:00 PM curtain at the Colonial Theater in Keene. Tickets may be purchased at The Colonial Theatre Box Office or by calling 357-1233. A reception to meet the author, composer, actors and production team will follow the Friday performance; all attendees are welcome.

– Barbara Kasper

#### Walpole Village School

Our school year has flown by so fast this year! The students have begun planting our summer crops in the green house. We harvested orange and purple carrots which were very yummy and gone quickly. Our baby chicks have moved outside and seem to be enjoying their new home. The kids love to sit and watch them to see the changes they are going through. In our class room we have added some frog eggs that we are watching closely. We can't wait to see the black dots turn into tadpoles. Soon we will be heading to my house to explore my pond. It is full of critters that love to be caught and looked at. Plus, field trips that involve water, mud and slimy things are always great.

Our Pre-K program just finished its 2-week unit on the community. We visited many area businesses (Rockingham Dental Office, Westminster Fire Station, Walpole Creamery and Shaws). The students also talked alot about the jobs that their parents do each day.

We have begun practicing for our spring concert. We will be rocking the town hall on May 24th with an array of songs that the kids helped pick out.

Our last day of school will be June 1st. We are so sad to see the school year end, but it is so exciting to watch our students grow and move on to kindergarten. They are so ready for their next big adventure! Summer Camps will start July 9th. For camp info or to register your child for school next fall, please call 756-4246.

We are having our annual plant and bake sale on May 19th at the school from 8 – 11<sub>AM</sub>. Anyone interested in donating plants can call the school at 756-4246 and I will come with shovel in hand to dig and divide.

Bethany Coursen



#### RENT

FMRHS Fine Arts Department presents the Broadway show *RENT: School Edition*. Written by Jonathan Larson, *RENT* is a rock musical based on Puccini's 1890's opera La Boheme. *RENT* centers on a group of impoverished young artists and musicians living in the East Village of New York City under the shadow of HIV/Aids. The story follows the year in the life of a group of friends struggling to make it in the big city.

The Fall Mountain Players include Joey Rock as Mark; Sean Kelly as Roger; Adam Kroian as Tom Collins; Sam Wiltanger as Angel; Shelby as Joanne; Jaqi LaChapelle as Maureen; Noah Campbell as Benny. The Chorus of homeless, addicts, and police include Destiny Callahan, Sara DeValk, Molly Gaumont, Allura Lincoln, Kathine Scott, Rachael Tidd, Chris Underhill, and Amanda Watson.

**RENT** is presented under the musical direction of Ms. Maricel Lucero with Stage Direction by Ms Gail Connelly.

On Friday May 4th and Saturday May 5th doors open at 6:30 PM. Showtime is 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 for Students and \$7.00 for Adults. This show is rated PG-13.

#### Earth Day Exhibit

The Walpole Artisans have a new exhibit in celebration of our planet. Using recycled materials, found objects and lots of imagination, the artisans have put together an earth friendly exhibit for all to enjoy. You will find everything from a glamorous purse made from bubble wrap to one-of-a-kind journals created from recycled plastic bags. Original artwork with an earth day theme is on display and you've never seen so many interesting ways to reuse your old t-shirts!

The show runs through May 12th

at the Walpole Artisan's Cooperative at 52 Main Street in Walpole. It is open Tuesday 11-2:30, Wed-Sat 10-5 and Sunday 11-4.

Doing nothing is very hard to do... you never know when you're finished.

• Leslie Nielsen•

#### Walpole Schools

#### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School District is looking for Parent Advisory Council (PAC) members. The PAC was formed three years ago as a way for parents to provide advice and insight to the superintendent and in turn, create a strong partnership between parents and the school community through another line of communication.

This year the PAC will focus on the results of the Parent Effective Schools Survey and developing action steps to ensure a clear school mission, frequent monitoring of student progress, high expectations, strong home-school relationships, instructional leadership, optimum time for learning and a safe environment.

Over the past three years the PAC has provided outstanding insight into the needs of students in FMRSD. Many ideas generated at meetings have been utilized to improve the lives of students and employees alike. It is an exciting time in Fall Mountain Regional School District with many changes and the implementation of exciting programs. Parents are needed to continue to move forward.

If you are interested, contact Misty Bushee, Assistant to the Superintendent, at mbushee@sau60.org or 826-7756.

#### SPORTS PHYSICALS

For grades 5-7: Any student interested in playing sports must have a physical prior to tryouts. One physical is all that is required for the 3 years of middle school sports. Dr. Rosen, the school district physician, offers free sports physicals to students in grades 5 - 7. He will be at Walpole Elementary School on Thursday, May 10. A permission form will be sent home after April vacation. All physicals MUST be dated after May 1st of the student's 5th grade year

#### CLOSED CAPTIONING

Although research has shown a high correlation between viewing lots of TV and low academic achievement, there seems to be evidence that one way to increase a child's reading is to use the closed captioning function on the TV. Children unconsciously absorb the words and their sounds as they watch. Finland's children have the highest reading scores in the world and they use this function.

#### MATH CHALLENGE MET

Congratulations to all the Walpole K-5 student Mathletes who surpassed their 20,000 minute goal by more than 100,000 minutes last month!

#### NINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

For children who will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2012. Call Deb Clark at 756-4241 to register.

### Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

Walpole at the end of the 18th century was one of the most important educational and literary centers in the infant United States outside Boston, Philadelphia, and possibly Worcester, Massachusetts.

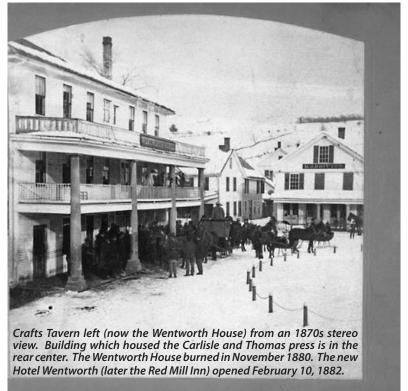
Inthelate 18th and early 19th centuries Walpole, with its 1,400 inhabitants, was an important stage stop with a number of taverns and inns. A brilliant coterie of young Harvard lawyers and promising writers from the Upper Connecticut Valley would converge in Walpole in between court sessions, and indulge in gambling, excessive drinking and the like. By 1796, Crafts Tavern became the gathering place of the Literary Club of Walpole whose members included Joseph Dennie (the group's leader), Royall Tyler, Rev. Thomas

G. Fessenden, Jeremiah Mason, Samuel Hunt, Roger Vose and Samuel West. Alice Morse Earle stated in her book *Stage-Coach and Tavern Days* that these Walpole Wits were "one of the most brilliant groups of writers ever engaged in a literary undertaking in this country."

Across Main Street from Crafts Tavern was the press of Thomas & Carlisle. Isaiah Thomas, one of the most important printers in the infant United States, maintained a number of printing establishments throughout New England. David Carlisle, Jr., who was born in Walpole on August 23, 1771, served as an apprentice at Thomas' press in Worcester, Massachusetts. Thomas saw Walpole as an excellent site to establish another branch bookstore and a weekly

newspaper, and offered Carlisle the opportunity to become manager of the printing press in Walpole, and publish the New Hampshire Journal: or Farmer's Weekly (later simply Farmer's Weekly Museum. Publication of the Farmer's Weekly Museum began on April 11, 1793 at the press of Thomas & Carlisle. The Walpole Wits were contributors to the Farmer's Weekly Museum. Dennie became editor of the paper in April 1796 when Isaiah Thomas relinquished the paper to Carlisle. His renowned column, "A Lay Preacher," was reprinted in many papers. Under his management the Farmer's Weekly Museum became the best and most popular country newspaper in New England for literature and politics. The paper had 2,000 subscribers throughout the country by December 1797, a circulation greater than any other village paper in the United States. In addition to the newspaper, the press printed a good number of pamphlets and books. Besides the usual number of religious tracts and sermons, school books and law texts, several notable books were published in Walpole. In 1797 the fictional *The Algerine* Captive, or Life and Adventures of Dr. Updike *Uunderhill* by Royall Tyler became the first American novel ever to be republished in England. In 1801 The Spirit of the Farmer's Museum, and Lay Preacher's Gazette, was printed "To preserve, in a regular pile, the miscellaneous monuments of genius, which have lain scattered in the Farmers' Museum for a number of the last years." Among the book's subscribers from Walpole were several Bellows, Thomas Fessenden, Thomas Drew, and John Hubbard. Also of significance printed in 1801 by David Carlisle is Samuel Stearns' The American Herbal or Materia Medica, the first herbal both produced and printed in the United States.

And it all happened at Craft's Tavern and Isaiah Thomas's print shop and book store, now the sites of the Sunoco gas station and 54 Main Street, the Kasper Law Office, which is probably the most historically significant building extant today in Walpole.







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#### St. John's Episcopal

Art After School concludes the program year on May 16. We've had a great time painting, drawing, imagining and creating. Susan Kershaw wants to thank the teaching team members Racheal Scott, Joan D'Alessio, and Sarah Manning, and the moms who helped, Bonnie McPherson, Melanie Marsden, and Wendy Wildes. Thanks also to the 20 young artists who participated at some time during the 2011-2012 program year! We had a great time. Looking forward to seeing you in September!

The **Spring Craft Fair** will be Saturday, June 2, 9AM - 3PM, on the Walpole Common. The spaces for crafters and artists are quickly filling up, but there's still room for a few more. Contact the Rev. Susan Kershaw as soon as possible to register (756-4533 or email, rector@stjohnswalpole.org). Interested crafters and artists can get a registration form by visiting St. John's website: www. stjohnswalpole.org. Look for the link to the Walpole Spring Craft Fair.

Some of the best handcrafters in the area will be displaying and selling their work, including intricately carved wooden folk art and handcarved animals and toys; stunning photography; playful cat and dog toys; beautiful jewelry made of silver, beads, buttons and polymer clay; custom-made tutus and hair accessories: guilts and guilted placemats, totes, and bibs; gorgeous watercolor paintings and fascinating dollhouse size paintings; delightful knitted dolls and children's sweaters; wonderful gift baskets, aprons and scarves; beautifully turned wood bowls and wine bottle stoppers; and fragrant handmade soaps and lotions.

Hot dogs will be sizzling on the grill, and St. John's excellent bakers will have home-made pies, tea breads, and cookies for sale. Come out and support local artists and enjoy a great event!

#### Walpole Unitarian

#### **Thursday Night Meditation**

Each Thursday from 7 to 8 PM, downstairs in the parlor, the Walpole Unitarian Church sponsors a time of meditation at Hastings Memorial Parish House. The group begins with a reading and then spends an hour in silent meditation, followed by conversation. For details, contact Ed Wasowski, 756-3614. Come and experience the sounds of silence of the circle.

#### **Mystics Circle**

The Walpole Unitarian Church holds its Mystics Circle on the second Friday of the month. The group will meet Friday, May 11, beginning with a potluck supper at 6 PM. This is a circle that began last year with a Robert Watson vision to "gather all mystics!" We have held large and smaller

gatherings each month since then, watching films, holding discussions and exploring a variety of practices from the mystical traditions.

The evening begins with a potluck supper and lasts until about 8 PM. Contact community member Leonard Kendall at ljkphoto@sover.net and he can add you to the Mystics' e-mail list. All are welcome!

#### Spring Food, Plant, and Porch Sale

The Walpole Unitarian Church will hold its annual spring food, tag, and plant sale on Saturday May 12 from 9AM to noon on the porch of Hastings Memorial Parish House. In addition to annuals and perennials, there will be houseplants. On the food side of things, expect cookies and cakes, breads, home-canned items and other treats. This year we're having a porch sale too, so you may find any kind of wonderful treasure!

#### All Saints Parish

The Knights of Columbus Council #6938 will be giving the Richard Beauregard/Charles Vrazel Scholarship Award to a Catholic student graduating from high school in 2012 or who is currently in college based on his or her service record in the church and community. The recipient will be the one who best displays the qualities of charity, giving, kindness and love in the same way as Richard Beauregard and Charles Vrazel. Deadline for submitting an application is May 18. Applications are available at St. Catherine parish office.

The Knights will hold their annual Richard Beauregard Memorial Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 3rd at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, Vermont. The entry fee is \$100 per player which includes lunch. Hole sponsorships are \$100 and patron sponsorships are \$25. Hole-in-one, longest drive and closest to the pin prizes are offered. All proceeds go toward scholarships for worthy students. For more information, contact Paul Judd at 542-4897.

Room is still available for the Canada Pilgrimage for just \$395.00 per person, based on double occupancy from July 30-August 2. Shrines to be be visited: Sacred Hearts (Beauvoir), Notre-Damedu-Cap, St. Joseph's Oratory, Sainte Anne- de-Beaupre and more. The price includes accommodations, two meals a day (full breakfast and dinner), coach bus transportation. For more information, contact Juanita Sweet at 826-4486 or email: juanitajoy@comcast.net

Three children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St. Peter Church on Saturday, May 5 at 10AM. Congratulations to them as they receive Jesus in this Most Blessed Sacrament for the first time. Log onto our website at: www.allsaintsnh.net

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#### Theatre Camp

The Third Annual Theatre Camp for Young Actors sponsored by The Walpole Players will be held the week of July 9–13, from 9 – 11:30 AM for grades 1-4 (must have completed Grade 1). For grades 5-8 the camp will be two weeks: the weeks of July 9-13 and July 16-20, from 1 to 4 PM. All sessions will be directed by Jim Skofield and Carolyn Norback. Registration is required by June 30th: email Carolyn Norback at cnorback@antioch.edu, or call 756-9077

#### Benefit Auction

A Benefit Auction will be held at The First Congregational Church of Walpole, on the Common, Saturday, May 19th from 10 AM to 2 PM. A nice collection of antiques, quality furniture, and collectibles have been donated (See below). Articles for sale can be viewed at the church from 9-10 AM. Phil Warren will be the auctioneer. No sales tax or buyer's premium required. Pay with cash, check, or credit card. Lunch will be available for purchase. A silent auction will be held concurrently with the auction.

#### Genealogy

The Walpole Historical Society will sponsor another free Genealogy Workshop on Thursday May 10, from 10AM - NOON. Jeanne & Peter Jeffries have pursued Genealogy for over 30 years and welcome beginners as well as experienced persons. Hints regarding research sources as well as stone walls will be shared. Call for reservation at 603 756 2933. More information can be found on the Walpole Historical Society website: walpolehistory.org.

#### Walpole Worships

#### **First Congregational Church**

Reverend Craig Breismeister **Service**: Sunday, 10 AM

#### **Grace Bible Fellowship**

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Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

#### St. Peter's Church (North Walpole)

Pastor, Reverend Steven M. Lepine Mass: Mon. 8:30AM; Fri. 8:30AM;

Sat. 4рм; Sun. 8:30ам

Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 PM

#### St. John's Episcopal Church

Rector, Reverend Susan de Puy Kershaw

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

#### **Walpole Unitarian Church**

Reverend Telos Whitfield **Service**: Sunday 10 AM

#### Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet for a potluck lunch at the Congregational Church on the Walpole Common at noon on May 21. Holly Gaudy, coordinator of the Walpole Farmers Market, will present an update about the Market. Bring a dish to share. All Walpole Seniors are welcome. Come for fun and good socialization.

# May 19 Benefit Auction Items First Congregational Church

Large assortment of Avon bottles, an 1816 Rockingham, Vt. textile sampler by 8-yearold Jane Webb with later carte-de-visite of maker; Wallace Nutting hand-tinted photos including "Alstead Stream"; period framed engraving of Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside from Elisha Hunt Rhodes collection; c.1900 Dietz carriage & auto kerosene headlight; signed water color painting of Monhegan Island shoreline by Robert J. O'Brien; large oil painting of meadow birches and water; several fine oil paintings by Polish artists depicting city scenes, abstracts, and floral; an early 19th century framed oil portrait of a pleasantlooking lady in bonnet; an Orrefors crystal 3-sided tea light on pedestal; a pair of daffodil decorated majolica pitchers useful as vases; an antique convertible highchair; old tall Windsor style stool; child's antique Boston rocker with cane seat; early ladder back chair with new Shaker-style taped seat in red and black checkerboard pattern; fine matching pair of lady and gentleman's Victorian chairs upholstered in rose velvet; two Victorian straight chairs with slip seats; an antique cherry captains' or ladies' Davenport desk with side drawers & sloping top; large ceramic rooster; Le Creuset blue pitcher; a pair of tall brass electric lamps; 1920s ceramic Asian electric lamp; Roseville white pot with blue band; punched brass wall tray from India; unusual cookbook metal holder; several painted folk art signs and trays; large wooden bowl made from many pieces of wood; "as new" square mission style pale oak end table with front door; as new pale oak dining table with leaves and 4 matching chairs; a mahogany gate leg table with nice turned legs; a vintage white wrought iron dining table with heavy glass top and 4 matching chairs with new cushions; a 4-year-old Casio electric piano & bench; a digital video camcorder with tripod never used; 2 tickets for the LENOX 301 New Hampshire Motor NASCAR sprint Cup Series to be held on Sunday, July 15, 2012; an autograph of African-American contralto Marian Anderson on program at the War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco, March 10, 1958; 3 heavy frog lawn ornaments; new roasting pan; Revere stainless steel kettle with lid; new portable charcoal grill; several handcrafted dollies; collectible Beyer Halloween cloth witch doll; 3 Franklin Heirloom dolls dressed in gowns, hats, wigs w/metal stands (one is of "My Darlin' Lil" the dance hall gal); set of 3 mahogany inlaid end tables; several trunks; 10 gal. crock; painted milk cans; antique door; space heater; print easy chair and ottoman; an old indoor one-sided railroad station bench; 2 compressors; an antique picnic basket; an antique fire extinguisher; large heavy cast iron farm sink; old rocking chair; some jewelry; and too many other items to list.



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#### Kids & Finances

If you're a mother, you'll probably get some nice cards and flowers on Mother's Day. But of course, your greatest gifts are your children themselves. And since you want to see them happy and financially secure, perhaps you can use this Mother's Day as an opportunity to consider ways to help your children at various stages of their lives. So, let's take a look at steps you can take:

#### When Your Children Are Young

Teach them to be savers — Encourage young children to put away part of their allowance, or any money they receive for household jobs, in a savings account. Offer to match their contributions dollar for dollar.

Help them become investors — Consider giving your children a few shares of stock in companies with which they are familiar. By following the movements of their stocks with them, you can explain how the markets work and how increasing share ownership is one key to helping build wealth.

Contribute to a college savings plan — One of the best things you can do to boost your children's chances of success in life is to help them go to college. You've got several good college-savings vehicles available, such as a 529 plans, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and custodial

accounts. Your financial advisor can help you choose the vehicle that suits your needs and objectives.

#### When They Enter the Working World

Encourage IRA contributions — An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a great retirement savings vehicle. As long as your children have earned income, they can contribute to an IRA, so you may want to help them "max out" on their contributions each year. While you can't directly contribute to a child's IRA, you can write a check to your child and encourage him or her to use it for funding an IRA.

Make long-term care arrangements — If you needed long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay, and you had inadequate financial preparations, the burden could fall on your children. Now is the time to consult with your financial advisor to begin preparing for possible long-term care costs.

#### When Your Children Reach Middle Age

Communicate your financial situation and estate plans — Don't leave adult children in the dark as to your financial information. Share everything you can about how much you own, where you keep your assets and how you plan to eventually distribute them. By clearly communicating your situation and wishes now, you can avoid major problems later.

Create a durable power of attorney — By creating a durable power of attorney, you can appoint another person, such as an adult child, to conduct your business and financial affairs if you become physically or mentally incapacitated. Such a move can help reduce stress your children may be feeling, while allowing them to make moves that can help preserve your finances.

Mother's Day commemorates the special bond that mothers have with their children. By following the above suggestions, you can help strengthen that bond throughout your lifetime.

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#### Library Plant Sale

The Friends of the Walpole Town Library will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 12th from 9 to 11 AM on the library lawn on Main Street.

A wide assortment of locally grown plants will be sold. The variety will vary depending on donations. We welcome donations of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants, and ground cover.

Area gardeners who would like to donate plants, plastic pots over one quart in size or who would like to volunteer with pre sale digging and potting, please contact Lucy Weber at 756-4338.

All proceeds from the plant sale benefit both the Walpole and North Walpole libraries.



Since its inception, the chapter has raised and awarded \$1.7 million in scholarships for post secondary education. "We give away approximately \$150,000 a year in scholarships as an investment in the community," Nalevanko said.

The funding for these awards comes from individuals and businesses in the Fall Mountain community. The Hubbard Foundation, through the auspices of the New Hampshire Charitable Trust, provides a significant contribution each year. Due to the downturn in the economy over the past three years, the sum allocated by the Trust to Dollars For Scholars has fallen significantly this year. The current short-fall is \$50,000 and the chapter is conducting a fundraising campaign to continue to be able to meet the needs of this year's and next year's graduating classes, as well as continuing to fund those students in college or technical school seeking to renew their scholarships.

More than 150 current students and post-graduates apply for scholarships through the high school guidance office. Theamountsawardedperselectedstudent range from \$500 to \$2,000. Families and businesses which donate larger amounts can have a scholarship dedicated and awarded in their family name or business name. All contributions to DFS are tax deductible, as the organization qualifies as a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

The Dollars For Scholars organization also participates in the "Collegiate Partners" program with more than 500 colleges, universities and technical schools in the United States. Under this program, participating schools agree not to deduct scholarship monies awarded under the Dollars For Scholars program from student financial aid packages. This is a significant benefit to the scholarship recipient as it allows DFS money to go directly to helping the student instead of adding to the general funds for the school he or she is attending.

The DFS board has expanded its donor and student outreach efforts over the past three years, including building a data base of "scholars", creating a Facebook page called "Fall Mountain Chapter of Dollars For Scholars" and working with the national DFS organization, Scholarship America, to build an interactive web site that will allow students to apply online and will allow the local DFS board to electronically match applicants to the criteria of the various scholarships being awarded. In addition, the board enjoys the active participation of two FMRHS student representatives and two members of the FMRHS guidance staff.

To donate or find out more about Fall Mountain Dollars For Scholars, contact Richard Nalevanko at RMN\$@Cornell.edu or call 603-835-2564.

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Children in the Primary grades are planting gardens at the Primary and North Walpole Schools with Becky Whippie, our agricultural educator. She plants either short season crops that can be tasted before school is recessed, or ones that will still be producing in the fall when children return from summer break. It's a bit tricky, but with several years' practice, Becky has succeeded.

Glen Stan, Middle School guidance counselor, has been coordinating the new raised bed vegetable garden along the south wall of the gymnasium. Many parents are helping, including Rebecca Sethi, one of our Hooper Institute Committee members. Last fall, she became a pumpkin bread specialist and helped fifth graders process the many vegetables yielded from the rich compost. Holly and Christian Gowdy supplied the composted manure. Compost is also gathered from the Walpole Recycling Center. Hooper high school summer workers have helped at this facility for the past fifteen years.

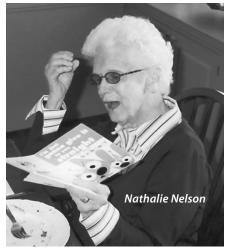
Karen Kuniholm became a mentor to high school youth during the summer work program. Many teens have worked and trained at her horse farm. She is now chair of the Hooper Committee. Andrea Sawyer and Anna Smith run two other horse farms that have hosted Hooper high schoolers.

The Institute will be sponsoring a series of Rambles on town-owned lands. We hope to use the new trails being planned for the Fanny Mason Forest for one of our outings. Lew Shelley, Walpole Conservation Commission member, will lead the trail construction with help from Student Conservation Association volunteers. His colleague, Marcia Galloway, has coordinated the planning for several hikes co-sponsored by the Conservation Commission and the Hooper Institute. Both Lew and Marcia are current members of the Hooper Committee.

The Walpole Community Garden should enjoy another flourishing year. Nick Zachary, one of the founders of the garden, is a current member of the Hooper Institute Committee.

Jackie Kensen, Al specialist, has shared her knowledge of local farms and her compassion for children with the Hooper Committee for two terms of service. Could a term of service on the Hooper Institute Committee be in your future? Contact any of the active members mentioned in this article with questions. Go to www. hooperinstitute.org or Facebook. Paper copies of our brochure are at the Town Hall and the Library. From classrooms to community groups, the Hooper Institute is connected throughout the community.

(but not often enough). We, too, laughed together and cried; and she gave me a great deal of help in accepting my loss again with her clever wit, inspiration and guidance. It was a treat to be able to do an errand for her. She always hesitated to ask, did not want to be a bother to anyone; but I was able to help in some small ways by reminding her, "what would Cathy do and what would Cathy want me to do?"



Several years ago she asked that I take her to the monthly seniors' luncheons, Friendly Meals at St. Peter Church. "I'm not old enough to go," I joked, "but as your escort maybe I can fool people." I soon understood that part of her motivation was to get me out and around people – wise Nathalie at work. When there, she was immediately surrounded by everyone greeting her and sharing news and stories – I stood by, the proud escort.

Following an accident at Applewood, she could not return to her cheery, second floor apartment where she had lived for more than 20 years. Assisted living at Maplewood became her next stage in life, and I observed that she was a delight to all the staff there. For me, it gave us more time to chat in the car to and from the luncheons. Yes, more laughter recounting times with Cathy; more advice to me. Often Nat would recite poems she adored. I don't have her remarkable memory and cannot also recite them, even though she declaimed one about a pig many times.

Travelling up Route 12, she would point out where houses had been along the Connecticut River and where her Dad had lived. She would tell me about her 10-cent train trips from Charlestown to North Walpole to visit her mother shortly after she married and before she and her husband moved back to North Walpole. Sometimes on the way home she would say, "go to the cemetery," and we would visit her daughter and Cathy.

There is one thing that I have learned: you cannot take away the good times and the memories. Thank you, Nat, and God Bless.

#### Wild Blue

While the Wild Blue is going through some growing pains with its bullpen, there's no question the fledgling team has got some thunder in the bats. Walpole's men's league baseball team has played two games so far. The Blue lost its home opener 13-10 in front of nearly 200 fans on April 15. The team beat Putney a week later 17-11; and while pitching bugs are still being worked out, there's one thing that's obvious: Walpole's bats are booming at the new Walpole ballpark. "I mean, 27 runs in two games...that's a lot of bodies getting on base and being pushed across the plate," said Walpole manager and shortstop Gary Dennis.

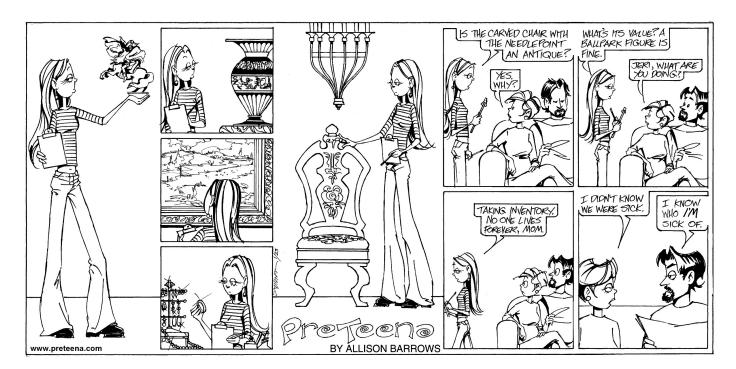
For the home opener, both teams hit exceptionally well and the game was competitive and fun to watch for the 190-plus fans who attended. Brian Pickering started for the Wild Blue and went three innings, giving up five earned runs and six hits. The remainder of the game was thrown by Dave Read who gave up three unearned runs on six hits and struck out four.

First baseman Blake Gowen went 4-for-4 with two singles and two doubles; Chris Ballou went 3-for-3 with two singles, a double and a sacrifice fly bringing in 3 RBIs. Gary Dennis went 3-for-4 with three singles and driving in two runs. Catcher Adam Kobeski also went 3-for-4 with two singles and a double to deep center. Centerfielder Mike Snide added two singles and three RBIs.

Because of a rainy weather forecast, the Putney game on April 22 was moved with little warning from Sunday to Saturday night. The 65 fans who watched the Wild Blue's first game under the lights were treated to a first inning that included a grand slam by Ballou, a 3-run homer by Doug Palmer and 11 total runs by the Wild Blue. Gowen upheld his teamhigh .778 batting average, going 3-5; Ballou added 3 singles to his grand slam and a combined six RBIs. Palmer went 3-4 with 4 RBIs; Kobeski had two RBIs and a double; second baseman Ryan Kohler belted a single and a double, driving in two and Dennis went 2-4 with two RBIs. Garin Clough's first time on the hill for the Wild Blue was solid: he struck out 12, walked eight and gave up two earned runs on five hits over seven innings. Gary Dennis finished in relief, walking three and striking out two with one hit.

Home games in May: Friday. May 4 against Landmark College; Saturday, May 12 against Newport; Sunday, May 20 against Brattleboro. Come to the games; day or night, you won't be disappointed.

– Gary Dennis



#### Commentary & Letters

#### HORSE THIEVES

IN RESPONSE TO LAST MONTH'S ARTICLE ON THE HORSE THIEVES, THE FOLLOWING LETTERS WERE EXCHANGED AND ARE REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION.

Is the Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Clothes Lines and Hen Roosts for men only? If women are allowed to become members, I would like to join. I don't have a horse but I do have a good attitude.

- Christine Kalakay

Christine: I AGREE!! Yes, you DO have a good attitude! And, in recognition for your attitude, if you send a snailmail address I'll send you a flyer with information on the society.

First, please recall that the society was formed in 1816. Dolly Madison was our first lady at that time; hubby, James, was the 4th president of the US. That's back in the days when guys were guys and ladies were ladies.

This noble society was formed in Asher Southard's Tavern, and in that day ladies were not permitted to so much as put a foot inside a tavern. These days, most people don't think about that. When Lenore and I were first married (a few years back) we lived in Tarriffville, CT, across the street from the town's only grocery store and town's only tavern. By then, ladies were permitted to enter a tavern so long as, and only if, they were escorted. Lenore was not PERMITTED however, to go up to the bar; she was required, along with all the other ladies, to sit on a bench at the far wall of the tavern. The Guys, who could belly up to the bar, had to ferry cocktails back across the room to the ladies - but not beer, ladies didn't drink beer!

The upshot of all this is that: No, membership in the society, since its founding, has been open to adult male inhabitants of the town who pay a \$2.00 lifetime fee. Back in 1816, the thought of a member of the fair sex grabbing a rusty Remington, climbing on a horse and riding at an insane pace through the forest in pursuit of an armed and dangerous horsethief was beyond the credible. Ah, yes, times have changed have they not? I'm acquainted today with several ladies who, given three rounds of ammunition could, while riding bareback on a bucking bronco, shoot the fleas off the rump of a running rabbit. Such talent, skill and determination (attitude) would, it seems to me, be of great value to the society. And, I must admit that at the recently reported meeting of the mucky-mucks the issue of membership for women was raised. Based on the society's record for prompt action on urgent issues, one would suppose that this issue may ride on our agenda for the next decade or so, pending that prompt action.

Now Christine, this response is directed to you primarily, but also to the ISSUE you have raised. I'm guessing that you'll not be offended if I "copy to" your message and this response to some of my friends in the society, thereby advising them of the issue that it may bubble to the surface again before long.

- Charley Blount

#### COMMUNITY GARDEN

On behalf of the nearly thirty members of the Walpole Community Garden, I'd like to thank Jan and Reggie Bailey, owners of the Depot Home Center in Charlestown

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N.H. for their generous donation and delivery of over 1,000 board feet of lumber for use in our garden. The lumber has already been put to use building raised beds for our vegetables and flowers. In addition, we would like to thank E.E. Houghton Co. for helping us develop our water delivery system. For the past three years they have lent us a pump, electrical wire and the expertise to help us design a water delivery system that draws water from the Hooper Pond and pumps it uphill to our garden. Our gardening lives are much easier, our garden is much more beautiful, and our crops more bountiful due to the community spirt of these kind people. Many thanks from all of us.

– Nick Zachary

#### Walpole Grange

The Walpole Grange will be hosting their annual Awards Night on Tuesday, May 15th, at 7:00 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. This yearly event is an opportunity for the Town of Walpole to honor outstanding people in the community.

The categories of awards will be:

- Firefighter of the Year, Jeff Vose;
- Policeman of the Year, Chief Mike Paquette
- Educator of the Year, Major John Cenney
- Youth Service Award, Walpole Girl Scouts
- Young Farmer of the Year, Emily Malnati
- Agriculture Award, Virginia Carter
- And, for the first time, Business of the Year, **Burdicks**.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award, given each year to a person who exemplifies the essence of volunteerism and community citizenship. This year's recipient is **Lou Kaletsky**.

Congratulations to all the recipients.

Entertainment will be by The Sawyer Family Bluegrass Band, which will play some toe-tapping tunes for our listening enjoyment. The Sawyers (Seth on the guitar and Candi on the upright bass) love to sing and play bluegrass music,



and you can see they are having a great time when they are performing. Joining them on stage are their sons Adam, 16, and Matthew, 13, both great vocalists and musicians.

Refreshments will be served – and as everyone knows, Grangers are great cooks! Come and help honor our award winners. Admission to the celebration is free and all ages are welcome. You need not be a Grange member to attend.

The Walpole Grange has been in existence in Walpole for more than 125 years. Membership is open to anyone interested in community service. Among some of the Grange projects are The Walpole Leadership Academy, the Dictionary Project, Meet The Candidates Event, and election day food, among many others.

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#### The Dining Room

The curtain rises on The Walpole Players' production of *The Dining Room* the first two weekends of May at the Helen Miller Theater on the second floor of the Walpole Town Hall. more than 20 members of the Walpole Players, under the direction of Sarah Manning, have been working hard these past months to delight audiences with this clever production by A. R. Gurney.



Taking place in the dining room of a typical upper-middle-class WASP home, this mosaic of eighteen vignettes with 57 characters offers moments of laughter, wistfulness, sadness and nostalgia. The scenes cover a span of eighty years often with overlapping action, so cleverly done that before one scene is finished characters from the next scene enter.

Each vignette introduces different characters and events that may remind you of an event in your life and touch you in some way.

Show times are: Fridays May 4th and 11th and Saturdays May 5th and 12th with a 7:30pm curtain. Matinees, with the curtain rising at 2 pm will be on Sundays, May 6th and 13th. Refreshments will be available during intermission for a small donation, and provided for the first time by area organizations. The Walpole Village School and the Walpole Grange will have the first and second weekends respectively, and will be grateful for your support.

Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for those under 12, are available at Galloway Real Estate; Real to Reel; Murray's and Costume Ladies in Walpole; and at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. For more information, call (603) 756-4545.

#### Restaurant Delayed

The porch is clean, awnings are up and the kitchen is ready to go, but delays in acquiring the necessary permits and licenses will keep the Hooper restaurant from opening on May 1. Restaurateur Diane Powers expects to have the paperwork in hand by mid-May and thought an official opening around Memorial Day is likely.

The restaurant, to be called **Bogey's Grille at the Hooper Porch**, will serve golfer's and pub fare, with a signature appetizer and nightly specials: plans include a Friday night prime rib and a Saturday clambake. Inside, the downstairs rooms are ready to host banquets and special events while three upstairs bedrooms with private baths are available for occupancy. (A fourth is in preparation.)

Despite the delay, Powers is charmed by the location, "Every day we uncover some kind of treasure here; we want the public to see and use this building – it's theirs. Hopefully, they'll stay a while, eat and enjoy the view." For more information, call 603-756-4020.

#### The Bottom Line

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