

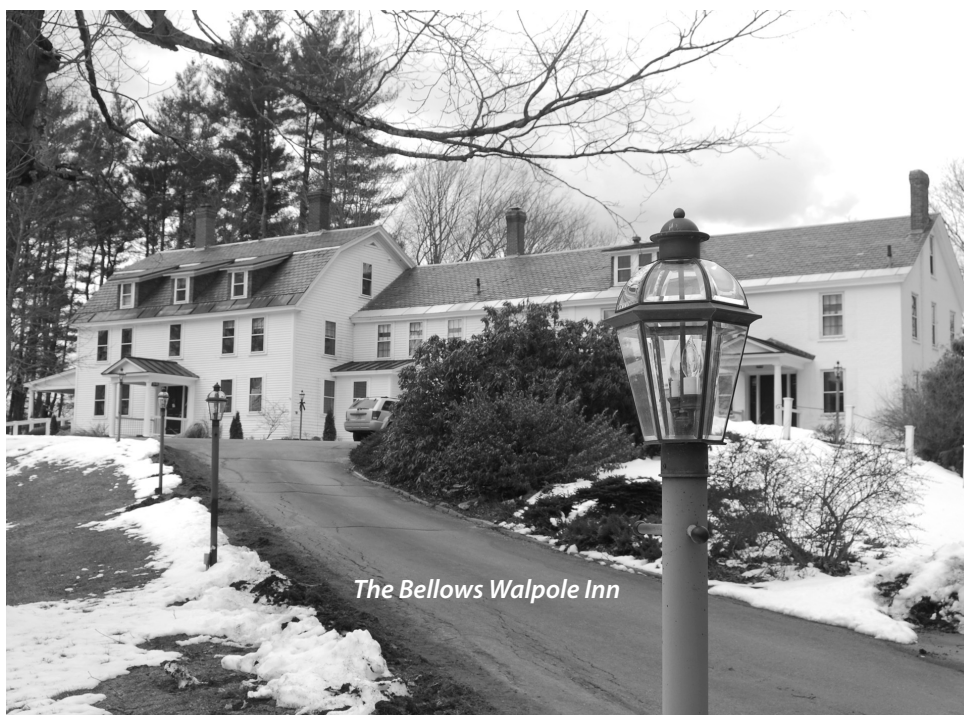
Zoning Amendment Raises Questions

On March 12, the voters of the Town of Walpole approved a warrant article brought by Ben Daviss by a majority vote of 347 to 291. The article amended Article IV of the town zoning ordinance. This amendment, having to do with the use or storage of hazardous waste, had previously been considered by the town's planning board and rejected as too vague to properly enforce.

The zoning change in part requires that any business proposing to store or use as-yet undefined "hazardous materials" within "a commercial or industrial zone, or on land that has received or is being proposed for a variance or special exception for commercial or industrial use, or on land above a town aquifer" to present to the planning board "a soils and water protection plan and a separate safety plan." The ordinance also requires the planning board to hire an independent licensed engineer to review the "quality" of those plans. The business applying for a permit is required to pay the costs associated with the independent engineering review of its plans. Businesses that are currently operating or that have previously approved projects are exempted from the ordinance.

One week prior to the town vote on this issue, the owners of 181 acres in or adjacent to the town's commercial district, led by Jack Franks, President of Avanru Development, Ltd., filed a protest petition against the warrant article seeking to require that the article be approved by a 2/3 vote. That petition was required to be signed by, "(t)he owners of 20 percent of the area of the lots included in the proposed change; or ...20 percent of the area within 100 feet immediately adjacent to the area affected by the change..."

In a notice of decision rendered after the town vote, the town selectmen, under guidance from the town's attorney, Jeremy Hockensmith, denied the protest petition. According to the selectboard's decision,



The Bellows Walpole Inn

Bellows Walpole Inn Opens

Following over a year in repose, The Walpole Inn has entered its next phase in life as The Bellows Walpole Inn. I recently had the pleasure of touring the updated Inn escorted by new owner Steve Rudek, and innkeeper Melina James. "Our desire is to present an American heritage inn complimented with exquisite décor," Steve explained. "We updated the name because Col. Benjamin Bellows is so important to the founding of Walpole. He lived and worked and built here; we respect that history, and want to build upon it."

The first project, following taking ownership of the property, was to pull the carpeting that was throughout and repair and refinish the hardwood floors.

Locally Produced Sitcom Pilot Premieres

Come one, come all, to the premier of the pilot episode of the locally written, filmed and produced sitcom *Upstaged*, at the Bellows Falls Opera House, April 18. Admission is free, and the doors open at 7 PM, with the show starting at 7:20. It concludes with a short Q & A session with the actors, writer, director, editors and videographer.

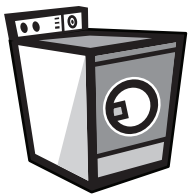
The story follows the exploits of a failed theater actor/director/producer from NYC (Harold Howard-Hartwell) who, after his last show flops, decides to leave the city behind and settle in a small farming town in New Hampshire. His ultimate plan is to make the town over into an artists' colony, garnering him the fame and respect he so desperately desires.



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Walpole Clean Up Day!

Spring is coming. The birds are returning from their warm-weather vacations; the leaves on the trees are fresh green buds; the crocuses are poking through – and the snow is finally melting.

Unfortunately, this melting snow uncovers what has been hiding underneath since fall – unsightly trash on our roadsides. Yes, that soda can, water bottle, hamburger wrapper or plastic bag that was tossed out of a vehicle in October did not miraculously melt along with the snow. And, unless we want to revisit these deposits day after day, month after month, until they are once again covered in snow, we need to have a thorough spring cleaning!

So, in honor of Earth Day (April 22nd) and in celebration of Spring, we are inviting the entire town of Walpole to our First Annual Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 20th!

No experience is necessary, just a willingness to spend a few hours walking the beautiful highways and byways of Walpole, stopping to pick up whatever trash you can find. Willing participants will meet upstairs at the Town Hall at 8:00 AM to pick up the special blue bags provided by Litter Free New Hampshire. You'll go in teams armed with maps of specified areas of town, spend three hours collecting, and then return to the Town Hall at 11:00 AM, where refreshments will be served to those hearty souls who participated.

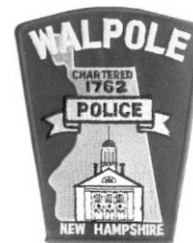
To add to the fun, there will also be prizes given for the winners in different categories (ie, Most Unusual Item, Most Trash, Largest Item, etc.) The bags will be driven to the Transfer Station, where they will be collected free of charge. And afterwards, you will have the rest of the day free to visit the Walpole Farmers' Market or work in your garden or read a good book - but with a wonderful sense of accomplishment that you have done something special for our special town.

For more information about this fun event, please call Tara Sad at 756-4861.

– Tara Sad

In every walk
with nature
one receives
far more
than he seeks.

– John Muir



Walpole Police

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Walpole for your show of support as shown at Town Meeting, March 16, 2013. I am grateful to serve a community that works with its municipal agencies so well.

The Walpole Police Department is constantly taking steps to improve our community caretaking and public safety abilities. I encourage you, the community members and businesses, to contact me with your suggestions and ideas on ways the department can continue building a strong and safe community. You can reach me or any member of my department at the Office (603) 445-2055, email walpolepd@comcast.net or just stop by the department and see us. I look forward to hearing from you.

Chief Michael J. Paquette II
Walpole Police Department

YMCA Benefit at Burdick's

The Restaurant at Burdick Chocolate will host the fifth annual benefit dinner for Meeting Waters YMCA's *Reach Out to Youth Fund* on Wednesday, April 17th. That night, 10% of all dinner receipts will be donated to the regional YMCA's scholarship fund.

Funds raised will help ensure that all children have access to Meeting Waters YMCA programs. Specifically, donations support the regional Y's youth scholarship fund and its summer camp busing. More than half of all children and families served by the Y's youth development and healthy living programs receive financial assistance. Camp busing (which includes stops each day for eight weeks in Walpole and eight other communities) makes the Y's summer programs accessible to all.

According to Meeting Waters YMCA's Board President, Diane Myers-Miller, the this annual event has raised more than \$3,000 for the Y's scholarship fund over the past four years. She adds, "This event is always about people enjoying a great meal for a great cause."

Reservations for the benefit dinner can be made by calling The Restaurant at Burdick Chocolate at 756-9058. For more about Meeting Waters YMCA's services, go to www.meetingwatersymca.org.

– Diane Myers-Miller

Letters from Afghanistan



Afghan checkpoint

The following two articles are taken from letters home from two of our local service members, Paul Mercier and Demere Kasper. Warrant Officer Mercier is National Maintenance Advisor serving in Kabul, Afghanistan. Captain Kasper is a nurse serving in Kandahar province. References in her letter are to a team member, SFC Susan Letendre from Manchester, NH, and an Afghan interpreter, Heila.

Paul Mercier

I am Chief Warrant Officer 2 Paul Mercier, 220th TC Keene, NH. I individually deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as a National Maintenance Advisor.

I spent 1 week at CRC Fort Benning, GA for training. I eventually arrived at Camp Phoenix, Regional Support Command-Capital, Kabul, Afghanistan. I become part of the Central Workshop (CWS) Combat Advisor team.

I, along with a mixture of service members to include Army, Air Force and Navy personnel are the link between US Coalition Forces and the Afghan National Army on Logistical, Vehicle maintenance and Weapons processes.

I have been mobilized to Division, Brigade and Battalion units but had to ask myself, "Will I be an asset to the team and the mission?" As of now, I will have to say yes.

In addition to advising, we run our own convoys to and from the Central Workshop. This is the longest 7 miles of city driving I have ever been subjected to. We spend a lot of time on the roads of Kabul, Afghanistan. Navigating the roads is like driving in Boston at 1730. There are no traffic lights, no posted speed limits, and no right of ways. There are no real traffic laws. Being from New Hampshire, this is something that I wasn't used to. My very first time driving lead vehicle was interesting. It was very unnerving to say the least. I got out to the vehicle early to PMCS and fill out all the paperwork. The small convoy through the city streets of Kabul went off with relative ease except it takes over 40 minutes on a good day.

My team got where they needed to be without incident in the fast paced, high priority ride, being in a combat zone.

With one hundred and twenty five plus successful convoy missions under our belts, with no injuries or casualties, we have come to depend on each other a lot.

Being a part of this team has demonstrated how the services can come together for a common mission.

We have good days on the road and bad days, but no matter what I can always count on my team and they know that they can count on me.

I will risk my life for my fellow service members, some of which I hardly know anything about, except that our purpose here, in this country is the same. Do our jobs and go home alive and intact. From this day forward I have gained an extended family and they are my brothers in arms.

— Paul Mercier, Jr.
Kabul Afghanistan

Warrant Officer Mercier



Demere Kasper

Hello!

Happy belated International Women's Day! March 8th was the official day, but in Kandahar City the Department of Women's Affairs (DoWA) is celebrating on the 10th. Here in Mya Neshin District (Zamto Valley and Lakhsang village) we celebrated on the 7th of March. The Civil Affairs team on site had a whole bunch of women's coats, pots and pans, and Tupperware they don't need; and Susan and I wanted to do something here to try to engage more of the female population, so we decided to put together a celebration of sorts. This past week we created, recorded and aired seven radio messages.

The first one was recorded by the District Chief of Police (DCOP) wherein he stated that women could come to the district center if they were being abused, and that he hoped that the families of Mya Neshin appreciated their women. The next six highlighted important women in Afghan history. The first covered Hadija Bibi, one of the wives of the prophet Mohammed, who was a savvy business woman; the second told the story of Malalai, heroine of Maiwand Province, who inspired Afghan troops during the second Anglo-Afghan war. The third was the story of a woman in Kabul whose husband taught her how to use an AK-47 so that she could defend her home against the Taliban, which she did in 2001. The fourth, fifth and sixth episodes all highlighted women who are currently serving in the Afghan government. We were very careful not to push the equality agenda, and instead focused on how the women of Afghanistan can contribute to the betterment of their country, and how important it is to have capable women to help other women especially with regard to medical care. The messages have been well received, even from the men of Mya Neshin, so I think we were far from inflammatory.

We had the actual celebration at an Afghanistan Uniformed Police (AUP) checkpoint to our west in Zamto Valley, and the Deputy DCOP brought all his wives, female relatives and other females from the valley for the program. Susan, Heila and I (with the help of the Civil Affairs team's medic who is also a woman, Val), sat down with all of them and discussed the future school in Mya Neshin. We mentioned the hope that eventually they would be able to teach young girls, but that it would start out as a boys' school. We showed them pictures of women's shuras,* women's soap-making projects and girls' schools in other parts of Afghanistan. We also printed out a picture of Mecca to show to them, and

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Spring Plant Sale

The Friends of the Walpole Town Library will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 11th from 9 to 11 AM on the library lawn on Main Street, rain or shine.

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 Gretchen Hurlburt at 756-3145 or Lucy Weber at 756-4338.

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

– Cheryl Hoffman

Real Twist Opens

The Real Twist Soft Serve Ice Cream Stand in Walpole will be opening for the season on Saturday, April 20th, weather permitting. Spring hours will be: Monday-Friday 3-8PM; Saturday & Sunday 12-8PM.

The Real Twist serves exceptional soft serve ice cream and fat free/ sugar free frozen yogurt, including your favorite cones, sundaes, fruit smoothies, flurries, frappes and more.

The Real Twist is located next to Real to Reel in the North Meadow Plaza in Walpole, NH.

– Gale Davis

Recycling Center Website

The Walpole Recycling Center is pleased to announce it has launched a website! You can go there to be reminded of the Center's hours and find out how to prepare items for recycling. You can learn what is and is not recyclable, where to buy yellow bags, when and where hazardous materials can be taken, check on the volunteer schedule, and, for that matter, sign up to be a volunteer.

Eventually, the website will be updated to include all the (sometimes surprising) items that can be taken in for recycling (like Christmas lights, used oil and scrap metal). For now it does have information about all the basics: plastics, paper, cans and glass. You'll find the website at walpolerecycling.com. When you get there, you can sign up to follow the blog. As a follower, you'll get an email when there are changes in what can be recycled, when the ReUse Center opens, when the website is updated, and other news from the Center.

For more information, contact Paul Colburn at transfer@myfairpoint.net or call 445- 5197.

– Paul Colburn

Pancake Success

The Walpole Village School hosted a very successful Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on March 24th. More than 300 community members were served a breakfast of pancakes and sausage, made with the secret Lions Club recipe. Many local sugarers donated freshly-made syrup to top the pancakes. As one gentleman was leaving, he said that the servers are, "way cuter now," than when it was the Lions Club members. It is true we have our past students helping to serve juice and coffee, and to clean up the tables. But the memory of Wally Remy serving me pancakes when I was much younger is still a great one.

Thanks to everyone who came to support the Walpole Village School and help us continue this great community tradition. We would also like to thank the town for letting us use the space each year for so many of our annual events. We are very fortunate to have such a great space available to us. Thank you also to all of the parents, board members and community members who helped behind the scenes to make this a fun, successful event.

– Bethany Coursen

The Walpole Players

Tourists Accomodated

The first two weekends in May usually find The Walpole Players entertaining audiences in the Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall. This year is no exception when the curtain will rise for **Tourists Accomodated** written by Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

One cold January day in 1930 Dorothy and her friends in Arlington, Vermont, were sewing a baby outfit for a neighbor while talking and laughing a great deal. Several of the families had in recent years begun taking in summer automobile tourists, who were finding their way north, providing them with beds for the night and meals. This was a new and strange experience for these strong minded New England mountain folk, and the women soon started sharing stories about the strange ways of these travelers. One funny story followed another, and each hilarious incident was true. Finally one of the group said, "We ought to make a play out of all this." Dorothy, a best-selling author who was also named by Eleanor Roosevelt as one of the ten most influential women in America for her work in bring the Montessori School movement to the US, took up the challenge.

The result was a gentle comedy in which we find a Vermont family taking in summer tourists to raise money to send their daughter to teaching college. Wryly drawn from observing the "ways of travelers" and the "absurdities of city life" there is a host of characters familiar to us all.

This rare and seldom-seen play will delight you and remind you of your neighbors too as they may have wrestled with the visiting automobilists. Full details will be in the May edition of the **Clarion** and can be found at <http://thewalpoleplayers.org/> Since the curtain goes up just as you will be receiving the next **Clarion**, mark your calendars now.

— Ray Boas

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First, however, he needs to get the town on board with his plan. To that end, he decides he needs to produce a play, casting the townspeople to show them that theater can be a great experience. Here in his new town, Harold believes he will finally be a big fish in a small pond. However, he soon learns that the pond is more like a fish bowl and he realizes as auditions for the play get underway, he is unprepared to deal with the variety of personalities in this small town.

Timid men prefer
the calm of despotism
to the tempestuous
sea of liberty.

— Thomas Jefferson



Scenes from
Upstaged: top,
Carolyn Norback
catches up
on town gossip;
bottom, a rustic
Peter Eisenstadter
entertains visitors.



The show was created, written and directed by Gail Golec, filmed by Jacob Stradling and edited by Alex Stradling. It was filmed over the course of 10 months, using locations in Walpole (town hall), Acworth (Acworth Store) and Saxton River, VT (Pleasant Valley Brewery).

The production features local actors, including many from the *Walpole Players* (Mike Wright, Sarah Manning, Ray Boas, Fran Kemp, Carolyn Norback, Tara Sad, Jean Kobeski, Kathy Reilly, John Luther, Jim Baucom, Tom Winmill, Peter Eisenstadter, Jordan Mitchell-Love, Seth Lauritsen, Gwen Edson and Gail Golec).

You can see a 10 minute trailer and scene clip on YouTube. Go to: youtu.be/pUfWjWY1sA or <http://youtu.be/B1-XmJWGqLU>.

— Barbara Kasper

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Emergency Foodshelf

The Fall Mountain Emergency Foodshelf recently announced that, for the 16th year, they will be participating in the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. Mary Lou Huffling, director of the foodshelf, recently said, "from March 1st to April 30th, all monetary donations and every food item donated counts as \$1 or \$1 per pound toward the proportional matching grant." In her recent appeal, she explained that during the past year there were 11,755 family visits to the foodshelf for food and, in spite of a difficult year having enough supplies on hand, she and her team provided these families with enough food for approximately 1,258,764 meals.

A recent fire of unknown origin totally destroyed a vehicle used at the Foodshelf for gathering and delivering food. It also caused thousands of dollars of damage to the kitchen used for the Friendly Meals and Meals On Wheels programs. The loss further exacerbates the needs of the Foodshelf.

This month is a good time to make a donation since it will go further thanks to the Feinstein challenge. The check for your tax deductible donation can be made out to the Fall Mountain Emergency Foodshelf, and mailed to PO Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602. Remember, Friendly Meals and Meals on Wheels serve homebounds in Alstead, Walpole, North Walpole, Langdon, Acworth and Charlestown.

- Ray Boas

HCS Wellness Clinics

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will hold a Nurse Is In clinic on Friday, April 26 from 10 to 11AM at Applewood Senior Housing in Walpole. A wellness nurse from HCS will check blood pressures and be available to answer questions about home care and any health concerns you may have. This screening is open to the public and is offered free of charge.

The Nurse Is In clinics are sponsored by Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, a Monadnock United Way agency. For a complete list of clinics or more information, call HCS at 352-2253 or visit www.HCSServices.org.

- Susan Ashworth

Spring Rummage Sale

The First Congregational Church UCC Walpole is having a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 19, 4-6 PM., and Saturday, April 20, 9 AM-1 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church. We will also have a food sale of baked and assorted goodies on Saturday. Donations of clean and gently-used spring and summer clothing will be accepted Wednesday, April 17, 9 AM-6 PM, Thursday, April 18, 9 AM-6 PM, and Friday, April 19, 9 AM -1 PM. Please leave electronics, shoes, winter clothing, and leftover yard sale items *At Home*. We kindly request that folks wait until April 17 to bring in their donations. Contact Ellie Shaw, 756-4866, for more information.

- Ellie Shaw

Walpole Village School

Silent Auction

On Friday, April 19th from 6 to 10PM the Walpole Village School will host its 8th Annual Silent Auction Benefit on the second floor of the Walpole Town Hall.

There will be more than 100 items to bid on, a wide variety of appetizers to snack on, and the live band *Third Rail* playing so everyone can dance. The cost is \$10 per person and is BYOB. All proceeds go to the Walpole Village School.

If you need child care so you can attend this event, call 756-4246 - the school will be hosting a Kids Night Out the same evening, from 5:45 - 9PM. \$20 per child includes pizza, a movie, games and lots of fun for the kids while their parents are at the Auction.

For questions, tickets, or to donate an item to the auction, call Bethany at 756-4246.

April Vacation Camp

A fun-filled week of inside and outside adventure awaits your child, with projects, adventures around town, games, and activities all day long, from April 22nd - 26th, 8:30AM - 3:30PM each day. The cost is \$175 for the week or \$40 per day. Call 756-4246 for info and to sign up.

The Spring Craft Fair & Mommy Garage Sale...

is on Saturday, April 27th from 8AM - 2PM at the Walpole Town Hall. If you are interested in setting up a table for the craft fair, contact Annette at annette911c2@yahoo.com. For the Garage Sale, please contact Andrea at alv1290@aol.com. The cost is \$35 per table.

Also, registration for the next school year has begun; anyone interested in preschool, pre-k, before- or after-care should call the school at 756-4246.

- Bethany Coursen

WRAP

First off, let me thank all you loyal Walpole readers for the astounding amount of recycling that you achieved in the past year!

I've already mentioned the award we were given at the NRRA Convention, but those numbers are so remarkable that I wanted to remind you of how very good you are! You recycled 6,880 lbs. of aluminum cans, over 454 tons of paper, more than 16 tons of assorted plastics, and almost 34 ton of scrap metal. Also, you have delighted all the volunteers by remembering that plastic caps are to be removed from all recycled containers (except those on oil cans). Take a bow!

Having said that, there is one item with which we are now being overwhelmed at the Center: Plastic Grocery Bags. We are drowning in them! Please! Give them back to your grocery store. Most stores have a marked bin, and will recycle those bags. Better yet, reuse them yourself. They're usually good for at least one more round at the store.

Speaking of volunteering, please note that the ever-popular "Re-Use Trailer" will be re-opening in mid-April and volunteers are also needed there. That "duty" is lots of fun, for you are the first see all the goodies that are contributed, and get "first dibsies." If you have questions (or want to talk to a real human being) call Mike Nerrie at 756-4179 to volunteer.

Here's yet another opportunity to volunteer this spring: Fritze Till has designed a lovely Memorial Garden honoring our "founding Father," and long-time volunteer, George Watkins. The huge rock already in place was a gift of Cold River Materials and is to represent Rice Mountain. Why? Because the park faces onto our fire lake and the view is of Rice Mountain. What will be needed come spring are capable hands to help with planting the small trees and bushes that will form a buffer from the noise and dust of the recycling site. This will be important and very rewarding work. If you can help, please call Fritze at 445-5283, or sign up on the web site.

- Carol Christian

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St. John's Episcopal

Claiming Creativity

There will be a *Fruit of the Spirit Quilt Workshop* on Saturday, April 6, from 10 AM - 2 PM at St. John's Church Parish Hall. Claiming Creativity, with creativity coaches Racheal Alexander Scott and Susan Kershaw, invites you to a workshop that focuses on the nine ways we know the Fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).

A 36" x 36" quilt top will be created in this four hour workshop. The method is ideal for non-quilters, inexperienced sewers and those curious about pursuing quilting as an art and hobby. Experienced quilters will enjoy a meaningful project that ends in a beautiful wall-hanging or lap quilt in a short period of time. Email claimingcreativity@gmail.com or call Susan at 756-2962 for more information and for a brochure containing the supplies list. Fee: \$20. Please bring a lunch, but snacks and beverages will be provided. Registration in advance is appreciated.

Feinstein Challenge

St. John's invites our neighbors to support the Fall Mountain Emergency Food Shelf by participating in the *Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger*. From March 1 - April 30, all monetary donations and every food item donated counts as \$1 or \$1 per pound toward a \$1,000,000 matching grant that will be divided proportionately in full among the agencies receiving donations toward Mr. Feinstein's offer. Whatever you donate to FMEF before April 30 will generate more money from Mr. Feinstein. Please give generously. Checks can be made out and sent to the Fall Mtn Emergency Foodshelf, P.O. Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602. On behalf of our hungry neighbors, thank you for your generosity and love!

Art After School

Art After School artists have created pottery with a simple pinch pot project, thanks to teacher Dan Scott. We'll be getting ready for an Art Show on Wednesday May 22, 5:30 PM, at St. John's Church Parish Hall, featuring artwork created by the students from grades 1 through 6 in local schools. The public is invited to our show, so please mark your calendar and attend. We have a blog: walpole.artafterschool.wordpress.com which features photos of our work. There's still room for more artists! If you would like more information, please contact Susan Kershaw at 756-2962.

- Susan Kershaw

Suicide Prevention Workshop

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and has been spending a
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*My friend's
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**To sign-up: contact Deena Ezequille at
Walpole Elementary School,
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**For more information
call Glenn Stan, or visit:**

www.naminh.org/education/suicide-prevention

Beekeeping

Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping work shop from 1-3:30 PM on Saturday, April 20, at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead. Look for the **BEE** sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road.

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

– Charles Andros

Writers Wanted!

Do you have an idea for an interesting column or have you ever yearned to be a published writer? The **Clarion** is expanding and we would welcome additional submissions to entertain and inform our readers. You may have an unusual hobby or business (or know of someone who does) whose story needs telling. You could have an idea for an article we have not even considered.

Give it some thought and send us some ideas as samples of your writing. Single submissions or regular contributions are both welcome; we will publish as space permits. Submit to: Walpoleclarion@gmail.com

Bereavement Support

Hospice at HCS offers a grief support group in the Walpole area for anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 4:30 to 6 PM at the First Congregational Church on the Common in Walpole. Discussions are facilitated by Mary Souzzi, LICSW. The next meetings will be April 3 and 17.

There is no charge to participate, but registration is required. To register, call Lynn Anne Palmer at 352-2253. For more information visit www.HCSservices.org.

Hospice at HCS is a comprehensive non-profit hospice program, providing end-of-life care to patients and support to family members. Care is offered at home, in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

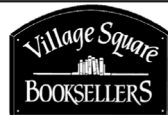
– Lara Larson



No music today...

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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...the library building was a gift to the town in 1891 from Hudson Eliot Bridge as a memorial to his father, Hudson E. Bridge? Since the late 18th century, Walpole has been a community of citizens with exceptional literary and intellectual interests. At that time, the local literati, "the Walpole Wits," met regularly at the town's taverns discussing varied topics. They also contributed to the *Farmers Weekly Museum*, a newspaper which was published here but circulated nationally. It naturally followed that one such citizen, attorney Jeremiah Mason, established with others the Walpole Proprietary Library in 1795. Mason was the first librarian, followed in 1797 by Joseph Dennie, editor of the *Farmer's Museum*.

This initial library was followed in 1823 by The Walpole Library Association which was incorporated for the purpose "of purchasing and holding a library and making all necessary rules and by-laws." Over the next 30 years, the association accumulated a collection of between 500 and 600 volumes under the direction of the Hon. Frederick Vose, who maintained a high standard of excellence. In December of 1853, the association voted to present its book collection to the town to encourage the establishment of a public library. The offer was accepted with a promise to raise funds and form a committee to determine regulations for the library's management. One hundred dollars per annum was appropriated by the town for the new facility. Except for during the hard times of the Civil War, that support has continued at increased levels.

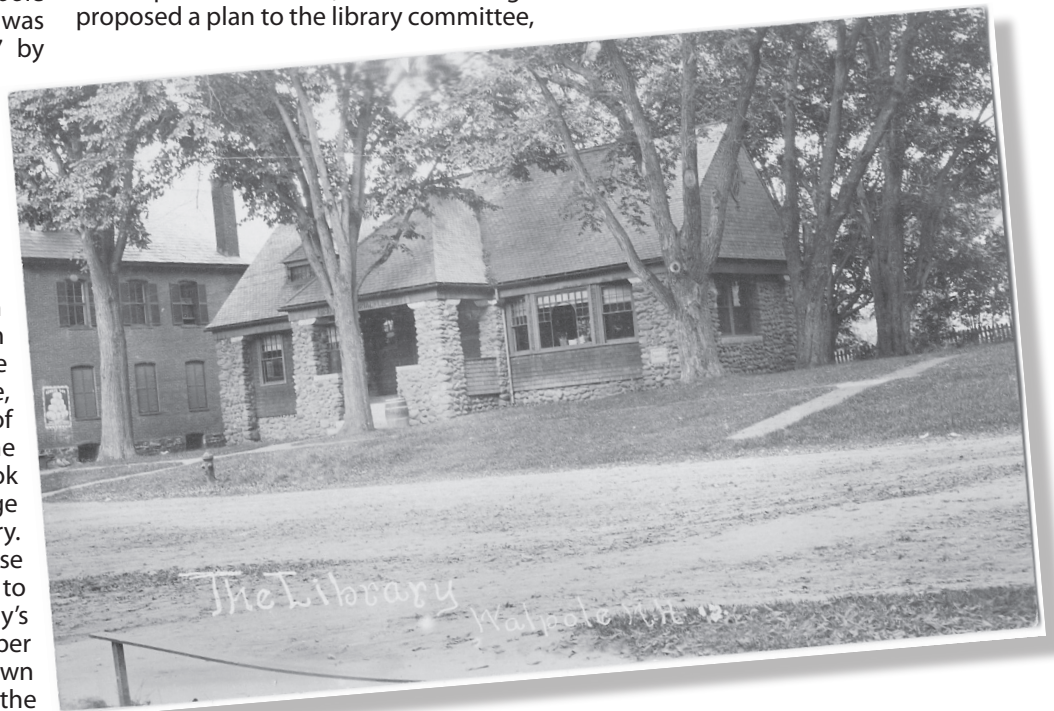
Several locations housed the small library in the later part of the 19th century. Col. David Buffum, serving as the first librarian of the new library, housed the books in his store until it was destroyed by fire in February, 1859 (site of the brick building currently housing the Walpole Village Salon). Most of the library was saved,

with the losses covered by insurance. C. C. Davis's store (currently The Walpole Grocery) next housed the library. With a lack of funds during the war years, interest in the library fell off. After the war, interest returned and the library was placed "in a convenient room in Buffum's Block." In 1873, the library was moved into rooms to the rear of the post office conveniently located in Ransom L. Ball's store (the former Leaf and Lens at the site of a parking lot today east of the Tavern). The library was open whenever the store was.

In September of 1890, Hudson E. Bridge proposed a plan to the library committee,

as they were planning to again move the now 4,000 volumes. Bridge had purchased the Buffum Block, the lot to the south and some additional footage from George Jennison. This was the site of Bridge's father's birth. Bridge proposed to erect and give to the town a building of native stone, cellared and with a completely furnished reading room. The original building there was moved, but that will be another story.

Considered to be "one of the most beautiful and most convenient library buildings in the state," the new building opened in 1891 and became Bridge Memorial Library. In 1961, the room that is now the Children's Room was added, and in 1988 the Austin Hubbard Room was added and is now the Reference Room.



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The mission of Hooper Golf Club is to provide recreation in the form of golf, in a way that promotes the prosperity of the Town of Walpole, New Hampshire. We are a public golf course and truly hope everyone will take advantage, and be part of the Hooper Golf Club community, whether it be by becoming a member or joining us for a day of golf. Golf is a great way to socialize with friends, maybe even make new friends, all the while getting exercise and fresh air, not to mention the joy that comes from the challenge of the sport. There are several types of membership levels offered, including family, couple, single, weekday only, and junior (under 21).

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Once again we have a busy calendar at Hooper with league play and tournaments. Leagues are a great way to meet new people and have a regular, scheduled game of golf every week.

Instruction is always available from our PGA golf professional Ron Rosko. Ron works very hard to keep his teaching skills sharp by attending many PGA educational opportunities where some of the game's greatest instructors provide insight, including David Leadbetter, Jim McLean, Hank Haney, and Michael Breed.

Some of the major events are: beginner golf instruction, the very popular junior golf program, and the one-and-only Walpole Firefighters Auxiliary Golf Tournament in September. The firefighters put on one heck of an event and your participation raises money for them to keep us safe.

Please stop in or call 756-4080 for information concerning all things Hooper Golf Club. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the links, Happy Golfing! Like us on facebook and visit us at hoopergolfclub.com

– Ron Rosko

Writing it Down

Walpole's monthly memoir writing group, *Writing It Down*, has moved its regular meeting time from the second to the third Saturday of every month, starting in April. The next meeting will be held at the Walpole Library on April 20th from 10 to 11:30 AM.

All are welcome to join. Bring a writing sample you're working on if you have one. If you don't have anything to share, you can still participate in group critiques and writing exercises.

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The Walpole Unitarian Church's fourth annual winter cooking series concludes during the first week of April.

The series highlights local culinary talents at healthy cooking workshops and meals prepared at Hastings Memorial Parish House at 12 Union St.

The series finale is Thursday, April 4, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM: a "No Nonsense" approach to casseroles with Stephanie Sears. Please join us to warm your stomach and enrich your spirits.

Cooks of all abilities are welcome, and a small donation will be accepted to cover the cost of ingredients. We will also collect canned food for the Fall Mountain FoodShelf. Fall Mountain is involved in the Feinstein Challenge through April so every can of food equals \$1 of food for their shelves.

For more information, call Rev. Telos Whitfield at 802-376-4977 or check the web site at: www.walpoleunitarian.org.

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Hooper Institute

April is the second month of meteorological spring and more hardy migrants return early this month. Look for the insect-eating phoebe in your yard. It's a small gray bird with a whitish underbelly that has the habit of flicking its tail downward. They can be spotted out in the open on phone lines, small trees, even the edges of roofs. They are voracious insectivores, although they won't pass up a small spider. They seem to have adapted well to human habitation. You may find their moss-covered nests on eaves of your outbuildings or even by an unused porch. They also like bluebird boxes.

Saturday, April 6th, I will lead a program to help you identify trees in their dormant condition. We'll meet at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Road at 9:30 AM and focus on evergreens and deciduous trees without leaves. That also happens to be the day the Community Garden is hosting an open house. So, come check out the garden plots, then do a walk-about with me. Garden plots at the Walpole School are also an option for families.

Please mark you calendars for our annual summer camps. They will happen weekdays, June 24 through July 3rd. There will be a camp based at the Institute for younger campers finishing kindergarten through third grades. One week of Adventure Camp is planned for children finishing grades 4 through 7. Woodworking camp is scheduled for the first three days in July, also for grades 4-7. All programs run for the morning only. Registration forms will be going home through the Walpole schools. If your child does not attend Walpole schools but is a Walpole resident, please call us at 756-4382 and leave a name and address. You may contact us at hooperinstitute@localnet.com. I also place updates on our Facebook page.

Eighth graders and veterans of the Hooper High School Summer Work Program should have received their application packets by now. We place students at agricultural enterprises and the town recycling center. The work is often dirty and difficult, so the program is not for everyone; but it can be very satisfying for the right person. If you think your child might like the challenge and have not yet seen an application package, contact me at 756-4382. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 29th.

Happy spring!

— Eloise Clark

Distant Hill Gardens

This coming gardening season, Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole will be open to the public on the first Saturday of each month, May through October, from 9 AM to 3 PM, rain or shine.

Distant Hill Gardens comprises 58 acres of fertile high country land in the hills five miles east of downtown Walpole. Michael and Kathy Nerrie have been stewards of the land for the past 35 years and designed, built and maintain the gardens.

Every *Open Garden Saturday*, Michael will lead a short walk and a gardening demonstration on a variety of topics. The first hour-long Morning Walk on May 4 (10 AM) will explore the vernal pools of Distant Hill Gardens. Morning walks and afternoon demonstrations (at 1 PM) are free and open to all.

There is no entry fee to Distant Hill Gardens, and you can come back as often as you like. What is in bloom changes from day to day, so you are sure to see and learn something new with each visit. For more information and directions visit: www.distanthillgardens.org

— Michael Nerrie



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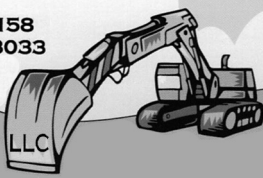
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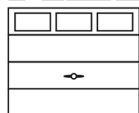
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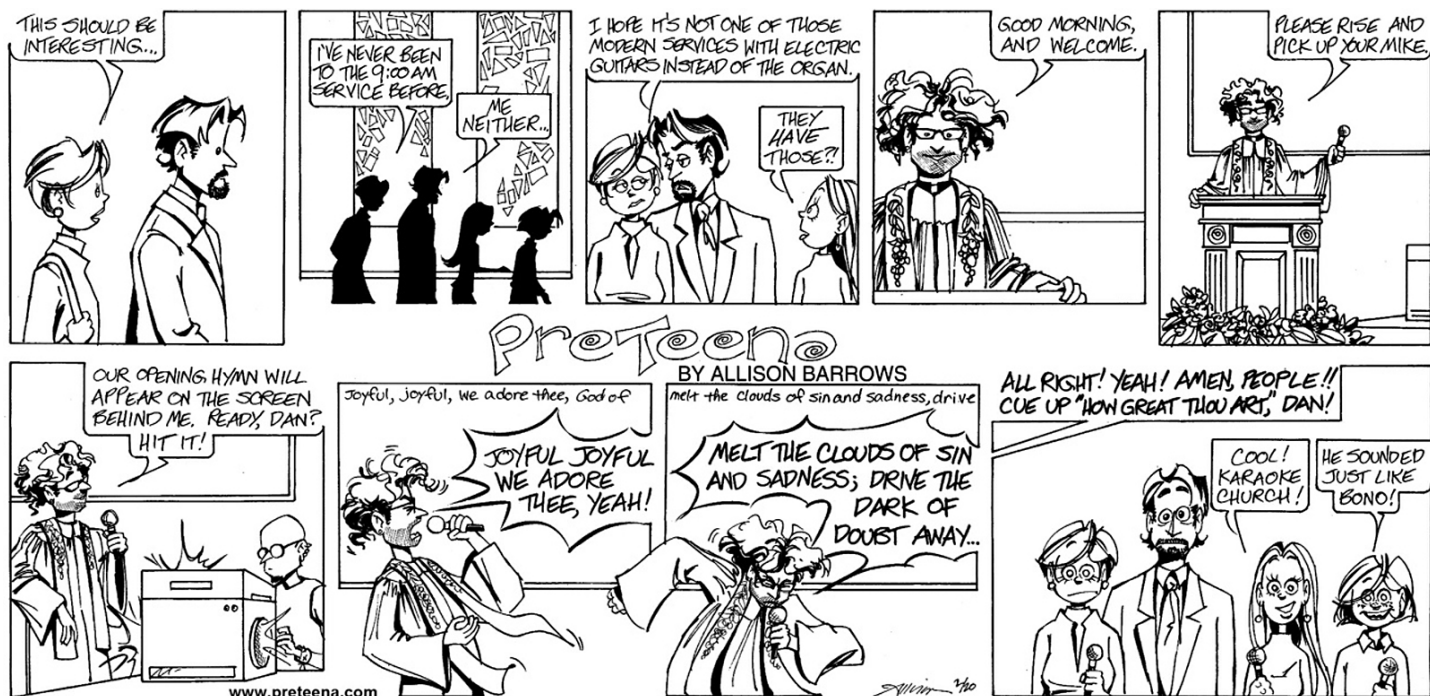
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Bald is Beautiful

Each year the Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC) holds a charity event to raise money for the care of patients suffering from cancer. The event is called *Bald is Beautiful*. Participants volunteer to get their heads shaved to honor those who have to deal with the after-effects of some cancer treatments. Funds raised go to The Cheshire Health Foundation, which handles delivery of the money to NCCC. Local residents Andrew and Victoria Riggio, Keanan Jasmine, and Shelley Wasklewicz and her two young sons regularly participate.

This year, Chili's of Keene has graciously offered two days in April as fund-raising days. On April 18th and 19th, patrons dining from 11AM-11PM and presenting the coupon shown here will help the cause: Chili's will donate 10% of the total meal cost to *Bald is Beautiful*. To help combat this awful disease, please consider eating at Chili's on either (or both!) of those two

days. Remember to bring the coupon with you and present it to your server.

You may donate directly to the *Bald is Beautiful* fund- raising team at www.bald-is-beautiful.org/cueballs. If you donate \$10 or more, a name of your choice will be printed on the team T-shirts. It's a positive way to show support for a friend or family member currently struggling with cancer, or to remember a loved one lost to it.

— Andrew Riggio



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With each flyer presented on Bald Is Beautiful night, Chili's will donate 10% of the sales you bring in to your organization. Let us do the cooking and support Bald Is Beautiful at the same time!

Bald Is Beautiful night is:

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Give Back Night flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount without flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.



Bensonwood & Unity Homes

Tedd Benson, founder of Bensonwood and Unity Homes, two of the nation's most progressive design/build firms has been chosen to co-chair the Building Design and Performance area of EcoHome Magazine's Vision 2020 initiative. As one of the nation's foremost homebuilders, Benson will meet quarterly with other experts, innovators and thought leaders to share research, uncover technological innovations, and help map a path toward sustainable building by the year 2020.

Though not common knowledge, the housing sector (including all the energy costs associated with building and inhabiting) is actually the lowest hanging fruit when it comes to combating climate change. As the largest consumer of energy, housing—more so than even transportation—can effect the quickest, most dramatic energy consumption turnaround using technologies available today. Benson will share how technologies he and others have developed can play an outsized role in addressing sustainability for the planet as well as for homeowners' comfort, quality of life, and financial health.

"It cannot be a pursuit of energy efficiency alone," explains Benson, "It has to include livability, strength, beauty (which is a primary driver of durability), and affordability. I call it our Vitruvian Imperative and my goal is to make it as sacred in the building industry as the Hippocratic Oath imperative, 'Do no harm,' has become in the medical field."

According to Benson, affordability is key to any truly sustainable strategy, both in the cost of the home and the operation of it. "At Bensonwood and our new sister company, Unity Homes, we added 'frugality' to the famous Vitruvian triad of beauty, function and strength. Energy frugality must be sought in concert with great design, solid engineering, and affordable cost. Sustainable buildings cannot stand on one or two of these legs; they must have all four. This is a critical imperative for our civilization and our planet," Benson emphasizes.

Bensonwood and Unity homes are highly fabricated at the companies' Blackjack facilities here in Walpole and wood working shop on Pratt Road, Alstead—and then rapidly assembled on the owners' own land.

This year, Bensonwood is celebrating its 40th anniversary in the greater Walpole area. The company's DNA is inextricably linked to the qualities of the region, where honesty, integrity, and everlasting beauty make it a great inspiration, a great home, and a great destination.

— David Donohue

Farmers Market

The final winter market will be held Saturday, April 20, from 11 AM to 1 PM in the Town Hall.

Our local farmers made good use of their greenhouses and cold storage to bring us fresh greens and a variety of root crops through the winter.

The weekly summer market season begins on Friday, May 10, the Friday before Mother's Day. The hours will be from 4 PM to 6 PM again this year.

For more information, see the WFM website at walpolefarmersmarket.com or Facebook page (search facebook.com for *Walpole Farmers Market*); email jill@walpolefarmersmarket.com or call 756-3168. There has been some confusion with the website for the Walpole Massachusetts Farmers Market website. If you don't see Tilly, the WFM hen, at the top of each page, you're on the wrong website!

— Jill Robinson

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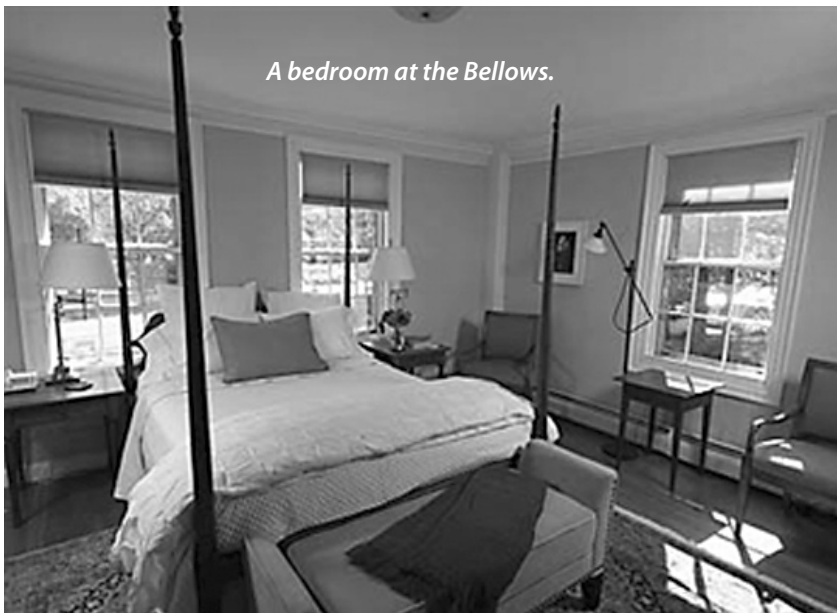
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A bedroom at the Bellows.

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Normally an easy task, the project was complicated by the fact that the padding had been firmly glued down, and required chiseling and heavy sanding. The bedrooms were then painted in light, fresh colors, further brightening each in the process. The eight elegantly-appointed and unique bedrooms are individually named after an area township, except for Room #1 which has been appropriately named The Bellows. Each room has its own bathroom with a shower or deep soaking tub, and three of the rooms have gas fireplaces for added ambiance and comfort.

The Inn has been welcoming guests since October. "Currently we are offering a light breakfast of local organic food for our guests. We are promoting the Inn," Steve told me, "with elegance, cleanliness and plenty of light. We want our guests to have a memorable stay that brings them back again and again." Recent guests have been largely referred by local residents, with some already reserving future dates.

The Inn is now open for special events, weddings and small corporate retreats. If you, or someone you know, would like to reserve the Inn for an occasion, please contact Melina. "I want to bring this area alive," Steve finished by telling me. "This summer we're planning to build an architectural stairway reuniting the Inn with the Potato Barn property that I bought in 2003. Later this year the Potato Barn property will be opened as an Art center with some light retail and professional office space." For more pictures, you can visit the Inn online at <http://www.bellowswalpoleinn.com/>

- Ray Boas

Great River Co-op

The Great River Co-op's second annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, from 6:30 to 8 PM at the Walpole Congregational Church on the Common in Walpole.

All members are welcome and are urged to attend. The Co-op is poised to meet new challenges and changes. Please plan to come and be part of the discussion.

Voting members will receive ballots by mail shortly, enabling them to vote for candidates for the board of directors. Ballots may be returned by mail, or you may bring your ballot with you to the meeting and turn it in at the door.

- Rob Kasper

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the petition filed by the landowners failed to limit its geographic applicability to the commercial district. The proposed change affects not only the commercial district but also the industrial district, the town well source protection district and the rural agricultural district. In Attorney Hockensmith's opinion, the new ordinance encumbers 14,497.09 acres in the town. Since the protest petition was signed only by the owners of 181.68 acres in or contiguous to the commercial zone, the 20% requirement for a successful protest was not met. Thus, a simple majority vote was sufficient to pass the article.

According to selectman, Whit Aldrich, the selectboard is concerned that there are numerous unintended consequences that arise from the adoption of the warrant article. First, the fact that "hazardous materials" is not defined in the ordinance leaves open the possibility that its provisions may apply to such routine practices as the use of salt on the town roads. Second, the fact that the ordinance applies to the entire rural agricultural district appears to require that any new application for a farm facility that could be used to store farm fertilizers or weed repellants and/or farm animal waste must meet the expanded engineering requirements of the ordinance. In addition, the routine installation of a septic system for a new home in the affected districts could also trigger extended engineering review under the ordinance. Further, the selectmen are concerned that the ordinance's requirement that "(t)he board of selectmen shall not issue a building permit before all fees are paid" puts the selectboard in the position of having to police the actions of the planning board and/or greatly limits the selectboard's previous authority to approve routine building permit applications.

The planning board will review the impact of the new ordinance on planning board procedures at its next meeting. Public comment is encouraged.

- Jan Kobeski

Walpole Schools

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2013, please call Deb Clark at 756-4241 to register for kindergarten.

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Letters & Commentary

Last November, we at the **Clarion** began discussions with several area printers when we knew we had to make a change. The best choice soon became evident. Beginning with our December issue, the paper has been being printed at The Village Printers in Bellows Falls. Working with Craig and Linda has been a very pleasurable, professional experience while producing a quality paper for our readers each month.

Personally, I have worked with The Village Printers for many years printing posters, tickets and programs for The Walpole Players' productions. The support and timeliness they provide keeps me going back. Successful printing is not just the end-product; it is the relationship developed and the ease of coordination. Additionally, I trust you have noticed the improved quality of the **Clarion** that is reaching you consistently at the beginning of each month. If you require print services, I encourage you to cross the river and discuss your needs with Linda and Craig at The Village Printers on Canal Street in Bellows Falls.

– Ray Boas

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6:30 - 7:30 PM

Friday: Family Dance Night

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Heila told them about her visits to Mecca. She also read the women passages from the Quran. Most of the women there had never seen a Quran, nor even had actual passages read to them. Only men attend prayer at the mosques, and the majority of the mullahs here are illiterate so it's uncertain they are using actual Quran quotes. I checked everyone's blood pressure, and Susan and Val handed out pots, pans, Tupperware and the women's jackets. All in all, it was pretty successful. Twenty-seven women attended, which is the largest official gathering of women in Mya Neshin since the last women's shura which was held in 1998. There were close to thirty-five children running amok. I attached a few pictures from the event. Thankfully the weather cooperated; a small dust storm blew in only shortly after we returned to the base. The weather in general over the past week has been beautiful - high of about 50/60 and 40's at night, clear skies. As you can see from some of the pictures, the apricot and almond trees are starting to bloom. I'm not looking forward to it warming up more, though, especially since we have to keep our legs and arms covered if we go out or when we see any locals at the clinic.

Supposedly seven women and seven men finished the first third of the three-part training to become Community Health Workers at the beginning of the week. This is a huge accomplishment, especially because Susan and I were able to successfully lobby the Provincial government to provide a trainer to actually come out to Mya Neshin. Originally we were going to train them once we identified three couples who were interested, but our community health radio messages generated enough interest that the volunteers doubled and we were able to get an official Afghan trainer from Kandahar City. At the end of the month we are having another CST, who is a midwife by trade, come out to the district to teach a female health seminar. We hope to identify willing women who can attend emergency-birth



Playing soccer with Afghan girls.

training later this year, and we'll have the same CST come back out. Our community health radio messages continue to air; we are on episode 6 and have five more to record. Surprisingly, we have received feedback that even the Taliban enjoy and support the community health radio series because it's for the good of the community. We have also been told that the Taliban want to meet with Heila, in part due to the fact that it is her voice on the radio, but also because she uses some quotes from the Quran in some of the messages. The topics we've covered lately have been child nutrition, vaccines and common childhood illnesses, burn care (they like to put toothpaste and mud on burns!), hydration and clean drinking water.

We have had an exponential increase in patients at the clinic, especially women. Some of you already know, but a few weeks ago an Afghan Local Police member brought his post-partum (day 3) wife to the DSP, telling us that she was hemorrhaging and probably had an allergic reaction to IVs she had received at the local clinic. She was brought in strapped to a bed, which was, in turn, strapped to the bed of a Toyota pickup truck. After all was said and done, she was actually fine, just not recovering quite as quickly as this was her 9th child in 12 years. Phew. So there was a lot of

patient education involved...we gave her plenty of prenatal vitamins and sent her on her way. The thing is, the rumors which spread around the villages were that she came to us near death, and she left walking. Now every woman who needs medical care harasses her husband to let her come see us. In truth, they cannot be properly seen at the local Zamto clinic because there are only male providers there and the women may not tell them in full all of their medical issues, while the male providers cannot perform actual exams other than blood pressure checks. That's another reason why the Community Health Worker program is such a big deal - because there will be seven women trained (when all is said and done) and they can provide at least primary screening and some preventative medical care and education. So Susan and I are keeping pretty busy, despite the fact that we don't go out too much anymore.

March in general will keep us pretty busy. I set up a Village Veterinary Outreach Program (VVOP) team to come out to Mya Neshin the week after next, and that will be a three-day event. The female health seminar is scheduled for the end of the month. Next thing you know it will be April, and I'll only have three months left! Does anyone have any requests for items from Afghanistan??

I hope this finds all of you well and staying warm - I've seen a bunch of news snippets about snow storms across the east coast. Miss you all loads, countdown is in the 120s! Hope you enjoy all the pictures - there are a bunch of them this go-round! Love you all,

- Demere

*Shura is Arabic for consultation. Afghans are encouraged to decide weighty matters in consultation with those whom the decision will affect.

Captain Demere Kasper and Afghan women.





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