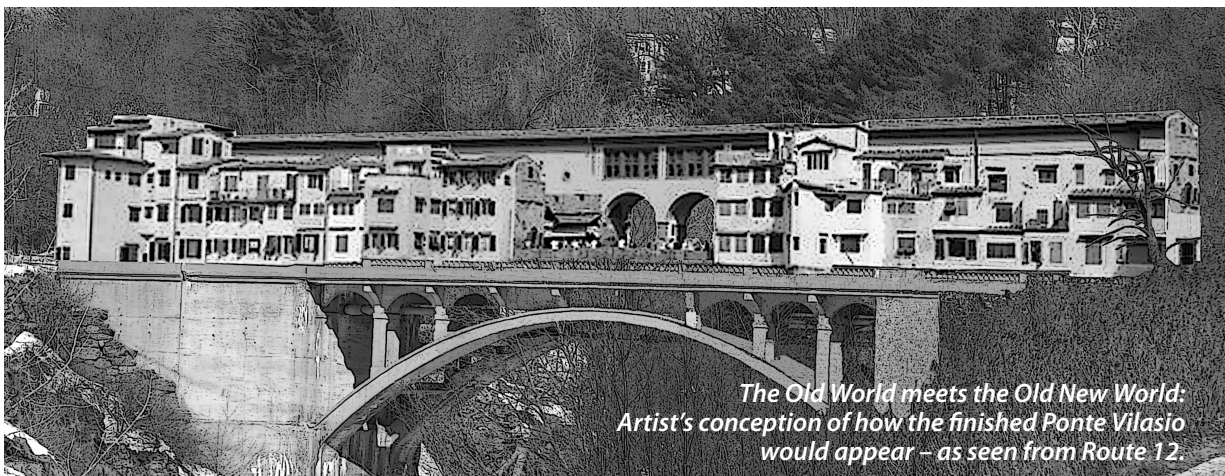




Bold Solution to Bridge Impasse



With frustration intensifying over the stalemate overrepairs to the Vilas Bridge connecting North Walpole and Bellows Falls, a concerned group of local business owners from both sides of the river recently met to discuss the crisis.

"As successful entrepreneurs, we are accustomed to thinking outside the box for solutions to knotty problems," said Bubba Bellows, owner of Bubba's Bison Bacon Burgers. Added Cornelia Abernathy, co-owner of Crash & Corny's Boutique, "We all said to ourselves, 'Heck, there's no predicament a bunch of determined Yankees can't figure a way out of!'"

Bellows, Abernathy and 5 other business owners met at Nick's in Bellows Falls several consecutive evenings and eventually came up with a remarkable solution. Noting that the bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic and that funding for its repair is unlikely to become available, Grayling Pike, owner of Cold River Bait & Tackle, suggested it be converted to a walking bridge. This idea was quickly expanded upon by Colombina Fedorovna. Just back from a Florence, Italy vacation, the Tuscan Blintz Café

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Walpole Compagnon

For the past 21 years, Bensonwood has maintained an active exchange with a 900-year-old guild of French artisans known today as the Compagnons du Devoir (Companions of Duty). This ancient guild was formed as western Europe entered the age of cathedral-building and needed craftsmen who were true masters of their trade. Between the cathedral era and the present time, their craftsmanship has continually been called upon. The Eiffel Tower was erected by Compagnon carpenters, as there were no true steelworkers in 1887. Similarly, the Statue of Liberty metalwork was created by Compagnons in the late 19th century, and its restoration was effected by members of this same organization in the late 20th. With skills and knowledge rooted in an ancient craft, these craftsmen have sought out Bensonwood's progressive, energy-efficient approach to home-building. At the same time in this mutual exchange, the Compagnons' deep roots have enriched and broadened our own craftsmen's understanding of timber carpentry and renewed our commitment to personal discipline and deep skills.

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WOOL-LP Wins FCC License

In 2006, Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company submitted an application for a new radio license along with thousands of other applicants, responding to the FCC's first opening for new licenses in more than twenty years. WOOL-LP, the community radio station started by the organization, had only been broadcasting a short while when the opportunity arose to increase its broadcast power. Today, after more than eight years of finagling, strategizing, fundraising, and borrowing, WOOL finalized the process and is now operating on a new frequency with a more powerful transmitter and is heard in many towns where its first station had been silent. Great Falls Community Broadcasting is the area's first independent, member-owned organization to receive such a license in decades. The station has stopped broadcasting on 100.1FM; its new frequency is 91.5FM.

The journey to this new license was Homeric. Given a three-and-a-half-year deadline to complete work on new broadcast facilities, the volunteers of

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We hope you enjoy the **Clarion's** first 24-page issue.

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WOOL were truly put to the test. As the drama mounted, obstacles increased. Engineers and attorneys battled with numbers and regulations. Financial shortcuts were blocked by congressional upheaval and partisan politics. Over the years, the governing character at WOOL changed as the Board of Directors became more dependent on volunteer DJs for decision-making. Moral support was enlisted from the Rockingham economic development office and the offices of Senator Leahy, Congressman Welch, and Governor Shumlin. Finally, installing the new antenna on the Mt. Kilburn tower was absurdly problematic in February's sub-zero weather, requiring convoys of donated half-tracks and snowmobiles to ferry people and equipment up the icy slopes. In the end, there wasn't a moment to spare. The antenna was installed and the transmitter turned on just one day before the deadline.

The power upgrade is only part of the story. "Our programming also has improved exponentially," says Mark Piepkorn, WOOL's de facto Program Director, "we have considerably more shows relevant to the community including a far greater percentage of locally-produced content. This isn't cookie-cutter radio, that's for sure; it's a growing expression of who we are."

WOOL's staff is entirely volunteer. Its on-air personalities hail from more than twenty towns and villages across Vermont and New Hampshire. The organization is a bona fide non-profit but receives no governmental or institutional funding. Instead, it's financed almost entirely by its members. The station intends to quickly increase its membership with its new signal.

If ever there was an organization pulled up by its own bootstraps, it's this one. In addition to the programming created at the station's studio in Bellows Falls, WOOL broadcasts a smattering of independently-produced shows and

some from the Pacifica Radio Network of which it is an affiliate. With most of the changeover behind them, the members of WOOL are focused on the future.

"We hope our new good fortune helps us maximize our goal to educate, entertain, and inspire our listeners and also to give our area a more cohesive and audible voice," says Gary Smith, a long-time WOOL volunteer. "Not only is the media landscape overrun by profiteers, most of them control their operations from a great distance away. Not so with WOOL."

Station president Bill Holtz continues the thought, "NHPR and VPR are great networks and we're lucky to have them on the dial. But community radio like WOOL is less concerned with national and international news and more interested in the people of our own region. We're even luckier to have WOOL on that dial." Already broadcasting under Program Test Authority, the station expects final license approval from the FCC in the first week of April. People wishing to become members can get information and even listen online at the station's newly overhauled website at www.wool.fm.

For more information contact Gary Smith at gary@blacksheepradio.org

— Gary Smith

Cabaret Fund Raiser

To Benefit Spencer Harrington

The First Congregational Church will be holding its Annual Cabaret on Saturday evening, May 3. The event will unveil the church's newly-renovated Fellowship Hall. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM.

Light refreshments will be served at intermission. Admission will be by donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Spencer Harrington Fund. Anyone interested in participating in the Cabaret should contact David Westover at 756-4358.

— David Westover



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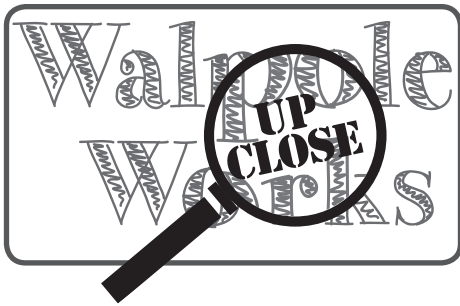
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Not Your Nana's Knickers

Although not yet ready to open its doors, the newest business to find Walpole a desirable location will be front and center on Main Street, moving into the space soon to be vacated by the Walpole Salon – which will be moving to L.A. later this month as the new, exclusive stylists for the Oscars, as well as for the American Idol and Walking Dead television programs.

A retail clothing and accessories boutique, Not Your Nana's Knickers will offer peignoir sets, lingerie, corsets, bustiers, garter belts, leather chokers with spikes and chains, and other adult fantasy garments. Enthuses Veronique LaFlame, owner of (and primary model for) the titillating business, "Ooh, ze lacy underthings we have for ze ladies will bring zere men to zere knees!" In addition to the main sales floor at Not Your Nana's Knickers there will be two other rooms for adult books and videos, and adult toys. Admittance to these rooms will be restricted to those 18 and older. A government-issued ID will be required as proof of age.

Madame LaFlame recently immigrated to New Hampshire from Paris, Maine, where she ran a successful poodle-grooming business for 8 years. "At first, eet was so nice to make ze doggies look zere best, but after so long, eet became just wash, wash, wash and brush, brush, brush and cleep, cleep, cleep and I was so bored. I have always been eenterested in fashion, so I began to dress up just a leetle bit when I styled ze doggies' fur. Ze corsets and ze thongs were so much more – how you say? – comfortable to work in. But zen, some of my customers began to complain because zere husbands brought zere dogs to be groomed every day! Ooh la-la, eet just became too much."

Madame LaFlame is most anxious to become a contributing citizen of the town. She has many ideas and suggestions for activities and even fundraising events, from home parties to fashion shows. Opines the boudoir-wear maven, "Ze dinner-auction is so passé."

– Barbara Kasper

YMCA

Offers Vacation Camp in Walpole

Meeting Waters YMCA will open the doors to its Y-ASPIRE program in Walpole to all elementary school students in the Fall Mountain Regional School District during the upcoming April break. The "Vacation Camp" will provide full day care for working parents and their children from Monday the 21st through Friday the 25th.

Y-ASPIRE runs from 8:00 until 6:15 during all school vacations, teacher in-service days, and most holidays as well as from 3:00-6:15 on all 180 school days. Vacation Camp extends this valuable support to other parents that need quality, engaging and enriching care during the school system's spring break. Each day will include group projects, physical activity, two healthy snacks (parents provide a healthy lunch), arts projects, and free choice time (reading, board games, drawing, writing, legos, and more).

Vacation Camp will be held in Y-ASPIRE's base of operations in the Community Room at Walpole Primary School, as well as on the school's fields and playground. It will be led by the Meeting Waters YMCA's Y-ASPIRE and Walpole Schools' staff.

Registration for Vacation Camp is now open. The cost for Vacation Camp is \$125 for the week or \$30 per day. New Hampshire Child Care Financial Assistance is accepted. Other financial aid is available through Meeting Waters YMCA. As in all of its programs, the Y will deny no child access to Vacation Camp for lack of ability to pay the full program fees.

To register for Vacation Camp, call the regional Y's main office at (802) 463-4769 or email info@meetingwatersymca.org. For more information about Meeting Waters YMCA, visit www.meetingwatersymca.org or follow it on Facebook.

Founded in 1895, Meeting Waters YMCA is a charitable, social service organization serving the Fall Mountain, Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield regions. It strengthens the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living, social responsibility and family strengthening.

– Steve Fortier

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– Walter Winchell

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More details will be forthcoming next month, including where tickets may be purchased.

– Peggy Pschirrer



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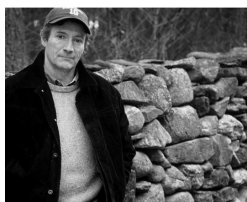
Historical Society

Annual Meeting

The Walpole Historical Society annual meeting and dinner is Tuesday, April 8 at 6PM, followed at 7PM by a presentation on New England Stone Walls. We welcome the public to join us at 7PM for the latest offering in the Historical Society's Speaker Series. There is no charge to the public for this speaker event.

WALPOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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DISCOVERING NEW ENGLAND STONE WALLS



with stone wall
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**Kevin
Gardner**

The stone walls of New England are the subject of this presentation by Kevin Gardner, noted authority on the subject. At the Town Hall on April 8 at 7 PM, Mr. Gardner will offer a memorable experience to the audience during the presentation entitled *Discovering New England Stone Walls*. As he describes the many aspects of the stone walls which characterize the New England landscape, he will gradually construct a miniature stone wall on a tabletop. Mr. Gardner is the fourth speaker in the Walpole Historical Society's speaker series, which is free and open to the public.

Mr. Gardner brings wide experience, to the subject of stone walls. A New Hampshire native, he has been involved in the family business of stone wall construction and is also the author of *The Granite Kiss*, about New England stone walls. Mr. Gardner explores the history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics of stone walls. He explains how New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they were built, and how their styles changed over time. If time permits, he may also discuss differences in approach between historical and contemporary wall-builders, a discussion of restoration tips and techniques, and information about design, acquisition of materials, preservation, and analysis. The talk will conclude with a question-and-answer period, during which listeners are encouraged to bring up specific problems or projects on their own properties. For further information, please contact the Walpole Historical Society through www.WalpoleHistory.org.

– Sally McGaffigan

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The Clarion has learned that attendees of the 199th annual meeting of the Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers were stunned this January when they were confronted with an actual pilferer. According to a W.S.F.B.T.J.H.T.A.P. member who wished to remain anonymous:

"All 260 or so of us had just listened to the minutes and were looking forward to the treasurer's report when this guy burst in. At first, only the guys by the door noticed, but pretty soon the whole room got real quiet. He was wearing a Patriots hoodie that blocked his vision so he appeared a little confused. I thought he was a bit on the chubby side, but then I realized he had what looked like 20 - 30 feet of clothesline wrapped around his waist... and a chicken under one arm. The chicken looked annoyed.

"I'd never been face-to-face with one before, but dollars-to-donuts that was a pilferer – the chicken kinda gave him away. Don't think he expected to run into 260-odd Horse Thieves, but once he saw we had him outnumbered, he backed out the way he came in.

"Though we're all a bit out of practice with this sort of thing, it is in our mission statement, so we sprang into action. The sergeant-at-arms made a motion to table the treasurer's report – which was seconded and approved by acclamation; then a motion was made from the floor to form a posse to apprehend the scallawag. That was also seconded... and the floor opened for questions and discussion. After about 20 minutes of pretty lively debate, we voted by a show of hands, and a careful count showed the motion carried by a comfortable margin.

"Volunteers were called for, and once those 50 or 60 Horse Thieves fanned out in hot pursuit, the rest of us finished dessert and formed an ad hoc committee to look into replenishing our supplies of feathers and tar – pending the pilferer's apprehension. No sign of him yet, but we know what he looks like. After all, how many people wearing Patriots hoodies and carrying a chicken under one arm can there be? It's only a matter of time. The minutes at the 200th annual meeting are going to be a hoot!"

– K. Passa

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Distant Hill

Cabin Fever Got You Down?

Have you been climbing the walls this winter? You're definitely not alone! Cabin Fever is a common malady after a cold, snowy winter like the one we just experienced. The best therapy for a bout of cabin fever is to go outdoors and interact with nature. Spring is finally here (or so says the calendar!) and the weather is bound to improve, making it easier to

get out. But the effects of your cabin fever may stay with you for quite some time.

A visit to Distant Hill Gardens might be just what the doctor ordered.

Distant Hill Gardens will be open to the public again this year on the first Saturday of the month, May to October, 9 AM to 4 PM. Stop by and tour the cultivated gardens, hike one of the many trails, search for caterpillars in the Milkweed Meadow, check out the Stone Circle, or join us for one or all of our six educational 'Walks & Talks'.

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– Virginia Carter

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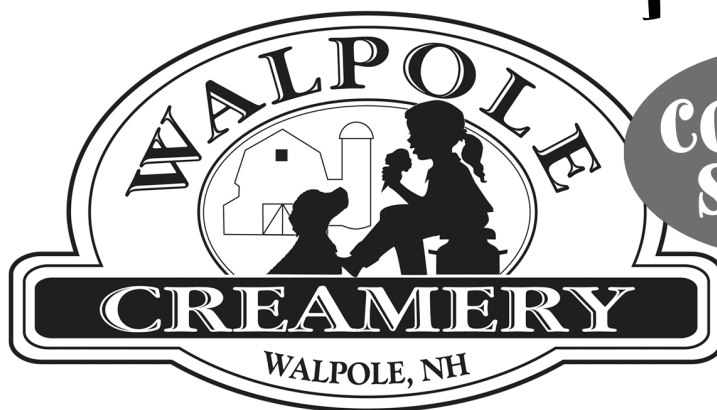
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Walpole Creamery

Original Ice Cream Parlor Re-opens

Are you more than ready for true spring weather? Have you also been longing for the one and only original Walpole Creamery ice cream? Well, cheer up! You will be able to satisfy that craving with delicious cones, sundaes and other scoop shop treats when the Creamery reopens its ice cream parlor in its original location on Saturday, May 3. The Walpole Creamery is still the only shop in town where the ice cream is made from scratch with local cows' milk and all natural ingredients -- no imported base mix.

The staff at the Creamery is working hard to prepare for the grand opening. Previous president, Jack Franks, is no longer with the company; Rob Kasper is now the majority owner and new president. Bobby Dorman, WC's award-winning ice cream chef, is Director of Plant Operations. Eric Landfried continues as Director of Delivery services and Logistics. Eddie Boyd, the longest-serving staff member, assists Mr. Dorman; and Bryan Ganoe and Greg Peruzzi round out the production staff. New to the Creamery this year is Lee Hentschel, who will be managing the ice cream parlor in Walpole.

In addition to updating the plant, the parlor, and operations, the production staff is developing many new creations to complement existing favorites. First up will be a new line of sorbets which will be dairy-, fat- and gluten-free, with flavors like Cantaloupe Kiss, Dazzling Daiquiri, Whole Lotta Colada, and Blood Orange Bliss. The current, super premium line will include some new flavors as well (hint: do you like pralines?). Finally, some seasonal

flavors that garnered a huge fan base have graduated from being available only in single servings to being offered in take-home pints (Strawberry Lemon, for example).

New flavors, ice cream parlor specials and other Walpole Creamery news will be posted on the Creamery's website and Facebook page on a weekly basis. Make it a point to stop in and check out the Sundae Specials, new flavors, and/or your all-time favorites on May 3. Remember – the **ONLY** place in town where you can find true, original Walpole Creamery ice cream cones and sundaes will be at the Walpole Creamery Ice Cream Parlor.

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Genealogy

The Walpole Historical Society will sponsor another free Genealogy Workshop on Thursday, April 8, from 10-12 NOON. We welcome beginners as well as experienced persons. Hints regarding research sources as well as stone walls will be shared. Call for reservation at 756 2933. More information can be found on the Walpole Historical Society website: walpolehistory.org.

— Jeanne A Jeffries

All Saints Parish

Lent: A Time of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting

We are upon the holy season of Lent, a time to draw close to God in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross during Lent:

Mondays: St. Catherine of Siena Church
7 PM

Fridays - St. Peter Church – 7 PM

Please note that during Lent, Holy Mass is celebrated on Fridays at 6:30 PM and not 8:30 AM.

Lenten Penance Service:

There will be a Penance Service on Sunday, March 30, at St. Peter Church, with three other priests assisting Father Steven Lepine in hearing confessions.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, April 13, and concludes at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19.

Palm Sunday Weekend

April 12 - 4:00 PM Mass - St. Peter Church

April 13 - 8:30 AM Mass - St. Peter Church

10:30 AM Mass, St. Catherine of Siena

Holy Thursday - April 17

7 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
St. Peter Church

Good Friday - April 18

Stations of the Cross – 3 PM

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Service of the Lord's Passion – 7 PM

St. Peter Church

Holy Saturday - April 19

Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM - St. Peter Church

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30 AM Mass - St. Peter Church

10:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine of Siena

For updates on events, log on to our website at www.allsaintsnh.net.

MacLean/Clark Fundraiser

A fundraiser has been set up to help Travis Clark and Caitlin MacLean (both lifelong Walpoleans) begin to rebuild their lives after a devastating house fire that took place on the night of March 8.

The fire destroyed the home where they lived on Valley Road, and **all** their belongings. Thank goodness no one was hurt, however they lost **everything**. Their children, ages 2 and 5, are now without their toys, clothing, etc. This young family is in great need. Please consider donating at: YOUCARING.COM - Clark/MacLean Fire Relief.

Thank you!

— Deborah Clark

St John's Episcopal

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm/Passion Sunday April 13

Palms, Passion, and Communion, 10 AM

Wednesday, April 16: Communion, 12 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Focusing on the Last Supper and Betrayal, Communion service ending with Stripping the Altar

Good Friday, April 18

Good Friday liturgy, 12 PM

Easter, April 20

The Day of Resurrection! Glorious music, liturgy, and Communion, 10 AM

Walpole Unitarian Church

We will be offering a **Maundy Thursday** service and meal on Thursday, April 17 at 5:30PM in our Hastings Memorial House. All are welcome. Our **Easter Service** is titled *Finding the Light*, led by Rev. Telos Whitfield with special music and song at 10 AM on Easter Sunday.

Share the Warmth Heating Fund

This has been a long and particularly cold winter for all of us, especially those who are most in need. We have many families and people in our community struggling to pay their heating bills. If you would like to contribute to their efforts this winter, please write a check to Walpole Community Christmas Fund (WCCF), and in the subject line write "heating fund."

Please send your donation to Walpole Unitarian Church, Attn: Rev. Telos Whitfield, P.O. Box 849, Walpole, NH, 03608. The Heating Fund is part of the WCCF, which is a relief effort supported and administered by our churches in Walpole for many years – St. John's Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church of Walpole, All Saints Parish, and Walpole Unitarian Church. For more information or assistance, contact any of the clergy in town. Thank you for supporting your neighbors in need!

— Rev. Telos Whitfield

Spring Craft Fair

St John's Episcopal Church is pleased to sponsor the 2014 Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, May 31, at the Walpole Town Hall. Local artists and craft persons will be displaying beautiful handmade items, including paintings, jewelry, woodworking, soaps and fragrances, jams, and more. New vendors are welcome. For more information, go to St John's website: www.stjohnswalpole.org. Registration forms may be downloaded from the webpage and returned with the registration fee to St John's Church, PO Box 179, Walpole, NH 03608.

— Susan Kershaw



Photo Provided

Back Row: Morgan Latham, Clay Gendron, Spencer Bogar, Thomas Jelliffe, Chris Henry, Mitchell Klema; Front Row: Dylan Peck, Kari Fletcher, Bailey Roberts, Robert Franklin (not in photo: Sonja Hansson)

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— Peggy Pschirrer

Walpole Grange

On March 18, Walpole Grange members heard Sheldon Sawyer dispel several myths surrounding the Hooper Study Committee's recommendations for the Hooper property, and the myth that Walpole is no longer an agricultural community. His talk was a walk down memory lane for some; for others, a chance to become acquainted with the rich agricultural history of our community.

April 4 at 7 PM in the Town Hall, the Walpole Grange will host an Ice Cream Social with guest speaker National Grange Master Ed Luttrell, speaking on volunteerism and leadership. Members of the Walpole Grange Leadership Academy will also be recognized for their participation in the 2013-2014 academy programs. Please join us for what promises to be an informative and fun evening.

The Grange meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

— Steve Dalessio

Scholar Athletes

Five Walpole teens were among a group of Fall Mountain Regional High School students honored for their academic and athletic achievements by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association. The Scholar Athlete Award winners were recognized for their achievements at the Division III Awards Ceremony held at the Center for the Arts in Concord, on March 17.

Walpole was well-represented in the group by Spencer Bogar, Kari Fletcher, Sonja Hansson, Morgan Latham and Bailey Roberts.

Nominees for the annual Scholar Athlete Award were required to meet several criteria: they must be a New Hampshire high school senior; they must have a B+ average throughout their high school careers; they must letter and be currently active in at least two NHIAA recognized sports (including the current spring sports season), and they must be positive role models who have participated in Community Service activities.

— Jan Kobeski

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Paul Harlow of Harlow Farms will discuss local and organic gardening and its economic and environmental importance. A third-generation local farmer, Paul's 150 acre family farm in Westminster, VT, produces vegetables, fruits and berries, poultry, eggs, beef, lamb and pork. The farm is a pioneer in Vermont organic gardening, having been certified organic in 1985.

Jennifer Cayer Garvey, chef/owner of Strong Roots Catering and former Executive Chef at the Inn at Weston and Windham Hill Inn, will conduct a food demonstration and tasting. Raised on a family farm in Barnard, VT, she brings farm-to-table cooking to extraordinary heights. Her cooking demonstration will offer practical tips and delicious tastings.

For the past three years, Parks Place's events have featured speakers whose focus has been exclusively gardening. This year, the focus will expand to incorporate local farms and food. Development Director Margaret Grisczenkow stated, "Parks Place has long been about community—fostering and strengthening it through a welcoming resource center that ensures accessibility to much needed human and social services. Similarly, food is about community and through this event we are working to underscore, emphasize and celebrate that connection."

Position Open

Office Administrator

The First Congregational Church of Walpole will have an opening for an Office Administrator starting July 1, 2014. This position requires proficiency in Microsoft Office, commitment to good interpersonal relationships, teamwork and a pleasant personality.

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Contact Elizabeth Prentiss at 756-4075 on Friday mornings for further details.

— Jan Martin

Major sponsors of the event include: Cota & Cota, Durand Toyota Ford, Ed and Carolyn Dinnany, Elizabeth McCormack, MJS Landscape, Savings Bank of Walpole, Silver Forest, Sovernet Communications and Vermed, Inc. Others who gave at the supporter level include Orianna Baez, Dr. Tim Johnson, the Grisczenkow Family, Miriam and Larry Lanata, Lisai's Chester Market, the Richards Group, SoLo Farm & Table, the Springfield Co-op and Westminster Fit Body Bootcamp.

"All of these local businesses...are what contribute to the character and fabric that is Vermont," Grisczenkow added. "Through this event we want to encourage relationships with our local business, and we especially want people...to think about their relationship with food and what it means for themselves and their neighbors. Relationships have been the foundation of Parks Place's success and the same applies to the arena of food production for our region. We must invest locally for these entities to flourish. And, we must also turn our attention to individual and community gardens and the role they play in our environment."

Admission to the event is by donation. There will be refreshments (in addition to the tasting), along with a cash bar. And, there will be a silent auction of just food-related items including gift certificates to the Old Town Farm Inn, the Saxtons River Inn, Grafton Inn, Pizza Stone, Burdick's, the Vermont Country Store and Blake Hill Preserves (list to date).

Donations in support of the event, and also food-related silent auction items, are desired at this time. Please contact our offices at 802-463-9927 x109 with inquiries or to make a contribution. Silent auction donations are a great way to promote your business. Donations in honor of food-related businesses and their proprietor(s) are being encouraged as a way to recognize what they do for the community. Tributes will be notified, if desired.

— Margaret Grisczenkow

Hooper Golf Club

Hello everyone - it's great to be writing again. Happy Spring, and welcome to the 2014 Golf Season!

Our Number 1 priority this time of year at Hooper Golf Club is filling our membership. It's certainly the most intimate way to be part of the Club. Membership provides voting rights, all the golf you can play, access to tournaments and leagues, as well as a way to meet and build relationships with people in the community. To join, simply stop in the pro shop and we can sign you up that day.

Membership rates vary depending on whether you join as an individual, couple, family, or junior (through age 25). Again this year, Hooper will be extending a discount for new individual members at a rate of \$600. All other membership fees are as follows: individual \$670, individual weekday only \$570, couple \$1050, family \$1150, and junior \$145.

We have always tried to make our membership affordable and value-oriented. Nothing is better for the golf club than having a strong, thriving, active membership. If you haven't played in a while and need a little freshening up, remember the Hooper Pro Shop provides lessons as well as merchandise from all the major brands in golf (including logo-ed merchandise). Prices are discounted from the sporting goods stores you see in Keene, and you are supporting a local small business with someone who will remember your name.

Thanks for reading and please do stop in and get involved at "The best little golf club in New England." (Yankee Magazine, May 2009)

—Ron Rosko

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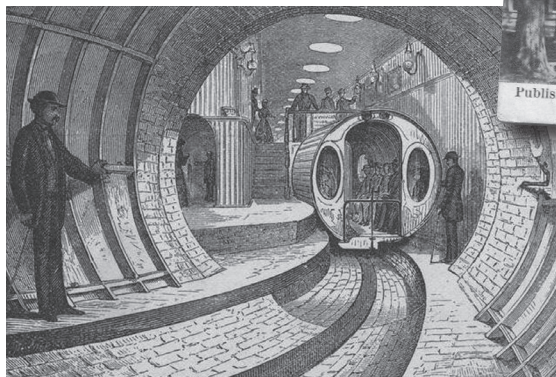
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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...several of Walpole's foremost citizens proposed, funded, and almost completed the first submarine tunnel under the Connecticut River from Walpole to Bellows Falls? In the mid-19th century, Horace Greeley, in favor of westward expansion, encouraged "Go West, Young Man;" and everyone was in the spirit of "moving on."

In response to Greeley, a good number of transportation solutions were proposed to open Walpole to the world. Ideas included: an aerial tramway, a subway to New York City, an interurban down Main Street to Keene, and even hot air balloons. The great conservationist, George Perkins Marsh, warned Walpole's Selectmen at their first meeting in April of 1881 that the aerial tram would be a blight on the environment, and commented, "Who would want to travel to the filth in New York City." Reflecting upon Greeley's statement and Marsh's concerns, Moses Aldrich, Laurence Bellows, and Jerome Hubbard saw this as their destiny - to "Go West Underground to Bellows Falls."



Proposed Subway Station under Walpole's Square

The three men pooled their assets and sold shares in their newly incorporated "BF Tunnel - It is not BS." Soon more than \$7 million was raised (about \$172,295,690 today). Surveying began, and excavation commenced at the logical point in Walpole's Square. The aging open air bandstand had recently been removed and there was space in the middle of the intersection of Main and Westminster Streets. But the first of many problems erupted. After digging about 15 feet for the proposed palatial subterranean station, a spring was encountered and water spouted more than 40 feet into the atmosphere. It was an ominous beginning, but they rallied and instead turned this water spout into the water fountain we enjoy to this day. Similar works began at several stages along the route to "the island" in Bellows Falls. To save excavation expense (since it was already there), the "underground railway" tunnel remaining from Civil War days from Copley Amory's

recently purchased Bellows Homestead was incorporated. Sadly, it soon collapsed. Further along the route, Indian remains (with imbedded musket balls) were found at the approximate location of John Kilburn's house. The Town Archeologist, Zephyr Southway, immediately halted work along that stretch. Looking at the forensic markings on the Indian's balls, it was obvious this kill was caused by a shot fired from Kilburn's wife's musket in 1755.

19th Century Artist's conception of Walpole's transportation solutions



Surveying marks were made on the cliffs in Bellows Falls. Soon, however, this foolish cavernous project was exceeding budget and about to be abandoned. To help avoid embarrassment caused by the failed project, the rumor was cleverly circulated that those surveying marks were actually Indian Petroglyphs - a "fact" still believed to this day.

After an aggressive 3,197 and a half days of construction effort, Aldrich, Bellows, and Hubbard threw their



Moses Aldrich's Bellows Falls surveying marks

hands up and stopped the project. Not wanting to appear a failure after all the funds expended, they instead dug two pedestrian tunnels under the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks in North Walpole. "Hey, it is underground passage," they announced in their closing press release.

Aldrich went back to his woodshed and began making replacement tires for the new fangled "horseless carriages," but Mr. Benny F. Good soon bought him out, forming B. F. Goodrich Tires. Larry Bellows started thinking about an air-moving device for blacksmiths, hoping that it could be named after him; and, Jerome Hubbard decided to go play with his chickens.

Sadly, the two tunnels the trio did create were closed the day before the ceremonies adding them to the National Historic Register were to be held. Although the historical record is spotty, it appears this was "by order of the Walpole Town Selectmen." It has been theorized that they (the selectmen) had something to hide, and hid it in the tunnels.

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A big thank you to all the individuals and families who came out for the first-ever Winter Festival at the Hooper Institute and Hooper Golf Club. The Savings Bank of Walpole generously supported our efforts so all the events and food were free. Several other businesses also contributed by donating goods and services: Allen Bros., Burdick Chocolates, Shaw's, Best Septic, Great Brook Farm, Green Mountain Orchard, Peter Graves, E.E. Houghton, the Walpole Police Department, the Walpole Highway Department, the Fall Mountain School system, and the Hooper Hill Hoppers. Thanks to all our supporters, attendees and volunteers – we had a terrific time.

Why did the Hooper Preservation Fund decide to have a Winter Festival? We wanted to highlight the winter uses of the Hooper Golf Club land and bring attention



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to the Hooper Institute, whose programs will benefit from the doubling of the Hooper Trust when the Conservation Easement is in place and the Hooper land is sold.

The Hooper Institute's Director, Eloise Clark, and the Assistant Director, Rebecca Whippie, fulfill the the wishes of George L. Hooper by providing weekly classes and projects to elementary and middle school students in agriculture, botany, soils, forestry and environmental sciences. In the summer, the Institute is home to several summer camp programs focused on the same subject areas, as well as to a woodworking program. High School students have the opportunity to work as interns on local farms and orchards funded by the Hooper Institute. In addition, a grant program for individual students provides funds for special





Snowshoers set off on a trek.

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projects in agriculture, animal husbandry, environmental sciences, botany and forestry. The Institute is also home to the Community Gardens, and its annual report is available in the Walpole Annual Report for 2013. It is well worth reading.

The Walpole School System used the Hooper Institute for its agricultural curriculum until the creation of the Fall Mountain School system. Under the terms of the Hooper Will, only Walpole Students may benefit from the interest earned by the Hooper Trust, so the programs shifted to the elementary and middle school. The Institute also houses a museum of the agricultural history of Walpole which, if you didn't visit during the Winter Festival, you must see when it is open. It chronicles life on the farm in Walpole, has hands-on exhibits, and features pictures of past summer programs.

When you support the Conservation Easement effort you are also supporting the future of the Hooper Institute.

— Peggy Pschirrer



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Clean Up Day

On Saturday, April 20 of last year, more than sixty volunteers gathered for Walpole's first official "Clean Up Day." Volunteer families came from all over town and included members of the 4H Club, Girl Scout Troop #20018, and Boy Scout Troop #229. In three hours, the volunteers covered almost twenty miles of road, collecting trash that included 33 tires, 188 pounds of mixed metals, 2 1/2 gallons of antifreeze, piles of cans and bottles - and an entire toilet! Used diapers, box springs and mailboxes are just some of the more unusual items found. When the collection was finished, prizes were awarded, chili and coffee were consumed, and every one of the tired participants vowed to come back and do it again next year.

Well - it's next year, and we're doing it again!

Our second annual Walpole "Clean Up Day" will be Saturday, April 26 (in observance of Earth Day 4 days prior). All volunteers will meet at the Town Hall to get their team and route assignments, pile of blue bags, and hot coffee for fortification. Then the hunt for trash begins! We want to exceed last year's numbers, so we need everyone to come and lend a hand. It's dirty. It's grubby. But it's fun! Think of it as a spring cleaning for our roads...

We'll meet at 8:00 in the morning. Bring your family and friends. Bring your work gloves, waterproof shoes/boots and bright clothing. We will be finished by 11:00, when the collected trash will be heaped on the Common for prize judging. Anyone with a truck is especially welcome! We look forward to another great day when we can come together as a community to spiff up our wonderful town for spring!

If you have any questions, call Tara Sad at 756-4861. See you all on the 26th!

- Tara Sad

WRAP

The WRAP Committee lost two valuable members last year: Phoebe Reynolds retired and Carol Christian moved. However, we are happy to welcome Joe Beer and Barbara Chabot. Joe, a retired Fall Mountain teacher, is new to the board; and his parents were part of the small group responsible for our present Recycling/Transfer Center. Barbara is a long-time volunteer who previously served on the board and has agreed to return...sort of self-recycling. WRAP meets the third Thursday of each month, 3:00 PM at the Town Hall - public welcome!

Here's the deal on compact fluorescent bulbs (you know - the "curly" ones): take them to Home Depot where they are recycled **for free**. Our Recycling Center **can** take them, but we have to pay one of our employees to drive that big truck to Home Depot. So, it's cheaper if you take your own. And if you are headed for Keene anyway, please stop by the Recycling Center to pick up some of these critters and take them to Home Depot for us!

Thank you to Carolyn Norback for her article referring to the traffic pattern and safety concerns at the Recycling Center. I would like to add a concern about backing up. On a busy day you can often get boxed in by people just starting to unload. Ordinarily, if you can back up a couple of feet you can jockey your way out. My concern is kids. Kids are certainly welcome at the

Center, and we admire and encourage parents teaching and including their children in the process. They are our future and they're cute. They are also short, fast and easily distracted. So, if it is a busy day and you have to back up, please just ask someone to be another set of eyes and go slowly.

See you recycling (and hopefully joining our illustrious group of dedicated volunteers)!

- Dodie Ransome



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The Village Archaeologist



Over my years of research into the history of this area, I've come across scads of little-known snippets of local trivia. Most of it is rather mundane; for instance: Walpole was the first town in Cheshire County to utilize a horse-drawn road-grader; or, there are two official spellings of "Cold River" (Cold River and the old English, Cowld River). But some of the information I've learned is more interesting - even salacious. Were you aware that Walpole once contained not one, but two 19th century, revivalist communes of nudists? It turns out that not only civil Libertarians were drawn to New Hampshire by their independent-minded appreciation of our state motto, "Live Free or Die;" so too, were the members of the Tickenecket Community. Free of clothes, anyway.

Religious revivals swept across the United States at the beginning of the 19th century in what has been termed The Second Great Awakening. Among the many new Protestant off-shoots was a group founded by Social Gospel preacher, John Langley-Patterson. The

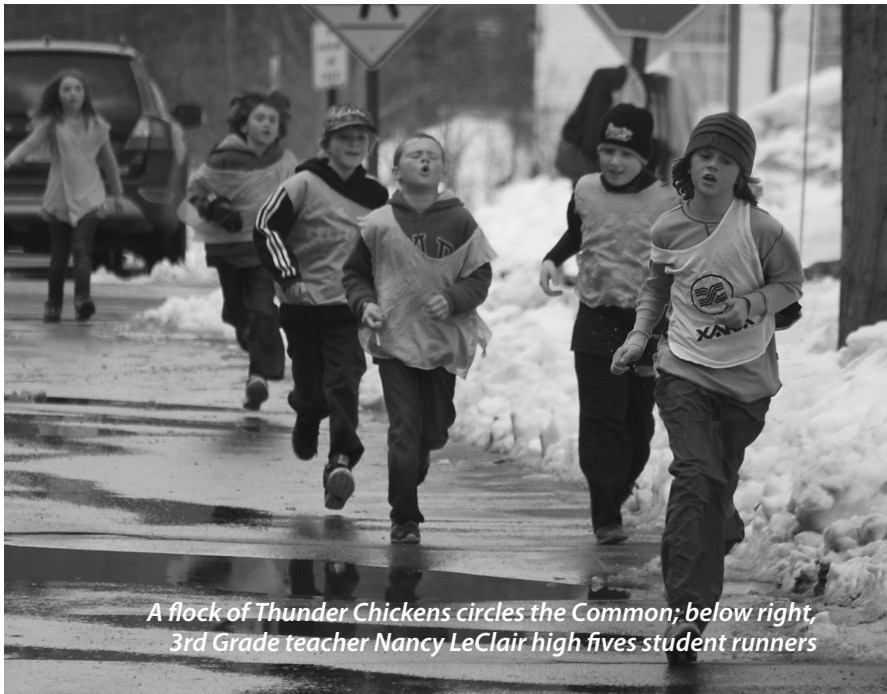
good preacher believed that humans were, in fact, free of sin and as perfect on earth as they were in the Garden of Eden before Adam, Eve, snakes and apples. So, like Adam and Eve prior to that damnable fruit cocktail, humans could and should live a life free of all the encumbrances he felt were imposed on them by society. Fired by the spirit of community-living and encouraged by like-minded, trouser-free lifestyle adherents, Langley-Patterson set up a self-sustaining farm off River Road in 1852. He named it the Tickenecket Community, after the Native American word for peace and freedom.

The population of the community grew between 1852 and 1856, reaching close to 60 members. But all was not paradise in paradise. Internal conflict began to threaten communal harmony and soon two separate factions began to settle out: a placid group, headed by founder John Langley-Patterson, and another more vocal collection of members, headed by member Obedience Knight. The groups' problems came to a head in 1858, when the community's pigs had wandered far from home and destroyed much of a neighboring farm's cucumber crop. Langley-Patterson, wishing to be a good neighbor, wanted to offer up one of the

pigs as compensation to the farmer, but Knight's group did not agree. Knight maintained that the pigs, like their human counterparts at the commune, were only doing what came naturally to them. The neighbor, he insisted, was the one with a problem - living an outmoded existence, too reliant on fences and control. The ensuing fight between the two groups dissolved all their remaining goodwill toward one another. The Knight-headed group moved to a smaller dwelling on the property, while the rest stayed in the main house. However, soon even that degree of separation was not enough. By the mid-1860s, the group had basically dissolved. Times were changing and membership was in steep decline during the Civil War, as most of the men enlisted. Those who were left decided to move to New York State and live among the similarly-sentimented Oneida Community.

So, next time you are thinking nothing interesting ever happens in this small town, just remember the Tickeneckets.... and that if it were not for some free-spirited pigs, Walpole might still today be a nudist colony.

- Gail Golec



A flock of Thunder Chickens circles the Common; below right, 3rd Grade teacher Nancy LeClair high fives student runners

Thunder Chickens



You may have noticed a bunch of chickens running through town recently - Thunder Chickens, that is. What's a Thunder Chicken, you ask? It's a group of second, third and fourth grade students preparing to participate in the upcoming Cheshire Medical Sports Medicine 5K on April 12. Lead chickens Christine Broadley and Nancy LeClair have formed this running club with support from teachers Jean Kobeski, Amanda Kinson, Amy Paquette, and community members Janet Chamberlin and Beth Vickers. The club meets two days a week and is designed to help children learn through mental and physical challenge, and to gain the sense of satisfaction that hard work can bring.



Undaunted by the cold New England weather, the flock has taken to the streets. You may hear a loud "Ba-gawk" as these kids speed by you on their way to racking up miles. The Chickens are encouraged to do their best and support each other along the way. The hope is that children will gain a life-long love of exercise and the outdoors. The Thunder Chickens are on the way to doing just that!

Our thanks to the Fall Mountain Education Endowment Association, Outdoor Education, Badger Balm, and the WPTG for the funding which helped make this club possible.

— Simon Pierpont

Reading Challenge



This March, as is the case every year, there is an emphasis on reading all across the country. Walpole School holds its annual reading challenge for four weeks, starting March 14 and ending on April 11, intentionally scheduled to coincide with the birthday of Theodore Geisel (more familiarly known as Dr. Seuss). At our school, the reading challenge is for students in grades K - 5.

This year the reading challenge focuses on non-fiction. At Walpole School, if you bring in four completed summary forms for non-fiction reading, you will have your

picture taken and your name recognized in the school newsletter, and you will get a Five Dollar gift certificate for a free book at the school book fair. The summary forms are designed to help students organize their writing about the books, and they are different for students in the different grades.

The challenge is to get kids to read more and to get us more excited about reading, especially non-fiction books or articles. Mrs. Caroline Wheeler is the school's reading specialist and she runs the reading challenge for Walpole School.

— Shea Pickering, Maeve Perron & Grace Beliveau

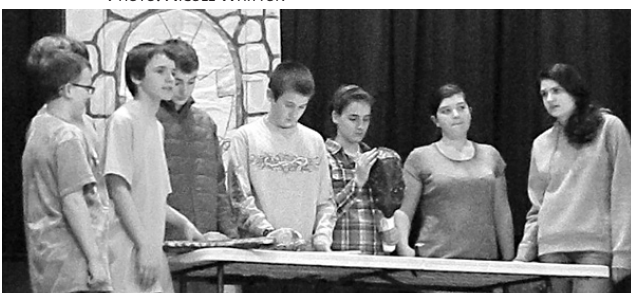
School Play



Knights of the Square Table

On March 28, the Walpole Elementary School students (grades 5 through 8) will perform a play for the school and the community called, "The Knights of the Square Table." Erin Blare plays King Arthur, and Guise Britton plays Queen Guinevere. The black knight is Quinn Perron, with her squire, Daisy, played by Maeve Perron. Ella Bursky is the Narrator. James Blair plays Sir Lancelot, and Merlin is played by

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Selma Watson. Other characters include a dragon, knights, a props man, a guard, and a woodcutter. Mr. Perry is the director of the play. The production is a satirical version of The Knights of the Round Table. The Black Knight tries to join the all-male "square" table, but the Black Knight is really a lady (gasp!). She eventually joins the knights and marries Sir Lancelot in the end. There will be two performances here at the Elementary School, both on Friday, March 28. There will be a matinee at 2 PM and an evening performance at 7PM. The Knights of the Square Table is open to the community free of charge, as are all school performances. All in all, this is a good play and we hope you like it.

— Maeve Perron

Students rehearse at the Square Table



The Clarion applauds the work of our Middle School correspondents this month; we hope it marks the beginning of a long collaboration.

This year, as part of our long tradition in cultural exchange and continuous learning, Bensonwood is again hosting a Compagnon, Thomas Beauvillain. Thomas is a native of Mazé, a village outside Angers in the Loire River Valley, about 120 miles southwest of Paris. As he describes it, the relationship between Mazé and Angers resembles that between Walpole and Keene – country village and nearest small city. He sees subtle differences between his home town and Walpole, “Mazé is about the same size as Walpole, and rural, but the homes are stone and much closer together. It’s a farm community... very flat toward the river, quite hilly the other way, with vineyards and not so much forest.” He entered the rigorous work and study program of the Compagnons at the age of 15. In the six years since that time, he has had the opportunity to work at a wide variety of French companies, both traditional and modern, but none has provided the kind of experience in technology and energy-efficient building that he has found here at Bensonwood.

The word Compagnon, like the English derivation companion, originally meant a person with whom one travels or breaks bread. Today, male and female Compagnons can be found in 49 countries on 5 continents practicing trades ranging from carpenter to pastry chef. The Compagnons’ time-honored, technical education techniques include traveling around France and serving as the apprentice of masters in their craft. For a young man or woman today, the Compagnonnage is a unique way to learn a trade while developing character through community life and travel. A Compagnon-in-training lives in one of 80+ Compagnon houses in France, which range in size from those with 5 residents to some housing more than 100.

During the first year of a Compagnon’s “Tour de France,” his title is Stagiaire (Compagnon Guest). Stagiaires work fulltime and live in a Compagnon house.

At night they have lessons Monday through Friday from 8-10. On Saturday, lessons are from 8 AM to 12 PM, and 1:30 to 5:30 PM. Dinner is eaten together at the Compagnon lodge house. If, after one year, the Stagiaire wants to continue with the Compagnons, he applies for the adoption ceremony and submits a “Travail d’Adoption” project. If accepted as an “Aspirant” he receives an Aspirant name, drawn from his native region or town. He is presented with a ceremonial walking staff (representing the itinerant nature of the organization) and a sash in a private ceremony.



Thomas Beauvillain, Compagnon

Once the Compagnon has achieved the title of Aspirant, he works fulltime in his trade but is still required to live in a Compagnon house with the same demanding schedule of lessons and communal living for three to five years. Thereafter, Aspirants present a masterpiece work called a “Travail d’Reception” to the board of Compagnons. If accepted, the Aspirant becomes a Compagnon “Itinérant” and receives a Compagnon name and is presented with

a new walking stick reaching the height of his heart. Itinérants are so-called because they are still required to do three more years of touring; after the three years, they become “Compagnon Sedentaires” for life. No longer required to tour, they live and work wherever they want, but have the responsibility to volunteer to teach younger Compagnons skills and professionalism.

Bensonwood’s highly-evolved systems, products and buildings make the company fertile ground for those interested in learning about sustainable, high-performance building. Thomas reports: “Larger than the other building companies I worked for, Bensonwood has sophisticated building systems, including a CNC automated timber-shaping machine that adds precision, quality, and efficiency to the fabrication process. There is always much to learn.” Thomas adds, “I love learning about different cultures, languages and such varied landscapes. As a Compagnon, I’ve gotten to experience this doing a trade I love.”




Thomas’s impressive command of carpentry and his capacity to learn meant that within only three weeks of his arrival, he was ready to be included on a crew that raised a super-energy-efficient Bensonwood shell and timberframe for a client’s oceanside residence in Cape Anne, Gloucester, MA. Tedd Benson views his Compagnons as “something between a monk and a Marine—a combination of rigorous training, a strong work ethic and the humility that comes with carrying on centuries of deeply-held cultural values.” Timberframe captain Dennis Marcom says, “Bensonwood has learned a great deal during our association with this fine guild and we expect that they, in turn, have learned from us. We are proud to have drawn from these rich resources and proud to share our growing knowledge of technology and building science with them.”

Thomas has found his Walpole residence a pleasant experience. “I lived with Krystyna and Dennis Marcom when I first arrived in October. I was looking for an apartment, but Krystyna referred me to her friend, Becky Pearson, who had room for a boarder, and she has welcomed me into her home.”

“The winter seems very long here... and it’s much colder than France... and we don’t get this much snow.”

He’ll be heading home in August at the end of his 10-month residence. “Thanks to Skype, I’ve been able to keep in touch with my parents, grandparents and younger brother; but I do miss French life... it is where I was born.”

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pastry chef used the example of the Ponte Vecchio – the 10th century bridge famous for the retail shops lining its roadway from end to end. Fedorovna noted that commercial space is at a premium in the Fall Mountain region, and that the square footage in most available locations is far greater than many smaller shops need. Her observations were enthusiastically endorsed by Hiram Pypedreme, whose company, Atlantis, Inc., is conducting the redesign of the island in Bellows Falls. "It would be a perfect place for those small businesses just waiting for the right spot. I personally know a tattoo artist, a palm-reader and a shoe-shine guy who would jump at the chance."

According to Pike, "The advantage to this approach is it makes the most of the bridge as it is – crumbling. Shoot, we're not just making lemonade out of lemons here, we're baking a whole lemon meringue pie! And not half-baked either. The decrepit condition of the bridge is a bonus – we don't have to do a thing to the arches and supports to achieve our desired "look." The crumbling masonry, cracked pavement, and exposed rebar just scream 'antique ruin.' We just need to add the shops on the top."

Abernathy added, "This is a project that will just improve with age. If we're lucky, we can even get the State of New Hampshire to neglect the structure as efficiently as it has for the past 50 or so years... which will make our Ponte Vilasio look that much more authentic. I don't think the state will disappoint us."

All saw the Ponte Vilasio as the centerpiece to similarly-themed events in the Bellows Falls area. Pypedreme elaborated, "This Italian gimmick has loads of possibilities, too. The Opera House clock tower already looks like one in Florence... if you squint a bit. We could offer gondola rides down the canal – like in Venice, but we'll need to be careful to avoid the hydro intakes... and for Old Home Days, we could have races around the town center – like in Sienna – only with heifers rather than horses, to give it a little local color. Let's see Brattleboro top that – their cows only stroll."

The next move, according to the ad hoc committee, is to sit down with NH state representatives Tara Sad and Lucy Weber and determine the best way to proceed with their innovative idea. The committee also includes Cookie and Webster Daniels of Tortes, Tarts & Tomes (the drive-through law office, bakery and bookstore), and Skippy Retredd, owner of the Snappy Feet sneaker re-soling company.

– Barbara Kasper & Jan Kobeski

Lucy & Ethel head to Florida. Standing Players from left: Kathy Reilly, Becky Pearson, Jean Kobeski, Jenny Plante.



Radio Follies

OFF THE AIR...until next year. Yes, if you missed this year's, fear not! There will be a *Radio Follies 2015*, because before it was even over people were talking about "next year." On Saturday evening, March 15, almost 150 radio listeners in the Helen Miller Theater sat back, enjoying their dinners and beverages while the Walpole Players went "on-the-air" with *Radio Follies 2014*.

For an hour and a half, eighteen radio skits, songs, and classic advertisements were recreated for the entertainment and pleasure of all. Poor John Bickerson (Ray Boas) was again harassed by his wife, Blanche (Carolyn Norback). Lucy (Becky Pearson) and Ethel (Kathy Reilly) joined for the first time while trying to get to Florida; and Bob and Ray (Jan Kobeski and Carolyn Norback) visited a unique paper clip factory (workers will be getting 14 cents a week in wages for the next 86 years), and interviewed a spokesperson for the Slow Talkers of America. Several classic commercial jingles were sung by Tara Sad and Joan Balla. All in all, more than twenty players performed and are anxious to do so again in March 2015. If you missed out this year (or last), do not make the same mistake again.

– Ray Boas



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Audition Call

A Long Weekend in New Hampshire

Attention! Auditions will be held April 1, 2, and 3 for the Walpole Players' production for Old Home Days 2014. Performances will be the last two weekends in June. This year's play, written and directed by Gail Golec, is titled *A Long Weekend in New Hampshire*. This comedy, in four self-contained acts, offers entertaining vignettes of country life. Act I- Life in 4/4 Time, goes through the hectic life of a modern young family; Act II – The Funeral, shows a family coming together after a funeral and sharing old stories; Act III -The Farmstand, explores the events surrounding an ordinary day at the local vegetable stand; and Act IV- The Lumberman, The Farmer and The Fisherman, is the dramatic recitation of an epic poem (with footnotes).

The Walpole Players

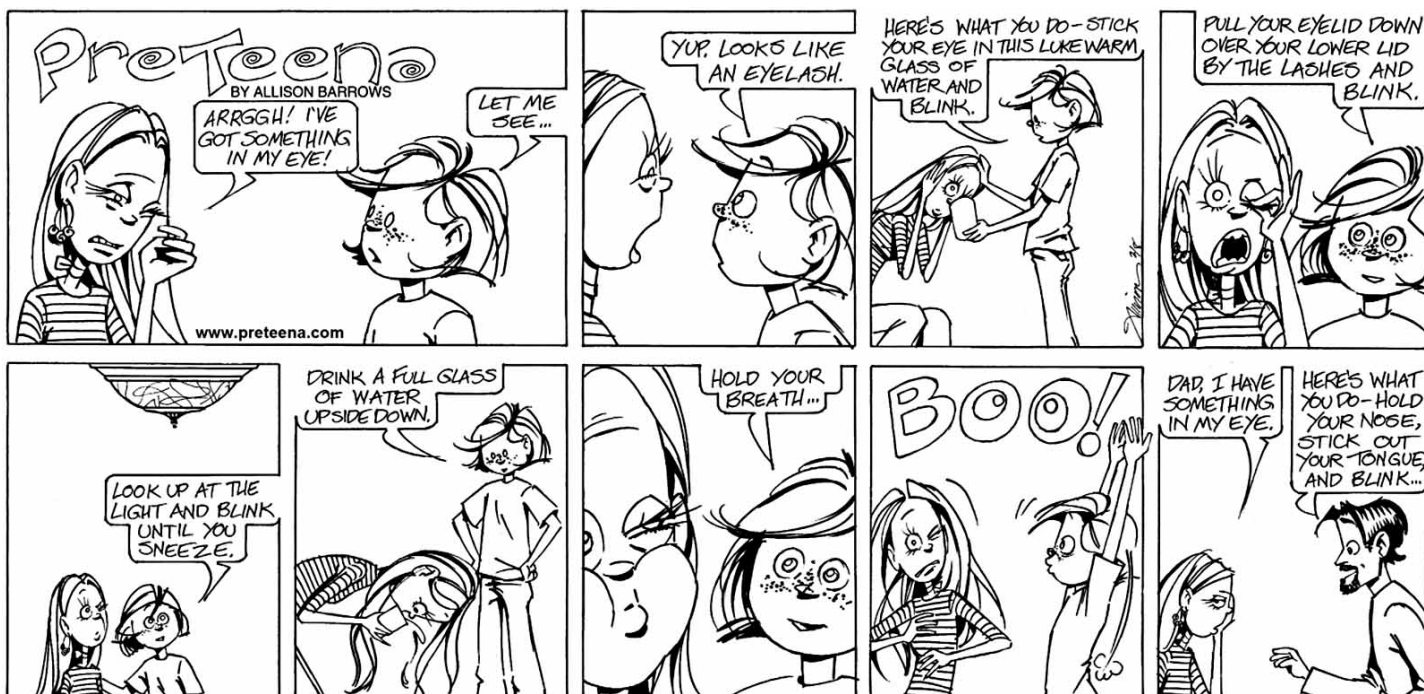
Auditions will be held on April 1, 2, 3 at 7PM at the Helen Miller Theater. There are a total of 28 parts available: male and female roles ranging in age from 20s to 80s, as well as two children's parts, one boy, 10-12 years old and one girl, 13-16 years old. While this is not a musical, a background in, or familiarity with reading music would be helpful for some of the adult roles, and specifically for both of the children's roles.

Please email Gail with any questions: grgolec@gmail.com, or call 852-9440.

– Ray Boas

LOVE IS BLIND.

– Helen Keller



Letters & Commentary

To the Community: The Caserta Family

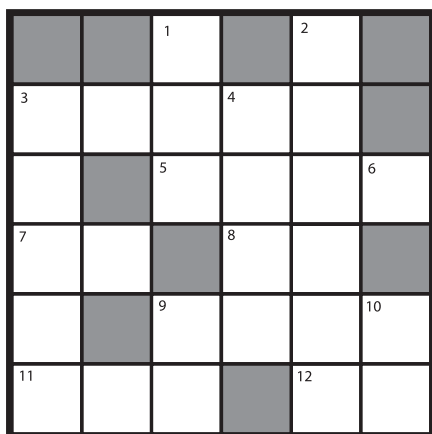
Chris is continuing to heal at home now and is in amazing spirits thanks to all of your thoughts and prayers. We never fathomed of an accident of this caliber and as we know now, we can not ever plan for what life has in store for us. The actual accident and the days following are now a blur. Our minds tend to filter our experiences and boil them down until they are nothing more than an essence of the actual event. We end up with a distilled memory, vivid in its own way but changed.

Chris and I can both say that the worst details of the accident have been replaced by the memories of thoughtful cards, prayers, visits by loved ones, overflowing generosity and most of all, love. Words cannot quite begin to describe the immense amount of appreciation and love that our family has for all of you. We have both met so many amazing people on our journeys in life and we were blown away by how many of you reached out to us at this difficult time. I don't think either of us could ever possibly feel alone after this, for this we thank you all.

The fund that has been so generously set up and donated to will be put to good use to keep Chris in good health in the future as much of what he will need later on down the line may not be covered by insurance. We promise to pay forward any funds unused and keep this line of love alive. Both having grown up here, we are proud to be locals of this wonderful little corner of the world and we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

- Chris and Caitlin Caserta

BRAIN TEASER



ACROSS

3. Precedes May
5. Swiftly parted from money
7. After Fi and before Fum
8. Not down
9. Dubious sporting award
11. Variety of humor demonstrated in this issue
12. With 10 DOWN, goes up and down

DOWN

1. Lassie's comment
2. Not neat
3. Critics opinion of Sandler's *Grown Ups II*
4. Promises to pay
6. 12th letter of alphabet
9. Icky
10. "___ Adrian!"

Answers next month... perhaps.

The WALPOLE Clarion

is published monthly for the Walpole community. Submissions about community events and achievements are encouraged for both the calendar and features.

All submissions - ads, articles and photographs - should be sent to: walpoleclarion@gmail.com

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An electronic version of the Clarion can be found at our website: www.thewalpoleclarion.com

Easter Egg Hunt

Walpole Cub Scout Pack #299 will sponsor an easter Egg Hunt on the Walpole Historical Society Lawn on Saturday, April 19. Hunting will begin at 10 AM - SHARP (and will last until all eggs are collected)

All ages up to grade 5 are welcome. There will be a little children's section with prizes for ages 1 - 4 years.

The 5-10 year-olds will collect eggs from the rest of the lawn for their chance to find a prize. The prizes hidden in the plastic eggs are donated this year by Burdick Chocolates, Dari-Joy and the Walpole Scoop Shop.

Parks Place

April is one of the best times to visit the gardens at Parks Place Community Resource Center in Bellows Falls. The gardening season kicks off with a grand bulb and flowering shrub show followed by perennials carefully chosen to provide sustained color and interest through the rest of the growing year. Plantings are selected to require minimal care and maintained using organic gardening methods.



Photo Provided

Established in 2000, the gardens are designed and maintained by Extension Master Gardeners (EMG) and other volunteers. Walpolean Sharyn Tullar began volunteering at Parks Place in 2008, the year she completed the Extension Master Gardener course. "I love improving and enhancing the gardens at Parks Place. Equally as enjoyable as the gardening is the friendship and joy in sharing a mutual love of the plants and the connection to the earth," said Sharyn. Other volunteers include: Lori Miller, UVM EMG and project manager; Dick Miller; Frankie Knibb, EMG Intern; Barbara Ternes, and Nancy McAuliffe. Local school children frequently help with the weeding and general maintenance of the gardens. Volunteers are always happy to

answer questions about their work. And there's always room for more helping hands in the garden.

The Parks Place gardens are a project of the Windsor County Chapter of Extension Master Gardeners. The Vermont Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program trains new students and provides continuing education to members. It also operates the Garden Information Helpline (1-800-639-2230) and places EMG volunteer educators in outreach projects throughout Vermont. Further information about the EMG program can be obtained at their web site, www.uvm.edu/mastergardener or by contacting them directly at mastergardener@uvm.edu. To volunteer at Parks Place contact info@parksplacevt.org.

When you visit the gardens, drop in at Parks Place to learn more about the services they provide. A group of concerned teachers, parents and community members founded Parks Place in 1994 to address the health, education and human service needs of families in the Greater Falls Region. Situated in a comfortable old home located in the village of Bellows Falls, Parks Place exists as a welcoming and accessible resource center that serves 3,500 individuals annually. Its goal is to connect individuals living in the Greater Falls region, including Walpole and North Walpole, with the programs, resources and information they need to move their lives forward. Last year Parks Place served 350 residents of New Hampshire, including almost 100 who live in Walpole and North Walpole.

Parks Place provides access to a wide-array of health and human service programs, from parenting classes to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, from mental health counseling to employment programs. In addition, Parks Place formed Lead Safe Homes in 2005 in response to an alarming rate of childhood lead poisoning in the area. Thirty-five regular programs are offered at Parks Place. Check out Parks Place on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parksplacevt.

- Frankie Knibb

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Walpole Old Home Days 2014

Old Home Days 2014 are just around the corner!

The dates are Wednesday, June 25th through Sunday, June 29th. Our committees have been assembled and are working on organizing the various events that we have planned for this year.

**Parade • Street Dance • Fireworks • Race
Talent Show • Tug of War • Antique CarShow • Band Concert
Children's Play Area • Pet Show • Petting Zoo • 5K
Food • Other displays • Walpole Players Production**

We are now preparing a program book with a schedule of events to be used by all attending. We hope you will consider placing an ad in the 2014 book and supporting Walpole Old Home Days. We are offering a new option this year; you may purchase a pdf file of our 2014 Old Home Day logo to use in advertising or special promotions.

For example you could add the logo to your product label as a special "Old Home Day" Edition.

Please indicate the ad option(s) you would like to purchase:

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Please provide a new camera-ready ad copy we can take to the printer.

Checks should be made payable to Walpole Old Home Days and sent to:

Mail: Vicki Warzecha, 620 Valley Road, Walpole, NH 03608

Email: vwarzecha@keene.edu

Please respond by May 15 so that we can organize the program for print.

Thank you for your support!

See Parade and Booth application forms on page 22.

Town Meeting & Elections

Results of the 2014 Town Elections:

SB2: No, 386; Yes 264

Moderator: Ernie Vose (unopposed)

Selectman:

Steve Dalessio 371; Joe Aldrich 326

Treasurer: Ray Boas (unopposed)

Trustee of the Trust Funds:

Bob Kimball (unopposed)

Supervisor of the Checklist:

Cindy Westover (unopposed)

Planning Board: Jason Perron, 437;

Kelley Hicks, 338; Eric Merklein, 333;

Jamie Teague, 209

Trustee of the Library:

Roberta Nelson, 1 year term;

Shirley Capron, Jennifer Kelly,

Katherine Nerrie, 3 year terms
(all unopposed)

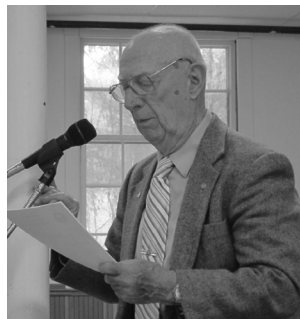
Zoning Board: Ernie Vose (unopposed)

Cemetery Trustee:

Dale Woodward (unopposed)

*Bill Houghton reads a proposed
Article before those assembled at
Town Meeting*

*Selectman Chas Street answers
a question from the floor*



PHOTOS: RAY BOAS

FMRHS JROTC

In last month's issue of the Clarion, as well as at the recent Town Meeting, an update was given of the Fall Mountain JROTC trip to Normandy. As of this writing, several donations have been made to assist the cadets with their financial requirements. The unit must make its final payment by the end of April, so if you have been meaning to send a check, please do so before then. Checks may be made payable to FMRHS and sent to 134 FMRHS Road, Langdon, NH 03602. Please print "For JROTC Normandy Trip" on the Memo line. Major Cenney and his cadets are most grateful for your support.

In addition, State Rep. Tara Sad has requested approval to have the unit travel to Concord for special recognition at the May 7th Representative Session, and possibly to open the session with its Color Guard. Ms. Sad is awaiting approval.

— Barbara Kasper



*JROTC cadets present the
Colors at Town Meeting*

Walpole Old Home Days 2014
Saturday June 28th
**It is time for some Fun in the Country
at the Old Home Day Parade!**

Dust off those tractors, wagons and costumes! Enter to win bragging rights for the next three years!

Will you have the winning "Outstanding Business Entry", "Best Youth Entry",

"Best Use of the word "Country" in a slogan", "Best Historical Entry", "Most Humorous" or "Best Action Entry"? Parade is at 10am on Saturday, starting at the school. Be prepared with a large index card describing your entry/group for the announcer to read. Cards will be available at the entrance. Questions? Call Stephanie Stoughton 603-756-4370 or email Smallcroft@gmail.com.

Name of Organization:

Contact Person:

Phone/Email:

Thank you for your support!

Booths on the common
for Non-Profit Organizations of Walpole
Host a Booth on the Common after the Parade
during Old Home Days!

Saturday June 28th

Booths can be informational, for fundraising, or host an activity. Previously organizations have sold food and drinks, hosted craft activities for kids and set out informational displays.

Questions? Email Carolyn Vose Reagan
carolyn@vosereagan.com

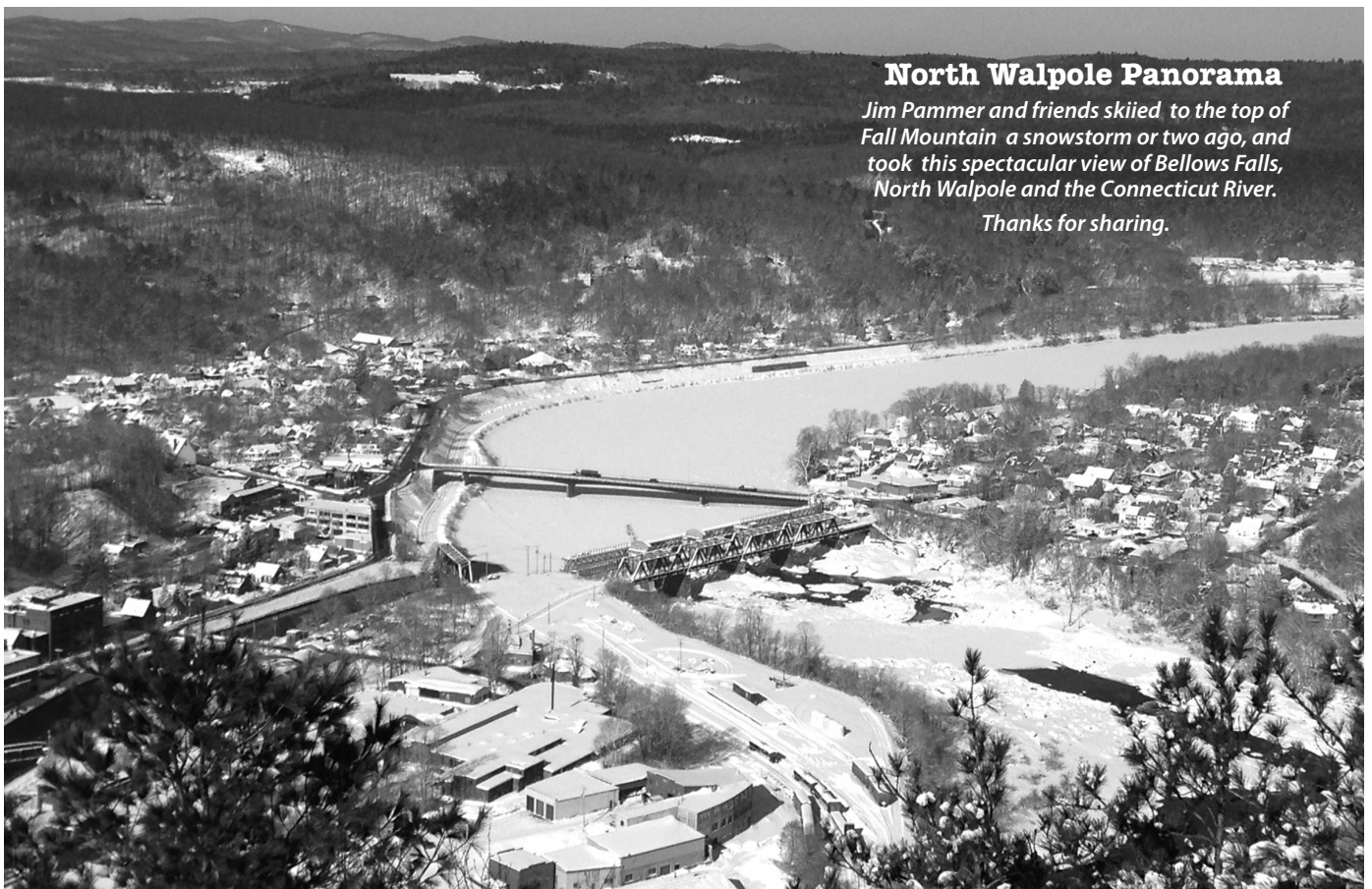
Name of Organization:

Items to be sold or displayed:

Contact Person:

Phone/Email:

Thank you for your support!



North Walpole Panorama

Jim Pammer and friends skied to the top of Fall Mountain a snowstorm or two ago, and took this spectacular view of Bellows Falls, North Walpole and the Connecticut River.

Thanks for sharing.

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

As we approach Easter here are some thoughts you might want to keep in mind.

- Be sure to put your eggs all in one basket. It makes it easier to keep your eye on them.
- Everyone needs a friend who is all ears. Adopt a rabbit.
- There's no such thing as too much candy. Ask the folks at Burdicts.
- All work and no play can make you a basket case.
- Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day. Ask Bugs Bunny.
- Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits. An international explosion of happiness.
- Keep your paws off of other people's jelly beans. Enough said.
- Good things come in small, sugar coated packages.
- The grass is always greener in someone else's basket. Especially if there is still candy left in it!
- To show your true colors, you have to come out of the shell; said one M&M to another.
- The best things in life are still sweet and gooey. That about covers it.
- May the joy of the season fill your heart.

...and May God Bless You!

Share and Share Alike. – Vladimir Lenin

Answer to This Month's Su-Do-Ku

8	6	3	1	4	2	7	5	9
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and the sap's not running...*

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