

July Flood Damage Tops \$100,000



Christian Hollow, the morning after...

Planning Board Proposals

There are two items in the Walpole Planning Board minutes of July 9th that are of interest and which we would like to share with our readers. At the end of September, Fitz Vogt and Associates will be leaving the building they have rented on Main Street. Roughly two years ago, Bruce Carruthers bought the 1874 Victorian building and was at this meeting for a preliminary consultation. Mr. Carruthers would like to change what is currently a commercial property to residential use with three fairly large apartment units of about 2,000 square feet each.

He plans to reduce the size of the parking lot and increase the landscaping on the property. A garage would be constructed for the units. With all members in favor, a Public Hearing for the August 13, 2013 meeting was approved.

The second item of interest was a presentation and preliminary consultation

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P.S. from Afghanistan

Demere Kasper

First, my apologies for taking so long for this last installment. Susan and I redeployed earlier than expected - leaving Afghanistan on June 26. It has been a whirlwind since then - outprocessing, moving, traveling! A poor excuse, but it seems as though I have been going non-stop since returning.

Now, on to the final update. The clinic opened on June 1 to much fanfare - well, as much as one can have in Afghanistan. Several bigwigs attended, such as the Provincial Chief of Police, Brigadier General Razziq (who is a bit of an Afghan celebrity), the Deputy Provincial Governor as well as the health officials. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and Susan and I were recognized and asked to participate. I was very impressed that everything was finished and that we pulled off the opening. I wasn't at all sure

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Torrential rains in early July caused flooding damage to Walpole roads in excess of \$100,000. "There was damage all over town," Jim Terrell, Road Agent, said, "with the worst damage on County Road, North Road, and Wentworth." Representatives of FEMA and NH State Emergency Management toured the damage with Jim (visiting other communities in the state as well) to determine if the preliminary damage assessment reached the dollar value threshold to apply for federal assistance. It did.



North Road Washout

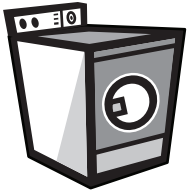
"When we have an event," Jim stated, "we repair the damage - replacing what was lost with better drainage and hard-lined ditches to prevent future problems. Where we had done this in previously damaged areas, such as on Watkins Hill, those areas did not suffer this time." Road repairs are receiving priority by our Highway Department, putting other projects behind. Because of the upgrading during repairs of damaged areas, costs will exceed the assessed damage of \$100,000, but will diminish the future impact of flooding on Walpole's roads.

- Ray Boas

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Carruthers property on Main Street



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by Duane Gerenser. Mr. Gerenser explained that he is planning a project on the Rice Mountain Estate which consists of 355 acres on the northeast corner of Walpole off Valley Road.

The plan is to create an up-scale country hotel with approximately 20 rooms. Eleven rooms would be in the existing infrastructure and new construction of about 12 duplexes in six units is planned. In addition, the existing infrastructure would house a commercial kitchen and dining room. A barn would be used for special events. Parking would be at the base of the mountain, with shuttle service up to the hotel.

On one plateau of the mountain, there are interesting old buildings and on another, there is a rail car. In addition, there will be a swimming pool, spa and possibly tennis courts. Magnificent gardens are well established on the property. Gerenser understood that a Special Exception or a Variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment would be needed since the property is zoned Rural Agricultural. It is anticipated that the hotel will become one of the top two-or-three such properties in New England.

All planning board members approved to schedule a Public Hearing for the August 13, 2013. Mr. Merklein moved to schedule a Public Hearing for August 13, 2013, meeting for Mr. Gerenser. Seconded by Mr. Marcom. With all members in favor, the motion was approved.

– Ray Boas

IT DOES NOT MATTER
 HOW SLOWLY YOU GO
 AS LONG AS
 YOU DO NOT STOP.

– Confucius

Town Hall Improvements

As you read this, the sanding (approved at Town Meeting) of the first and second floors of the Walpole Town Hall is halfway completed. "This is just part of the overall appearance renovations we have been working on," Janet Clough recently said, "in addition we are aggressively cleaning up the basement areas and building new storage units. One unit will be for the safe keeping of the new chairs that recently arrived." The chairs were also approved at this year's Town Meeting.

Concurrent with this work, The Walpole Players are paying to have the stage floor redone, possibly for the first time. The Players also plan to construct wainscoting around the front of the stage in keeping with the rest of the second floor. This will replace the temporary black felt that was installed many years ago.

– Ray Boas

McGill's Sugarhouse Baseball

We'd like to bring our loyal fans up to date on the fun summer of baseball. Our last four games have gone well with an 11-6 win over Brattleboro in Dummerston, VT. Then came a 10-3 win over Claremont at Barnes Park. We played our second game against the Walpole Wild Blue in front of a large crowd at Ball-Reonsch Field. We lost 9-1, but overall played a good game.

Two nights later we played Putney in Dummerston, VT and won 6-4. This leaves our overall record at 4-8. As a team, we have shown great improvement defensively. Our pitching has been consistent all year. The season record could have been different if we had come up with a few timely hits along the way. This season is coming to a close in the next couple of weeks; we will keep everyone up to date with further stats.

– Mark McGill

Walpole Library

Hours Extended

The Walpole Library's survey last March revealed that patrons wanted a more consistent, predictable schedule, as well as additional hours in the evening.

To respond, the Library has fine-tuned its schedule, so it is open every day, Monday through Friday, from 1PM to 6PM, as well as evenings, Monday and Wednesday until 8PM. As before, the library is open on Wednesday mornings from 10AM to noon and Saturdays from 9 to 1 PM.

The library is trying out the new hours from now until the end of the year. A small surplus in the budget for salaries allows for the extended schedule without additional funds from the town. Librarian Mary Farrell is monitoring usage during the new hours and will make adjustments as necessary in her plans for next year's schedule and budget.

"Our Monday evening hours have been very popular, and we are getting more and more people coming in between 5PM and 6PM as well," said Farrell. "We hope that the additional hours on Wednesday will bring in even more people who can't visit during the day."

Books Needed for Walpole Town Library Book & Tag Sale

The Friends of the Walpole Town Library are gearing up for the Library's annual Used Book and Tag Sale: Saturday and Sunday, October 25, 26 & 27, in the Walpole Middle School Gymnasium.

The success of the sale depends on donations of gently used paperbacks, hardcover books, CDs, DVDs, records and children's books.
(No encyclopedias, text books, VHS tapes or tape cassettes please.)

Donations are now being accepted & we need your help.

Please bring your book donations to the Walpole Town Library on Fridays, Saturdays, or Mondays. For information and questions, call the library at 756-9806.

Tables for the tag sale are available for a fee of \$25.00. To reserve a table for the sale, contact Pam at 756-4224.

Because of budget constraints and the varying needs of patrons, the library cannot be open for the same hours on all days. However, the new schedule ensures that the doors will be open from 1PM to 6PM every weekday. Here is a complete list of the hours for the Bridge Memorial Library on Main Street:

Monday	1 to 8 PM
Tuesday	1 to 6 PM
Wednesday	10 AM to Noon; 1 to 6 PM
Thursday	1 to 6 PM
Friday	1 to 6 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 1 PM

Still confused? There's a visual aid – the library will fly a colorful banner from the front porch whenever the library is open.

– Jennifer Kelly

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you can say is,
"You can't say that."

– Garrison Keillor

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Erin Donovan



The Walpole Players

Theater Camp

Thursday, July 18 saw the conclusion of the fourth season of the Walpole Players' Summer Theater Camp for students in grades 2 through 8 under the direction of Carolyn Norback and Jim Skofield. The younger campers met mornings for the first week, and the older group (grades 5-8) attended afternoons for two weeks. Fifteen campers attended in the mornings, with 19 in the afternoon session. Thanks to its popularity and the skill of the directors, a majority of the budding thespians were attending for the second, third or fourth time. In addition, this year there were ten first-time campers.

The younger campers finished their week presenting three fables *The Fox and The Crow*, *The Lion and The Mice*, and *The Ants and the Grasshopper* to parents, siblings and invited guests.

For the afternoon session, Jim Skofield wrote an original play: *Zargozz Invades: A Science Fiction Farce in Five Scenes*.

Facing empty mines on their home planet, the Zargozzians are running out of their precious fuel, marshmallows. But the Court Computer reveals that marshmallows can be found on earth. The Zargozzians invade planet earth, and eventually work out a trade with the Eat-'Em All Candy Company to obtain all the marshmallows they need in exchange for the useless oil that covers the planet Zargozz. The campers auditioned for parts the end of their first week, and with four days of rehearsals, gave an unforgettable and professional final performance.

A number of adult members of the players assisted again this year, along with several parents. Camp Directors Norback and Skofield again wish to extend their sincere thanks to all those who helped make the camp a success and memorable experience for our youth. Planning has commenced for next year's Fifth Annual Walpole Players' Summer Theater Camp. Watch www.thewalpoleplayers.org for details. Future campers and adult helpers may also contact Carolyn Norback at norbackcarolyn@gmail.com or Jim Skofield at jimsko@myfairpoint.net.

— Ray Boas

Remaining Concerts on the Green

August 4: Brattleboro American Legion Band

August 11: Montague Community Band

August 18: The Jazz Express

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Walpole Artisans

Open Invitation to the Community

The Walpole Artisans are proud to host a reception for four new members at their Cooperative Gallery on 52 Main Street in Walpole, on September 6, from 5-7 PM. Randy Hicks, Carolyn Kemp, Virginia Wyoming and Brian Shriver will present their work, greet their families, friends, the community of Walpole, and treat them all to "artistic" as well as edible hors d'oeuvres.

According to Wikipedia, "Chip carving, kerbschnitt in German, [is] a style of carving in which knives or chisels are used to remove small chips of the material from a flat surface in a single piece." You may define it as The Walpole Artisans do: unique carvings created by Walpole native Randy Hicks. Randy creates his signature clocks, decorative plates and carved wooden eggs from basswood with results that delight the eye. A Celtic motif on his handsome wall clock features the endless knot pattern characteristic of the Irish or Gaelic origins of the style. Randy has been carving for over 20 years and displays his work throughout the region at galleries, on tours and at craft festivals.

For artisan Carolyn Kemp, a North Carolina transplant now living in West Chesterfield, the combination of painting and weaving is a blend of her two favorite creative experiences. In fact, many of Carolyn's baskets are actually woven of hand-painted watercolor paper. Carolyn also stretches the definition of "watercolors" to include one-of-a-kind painted earrings and pendants that everyone agrees are really wearable art. In the more traditional sense, Carolyn's framed and matted paintings of her favorite subjects (trees, fish and an occasional bird) grace the walls of the shop as well as homes & businesses in many parts of the country. Carolyn has been painting since she was very young and weaving for almost 30 years. For the community, Carolyn's basket classes and instruction books have been a nice addition to many peoples' lives.

New member Virginia Wyoming, a Vermont potter whose family heritage has given her work a wonderful overlap and blending of horticulture, form & function, sculpture and collage, works wonders with what nature gives her. From the leaves of fall to the bare branches of winter, Virginia finds colors and inspiration for her mugs, vases and her sculptured planters. Virginia earned an MFA in painting at the University of Illinois and an MFA from Rutgers U., but the words on the wall of her studio are

"Pure Form," serving as a reminder of the beauty of simplicity. She describes herself as, "loving the dance between visual imagery and everyday simplicity."

If you are walking around the Common in Walpole, you might see Brian Shriver with his camera gear doing his favorite thing: photographing. Brian's amazingly beautiful compositions range from the warm but vibrant leaves of fall to wide panoramas of the Connecticut River Valley or a magical carousel ride. Brian's images evoke a sense of place and familiarity that almost anyone can relate to, but which also include the artistic quality that only a true professional photographer can achieve. Brian's website sums it up with, "We're connected to the landscapes we travel through every day as we live our lives. Looking at them can bring us a momentary sense of peace and of place that can be a short meditation in our hectic lives. People who live in more than one place during the year often find pleasure in bringing the view of one place to another . . . a glance at it like a momentary 'homecoming.'" Well said, Brian.

The Cooperative offers a wide variety of products showcasing a talented group of local artists who specialize in many different mediums. A variety of artwork is available including paintings, photography, prints, handmade cards, decorative and functional woodworking, fiber arts, basketry, ceramics, blown glass, jewelry, dolls, metal sculpture, and more!

The Walpole Artisans Cooperative is open Monday 11AM-2:30PM, Tuesday – Saturday 10AM-5PM, and Sunday 11AM-4PM. New Members will be accepted through a juried process. Interested artisans should contact the Cooperative at 756-3020 or stop in during business hours to pick up an application. We are located at 52 Main Street in Walpole.

– Carolyn Kemp



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Free Health Education

Springfield Medical Care Systems is sponsoring several free education programs over the coming weeks. If you are interested in any of these programs, please sign up now.

Pre-Diabetes Education, August 7: An overview of the signs and symptoms of pre-diabetes, and education about how lifestyle choices, diet and nutrition can have a positive impact on overall health. Meets the First Wednesday of every month, 6:30-7:30 PM, at Springfield Hospital's Meeting House, free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Call Barbara at 802-885-7670.

Wellness Recovery Action Plan, August 7, September 25: Meets every Wednesday at Springfield Health Center, 100 River Street, Springfield, VT, 5 - 8 PM. This program is for anyone struggling with mental health difficulties, who may also be dealing with physical health or substance abuse issues. Caregivers or human service providers who feel burned-out or who wish to aid others in their recovery process will also benefit from this program. Call Michelle at 802-886-8946 to register, or email mkuusela@springfieldmed.org.

Childbirth Education, August 31: Prepares women and their partners for the labor and birth process. Parents are encouraged to sign up for this class two months in advance of their due date. Bring two pillows and lunch. Taught by a Certified Childbirth Educator in the Springfield Hospital Library from 9AM - 5PM. To register, call Sandy at 802-885-7686.

Living Well with Diabetes, September 4: This class is for 18+ year-olds diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Learn to manage symptoms and improve quality of life at the Springfield Health Center, 5 - 7:30 PM. Call Michelle at 802-886-8946 to register, or email mkuusela@springfieldmed.org.

Family and Friends CPR, September 9: The Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR, and relief of choking in an adult, child, or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment. A CPR card does not come with this class. If you need a CPR card, please contact Sandy regarding a Heartsaver Class. Class is 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Pre-registration is required by calling Sandy at 802-885-7686.

For more information, please visit the education and support calendar at www.springfieldmed.org.

– Anna Smith

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Saturday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

North Walpole Branch Library

Tuesday - Wednesday: 2 - 4 PM

Saturday: 1 - 4 PM

St. John's

Craft Outreach Ministry

St. John's quilters participated in a Quilt-a-Thon for tornado victims in Oklahoma and elsewhere. We sent eight quilts and one afghan to Compassionate Quilts, a national organization that distributes quilts as gifts of warmth, beauty and compassion to those who have lost their homes due to disasters.

In August and September, St. John's invites knitters or crocheters to participate in a national effort: *CLICK for Babies: Period of PURPLE Crying Caps*. This campaign invites knitters and crocheters to make purple-colored baby caps which will be delivered to families in November and December with the *Period of PURPLE Crying*®, an evidence-based program that educates parents about how to cope with crying and the dangers of shaking or abusing an infant. (*PURPLE* is an acronym that describes the characteristics of a developmental stage of increased crying.)

The hats will be delivered to 13 New Hampshire birthing hospitals. You can find patterns appropriate for newborns at the website: www.CLICKforbabies.org. The deadline for receiving the hats is September 15. Hats can be dropped off at St. John's at anytime. Join us on Saturday, August 10, 10 AM, in St. John's Parish Hall for fellowship and a work session.

St. John's Fall Kick-off on Sept 8

St. John's celebrates "Back to Church Day" on Sunday, Sept. 8 as parishioners return from summer's far-flung places and as programs resume. The adult Bible study group, "Breakfast & Bible", resumes at 9 AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in dialogue about the lectionary texts of the morning. For the texts of the week, check the September calendar in the online newsletter at www.stjohnswalpole.org.

"Weaving God's Promises," a program for children of all ages, begins at 10 AM. The children join the worship service after lessons about God's love and the colorful personalities in the Bible.

The Eucharist, at 10 AM, engages our minds through proclamation of God's word in Scripture and invites us into the fellowship of gathering at the altar for Communion. The Episcopal Church offers a warm welcome to everyone.

The day concludes with a picnic after the Eucharist on the church grounds. Please bring a dish to share: casserole, salad or dessert. A convenient sign-up list will be in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call the church office and leave a message: 756-4533.

— Susan Kershaw

All Saints Parish

The Knights of Columbus had another very successful Yard Sale during the Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale Day. Thank you so much to everyone who donated items and everyone who stopped by. See you next year!

The youth of our parish recently returned from the Steubenville East Youth Retreat in Rhode Island where thousands of youth from the Northeast come together to praise God and grow in their faith. They are looking forward in sharing their experience with the parish at a date and time to be set up.

We are looking forward to our annual parish picnic which will be held on Sunday, September 15 from 12 Noon to 4 PM.

The Altar & Rosary Society will be having a Day of Recollection for the women of our parish at LaSalette Shrine on Saturday, September 28 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with two spiritual conferences given by Fr. Rene Butler, Director of the Shrine ending with Holy Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to go, contact JoAnn Trotta at 603-835-2183.

Our weekend Mass Schedule is: Saturdays, 4:00PM - St. Peter Church, North Walpole, Sundays, 8:30AM at St. Peter Church and 10:30AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Charlestown. Weekday Masses are Mondays and Fridays at 8:30AM at St. Peter Church, and Tuesdays at 8:00AM and Thursdays at 5:30PM at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Don't forget to log onto our website at www.allsaintsnh.net for the mass schedule, current bulletins, pictures, the histories of our churches, calendar of events and much more.

— Juanita Sweet

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Art After School

Art After School, the popular creative program for children in our community is expanding. A new group, **Art After School: Beginners**, is being added for children who are in Pre-K through first grade. It will meet on Tuesday afternoons, 3 - 4PM in St. John's Parish Hall (entrance at the end of the driveway on Elm St). The first session is September 3.

Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw will use the highly-successful format of the the original Art After School program to guide the children in creative activities that are age-appropriate and will nurture imagination. There is a fee of \$200 for 17 weeks, September 3 - December 17. Checks may be made out to St. John's Church, Art After School Beginners. Class size is limited to 8 children, so please pre-register or get more information by calling Susan Kershaw, 756-2962.

Art After School: Juniors is for older children, grades 2 and older and resumes on Wednesday, Sept 4, 3:30 - 5PM. Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw, along with teaching assistants, will guide the young artists as they explore recycled/up-cycled art, learn about famous artists and study their paintings, and experience a variety of media including watercolors, acrylics, and pastels. There is no fee for Art After School: Juniors thanks to a generous gift. Parents should pre-register their young artists for the session from September 4 though December 18.

Art After School Invites Financial Gifts

Art After School serves an important function in our community by providing a *safe* place for children to gather for supervised and fun activities and by nurturing creativity and imagination and affirming self-esteem. Leaders Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw have both completed Safe Church training in the

Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. Teaching Assistants will also be required to complete the new training offered by the Diocese.

We know the program is a success because our best critics, the young artists, tell us so. It takes a lot of effort to plan, coordinate, communicate, and teach. It is all worth it when we have a child show off his work with pride and say, "I used to think I wasn't a very good artist, but now I know I am!" Not only has one child's artistic ability grown, but one child's self-esteem has skyrocketed!

There is a cost to such a fine program. St. John's provides space and utilities and bookkeeping services to manage the finances, but is unable to provide funds for materials, staffing and other costs. There are art materials to be purchased and teachers to be paid. On average, it costs \$10 per session per child or \$200 per semester.

Our goal is to continue to provide both sessions fee-free so that every interested child in Walpole can attend. A gift of \$200 will provide a scholarship for one child for the semester. If we can raise enough funding, we will not have to charge a fee for either Art After School: Beginners or Art After School: Juniors. A gift of \$500 or \$1000 will ensure that Art After School can continue to grow, perhaps adding a third group or endowing a scholarship for young artists.

Checks may be made out to St. John's Church, Art After School, and mailed to St. John's Church, PO Box 179, Walpole, NH 03608. All gifts are tax-deductible. One hundred percent of your generous gift goes directly to Art After School.

Thank you for your support of Art After School. Watch for our next show of the children's fabulous work! Call Susan Kershaw, 756-2962, for more information.

— Susan Kershaw

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Wild Blue

The Wild Blue is having another successful season. At this writing, the Blue's record is 7-4 not including two out-of-league wins against the McGill team. Walpole's team has the most solid field defense in the league and some of the better pitching. You just can't beat our Frank Brown/Chris Ballou/Joey Parrot/Drew Davis mound combination.

Brown's accuracy and get-em-off-the-plate curveball has been wrecking averages. Ballou's heat has sat down many a batter. Parrott's menu of curves, sliders and heat has led to games where 17 of the 27 outs were Ks. And when Davis' knuckleball is dancing, the bases stay empty.

The Blue has three of the league's top 7 pitchers by ERA. The team ERA, which averages all four hurlers, is 2.73.

In the infield, it's a steady crew of Brian Pickering and Blake Gowen at 1st base; Brown predominantly at 2nd; Gary Dennis at shortstop; and Erik Baker/Ryan Kohler at 3rd. Errors are rare between the bags.

The outfield has been protected by a combination of Ballou, Davis, Parrot, Gowen, Doug Palmer and Nate Kelly.

Behind the plate, young Kaian Wilkes has been a veritable backstop with an arm that most runners don't take a chance on. The other "young pup" to join the squad, Jed St. Pierre, has been a powerhouse lefty at the plate and covers centerfield with his lightning speed and gold glove.

So all defense, including pitching, has been to the stellar expectations of Wild Blue fans. The hitting...well...

It's been a problem in the early parts of the 2013 season.

A team average of .317 has hounded Walpole in the first half of the year, but the bats show signs of more life in the last four games which included some crushing defeats.

St. Pierre leads the team with .480; Ballou is right behind him at .432. Davis,

"The Bunt Baron," has made his way to singles, doubles and the team's only triple while he holds a steady .400.

The rest of the Blue hovers in the mid .300s with some slumping into the .200s. It's a far cry from a team that bottomed out in the .300s last year and saw several players hitting .500s and .600s.

But the recent batfests are a good sign heading into the final in-season games of the year. With four games left, the Blue is in position to make a run for 2nd place and possibly even 1st.

Playoffs will be held over the weekends of Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. Scheduling is still being figured out, but Walpole may host the finals game on either Saturday night, Aug. 17, or Sunday, Aug. 18, no matter which two teams are in it.

As always, watch for signs for when the Blue will be playing during the playoff weekends. The team's last scheduled home game is set for Friday night, July 26, vs. Putney...before this Clarion hits the stands.

The Wild Blue thanks the fans who come out, and the 2013 sponsors, listed on all team schedule posters around town and announced before each game.

Connecticut River Valley Baseball League playoffs

The CRVBL playoffs begin the weekend of Aug. 9-11, with all eight teams facing each other in best-of-three series around the league. The Wild Blue will play its opponent at least once in Walpole that weekend, perhaps twice. Keep an eye out for signs, including the sandwich board at the town fountain, for when the Blue plays.

Four teams will make it to the following weekend, where two semifinals games will be played at the Walpole fields on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 1 and 4 PM. The final game – the CRVBL One-Game World Series – will be at the Walpole field at 1 PM on Sunday, Aug. 18. This game will be followed by the presentation of the CRVBL Cup to the winning team.

Hooper Golf Club

Summer at Hooper Golf Club has been going quite nicely. It's unbelievable that August is already here, but at least that brings some of the best weather of the year.

On Saturday, August 3, at 3 PM, the Walpole Historical Society will be taking us back to the beginning of golf in America with a 9-hole scramble using hickory-shafted golf clubs, and "Ouimet" balls. This is sure to be an instant classic at Hooper that no one will soon forget. Good luck to the Historical Society in its efforts to raise money from this event to support its wonderful programs.

Ladies Area Guest Day will be Monday, August 19.

Also, it is definitely time to start thinking about supporting the Walpole Firefighters by playing in their fundraising scramble on Saturday, September 21. Wait til you see the feast afterwards at the firehouse!

When the next edition of the Clarion comes out, Hooper will have crowned its men's and ladies' club champions on the mornings of August 10 & 11.

Congratulations to Dave Johnson for making a hole-in-one on the sixth hole on Day 2 of our Men's Member/Guest Tournament on Sunday, July 21.

Please call the pro shop at 756-4080 for details on all these great events.

Pro's Tip of the Month:

It's time to talk about impact position. Oftentimes, shots come up well short or well long of our intended target. In order to get a much more consistent distance with each club, we must have a proper impact position.

The following applies to all clubs except the driver. At address, the butt of the club should be pointed at your front hip pocket. Ball position will vary with each club – from off your front instep at address to the middle of your stance with the highest-lofted irons. That forms a progression: the butt of your club points at your front hip pocket while the ball's position moves incrementally toward the middle of your stance, as clubs become higher-lofted.

For a proper impact position, simply return the club to this position at the time of impact, i.e., hands leading the club into the ball on a downward path.

This position will lead to proper trajectory and consistent contact on shots.

– Ron Rosko



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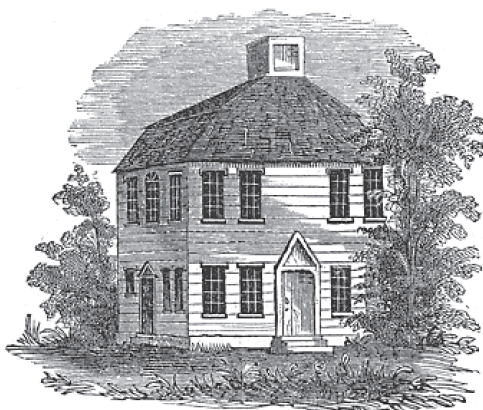
Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...the first shots and deaths

of the American Revolution occurred in Westminster, Vermont, a month before the shots and deaths at Lexington and Concord? And, that Walpole's (then Captain) Benjamin Bellows arrived at the next morning's light to quell the stirring assemblage of farmers and militia?

Named the Upper and Lower Streets, the King's Highway ran from what is now Westminster Station south to Westminster. To get from the Upper Street (the flats – but upper denoting the northerly section) to the Lower Street (on the bluff) there was a jog to the west on the rise so oxen and horses could negotiate the steep incline. It was at this commanding spot on the bluff (now cut down for a straight US Route 5) that a Court House was built in 1772. The county seat was located in Westminster by vote of the Crown-supportive New York Assembly (Vermont was claimed by both New York and New Hampshire Grants, but that is another story). The imposing structure was about 40 feet by 40 feet, two stories with a gambrel roof. Upstairs was the courtroom, and on the first floor were cells and a bar room. Lower Street was ten rods wide (165 feet) to provide space for militia drills.



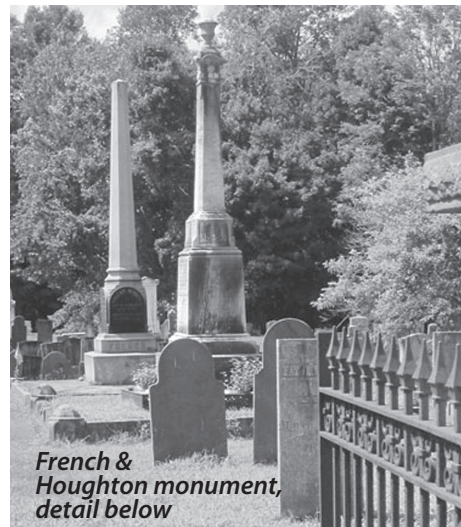
Westminster Court House

Court was scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 1775, with Judge Thomas Chandler officiating. The previous growing season was poor and most farmers feared that Sheriff William Paterson would persuade the judge to allow him to confiscate the debtors' properties to settle their debts. The judge, however, assured the farmers that he would only hear criminal cases at that session, allowing them additional time to settle their debts. However, not trusting the New York judge, a group of unarmed local farmers took possession of the courthouse in protest. Learning this, Sheriff Paterson led a posse to the courthouse on March 13, 1775, ordering the farmers to leave within fifteen

minutes. The farmers jeered and ignored the order and the posse retreated to Norton's Tavern to assess the situation.

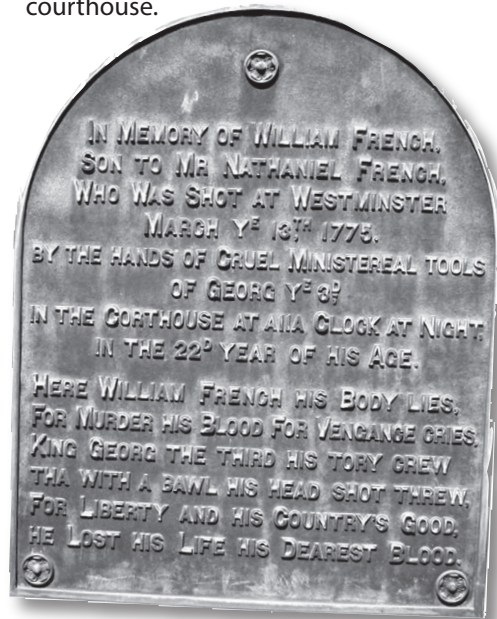
Hearing what had happened, Judge Chandler rushed to the courthouse to tell the farmers Sheriff Paterson was wrong to threaten them with an armed posse, and they could stay in place. The judge then left for a short talk with the sheriff. About four hours later, and fueled by four gallons of rum, the armed posse returned to the courthouse. Sheriff Paterson attempted to enter. The farmers pushed him back, and the sheriff yelled to his men, "Fire!" Twenty-one year-old William French was killed, and Daniel Houghton died nine days later from his wounds. The colonists had stood in protest against King George III's representatives. Those representatives now for the first time took the lives of colonists who wanted nothing to do with the king.

By noon on Tuesday, more than four hundred militia had assembled in Westminster, including Captain Benjamin Bellows' Walpole militia. The Rev. Henry W. Bellows in his 1854 speech reported that the mob was threatening lynch law against the sheriff and his men, but his ancestor Benjamin Bellows, "persuaded the maddened people... to seize the principle men, and carry them, under his escort, to Northampton, where the only strong jail could be found, out of disputed territory." On March 19, Robert Cochran of the Green Mountain Boys guarded those prisoners downriver. In Boston, General Gage was angered over the riot at Westminster. Fearing additional rebel problems, on April 19 he ordered his troops to Concord to confiscate munitions known to be stored there. Upon hearing of the bloodshed in Lexington and Concord, Captain Bellows hastened there with his brother and thirty-five Walpole volunteers.



French & Houghton monument, detail below

After the county seat was moved, the courthouse was used for various purposes before being dismantled about 1806. In 1873 the State of Vermont erected a monument on the graves of William French and Daniel Houghton on the west side of the King's Highway, and the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a marker (now hidden due to the cut of the roadbed on the bluff) to the east in 1902, commemorating the courthouse.



MILESTONES

- Congratulations: Mrs. Jacqueline Ronning, 2013 Harry Westcott Teacher of the Year Award.
- Congratulations: Cindy Westover of Galloway Real Estate, 2013 Realtor of the Year by the Monadnock Region Board of Realtors. Westover is a past president of the board and is active at the state level in the NH Association of Realtors.
- Congratulations: Demere Kasper, promoted to Major, US Army, July 8

Family milestones submitted to The Clarion will be published free of charge.

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Historical Society

A quick glance up toward the Academy as you drive by on Main Street these days should cause a second look. Patriotic bunting frames the facade, and there's a banner announcing,

"It's 1908, 1866 - 1946, and 1795. . . a great time for a visit!" And if the last time you stepped into the Academy building was during your elementary school tour, it certainly is a great time to visit again.

This summer and fall, three separate exhibits with three special events have been planned to encourage those who haven't ever been to the Academy (or maybe "it's been awhile") to come see what's been hidden in "Walpole's attic."

It's 1908 and the "Summer Begins" exhibit features the clothes one might wear on a warm summer day or a trip to the lake. There were many choices in this area for summer socializing and entertainment in 1908, and the exhibit mentions ball games, clubs and parties, and ferry trips across the river. In keeping with the theme of summer fun, a "Family Fun Day" was held on the Academy lawn on June 22. Rep. Tara Sad set the scene by donning a summer ensemble complete with bustle and parasol! Children enjoyed making old-fashioned toys, tried their hands at lawn games, and downed root beer floats.

The big hit of the day was the 4-foot long balloons the children inflated with three or four breaths and tossed and floated all over the Academy front lawn. Visitors then settled onto the grass to marvel at the energetic, jingling dances of a visiting Morris dancing troupe.

On July 27, a new exhibit will open, featuring the early years' shopping experience in Walpole from 1866 - 1946. Items one may have purchased in a Walpole general store will be displayed and visitors will learn about the peddlers



and bartering system that was a part of commerce here. In addition, pharmacy paraphernalia will be on display.

With shopping as the theme, visitors are invited to a free special evening event. Extended hours will be held on the Academy porch on August 10 from 6 until 8 PM. Children will have a chance to "shop" our peddler's cart for trinkets, and everyone can enjoy refreshments.

A bit of Walpole trivia reveals that the Academy building occupies the site of a very early distillery. With libation in mind, our 1795 exhibit -- which opens in early September -- will feature artifacts from the Watkins Tavern on loan to the Society from the Town of Walpole. The special event evening, *A Walpole Welcome at Watkins Tavern*, is set for September 14, from 5 until 8 PM, and will highlight a bit of "flip", local wines, craft beers and a taste of tavern fare.

— Donna Drouin /Andrea Goins

*One man's remorse
is another man's
reminiscence.*

— Ogden Nash

WRAP

We are coming "hat in hand" to ask for more volunteers at the recycling center. Since we began in 1988, some of our longtime pals have passed on, some have health problems and others have moved. Our present volunteers are the best in community service, not only in preserving our mantra "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" but in saving the town money. I would guess it would require two more full-time employees to cover the work the volunteers do on the four two-hour shifts on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays from 8 AM to 4 PM. To our knowledge, we are the **only** volunteer-driven recycling / transfer center in the state; and based on the tonnage of recyclables shipped every year we are doing a super job.

To show the diversity of our unique volunteer program, we offer a sampling of occupations, past and present. These folks are your friends and neighbors and of course they are, "good looking and above average:" a salesman, two carpenters, craftsmen, county commissioner, machine operator, accountant, planning & scheduling manager, two telephone company employees, two computer programmers, special education teacher, language teacher, civil rights lawyer for the Federal Government, hospital maintenance supervisor, two engineers, veterinarian, social studies teacher, employee of the U.N. Assn. & CDS systems manager, environmental educator, former "Miss Betty Crocker" & estate caretaker, art educator & musician, nuclear submarine commander & university professor, four homemakers, teacher's aide, Director of the International Organization of Engineers, school administrator, parents with their teenagers and last (but certainly not least), Maggie Kyle, who works, volunteers with her husband *and* makes the phone calls and sends us the schedule.

This wonderful group may sound adequate, but unexpected happenings in all of our lives leave us with holes in our schedule. That is why we are asking for your help. We would be most thankful if you could give us two hours a month to help us out. You pick the date and time, have a chance of a free lunch at Burdick's, Murray's or the Tavern, and have the opportunity to work with real nice people with a purpose. So, next time you recycle, check it out. Talk to Paul Colburn or one of the volunteers with any questions, and hopefully sign up. Trust me, you won't be sorry. We have some good laughs up there!

— Dodie Ransome

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Alyson's Orchard

On Sunday, August 4, the First Annual Amateur BBQ Pulled Pork Competition will be held at Alyson's Orchard from 11 AM – 3 PM, sponsored by Alyson's Orchard, The Pit Stop Smokehouse and J & H Hardware. There is no entry fee for participants, but they must supply 10 lbs. of pulled pork (cooked over wood or charcoal) for sampling. The sauce must be made using fresh peaches from Alyson's Orchard. Call 756-9800 or email info@alysonsorchar.com for details.

There are three prizes for the winners of the People's Choice Award. First prize is a weekend at Alyson's Rochambeau Lodge for up to 18 people with a Saturday night BBQ dinner provided by The Pit Stop Smokehouse. Second prize is a new gas grill compliments of J & H Hardware of Bellows Falls, along with a bag of Apple Wood Smokin' Chips and a grill set. Third prize will be gift certificates from the Pit Stop and Alyson's, along with a jug of Maple Syrup from Stuart & John's.

The public is welcome to sample the pulled pork and vote for the People's Choice Award. There is no admission fee for this event, but anyone who wants to sample must bring either one non-perishable food item to donate, or make a small cash contribution to benefit the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. There will also be BBQ food for sale to the public from the Pit Stop Smokehouse, and a Beer & Soft Drink Tent to compliment the BBQ.

Alyson's farm stand store (open from 10 AM – 6 PM daily) will offer fresh-picked peaches & blueberries (you can also PYO berries). Antique cars and trucks will be on display; and face painting, free wagon rides, wine & cheese tastings will be available. There is a children's playground with lawn games for kids of all ages, and a chance to visit some new baby goats! Bring your cameras and check out the new Gina the Giraffe Grow Chart and Awesome Apple photo-op.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy a beautiful day at the Orchard.

– Fran Imhoff



Amadeus (Tom Durnford) and Tina (Sarah Manning) indulge in the heavier side of "Air."

No Film Film Festival

Kudos to Walpole Production Group

The creative writing and film directing of Walpole's Gail Golec won her film crew, Not Your Father's Moustache 2, the majority of honors with her entry, *White Man's Overbite: The Birth of Airband*, at the Second Annual No Film Film Festival awards ceremony at Popolo in Bellows Falls on July 13th.

The festival, sponsored by FACT-TV (Falls Area Community Television), began on May 31, when 16 teams assembled at Fact 8's studio and were given a list of movies from the 1980s upon which they would base their movie remake. Team Not Your Father's Moustache 2 chose the movie *Amadeus*. The festival officials then randomly chose a genre that the team was to work into its movie. Gail was given the Romance genre for her re-write.

The teams then had one week to write the script, cast, film and edit a 7-15 minute movie entry. Writing began that night, and Gail, with Tom Durnford and Becky Pearson, worked for several hours brainstorming the storyline and writing the script. On Saturday, the cast (Ray Boas, Tom Durnford, Tara Sad, Sarah Manning, Kathy Reilly, Joan Balla, Carolyn

One of the film group's several awards.

Norback, Becky Pearson and Fran Kemp) assembled to go over the script, and find costumes at Costume Ladies in Walpole. Next, Gail blocked out the scenes with the cast at three difference filming locations around Walpole.

A long day of filming commenced early Sunday morning and ran non-stop from 9 AM to 4 PM (except for a short break when the cast – in costume – grabbed some lunch downtown, entertaining all those who saw them). The rest of the week was set aside for editing by Alex Stradling, who co-produced with Gail. Some extra shots were needed to fill out the story line, and those were shot in downtown Bellows Falls. Music (provided by local 80s rock band *Intercept*) and special effects were worked in.

At the awards ceremony, Gail captured six awards: Audience Choice, Media Choice, Best Use of an Element (air), Best Story, Best Acting, and Best Music. Last year Gail, with her entry *Jersey Girls from Space* (based on Archer Mayor's *TAGMAN*), captured the awards for Best Acting, Audience Favorite and Best Picture. Through a complicated scoring system, *White Man's Overbite* was awarded third best picture, missing the coveted first spot by thousandths of a point.

Besides her two films, Gail has written *If I Were British*, performed by The Walpole Players in 2011 during Old Home Days. She is currently working on a television sitcom, *Upstaged*. The sitcom's first two episodes were completed this spring, and preparations are underway for the next four episodes. The 9½ minute *White Man's Overbite* can be seen in its entirety on Vimeo.com at <http://vimeo.com/69463838>.

– Ray Boas

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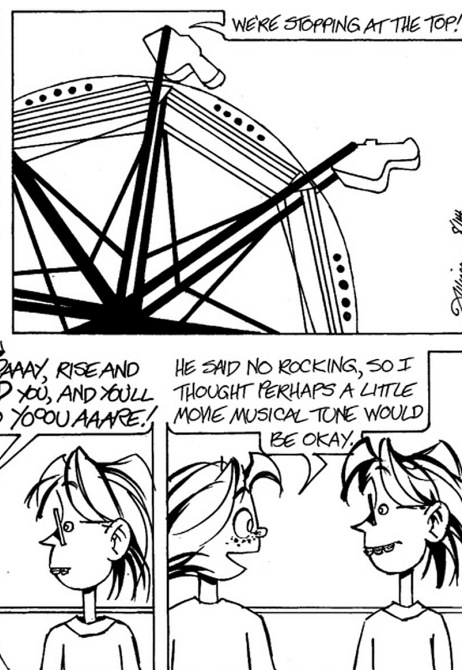
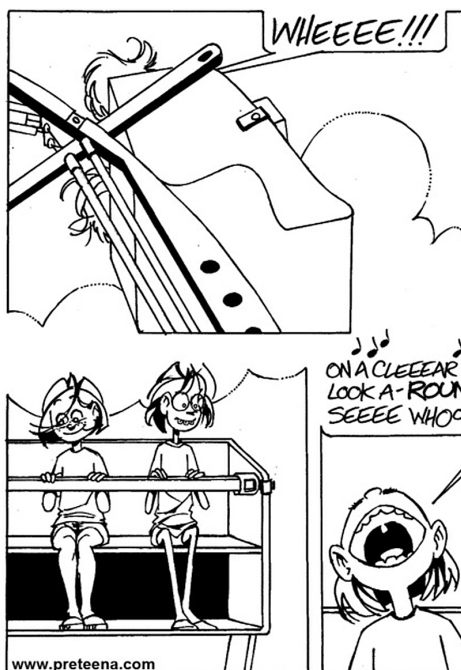
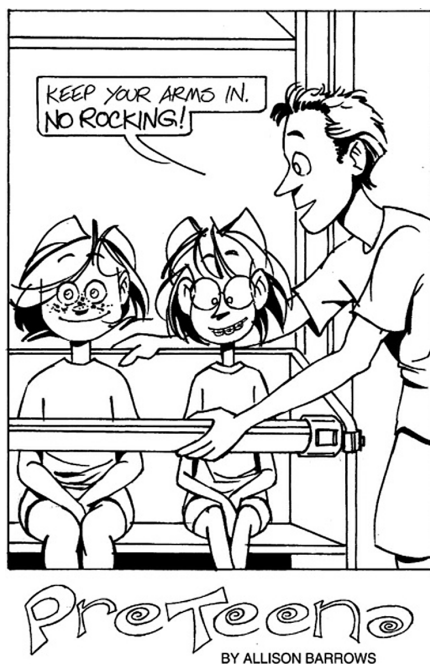
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Letters & Commentary

To the Clarion:

As Co-Founder/Co-Manager/Shortstop for the Walpole Wild Blue wooden bat baseball team, I've stayed quiet about the McGill Sugar House team that has sprung up this past year. My role as League Coordinator for the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League (CRVBL) has also played into my choice to remain generally silent, but the time has come for some correct information to come to light.

The Wild Blue enjoyed a successful first season in 2012, thanks to hard work forming a roster, lining up sponsors, buying uniforms, securing field time in a tight field schedule and "selling" our new franchise to the CRVBL managers' board.

The hard work paid off...hundreds showed up for the Wild Blue home opener in 2012; about as many for our first game in 2013. All that was left was to provide good baseball...the Wild Blue did, and we thank every fan who came to our games.

Last fall, two new teams wanted to join the CRVBL. Sunapee players came to the CRVBL off-season meeting with a full roster, commitment for use of a local field with field maintenance and assertions their franchise would not jeopardize the roster or sponsor pool of neighboring teams in Newport or Claremont. They were voted into the league 8-0 by the manager's board – that's all the CRVBL managers.

The McGill team came to the same meeting with a very light 10-man roster (players, some already rostered on other teams, were from Westmoreland,

Keene, Winchester, Charlestown, Swanzey, Keene – only five were from Walpole), and no homework done on home-field availability. Managers Ken and Mark McGill also said they planned to be a "second Walpole team," a surprise to the board and the current Walpole team.

Managers questioned the potential effects on qualified-player pool and available sponsor share. Field time can also get tight at the new baseball complex in town...the Wild Blue was lucky enough to get in and get games and practices.

The board voted 7-0 (the Wild Blue abstained) to reject the McGill team, but allow them to play the CRVBL teams in non-league games – to give them a year to strengthen their roster and find a viable field/home base.

I asked the McGills to get together so we could get by any misunderstandings and discuss my concerns about a second Walpole team in the league. Mark McGill passed on my olive branch and proceeded to give me grief for not inviting HIM to play on the Wild Blue in 2012. His motives became crystal clear.

Some attitude and badmouthing of the Wild Blue from the McGill team has continued on and off the field to present day...in front of fans, kids and all.

On the flip side, the McGills have showed up for all scheduled games against CRVBL teams with a more-than-full bench. They've also played decent ball and shown that they can compete at CRVBL baseball level, both in skill and professionalism.

The Wild Blue's vote (one of eight CRVBL votes) this fall will more-than likely be in favor of allowing them into the CRVBL for 2014, but will not be in favor of this team

being a second entity of Walpole. Any players on the McGill team who want to play for Walpole's team are welcome to contact the Wild Blue for consideration for 2014.

The Wild Blue strives to play good ball, have fun and put on a good show for fans. As manager of this great group of ball players, I'm hoping this will put an end to the drama and perception that the Wild Blue single-handedly kept the McGills out of the league for 2013.

We've had two games against the McGills this year, both Walpole wins (5-3 and 11-1). We hope they can find a home base/field to call their own so games like the first two can happen again and again.

– Gary Dennis
Wild Blue Co-Founder/Co-Manager &
League Coordinator, CRVBL

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Letters & Commentary

Please print the following in the Walpole Clarion for me... so enjoy your publication!

A MASS OFFERING

On June 27, 2013, a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was held in memory of Walter Wells Campbell in E. Longmeadow, MA, with the sympathy of Father Charles F. Gonet, childhood friend and classmate of "Hap" who died on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013.

'O Lord, bring this soul to the joy of eternal life.'"
– Pat Campbell

Free Piano

Yes, free upright piano, but you must move.

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8:00AM Shot-Gun Start
Four Person Scramble

\$100.00 per person.

Entrance fee includes:
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T-Shirt, Door Prize raffle tickets
and Dinner at the
Walpole Fire Station after the round.

Sign Up sheets can be filled out
at the Hooper Golf Course.

Entry deadline for the tournament
will be Friday, August 30th.

***First come first serve**
due to limited space.

If all available slots are filled,
money will be reimbursed
and team will be put on a waiting list *



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the equipment would arrive in time! After the ceremony, the provincial officials held an impromptu shura to field concerns from the locals in Mya Neshin. In all, it was a good day and so very rewarding to see the clinic open.

Not much else happened after that. Susan and I spent the rest of our time packing and preparing for the incoming team. We left for Kandahar Air Field on June 10 so we could attend a conference about lessons learned and best practices for Female Engagement Teams and Cultural Support Teams. We met the incoming team – one member of which was a medic with my unit when I was in Iraq... Small Army! SFC Meghan Malloy and her partner are now carrying on our work in Mya Neshin. I've attached a picture from the clinic opening. They ended up naming it after Hela (our interpreter). Hela means "Hope" in Pashtu, so we thought it was very fitting.

Thank you all for your support – notes, letters, packages, emails – they meant the world to me over there. It was a very rewarding deployment, and I have learned and grown so much. Thank you for being a part of my life, and for reading my emails. Hope to see you all soon.

– Demere Kasper

The ladies of Mya Neshin accessorize.



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Pinnacleview 4-H

This spring has been very busy for the Pinnacleview 4-H Club. In early April, seven members attended the New England Calf Summit in Derby, Vermont. Much was learned about showing, feeding, and judging dairy cattle.

In the April business meeting, members met at sheep leader Stephanie Stoughton's house where we learned about sheep hands-on. The May meeting was held at Tom & Sharlene Beaudry's house, where we judged dairy cows and discussed important upcoming events. Some members attended the Judging Tour, which was May 4 and 5. One of the participating farms was Crescent Farm here in Walpole. Then on May 12, sheep members attended the Sheep & Wool Festival, with a Sheep Skill-a-Thon at the Cheshire Fairgrounds on the 18th. These clinics both taught much about sheep from nutrition to types of wool. May 19 was the Club's spring flower planting at the fountain and the Town Hall.

Another important date was June 1, where selected members who participated at 4-H Day attended State Activities Day where they presented their poster, photo, speech, demonstration, action exhibit, fashion article, or quilt to be judged. Many 4-H-ers from Cheshire County attended. In the June business meeting, members planned their animals' signs and the Club's display for the upcoming fairs. On June 8, many members attended the Heifer Stroll, held in Brattleboro, Vermont. The nice weather and buzz of activity made it a fun experience for everyone.

A great opportunity for 4-H members was Teen Conference, which was in the last week of June. Pinnacleview 4-H Club members have been practicing frequently to get their animals ready for the upcoming shows. Fair season is coming on fast, and club members will participate at many fairs including the Cheshire Fair, Cornish Fair, Hopkinton Fair, and several others.

Make sure to come to the Cheshire fair to see your local 4-H-ers show! Also, some members are attending the qualifying for the Eastern States Exposition. The Eastern States Exposition, or Big E, is held in September, where members (12 years of age or older and who have qualified) will show against all other qualifying 4-H members from New England. We wish all 4-H members a good show season and lots of fun!

— Chelsey Patch

The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.

— Alfred Hitchcock.

Cal Ripken Tournament

Hubbard Park and the Connecticut Valley Cal Ripken League will host the 9 year-old regional tournament beginning August 2. Teams from all the New England states will participate.

Since Walpole is hosting, our CVCRL 9 year-olds automatically get to play in this event. These players come from Walpole, Chesterfield, Westmoreland, Alstead, Charlestown, and Marlow and will compete with other regional state champions. Don't miss this opportunity to watch some great youth baseball.

The tournament starts with a parade of state flags into the park at 2:30 PM, followed by a skills competition at 3:15. The games are Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4, with games at 10 AM, 12:30 PM, 3 PM, and 5:30 PM, both days. On Monday, August 5, and Tuesday, August 6, games start at 5:30 PM and 8 PM. The game on Wednesday, August 7, starts at 6 PM, and the championship game is Thursday, August 8, at 5:30 PM, with a possible tie-breaker game at 8 PM.

— Steve Corey

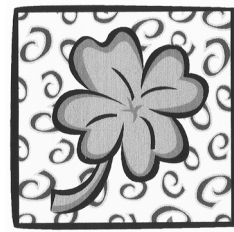
Cruise Night

The Real Twist Soft Serve Ice Cream stand in Walpole will hold its next Classic Car Cruise Night, weather permitting, on Sunday, August 11, from 5 till dark. 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 gift certificates to the Real Twist or Real to Reel!

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.

The final Cruise Night for 2013 is scheduled for September 1. See you there.

— Gale Davis



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Harry Bernard, founder of Small Pond Creative, has more than thirty-five years of advertising experience in New York and Boston as an art director, creative director, and agency owner. He has worked for a long list of clients such as Gillette, ABC Television, State Street Bank, Gilbert Industries (Erector Sets), Whistler, The Kendall Company and General Foods.

"Much limited-budget advertising gets lost next to flashier neighbors," Bernard says of the potential for limited funds of the proverbial small fish. "The correct information may be there, but the message fails to create the stand-out, unique identity necessary to establish a brand that's competitive."

Small Pond Creative offers the small-budget client the same creative thinking and planning that big agencies give their clients. And it is structured to charge

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

We all have habits, routines and ideas. Some are good, some are bad and some should be put away and never revealed. For example, we have a habit (or you might call it a routine) of grocery shopping on Thursdays. It is not a diehard routine and occasionally we go on a Wednesday, or even once in a blue moon on a Friday. So, you may be asking, what has this got to do with the price of eggs in Keene?

Changing one's routine is good as long as you put enough thought into it and weigh the advantages and disadvantages.

We had just returned from a week-long camping trip to northern New York State. By the time we arrived home on Sunday, our larder was barer than what Goldilocks found at the three bears' den. Add to that the fact that Thursday that week was the 4th of July. Yep, Independence Day!

We agreed that we did not want to be on the highways or inside any store on the 4th of July. So, we ventured to Claremont to purchase the necessities needed to stock our shelves. I should have realized the error of our ways when we entered the first store and were jostled by the crowd trying to get the carts.

Let me enlighten you as to what I mean by "the error of our ways."

Going to any store the day before a holiday is like going to a store when the weather man has predicted a blizzard for the following day. People rush to the store in a mad frenzy to stock up, as if we are going to starve to death if we cannot leave our house for one or two days. So, problem number one is it's the day before the 4th of July, and people are acting like they have no supplies in their houses.

Number two problem is it's the 3rd of July and half the people who receive Social Security Checks get them at the first of the month.

Suddenly, I am surrounded by a mob of people all trying to get the same box of cereal, as if it were the last one in the world. I now know how Custer felt at the Little Big Horn!

At check out, the lines are backed up a mile, figuratively speaking, so I push the cart toward the speedy check-out. I am stopped by the Attitude Adjuster (my wife) who informs me we have 25 items and the limit is 20 items or fewer. The ensuing discussion draws another crowd, mostly ladies who glare at me as if I were Charlie Manson.

Our next store goes much better...not! I am shoved, elbowed, glared at, growled at and rammed by an elderly person's cart. Just when I think things cannot get any worse, a person driving one of those motorized carts shoves the thing in reverse and runs over my foot.

Finally, we are in the check-out line, groceries on the conveyor belt, when the person in front of us realizes the eggs she picked up have a couple of broken ones. The cashier sends a stockboy to get another dozen. Either he went on break or waited for the chickens to lay them.

A half an hour later, I am sucking at the bottom of a large glass of iced coffee and starting to cool down. Twenty minutes later we are sitting beside the highway with a car that has decided it was time for a breakdown. Two hours later, the car is at the garage; we are in a rental and heading home.

The good news: I just found out that I can order everything I want or need online and someone will deliver it to my door. Isn't technology wonderful?

I now have a new routine.

Distant Hill Gardens

On Saturday, August 3, from 9 AM to 4 PM, Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole and Alstead will be hosting another *Open Garden Saturday*. Come tour the gardens and join us for one or both of the events below.

From 10 to 11:30AM, a *Native Tree Identification Walk* led by Steve Roberge, the Cheshire County Extension Natural Resources Field Specialist. Distant Hill hosts more than 25 varieties of trees (a large number for a New Hampshire forest) due to its nutrient-rich soils. You will see American Elms still thriving in the wild, along with an American Chestnut. Black Ash, Bitternut Hickory, Hophornbeam, Basswood and White, Red and Black Oak are among the other highlighted native trees you will learn to identify.

At 1PM, join us for a talk on gardening for the birds and butterflies, led by Michael Nerrie. He will lead a tour of the ornamental gardens and discuss the many trees, shrubs and perennials that can be grown to attract wildlife to your garden.

Entry to the gardens and all events are free, but donations to help cover expenses are much appreciated.

Visit www.distanthill.org for more information and directions, or contact Michael at 756-4179.

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Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet for potluck lunch at the Congregational Church on the Walpole Common at noon on Monday, August 19. Everyone is asked to bring a contribution for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Bring a dish to share. All Walpole Seniors are welcome. Come for fun and good socialization. Trip planning information will be available.

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Hooper Institute

Have you seen it yet – the high tunnel greenhouse? Next time you pass the Walpole School, drive by the gymnasium to view its “skeleton.” A group of dedicated volunteers erected the “bows” of this 18’ by 32’ structure on June 15.

The ease of this “raising” was made possible by the excellent ground work accomplished with student power the week before. 7th graders leveled and pounded six foot steel posts, four feet into the ground! Thank goodness the soil is fine silt with nary a rock. We discovered this because the district’s maintenance crew installed drainage and a cistern to capture water shedding off the surface. I would like to offer thanks to the many volunteers who helped. Special credit goes to Glenn Stan, Walpole School’s guidance counselor, whose driving energy has propelled every step of the project.

What is a high tunnel greenhouse you might wonder? Some people even separate the words “high tunnel” and “greenhouse” into two categories. While the structure will look like a greenhouse from afar, there are significant differences in how the space is used. In a high tunnel, crops are planted directly into the soil (or in this case, raised beds). The heating is passive solar gain without use of any fossil fuels. Local growers have had solid success extending the growing season into late autumn and begin growing in winter.

At the Walpole School site, the high tunnel is located in front of the brick wall on the south side of the gymnasium. This large “heat sink” gathers solar energy by day and releases heat at night. We have noticed over the past two winters that beds of greens close to the building have thrived through the winter. The ends will be enclosed and the plastic “skin” applied just as school begins in August.

While we are excited about the solar potential of this site, the real magic will be in the involvement with the school population. Over the past two years, students built raised beds, filled them with Brookfield Farm compost, planted seeds and seedlings, harvested crops, and cooked and made snacks with help from kitchen staff and Hooper volunteers. By extending the growing season, the hope is to harvest fresh hardy greens through the winter for school consumption. With the addition of a picnic table, an outdoor classroom will be available on sunny days in the winter!

This demonstration project is possible through a generous grant of the Cheshire County Conservation District, the local face of the Natural Resource Conservation Service, a branch of the USDA. For more information on the exciting work of the CCCD, please visit their website.

– Eloise Clark

Alstead Performances

Grease paint and curtain calls...these elements of theater and Alstead history have been melded into a two-act play written and directed by Marilou Blaine. *All Stayed in Alstead* will be presented for two nights, August 8 and 9, beginning at 7:00 PM at the 3rd Congregational Church in the Village.

The play’s span of time is between the signing of Alstead’s charter in 1763 and the beginnings of the Revolutionary War in 1776, and follows several families of our first settlers through their hardships, fears and triumphs. From the beginnings in an unsettled land to notable homes of Alstead, to prison, to Boston and finally to the former home of Simon Baxter, the story of Alstead’s founding unfolds.

The characters are brought to life by notable thespians of Alstead. Colleen Heidorn portrays Sarah Cady in the story of the little lost boy; Aiden Jasmin is the British officer who explains the responsibilities of the charter to the new landowners. Others appearing are Dan Hall as Captain Benjamin Bellows, Joyce Campbell as John Burroughs, Steve Blake as Samuel Chase, Dennis Molesky as the infamous Tory, Simon Baxter, Ellen Chase as his wife Prudence and John Mann as Judge Wyman. Not to be left out are Donna Sabin, Jackie Walker and Julie Stevens as narrators.

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