



The Summer Game

Wild Blue & Maples Prepare for CRVBL Playoffs



*Community Gardens close up:
more photos on page 20*



As the Summer winds down and the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League regular season draws to a close, Walpole fans were treated to the second head-to-head matchup between both town teams – the Wild Blue and the Maples.

The Blue entered the July 26 game with a 9-2 record, second-best in the league, having won the first round of the neighborhood rivalry 3-0 in June. The Maples have had an up-and-down season, entering the game with a 4-7 record, but recorded what is likely the league's most impressive win of the season when they stunned the then-undefeated, first place Putney Fossils 2-0 last month.

Left-hander Steve Corey pitched the complete-game shutout for his third win of the season. The Maples produced two runs with some timely hits in the home half of the first inning, and Corey – plus some crisp defense – frustrated the Fossils for the remaining eight innings.

The Wild Blue's Frank Brown started the Friday evening game at Hubbard Park and pitched six strong innings, letting an occasional Maple get on base but stifling all but one threat.

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Hooper Institute

From spring to summer, Hooper Institute programs flow from school programs to camps and the high school work program. This summer, 102 Walpole children and young adults are participating in at least one of our programs.

Rebecca Whippie, Hooper Institute Educator, directed the camp for children entering grades one through four. This camp is based at Hooper Hall on Prospect Hill Road. This year we had fifty attendees. The group is divided into smaller units supervised by the camp staff of seven high-schoolers.

Rebecca chooses a theme for each day that relates to the Hooper Institute mandate of teaching about agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental science. The staff devises games and hands-on activities for each day. For example, Dairy Day features the fun of making ice cream. Instead of taking turns at an old-fashioned churn, they roll large containers containing the custard mixture, ice and salt to a partner, while sitting on the driveway pavement. After several minutes back and forth, they taste the rewards of their efforts. It takes much time and planning to orchestrate each day of camp. Rebecca and the counselors should be commended for their efforts.

Children entering grades five through eight can choose between Adventure Camp and a woodworking camp -- many do both. This year Adventure Camp had nineteen participants. Each day we ventured to places that make Walpole such an interesting and unique place. We scrambled up the Academy Ravine from bottom to top and climbed Fall Mt to Table Rock. We played games of "capture the flag" atop Kingsbury Mountain, and rode bikes to the Connecticut River for cow-viewing and a dip in the river. We also had a cookout at the Hooper shelter with a spirited game of "capture the flag" in the forest.

Woodworkers outdid themselves this year. Several bookcases were created, as well as garden benches and stools, shelves, birdhouses, several coaster cars, a doghouse for a small dog and a toy car. One student even made a rocking chair! While none of these creations could be considered fine carpentry, the children really boost their practical math and spatial relations skills. They learn the basics of carpentry and how hand tools are used. They beam with pride and happiness as the (sometimes) surprised parents haul their creations home.

I'll have more next month on the high school program.

— Eloise Clark



Violent weather continues to plague the area. This sizeable limb dropped on Reservoir Road during a storm in July.

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Horse Thieves

Biennial Banquet September 23

Arrangements for the Horse Thieves Biennial Banquet have been completed. Invitations were mailed to all members of the Horse Thieves this past weekend and reservations for the banquet are being accepted, effective August 1. The reservation form is attached at the bottom of the invitation you received in the mail. To reserve your seat(s) at the banquet you must be a member. Not a member? E-mail Lewis LaClair at LLaclair@advancedrisk.com or call him at 756-0001 for more information and an application. The only requirements are that you be a male, of age, a resident of Walpole and you pay your Lifetime Dues (two whole dollars).

If you didn't receive your invitation, please e-mail Lewis...if you are a member. Reservations can be returned to Lewis by mail or in person, at 331 North Road, Walpole, NH 03608. You may call him if you have any questions. Please remember that we don't hold any reservations until we have payment, and reservations are non-refundable.

As we mentioned in the July Clarion article, there will be many new features at

the banquet on September 23. First, the banquet will be on a Tuesday evening this year instead of the traditional Saturday evening. It will be held at Alyson's Orchard banquet facility, 57 Alyson's Lane. There will be an emphasis on local foods in the meal which will be prepared on site. And as we mentioned last month, because of its liquor license, Alyson's can't permit BYOB; instead there will be a cash bar. However, we are retaining some aspects of the last banquet: the entrees will be roast beef and a vegetarian lasagna, and the meal will be served by waiters instead of a buffet.

The speaker for the event is NH Fish & Game biologist Ted Walski. Ted is from Langdon and is the single individual primarily responsible for the reintroduction of wild turkeys to New Hampshire. As many of you know, the first successful relocation of turkeys was right here in Walpole. Ted will be sharing stories of his work in the Fish & Game department.

The price for this year's banquet is \$20 per person. As you know, the Horse Thieves do NOT make a profit on this event. The ticket price barely covers our costs for the meal, the facility and other associated costs like printing our new biennial poster of members. Our mission

in putting on this biennial banquet is to provide us all an opportunity to enjoy good food, good friends and good fun; that's what the Horse Thieves (and this banquet) are really all about.

By now you have received your invitation via snail-mail if you are a member; if not a member, use that e-mail address above, and you'll receive information and an application. As soon as your application (and Lifetime Dues) are received, we'll send your invitation and reservation form for the banquet -- Walpole's social event of the year. If you have any questions about the Horse Thieves or the banquet, please call either Sheldon Sawyer, President, 756-3404, or Lewis LaClair 756-0001.

— Lewis LaClair

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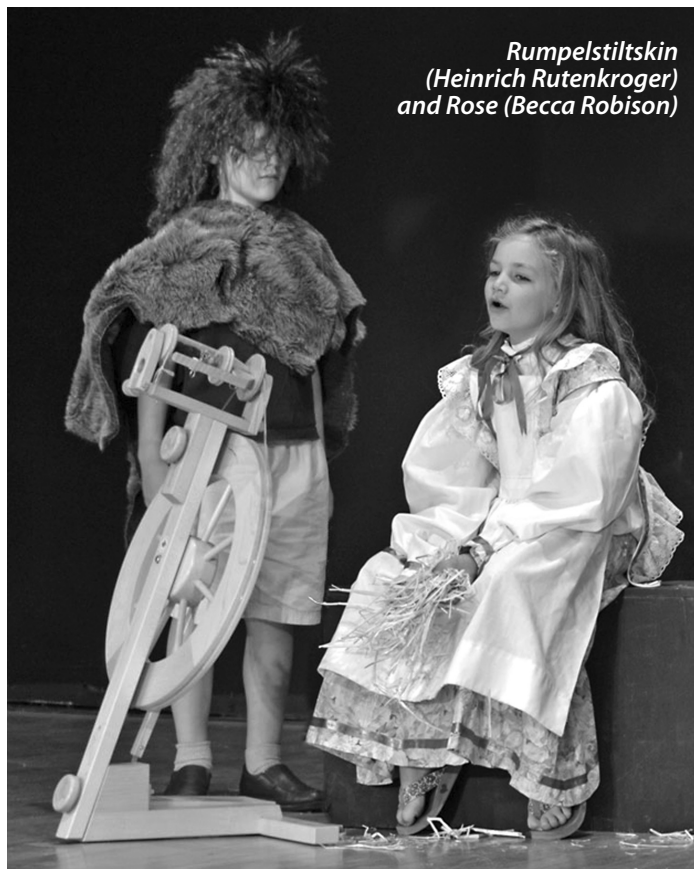
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A Lady in Waiting...
with an attitude:
Sarabelle MacIntire
(Lady Matilda),
Patrick Manning
(Page), and Erica
Simonetti (Lady
Genevieve)

Theater Camp 2014

The Walpole Players' 5th Annual Summer Theater Camp, under the astute leadership of Jim Skofield and Carolyn Norback, was held the first two weeks of July. For the first time, Skofield and Norback were assisted by "junior counselors" who had attended camp in previous years but having begun high school, were no longer eligible to attend as campers. Two sessions were again offered. Junior Summer Theater Camp (for kids entering second - fourth grades) was held from July 7-11; and the Senior Summer Theater Camp (for kids entering fifth - eighth grades) ran for two weeks from July 7-18.

As in previous years, each camp session concentrated on using games, improvisations and coaching to develop the campers' theater skills. Each session concluded with the young campers presenting a play to an audience of proud parents, siblings, grandparents and friends. The junior campers, eighty percent of whom had never before been on stage, presented *Rumpelstiltskin* on their last day of camp. The twenty-five senior campers performed an original play by Jim Skofield, *X Marks the Spot* (an international jewel-heist thriller set in 1930s Istanbul).

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**Camp Directors Carolyn Norback
& Jim Skofield.**

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This intense and rewarding program for our area's youth has been well received. Even if the students do not end up pursuing theater, the skills learned bring confidence in speaking before others, and an appreciation of the need for teamwork in bringing a production to an audience. If you have not before done so, do plan to see the students perform again next summer during The Walpole Players' 6th Annual Summer Theater Camp, offered – at no cost – to young, budding thespians.

– Ray Boas

**Carpet Seller (Caroline MacLachan)
tempts Agent X
(Ella Bursky).**



**Maeve Perron
as the
Fortune Teller**



**The Inspector (Mahlia Parsons)
was not amused.**



**Turkish Dancers (L-R) Ruby Frithsen,
Isabella Smith, Kathleen Dole
& Grace Heydenreich .**

YMCA Anniversary

In June of 1965, Meeting Waters YMCA ran its first summer camp on a loaned field in North Westminster. Fifty years later, the regional Y's camps continue to play a vital role in keeping kids engaged and active in the summer while also providing working parents with day-long care. Over those years, more than 12,000 area children have now spent between one and eight weeks of their summer break developing new skills, forming new friendships and making lasting memories.

On Thursday, August 7, from 6-8pm, Meeting Waters YMCA is holding a celebration and reunion for campers, camp staff, volunteers and donors who have been part of the half-century of history, fun and impact. The event will be held at the Y's Lewis Day Camp facility on Missing Link Road in Springfield, home of its camp programs since 1987.

"We are very proud of our 50 years of helping kids learn, grow and thrive in the summer months," said Executive Director Steve Fortier. "It's rewarding to reflect on the fact that we've been such an important and memorable part of so many young people's experiences—well, when they were young. Some are not so young anymore!"

Fortier says he sees the August 7th event as having two main themes. "It's an opportunity for campers and camp staff from over all the years to have a reunion of sorts. I hope a lot of connections are re-established." He adds, "We also look forward to the opportunity to thank the many people—volunteers and donors—that got our camps off the ground in the 60s, those that helped us elevate our quality and impact by creating a beautiful, permanent home for our camp in the 80s and those that have ensured that our camp has always been accessible to all children with their donations to our Reach Out to Youth Fund." Fortier estimates that over the past 50 years, parents have benefited

from around \$1.25 million in financial assistance and subsidized services.

The committee that's been working on the celebration has planned a theme of "A Day at Camp" which will involve camp activities from throughout the years. There will also be a brief ceremony with comments from former campers who are now parents of current campers, as well as a couple of volunteers who played vital roles in developing camp. The evening will end with a campfire, as has been the tradition at family nights over the 50 years.

The 50th celebration is free and open to the public. Fortier asks former campers and staff to help with outreach. "Unfortunately, our records before 1998 are not very good. We need help from others to spread the word about the event. If you're still in touch with a friend from camp, please let them know about the celebration. It's also listed within the 'events' tab on our Facebook page, so people can go there and share it on their wall or invite their friends that way."

For more information, visit www.meetingwatersymca.org, Meeting Waters YMCA on Facebook, or call the Y at its office nearest you—Brattleboro: 802-246-1036 or BF: 802-463-4769.

Meeting Waters YMCA is a charitable, social service organization founded in 1895. Its programs and services focus on youth development, healthy living, social responsibility and family strengthening throughout the Fall Mountain, Bellows Falls, Springfield and Brattleboro regions.

—Steve Fortier

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Library

Remaining Summer Events

A busy Summer at the Library is winding down. The remaining events on the calendar:

Design your Own Graphic Novel

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Dinosaurs!

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—Jerry Garcia

Pulled Pork Competition

Alyson's Orchard Event Benefits the Fall Mountain Food Shelf

On Sunday, August 24, the second annual Amateur BBQ Pulled Pork Competition will be held at Alyson's Orchard from 11AM – 3PM. This fun summer event is sponsored by Alyson's Orchard and The Pit Stop Smokehouse. There is no entry fee for participants, but you must supply 15 lbs. of pulled pork for sampling that has been cooked over wood or charcoal. Your sauce must be made using apples or blueberries. Call 756-9800 or email info@alysonsortchard.com for details.

Three amazing prizes for the winners of the People's Choice Award are being offered. The First Prize winner receives a weekend at Alyson's Rochambeau Lodge for up to 18 people valued at \$1,500. Second prize is a BBQ dinner during May or June of 2015, for up to 15 people, provided by The Pit Stop Smokehouse

-- a \$250 value. The third prize will be gift certificates from the Pit Stop and Alyson's, along with a jug of Maple Syrup from Stuart & John's -- a \$65 value.

The public is welcome to sample the pulled pork and vote for the People's Choice Award between 12 and 2PM. There is no admission charge for this event, but anyone who wants to sample must bring either one non-perishable food item to donate, or make a small cash contribution to benefit the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. There will also be BBQ food for sale to the public from the Pit Stop Smokehouse, and a Beer & Soft Drink Tent to compliment the BBQ.

Other activities that day: Alyson's farm stand store will be open with fresh, local products and fresh picked blueberries -- you can also PYO blueberries. There will be face-painting by Mona Frye, Dave's Premium Ice Cream from the Walpole Scoop Shop, free wagon rides through the orchard, wine and cheese tastings, children's playground, lawn games for kids of all ages, and new baby goats to

visit. Bring your cameras and check out the Gina the Giraffe Grow Chart and Awesome Apple photo-op.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy a beautiful day at the Orchard. The festival event will run from 11-3 PM (tastings from 12-2 PM) and the farm store will now be open from 10AM – 6PM daily, for the season. Don't forget to bring home one of Alyson's famous apple pies or chicken pot pies.

– Fran Imhoff

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The Friends of the Walpole Town Library are gearing up for the Library's annual Used Book and Tag Sale. The sale is one of two fundraisers for the year and will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 & 26, in the Walpole Middle School Gymnasium.

There will be a preview the evening of October 24 with an entrance fee of \$15.

The success of the book sale depends completely on donations of gently-used paperbacks, hardcover books, CDs, DVDs, records and children's books. (No encyclopedias, text books, VHS tapes or tape cassettes, please.) Donations are now being accepted and we need your help. For information and questions on donating books, please call the Walpole Library at 756-9806.

Tables for the tag sale are also available for a fee of \$25.00. To reserve a table, please contact Cheryl Hoffman at 756-4066.

— Cheryl Hoffman

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet for a potluck lunch at the Congregational Church on the Walpole Common at noon on Monday, August 18. This month's feature is *Show and Tell* – bring an item from your grandmother's kitchen. Everyone is asked to bring a contribution for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, and a dish to share. All Drewsville, North Walpole and Walpole Seniors are welcome. Come for fun and good socialization. Bring something from your grandmother's kitchen to Show & Tell!

— Jeanne A Jeffries

Hooper Golf Club

August is Club Championship time at Hooper Golf Club. This will take place over the mornings of Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10. Phil Hicks will try to defend his Men's Crown for the third straight year and Nancy Holton Goutas is going for six Ladies Club Championships in a row. Wow!

Another great event is our Ladies Area Guest Day on Monday the 18th. This is a better ball of partners event teeing off with an 8:30AM shotgun start. Any area lady golfer is invited to join us for a fee of \$40 per team of 2. This includes greens fees and gift prizes.

Our Men's Match Play Championship will be held on Sunday, August 24, at 8 AM. Three 6-hole matches within flights of 4 should prove to be a very fast-paced and exciting format for all contestants.

The popular Phil Harris Memorial Mixed Scotch will challenge couples on Sunday, August 31, starting at 1PM.

Hooper Golf Club is again offering half year memberships for \$350. Please come on up to the club and sign-up for this great value. Anyone wanting to learn to golf or better his or her skill is encouraged to call the pro shop at 756-4080.

Pro's Tip of the Month:

Since August is Club Championship month at Hooper Golf Club, I think it fitting the tip of the month should be about handling pressure situations and nerves on the golf course.

On the day of the competition round arrive at the course early. Give yourself an easy day before the round. The last thing we want to happen is for you to rush up to the first tee with your heart pounding. Getting off to a good start will set the mood for the rest of the round. Don't look at the competition round as any different from any other round you play. Just play your regular game, do your best, and don't beat yourself.

— Ron Rosko

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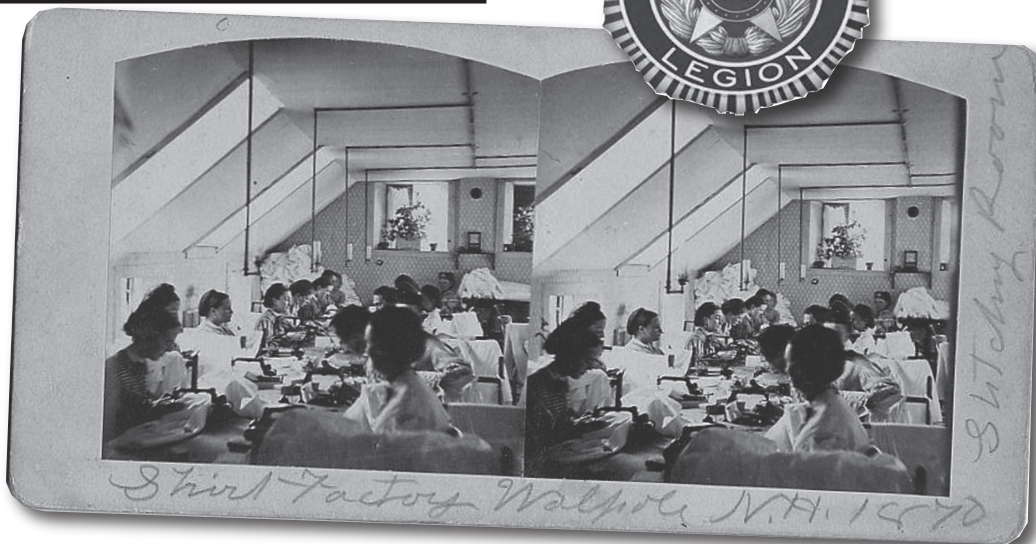
...in 1850 there were 31

shoemakers in Walpole, and a shirt factory? In 1850, Silas M. Bates moved here from Watertown, Massachusetts, and with his wife began a small business making shirts. When she died, he continued the manufacturing with the help of others. In 1864, Bates formed a partnership with Benjamin F. Aldrich, establishing the firm of Bates & Aldrich.

The firm acquired a number of buildings on the south side of Turnpike Street (now Main Street), from the bend in the road heading north out of town towards Elm Street. The main shirt factory buildings were on the American Legion lot. A large steam engine was purchased to furnish power for the increased business. The engine house was located to the south (rear of lot). Sporting a steam whistle and spewing cinders throughout the neighborhood, the engine had extra capacity which was sold to run a now co-located grist mill. The extra energy also supplied a saw mill with a planing machine, shingle machine, and other equipment to fashion lumber. The 22-foot long grist mill was to the east of the engine house in the southwest corner of the adjoining lot. Situated on the lot to the west was a boarding house.

George Aldrich wrote in 1880, "Bates & Aldrich employed some sixty females and half a dozen males in their factory, besides a large number of seamstresses living in and out of town. They paid their help liberally, the monthly pay roll was heavy, and a great share of the employees' earnings was spent in town." During the early 1870s, Bates & Aldrich was the largest exclusive manufacturer of shirts in the country, with sales of shirts and collars in 1874 of \$71,000 (about \$1.4 million today).

Prosperous until mid-1876, Bates & Aldrich failed for a number of reasons. The closing of the factory was a severe blow to the owners, employees, and the town in general. In 1877, the building housing the mill was sold. The engine house smoke stack was removed, and the steam whistle moved to the brewery being built on the Cold River. In 1882, Bates sold the old shirt factory buildings to Nora Walsh. Thomas Walsh fixed up the engine house, relocating his blacksmith shop there. The Walshes also turned the old laundry building (American Legion) 90 degrees in 1882. On November 24, 1886, fire broke out in

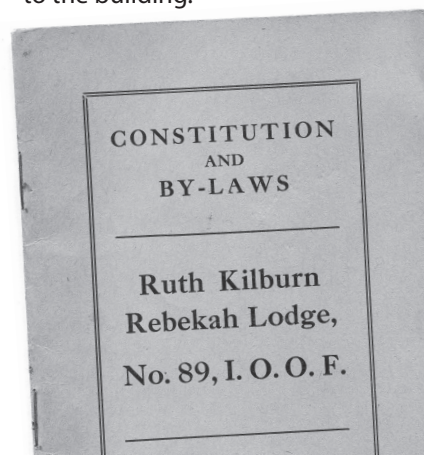


the upper part of the blacksmith shop and soon consumed the shop and an ell of the house. The main part of the house (the old Laundry Building) was damaged but saved (scarred wood can still be seen in the attic).

In 1906, Mt. Kilburn Lodge No. 102 (formed in July of 1904) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) moved its meetings from the Town Hall to the second floor of the old shirt factory, later purchasing the property in 1916. Lively meetings often lasted until 3AM. The women's auxiliary, The Ruth Kilburn Rebekah Lodge, joined them and hosted dances, card parties and suppers. The Fire Marshall, however, condemned the building in October of 1961, and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs moved to the Town Hall. Dwindling membership eventually led to the dissolution of the Lodge.

The next owner of the shirt factory building, purchasing it in 1963, was the Bridge-Wilson Post #77 of the American

Legion. Again, a dwindling membership facing the cost of maintaining the building led to the decision to sell. After 51 years, ownership changed hands in July 2014. Coming full circle and preserving the heritage of this corner of town, the old shirt factory will again be packed with garments when Costume Ladies, following renovations, relocates to the building.



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Upstaged

These folks are genuinely funny.

Episode 3 of Gail Golec's original sitcom *Upstaged* premiered at the Bellows Falls Opera House the evening of July 24. Preceded by episodes 1 and 2, the third chapter of the saga was warmly received by an appreciative audience, who stayed to hear more about the production from Golec and members of the cast.

The story follows the misadventures of a failed Broadway producer/director who tries to revive his career in a New Hampshire village via a community theater production of *A Christmas Carol*. Inadequate facilities, gossiping townsfolk, and astonishingly bad would-be actors are only some of the challenges.

Golec's earlier original work with the Walpole Players (*If I Were British* in 2011 and this year's *A Long Weekend in New Hampshire*) has revealed an author with a keen eye for a good yarn and the comedic possibilities in small-town America – as well as a fondness for characters whose behavior frequently verges on the bizarre. *Upstaged* is no exception.

Clever dialogue, delightfully over-the-top performances from a cast largely composed of Walpole Players alumni, and crisp camera work and editing by Alex and Jacob Stradling combined to deliver an entertaining evening for all.



*Author Gail Golec (with microphone) answers questions from the audience after the *Upstaged* showing, along with cast members.*

More than 2 years in the making (the cast and crew actually have real lives to attend to), *Upstaged* 3 even managed to weather the loss of a major character from the first two episodes. Two more episodes are already written and await production... at some point. Fortunately, the three completed episodes can be viewed on YouTube right now. If you missed the premiere, they're worth your time. Search for Upstaged603 and be ready to laugh.

– Jan Kobeski

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The Walpole Historical Society invites you to visit its excellent exhibits of "Walpole during the Roosevelt Years" and to shop in the newly-stocked gift shop.

Step back in time while visiting the Walpole Historical Society. See the fine array of clothing, accessories and ephemera that is part of the museum collection. Along with the men's, women's and children's clothing are many photos showing the Roosevelts' and Walpoleans' at work, at social events, and at play. Our volunteer docents will be on hand to help answer any questions you may have. Come and relive a bit of history at the Museum this summer.

Our gift shop is stocked with many wonderful selections for gift-giving or just for your own home. Most of these have been crafted by local artisans. Come in and browse and see the Vermont Slate coasters, trivets and unusual thermometers that do not use mercury! These operate with alcohol -- so much better for our environment. They will look great in any style home, are very practical and are a perfect hostess gift.

We have jewelry from local Artisans as well. We are sure you will find just the right necklace, bracelet or earrings for yourself or for gift-giving. Ray Boas' new book is here also: *As it Once Was—and Still is—Walpole New Hampshire*. Buy one for yourself and one for relatives who no longer live here in Walpole. We have Tee-shirts, mouse pads, fragrant soaps, candles, note cards and hand sewn items. Do you know what marbeling is? Come in and see the selection of marbled click bags, picture frames, tote bags and notebooks. We still have Caspari napkins and many framed pictures. Our copper and gold-plated leaves are just beautiful -- hang them in your windows or on your walls.

We know you will be surprised and pleased by the wonderful and eclectic selection.

The Museum and Gift Shop are open every Saturday from noon to 4pm until mid October. If you can't decide what to buy, we also have gift certificates! We welcome your suggestions, too. Hope to see you soon!

— Sally McGaffigan

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Walpole CRVBL Baseball

Wild Blue vs Maples, Part 2

The Wild Blue's Frank Brown delivers.

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The Maples took an early lead in the top of the second, but Brown was in control from there until he was replaced by Ryan Kohler for the last 3 innings under the lights.

Ryan Paul was on the mound for the Maples (and hustled home from second to give the Maples their early run) but saw his lead disappear as a result of one of the rarer plays in baseball. With the bases loaded and two out, Paul had a two ball-two strike count on the batter. Kohler, the runner on third, had been feinting toward home on each delivery. On the next pitch, he kept running and stole home – arriving just ahead of the ball, which was a called strike three for the third out of the inning, but a second after Kohler had crossed home plate. Score tied.

Paul pitched out of trouble in several innings, but the Blue added single runs off him in the 4th and 7th, when Corey came on to finish the game for the Maples. Kohler allowed some base runners over his three innings of work, but the Maples could not rally and the game ended 3-1, Wild Blue.

Rainouts and reschedulings have upset the league timetable, but the CRVBL season will end during the first week of August, when playoff matchups will be set. Given the competitive nature of both regular season games, local fans can only hope the Wild Blue and Maples get a chance to meet again at some point in the playoffs for the league championship.

– Jan Kobeski



Ryan Kohler steals home, narrowly avoiding the ball above his left shoulder.



Ryan Paul tries to work out of a bases loaded jam.

Walpole Maples

In the past month (between June 22nd and July 20th), the Maples played 7 games. The team went 2-2 in league play and 1-2 in the Saxtons River round robin tournament held over the 4th of July weekend.

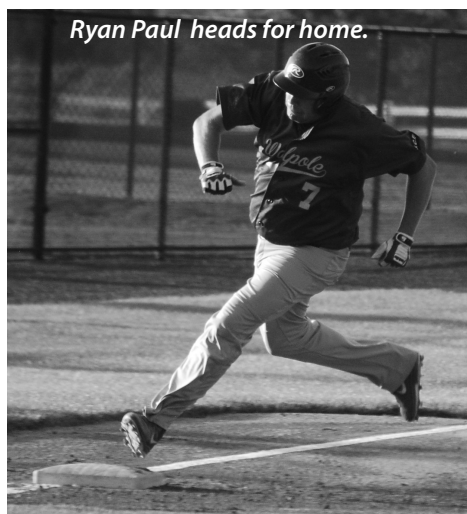
We started this busy stretch of games with a 15-8 loss against the Sunapee Old Lakers. Next up was a well-played 4-2 win against the Newport Polar Bears. Ryan Paul started the game, with 6 solid innings of relief from Steve Corey. This was the beginning of a period of timely hits by the team.

Up next was the four team round robin tournament held in Saxtons River. This competition included teams from the Green Mountain League, which has no limit on the pitching age. That helped us out, as we were able to send TJ Ferguson to the mound. We started the tournament with a 4-2 win over Saxtons River on July 1st, with a complete game effort by TJ. This was followed up by a game on July 5th against Burlington (which had 13 wins). The game was played at Hubbard Field in Walpole. Burlington won 3-1 in a game that was decided by inches in the top of the 7th with the tying runs on 2nd & 3rd. A line drive by Ryan Paul just hit the opposing pitcher for the final out. TJ Ferguson was the tough luck loser, throwing 6 solid innings. That afternoon we lost to another Burlington team, 14-9.

We came back on Sunday, July 13th, against Claremont at Barnes Park and lost 13-1. Then came the biggest challenge of our first season: on July 20th we went up against the 9-0 Putney Fossils. This was a 9-inning, well-played defensive game by both teams, and led to a 2-0 upset win by the Maples. Walpole struck with 2 runs in the bottom of the first inning and Steve Corey made them hold up with a complete game, 7-strikeout performance.



Steve Corey in control vs Putney

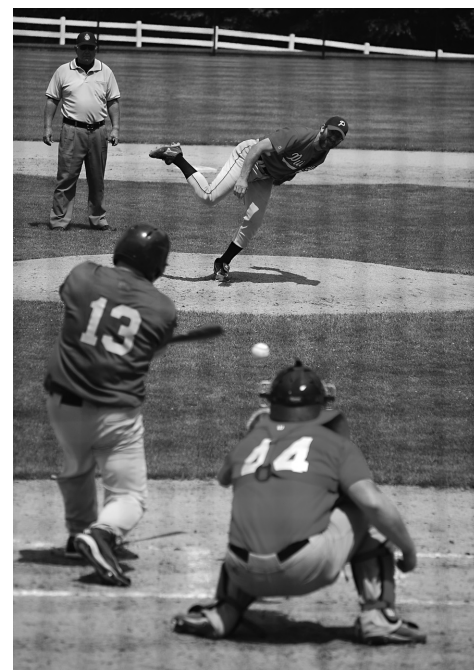


Ryan Paul heads for home.

Up next was our second meeting with the Wild Blue played on Saturday July 26. This was another well-played game by both sides with the Wild Blue topping the Maples with a score of 3-1. Ryan Paul was the tough luck loser, throwing 6 1/3 solid innings of ball with Steve Corey coming in in relief and pitching the rest of the game. It was a great night for baseball and the fans really came out to show their support of the two teams from Walpole.

The next day was not so good for baseball. It was suppose to be the last regular season game for the Maples but was rained out. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 3rd at 5PM at the Dummerston school against the Brattleboro River Rats. A summer of fun on the diamond is coming to an end with the playoffs just around the corner...

– Mark McGill



Mark McGill connects against Putney

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Orchard School

Sankofa Dance Theater

Making its fifth trip to Bellows Falls, the Sankofa Dance Theater of Baltimore, Maryland, will present an unforgettable evening of African dance, storytelling, and drumming on Friday, August 8, at 7:00PM at the historic Bellows Falls Opera House. Together with The Orchard School community of East Alstead, New Hampshire, the Sankofa troupe brings to life a West African folktale, complete with the heartbeat of the drum, choreographed dance, costumes and scenery – all created by Orchard School campers in a week-long immersion experience led by Sankofa. The camp performance will be followed by a striking and culturally-steeped performance by the Sankofa Dance and Drum Theatre, rich with spirited storytelling, powerful drumming and amazing dancing.

Tickets can be purchased by calling The Orchard School office, or on the night of the event. The box office opens at 6:15; and there is a sliding fee scale donation of \$10-\$20 each.

Since 1995, Sankofa Dance Theater has infused The Orchard School and surrounding community with gifts of West African music, arts, and friendship. For a week each summer, Sankofa co-founder and director Kibibi Ajanku brings the internationally known troupe to East Alstead, offering campers aged 3 to 14 an energizing immersion in West African culture. This year, the camp begins on August 4 and culminates with the Friday evening Opera House performance. Campers and staff of The Orchard School team with Sankofa's artistic directors and teachers, Jumoke and Salim Ajanku, as well as with Sankofa Drum and Dance ensemble members to celebrate the possibilities of diversity and difference in a rural New England setting.

For those who would like an opportunity to share in the exhilarating experience of African dance and music, Sankofa will also offer two evenings of classes open to the public. On Tuesday, August 5, and Thursday, August 7, dance classes will be held in the Great Room at The Orchard School on 114 Old Settler's Road in East Alstead. Dance class runs from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on both evenings. The fee is \$12 per person, per class. No experience necessary.

For more information about Sankofa Dance Theater and the kind of performance that one reviewer called a "must-see experience of African cultural depth," visit its web sites, www.myspace.com/sankofadancetheater or www.facebook.com/sankofatheater

This benefit event is underwritten by Applied Bolting Technology, W.S. Badger and David & Julie Hogan. For more information about the performance, classes, or to reserve tickets, call 603-835-2495.

The Orchard School is a non-profit communitycenterdedicatedtoproviding high-quality early education, childcare, and family support, as well as a meeting place for community activities. The Orchard School is a United Way agency and receives support from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Robin Colson Family Foundation.

– Petra Gillette

CROP Walk 2014

September 27, 9 AM

Please save the date and plan on participating in Walpole's annual Walk to raise money to feed people locally and around the world. This is a fun community event that begins at the First Congregational Church. Check out the website at www.crophungerwalk.org/walpolenh. Contact Ellie Shaw (756-4866) or Jana Sellarole (756-4380) if you are interested in joining us on the Walk and/or would like to help in any way.

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Christina Kasper deployed aboard the USS Mesa Verde in May, and is currently serving in the Middle East. This photo and caption appeared on the Mesa Verde Facebook page on July 17.



Yankee Male Chorus

2014 Concert Tour

On August 8, the renowned men's singing group, the *Yankee Male Chorus*, returns for its 61st tour. The four concerts performed each year feature 40+ men singing in four-part harmony songs from sacred, popular, spiritual, Broadway, and novelty areas of music. All men are volunteers from choirs and choral groups throughout the New England region, New York state and other areas. Several local men are members of the chorus.

The chorus gets together on Wednesday afternoon for its only rehearsal and goes public that night for four consecutive evening concerts. Those wonderful voices will be heard in Walpole on Friday, August 8, at the First Congregational Church, 15 Washington Square. All concerts begin at 7:30 PM. The church is handicapped-accessible.

Tickets are not required. A free-will offering may be made at intermission.

The Yankee Male Chorus is a delight to those listening and a joy to those performing, so come enjoy the wonderful sound of the 61st tour.

For additional information, please call Bruce Martin at 756-3439, or email jpmbam@comcast.net.

– Jan Martin

Genealogy Workshop

The Walpole Historical Society will sponsor another free Genealogy Workshop on Thursday, August 28, from 5:30 - 7PM. We welcome beginners as well as experienced persons. Hints regarding research sources as well as stone walls will be shared. Call 756-2933 for reservations. More information can be found on the Walpole Historical Society website: walpolehistory.org.

– Jeanne A Jeffries



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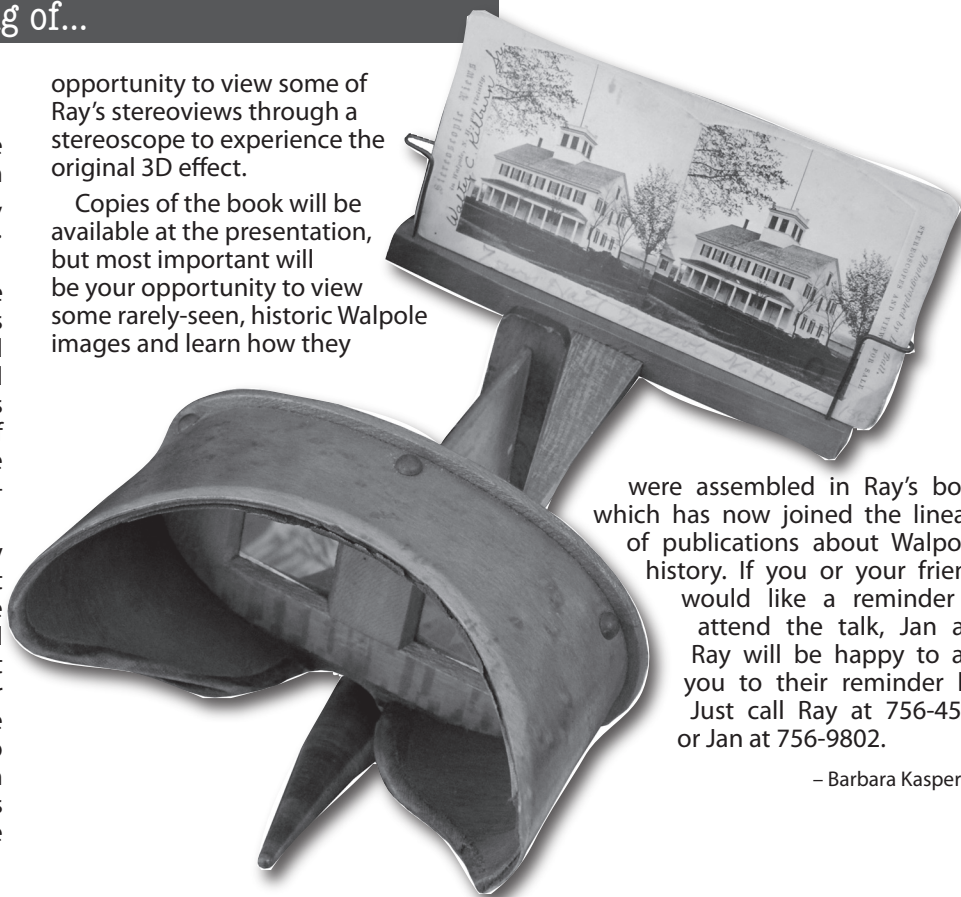
On Thursday, August 28, at 7PM in the Walpole Town Hall, Ray Boas and Jan Kobeski will reprise their illustrated talk, *The Making of As It Was...and Still Is... Walpole, New Hampshire*.

In June, a full house at the Walpole Historical Society heard Ray discuss the genesis of his passion for postcard collecting and the discoveries that led to the writing and publishing of his book; followed by Jan's description of the design process which created the remarkable visual impact of the 128-page, full color book.

In the weeks since the Historical Society presentation, numerous inquiries about the possibility of a repeat performance have convinced both the author and designer that there is enough interest to merit a second presentation. For those who attended the original talk, the August presentation will be expanded to include images and locations not shown in June – plus some recent discoveries by Ray. Attendees will be given the

opportunity to view some of Ray's stereoviews through a stereoscope to experience the original 3D effect.

Copies of the book will be available at the presentation, but most important will be your opportunity to view some rarely-seen, historic Walpole images and learn how they



were assembled in Ray's book, which has now joined the lineage of publications about Walpole's history. If you or your friends would like a reminder to attend the talk, Jan and Ray will be happy to add you to their reminder list. Just call Ray at 756-4545, or Jan at 756-9802.

– Barbara Kasper

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Eleven of our youth just returned from a powerful weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks and overwhelming joy at the Annual Steubenville East Youth Retreat (hosted by Life Teen). The Retreat was held at the University of Rhode Island with the theme, 'God Is.' Our youth were joined by over three thousand youth from the Northeast region. Each summer, Life Teen hosts three different Steubenville Youth Conferences (East, West, and Atlanta) with the hopes of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences are a great introduction to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship for even Youth Group regulars.

The 5th Annual Young Adult Retreat (Following Christ with Saint Benedict) will be held from Friday, September 5, through Sunday, September 7, at Camp Bernadette/Lake Wentworth in Wolfeboro. The Spiritual Leader will be Father John Fortin, O.S.B. This retreat is hosted by the Diocese of Manchester Young Adult Ministry. To register online, log onto youngadult02014.eventbrite.com, or contact Aaron Perkins at 477-5532.

Deacon John Blicharz joined Pastor Harold Noyes of the Community Christian Church of Athens, Vermont in taping a new program on FACT8 TV entitled Respect For Life. You may view this program and others that Deacon John has taped by logging onto: www.fact8.com. Click on the Main Link, Media Library, Browse Programs, and Curious about Catholicism.

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Art After School

Art After School, the highly successful creative program that meets at St. John's Church, 26 Elm Street, is expanding in September!

Art After School, Wednesday session, will begin its ninth year on September 3 from 3:15 - 5 PM. Any child who will be in first grade or higher in September is welcome to attend. A typical session includes a snack and a project designed to nurture creativity, engage imaginations, and build community among the young artists. Teachers Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw look forward to welcoming back last semester's young artists along with new artists. Please call or email Susan if you have questions or would like to register your child. Contact information: 756-2962 or susankershaw54@gmail.com.

Starting on Friday, September 5, a new weekly session—Art+Faith After School—begins. Art+Faith After School will explore faith from the art angle—a creative and imaginative journey! The format will be the same as the Wednesday session. We'll be using a wonderful animated but wordless program of Bible stories called "Holy Moly." We'll be learning about important characters from the Old Testament, including Abraham, Joseph, Moses and David. Art projects will be built on the animated story of the day. This program is open to any child attending first grade or higher. You do not need to be a member of St John's Church to attend. Teachers are Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw.

Please join us for Taco Night, a fundraiser on Friday, September 12, at 5:30 PM at St. John's Church Parish Hall. Enjoy fresh local produce in a "Taco Bar" for do-it-yourself tacos! Delectable homemade desserts will finish off a delicious meal. Cost is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. Funds raised will go to support the program costs of both Art After School and Art+Faith After School.

Twenty-one kids attended Art After School during the past year. The program has proven to be an exciting way to build creativity and community. There is no weekly or monthly fee to attend as we want every child to have access to this wonderful project. We are grateful for donations that help us keep these programs going. Contact Susan Kershaw for information on donating at 756-2962.

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A suggested \$5.00 donation per adult includes entry to the gardens and the Tree ID Walk. All proceeds will be put toward completion of a hiking trail, already under construction.

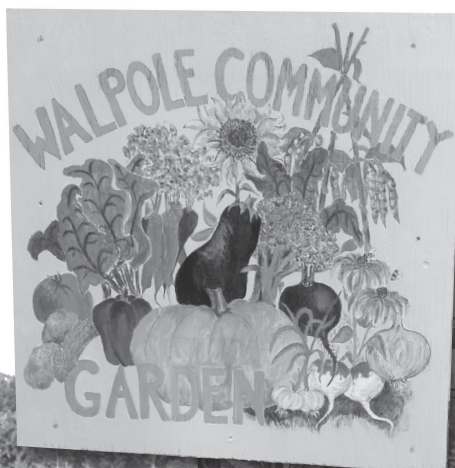
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– Michael Nerrie



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A Hummingbird Clearwing Moth (Hemaris thysbe), feeding on the flower of a Common Milkweed (Asclepias syriaca) at Distant Hill Gardens.



Walpole Community Gardens were looking particularly lush in late July.



Popolo Performances

Billy Bragg at Bellows Falls Opera House

On Saturday, September 20, Popolo presents English musician and activist, Billy Bragg.

Mr. Bragg's popularity has continued unabated since he first broke onto the American scene in the mid 1980s with his album, *Talking with the Taxman About Poetry*. After three albums, Mr. Bragg's name had become synonymous with the art of mixing pop and politics.

By the time of his first big American single, "Sexuality," Mr. Bragg had already been on Top of The Pops in the UK with several successful albums under his belt and a top 40 hit with his song "New England," recorded by Kirsty MacColl. He received a Grammy nomination for *Mermaid Avenue*, a collaboration with American band Wilco that set to music unrecorded lyrics by Woody Guthrie. Assigned the task by Woody's own daughter, Mr. Bragg had grown into Guthrie's successor as the no-nonsense champion of the people. Several albums have followed, the most recent being the mature yet vulnerable *Tooth & Nail*, released in 2013. *Tooth & Nail* has cemented the reputation of Mr. Bragg as one of the most respected musicians of his era, a stalwart for social justice, a keen observer of his times, but also a quiet romantic.

The Guardian wrote, "Although he will always be seen as an acutely political artist, it is the enduring power of his songwriting that is most remarkable." Anyone who has followed Mr. Bragg's music through his 40-year career can attest to the fact that he remains an astonishing songwriter, an unparalleled performer, a clever comedian, and the gold standard by which we measure our efforts to improve the state of affairs. "Songs can't change the world," Mr. Bragg said in 2012, "only the audience can."

In reviewing a show in Sidney, Australia, this past year, journalist Mark Farrer wrote that, "it was impossible not to reflect on the journey he has made from post-post proselytiser to master singer-songwriter, carrying the conscience of a couple of generations with a passion undimmed by the decades."

If you haven't ever scene a Billy Bragg show you should probably find out what you've been missing. If you've enjoyed The Bard's live performances in the past, you know why you'll be back again; Mr. Bragg reminds us both why we care about the world and also that we should. His compassion, wit and fervor are timeless contributions to the canon

of popular music and he continues a resolute tradition of speaking truth to power. The world could use more of him.

Tickets to see Billy Bragg on September 20 are \$28, \$37.50, and \$55.00. Tickets go on sale July 7, 2014 and are available exclusively through Popolo's ticketing site at popolomeanspeople.com and at the restaurant during business hours. Doors are at 8:00pm, the show begins at 8:45pm. Popolo advises ticket buyers that Mr. Bragg's last performance at the Bellows Falls Opera House sold out quickly. Reservations for dinner at Popolo before the show begin at 5:00pm. Reservations at 802.460.7676

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Walk-in Wednesdays will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 3-5 PM at the HCS office in Charlestown, located in the Medical Center Building on Arborway off Elm Street, and at the Keene HCS office at 312 Marlboro Street. The next Walk-in Wednesdays are scheduled for August 6 and September 3. Those who are not able to stop by are encouraged to call 352-2253 for information any time.

Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their regular monthly dinner at noon on Friday, August 22 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole.

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 meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the First Congregational Church on the Common in Walpole. The next meetings will be August 6 and August 20. 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.

– Lara Larson

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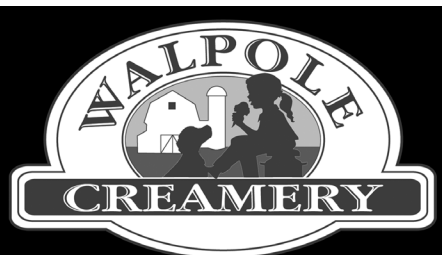
– Andy Warhol

Beekeeping Workshop

Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-3:30 PM on Saturday, September 6, at 18 MacLean Road in Alstead. Look for the *BEE* sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road.

Topics of discussion will include treatment of nosema and mites, winter preparations, winter protein and carbohydrate supplements, and making beeswax hand creams. Bring a veil if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Water and a chair may also come in handy. Registration required. Please email lindenap@gmail.com or call 756-9056.


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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Parent Sayings

What could go wrong?

Fourth of July weekend was all planned as a weekend of relaxation in a nearby campground. Family was expected on Friday for homemade spaghetti with sauce and meatballs. One guest we had not met was coming. Sauce and meatballs were made the day before and put on ice. We arrived at the campground on Thursday, hooked up the RV, laid back, and relaxed.

Life was good! What could go wrong?

Thursday night I go out to start cooking supper and my two-burner stove would not light. No problem, both of our sons camp and have stoves. So, a phone call was made and a stove was promised to arrive on Friday. A little while later I noticed that the fire pit had no grate over it. The plan was to heat the sauce and meatballs over hot coals. Another phone call to the other son. Aha! He had several grills that would fit and would bring them on Friday.

Meanwhile, the humidity had started to climb and I heard a yell from within the RV. "The AC will not come on!" yelled the Attitude Adjuster out the door, with water streaming off her face. A check showed that the circuit breaker had tripped; one quick flip and the AC was back in service and my goose remained uncooked.

Night brought thunder, lighting and a downpour which lasted all night. The morning weather report promised rain all day. We had seven people coming and room in the camper for four -- five if we squeezed. Several phone calls confirmed that everyone was available on Saturday and the dinner was postponed for one day.

Later in the day the rain quit. Inasmuch as we had purchased a huge load of wood, I decided to start a fire in the fire pit. I am not a great fire-starter, but after several frustrating minutes and a few unprintable words, I had a nice flame going. I called Fran to come join me and enjoy the fire. The rain gods heard me and dumped Lake Winnepesaukee on my flames.

In the evening, the campground offered fried dough; we went and had some, and that saved the day. Saturday turned out to be a bright sunny day with a nice breeze. Mid-afternoon, our family and one guest arrived along with the grill

and a two-burner stove. Uh-oh, forgot to advise my son that we decided to run to the local big box store and purchase a new one. "Tough," says he, "I brought it, and you can take it home!" It was (and still is) stored at our house.

Our grandson started a fire in the pit but it did not heat the sauce fast enough, because I was informed that the spaghetti was nearly ready. Thankfully, I now had two stoves and a gas grill. What more could go wrong?

Everyone was soon served and was enjoying a delicious meal. I filled my plate and went to sit next to the lady I had met

only a few minutes ago. Guess I was not paying close enough attention, because my full plate tipped and the table, my pants and shirt were now covered in spaghetti and sauce. I managed to grab a meatball as it slid by.

After we got the mess cleaned up and my youngest grandson stopped laughing, he said, "Sit, grandpa."

Then he filled a plate and delivered it without spilling a drop.

It is a memorable story that will, I'm sure, be told and laughed about many, many times.

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The cast of Rumpelstiltskin takes a well-deserved bow at the conclusion of week one of this year's Theater Camp. See page 4.



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The Bottom Line

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