



Town Meeting Time



The cycle has again begun when we all may take part in local government by learning, joining in with conversation, and marking a ballot with our choices. Did you know you can cast your ballot even if you're away on election day, Tuesday, March 11? Absentee ballots may be requested now at the office of the Town Clerk, and will be mailed to you when ready. Completed ballots must be received by the clerk by 5 PM on election day. The deadline for in-person applications is Monday, March 10 before 5 PM. It must be returned in person by 5 PM (or mailed to arrive by 5 PM on the 11th).

On Tuesday, February 4, at 6 PM, the Annual Budget Hearing will be held in the Town Hall. At this time, the selectboard will present in detail the expenditure plan for the coming year. Most expenses are recurring, but one-time purchases and improvements will also be discussed. Voters will be given the opportunity to ask questions. The 4th of February is also the last date that a properly completed Petition Warrant Article may be submitted for inclusion on the ballot.

Culminating the process, the polls open at 8 AM on Tuesday, March 11, until 7 PM. Adjourning at 7 PM, Town Meeting will reconvene on Saturday, March 15.

The Cold River is the dividing line for determining your polling place. Residents south of the river (including Drewsville) vote at the Walpole Town Hall. The polls for residents north of the river are at St. Peter Church in North Walpole. And, if not previously registered, you may register at the polls on election day with photo identification and proof of residency. Become involved, attend, learn what is going on, and cast your vote.

— Ray Boas

School-Business Collaboration

*In the past month, the **Clarion** learned of an ongoing collaboration between the Fall Mountain Regional School District and Whelen Engineering of Charlestown, New Hampshire. We asked Karen Brown, Middle School Unified Arts Technology teacher for the district, to share the details of the program with our readers.*

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This manufacturing unit was begun a few years ago when Whelen Engineering was looking to grow its outreach to schools. There was a class at Whelen for high school students, but management wanted to expand to the lower grades. With a number of different meetings and visits to the Whelen facility in Charlestown, a new unit on manufacturing was developed for eighth-grade students. The Fall Mountain School District, Whelen and the Fall Mountain Endowment Association have all been extremely supportive throughout the development and implementation of the unit. They have provided time, money and resources to bring the unit to fruition.

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Annual Budget Hearing

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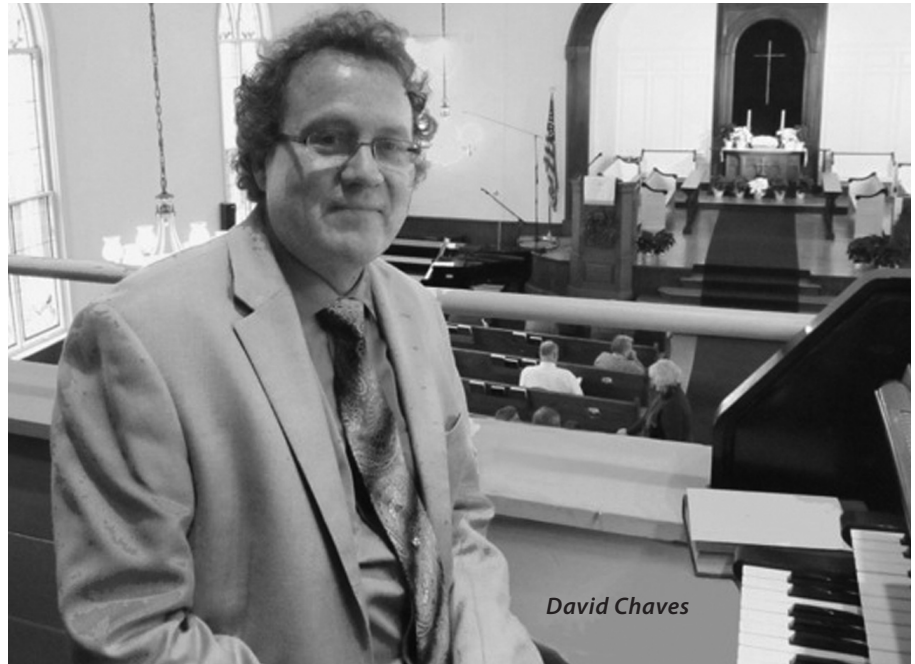
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New Director of Music

The First Congregational Church of Walpole is happy to announce the appointment of David Chaves of Sunapee, NH, to the position of Organist and Director of Music. David holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Theory and Composition from Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY.

He is an accomplished musician in many different venues, having served as Music Director at St Patrick Parish in Newport, NH and Trinity Episcopal Church in Claremont. He has directed and accompanied such diverse choral programs as Area Choir in Newport, NH, Colby-Sawyer College in New London, Lebanon and Sunapee School Districts, and Shir Shalom Synagogue Woodstock, Vermont.

David has lived in the Upper Valley for the past 27 years where he and his wife, Cindy, have raised their five children. Additionally, he has been a private instructor in both piano and organ.

The Walpole Congregational Church presented a Christmas Cantata on

December 22. All area singers are encouraged to come and join in the singing under our new director. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7 PM. The bell choir rehearses Tuesday evenings at 7 PM and anyone interested in playing or learning to play bells is urged to come and participate. For additional information, please call Janet Wilson, 756-3997 or Peg Winnen, 445-5101.

– Janet Wilson

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Notes from Concord: Visiting the People's House

Every year, hundreds of fourth-graders visit the State House as part of their study of New Hampshire history. But the State House – the People's House – is a great place for everyone to visit. Visiting relatives who like history? Like art galleries? Civil War buff? Political junkies in your family? Just have some unexpected free time in Concord? Follow the golden dome to the State House and check it out.



Immediately inside the entrance is the most moving display – the Hall of Flags, displaying 107 flags carried by New Hampshire regiments from the Civil War through Vietnam. Around the corner in one direction is the huge painting depicting the Battle of Gettysburg. Around the corner in the other direction is the moon landing display, with the portrait of astronaut Alan B. Shepard, along with two tiny chips of moon rock, encased in glass.

A few steps farther on is the Visitor's Center, where you can pick up short pamphlets with self-guided tours of the State House, the State House lawn, and the Hall of Flags. Be sure to check out the collections of campaign memorabilia from past presidential primaries.

From there, go up to the third floor and walk past the portraits of former



The Gettysburg painting in the State House

Photos Provided

legislators and notables to the House Gallery. Representatives Hall holds the third-largest legislative body in the English-speaking world, with theater-style seating for 400. Built in 1819, it is approaching 200 years old – the longest continuous use of the same chamber in the nation. There are portraits of Presidents Washington, Lincoln and Pierce, along with Daniel Webster and Senator John P. Hale. Hale was a forward-thinker, and an early Abolitionist, but when asked if he thought women would ever be allowed to vote, he said no.

On the second floor, climb the narrow steps into the Senate Gallery for a view of the murals painted by Keene's Barry Faulkner, with tableaux representing people and themes from New Hampshire history. Unlike the vast Representatives Hall, the Senate Chamber is an intimate, ornate gem of a room, with a desk for each Senator, and chairs and couches around the edges for staff.

From the Senate, walk the hall lined with portraits of more recent Governors down to the Governor's Reception Area. There you will find the most recent portraits, and just adjacent, the Executive Council Chambers with the very earliest ones. You can walk right in here, after saying hello to the Governor's staffer. If the Executive Council is not meeting, be sure to walk around the room for a closer look at the magnificent pieces of Colonial furniture.

Down the hall is the Secretary of State's Office, and more photographs from past presidential primaries. If you are lucky, Secretary of State William Gardner will treat you to some of his reminiscences of past campaigns or other stories from his vast knowledge of New Hampshire history.

The State House is one of the most open and welcoming anywhere, and everyone who works there – legislators and visitors alike – loves to show it off to visitors. If you have a group of ten or more, you can arrange in advance for a guided tour of the State House by calling the Visitor's Center at 271-2154. Tours can be somewhat tailored to your interests, and smaller tours led by volunteers can sometimes be arranged. Let your Reps – Paul Berch, Bill Butynski, Tara Sad and me – know you're coming. If our schedules permit, we'd love to show you our favorite parts of the State House. See you in Concord!

– Lucy Weber

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Volunteer Recognition

YMCA Recognizes Diane Myers-Miller for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership

Beautifully-preserved, handwritten notes from 1895 tell a powerful story of volunteer initiative. While more than 100 volunteers contributed to the effort to create what is now known as Meeting Waters YMCA, the historic notes show the passionate and persistent leadership of one person—Nathan G. Williams. Williams, who had recently relocated to the area to serve as CEO of the Vermont Farm Machine Company, had been a Y volunteer leader in his native Pennsylvania. The notes of those first organizational meetings show how Mr. Williams brought the vision of a YMCA in the Great Falls region with him to his new community and how he galvanized more than 100 other volunteers to bring this vision to life.

In 1999 (their first full year as Co-Directors of Meeting Waters YMCA), Susan and Steve Fortier were looking for a way to recognize other volunteers that have brought the same level of passion and leadership to the regional Y. After leafing through the notes from 1895-1897, they decided to honor Mr. Williams' legacy by naming the award for outstanding volunteer leadership after him.

On Monday, January 13, the *Nathan G. Williams Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership* was given to Walpole's Diane Myers-Miller, who has served on the Board of Directors of Meeting Waters YMCA since 2009. She served as its

President from September 2010 through September 2013 and is serving her final year on the board as the organization's secretary, a position formerly held by Walpole's Antonia Andreoli.

"Like Nathan G. Williams some 115 years earlier, Diane has provided our YMCA and those we serve with passionate and persistent leadership," commented Executive Director Steve Fortier. "Like Mr. Williams, she pulled others together to strengthen our organization and deepen our impacts in the communities we serve. Also like him, she will leave a strong legacy when she finally steps off our board at the end of this year. I am grateful for her many and varied contributions to our Y and delighted to recognize her with this award."

Also receiving special recognition at Meeting Waters YMCA's January Board meeting was its Y-ASPIRE (after-school program) Site Director in Bellows Falls, Stacy Garciadealba Cox. Stacy received the organization's *Red Triangle Award for Outstanding Staff Leadership*. In her comments, Program Director Susan Fortier quoted John Quincy Adams who once said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Fortier then shared several examples of Stacy's leadership with the youth in her program, their parents, and the larger community.

For more information about Meeting Waters YMCA, visit www.meetingwatersymca.org; follow them on Facebook; or call their main office at (802) 463-4769.

—Steve Fortier

Meeting Waters YMCA Co-Directors Susan and Steve Fortier flank award recipients Stacy Garciadealba and Diane Myers-Miller.





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— Abraham Lincoln

Radio Follies of 2014

Back by popular acclaim, The Walpole Players will return "to the air" at 7PM, Saturday, March 15, in the Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall presenting *Cabin Fever Radio Follies of 2014*. In keeping with the tradition begun last year, the doors will open at 6:30 when audience members may arrive bringing their own dinners, snacks and beverages of choice. Round tables seating eight will be placed around the floor for everyone's dining pleasure to sit back and listen when the Players commence the live broadcast from the radio studio on stage.

The Bickersons will return along with Fibber McGee and Molly. Groucho may be stopping by and you will be delighted with *A Date with Judy*. Even Lucy and Ethel are planning to spend a few moments with us on their trip south. These are but a few of your old radio favorites. Interspersed will be classic broadcast advertisements and musical arrangements to spark your memories. The stage will be set as a radio studio, complete with an authentic period

sound effects table. Airtime of about an hour and 15 minutes will carry you back to the 1930s, 40s, and 50s when life was a tad simpler.

Ticket prices are still only \$5 per person for a grand evening out, and are available at Galloway Real Estate, Costume Ladies, Real to Reel Video and Murray's. An early sell-out is expected, so don't delay. Call Ray at 756-4545 to make your reservation and arrange payment. Mark your calendars for March 15, gather your friends, make your reservation, and pack your dinner and beverages to join the fun.

— Ray Boas


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Hockey Benefit

Crotched Mountain Benefit

Boston Bruins' Alumni will compete against the Crotched Mountain Wild, a team of employees and friends of the Rehabilitation Center, in the 4th annual Boston Bruins Alumni Classic at the Sullivan Arena at Saint Anselm College on Sunday, February 9, at 2 PM, the event will feature Bruins Alumni team captain Rick Middleton and other Bruins greats. All proceeds will benefit the Rehabilitation Center's Accessible Recreation and Sports (CMARS) programs. General admission tickets: \$10 per person.

CMARS provides lessons for children and adults with disabilities to safely learn to ski and snowboard, kayak and canoe, cycle and hike and participate in other recreational sports with the support of adaptive equipment.

Bruins players will sign autographs. Raffle prizes include autographed sports memorabilia, sporting event tickets and a chance to participate in on-ice games between the periods.

— Liz LaRose



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The Walpole Players

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Walpole Community Fund

It's been an unusually cold winter. Many are worried about pipes freezing, about furnaces over-working or not being able to keep up with the arctic-type frigid temperatures. Thankfully, most of us have warm homes and the ability to purchase fuel – whether oil, propane, or wood, to warm our homes.

The Walpole Community Fund helps Walpole residents with emergency needs, including fuel assistance. The Fund is managed as an ecumenical effort. Most of the fund-raising is done at Christmas-time in conjunction with the Giving Tree project. However, requests for help in providing heat are more numerous this cold winter and the Fund is getting low.

If you would like to help keep a neighbor-in-need warm, please donate to the Walpole Community Fund. Checks should be made out to "The Walpole Community Fund" and mailed to the Rev. Craig Breismeister, First Congregational Church, PO Box 393, Walpole, NH 03608. Any size donation will make a huge difference. Thank you for helping keep everyone warm!

– The Rev. Susan Kershaw

Genealogy Workshop

The Walpole Historical Society will sponsor another free Genealogy Workshop on Thursday, February 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 756-2933 for reservations. More information can be found on the Walpole Historical Society website: walpolehistory.org.

– Jeanne A Jeffries

Farmer's Luncheon

The Hooper Institute will host a luncheon for members of the agricultural community on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 11AM to 1 PM at the Institute. The purpose of this gathering is to explain the proposed conservation easement on the Hooper golf course acreage.

How does the sale of this easement directly help the farm community? After a brief presentation, there will be time for questions and conversation.

Please join us for this informative and delicious gathering. RSVP to the Hooper Institute at 756-4382.

– Hooper Institute

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet for a potluck lunch at the Town Hall on the Walpole Common at noon on Monday, February 17. (Note date and location as there are renovations at the church.) Everyone is asked to bring a contribution for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Bring a dish to share. All Walpole Seniors are welcome. Come for fun and good socialization.

– Jeanne A Jeffries

*Love
is a game that
two can play
& both win.*

– Eva Gabor

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Bridge Memorial Library

Monday: 1:00 - 8 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM - Noon; 1:00 - 6 PM

Thursday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Friday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

North Walpole Branch Library

Tuesday - Wednesday: 2 - 4 PM

Saturday: 1 - 4 PM

Helping Chris Caserta

As many of you may know, Chris was badly injured after being hit by a tree limb on January 3rd, and was airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He sustained severe injuries to his head and face, necessitating major reconstructive surgery, and will likely require additional surgery. The Casertas will undoubtedly have major medical expenses that would be hard for any young family to manage, and we are hoping that we can come together to help them as a community. Chris and Caitlin have already received love and support from near and far. A campaign has been launched to help them handle their financial burden and allow them to focus on Chris's healing and getting back to their normal routines as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your love and support of Chris and Caitlin

To Donate, go to: www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/chris-caserta-and-family-support-/123475#sthash.Wn6RR9PY.dpuf

The unit is planned to take approximately 16 classes to complete. For the first half of the unit, the students learn about vocabulary used in manufacturing. During this time, the students work in small groups to research a product of their choice and discover how it was manufactured. The students research and then create a poster that goes through the manufacturing process of their product. The poster is then shared with the rest of the class. What students do not realize (until it is pointed out to them at the end) is that by going through the process of creating the poster, they have become manufacturers.

Once the posters are completed, the students are ready to take on the challenge of manufacturing parts for Whelen. This is where students take on different roles in the classroom in order to create a certain number of parts by a deadline. The students take on roles of manager, quality assurance, pre-processing, assembly, etc. The part they assemble is called a Flasher Board (shown above). It has many different electronic components about which the students need to learn before they start building. They are taught what all the different parts are that need to be assembled, as well as specifics about them (tolerances, placement, polarity, etc.). Once they understand the task, they discuss a goal for the number of units they would like to complete as

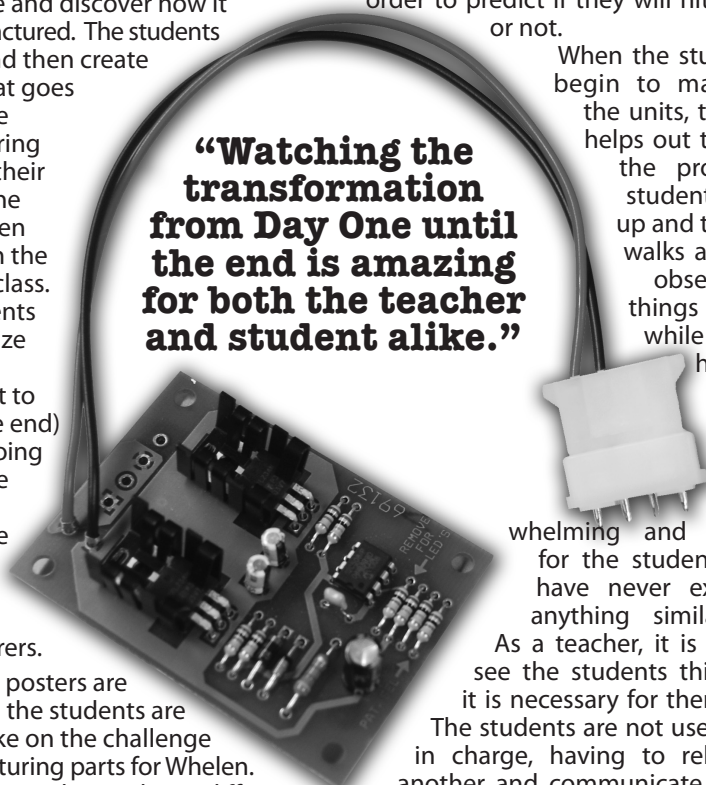
a class. They put together a plan for achieving this goal and then set out to attain it. They keep track of their progress and have a daily meeting to discuss how they are doing, and if any changes need to be made in order for them to hit the goal. They utilize skills learned in math class in order to predict if they will hit their goal or not.

When the students first begin to manufacture the units, the teacher helps out to facilitate the process. The students get set up and the teacher walks around and observes how things are going while lending a hand where needed. The first day can be quite overwhelming and frustrating for the students as they have never experienced anything similar before.

As a teacher, it is difficult to see the students this way but it is necessary for them to grow. The students are not used to being in charge, having to rely on one another and communicate effectively (among other things). Over time, the students settle in as they understand better what their role is in the process. The managers start leading the meetings at the beginning of class and the students work together as a whole to complete the project. Watching the transformation from Day One until the end is amazing for both teacher and student alike.

At the end of the unit, the students load up all the parts, and they are delivered to Whelen where the students are treated to a tour of the facility. During this time the students get to see how what they have been doing in class is similar to

"Watching the transformation from Day One until the end is amazing for both the teacher and student alike."



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The Whelen facility in Charlestown

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Falls Area Community TV

Letter from the Executive Director:

Once again, another fiscal year has flown by and I am grateful to have served FACT's Board of Directors and the greater falls community. This year has been particularly dizzying. FACT launched its second No Film Film Festival while completely renovating its current office space. It has truly been a year of great change and challenge.

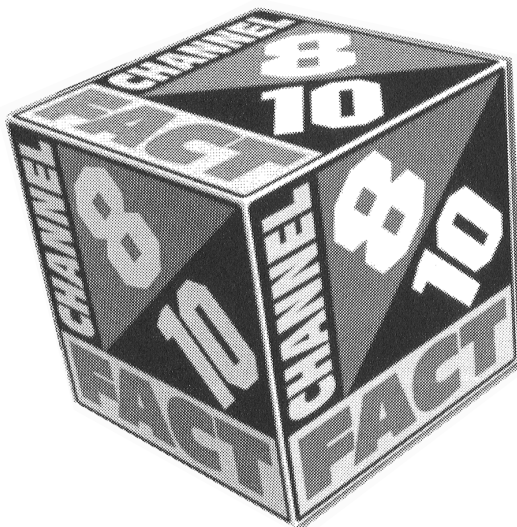
In July, the board voted to renovate FACT's offices and television studio. The idea of renovating was suggested by a board member who mentioned that when he walked by its office, FACT did not look like a TV station. This became very obvious when I walked by the office with a fresh pair of eyes and an open mind. It was clear we essentially had no curb appeal. The former layout of the office created major sound issues: in particular, the TV recoding studio was not separated from the office space, so when a live television recording was conducted all office work had to stop. The studio needed a wall to separate the two spaces. The idea of a wall had been suggested in the past, but funds were in short supply.

It wasn't until this July that FACT could move forward with a plan to put in a wall and completely renovate the space. The goal of the design of the new space was to appeal to a person walking by the offices. It was also important that upon first glance, FACT was immediately recognizable as a public access television station. With that in mind, I began working with a designer to create a new space. The budget was proposed, the board approved it, and construction began in January, 2013. It would take two full months to complete construction of the new wall, update the electrical system, and repaint and refurnish the new office. The completed office space has been a great success. When people walk by they stop and peer through our glass door to see what is going on. The atmosphere is warm, inviting, and professional. The new studio now more accurately reflects what we do.

For the second year in a row, FACT successfully organized *The No Film Film Festival 2: 80s Re-make*. This year, eighteen teams from across the country competed for the grand prize, with fifteen teams completing the task of producing a spoof of an 80s film in one week. The number of completed films was slightly higher than last year's number. The size of the audience attending the screening doubled. This year has proven to be more successful than last year, and I anticipate more growth in the coming years.

In an effort to attract more video producers, FACT launched a monthly video club. The club creates a place

where fellow producers can share their work with each other to gain feedback. It is also a time for producers to share their knowledge and inspire one other. The video club began in September, 2012, and attendance grew until we had about 14 members attending on a monthly basis. During renovations, the video club was put on hold but the concept worked well as an outreach program, and will be resuming in the near future.



This past year, FACT entered negotiations with VTel. VTel will soon be offering cable to its subscribers in Rockingham, Grafton and Windham. As a requirement of VTel's Certificate of Public Good, it must provide public access to its subscribers. FACT looks forward to working with VTel to access television on its fiber network; look for FACT on VTel soon.

Falls Area Community Television has made some good changes: a newly-renovated office space, a more organized workflow and a revamped website (thanks to the many volunteered hours of Michael Anderson). However, for the past few years, FACT has failed to retain new producers. Local producers are the foundation of the organization and our main directive is to attract and train new people. FACT has successfully attracted




and trained many new people, but the real issue is retention. The main obstacle for new producers is time; it takes time to produce quality programming.

The willingness to learn the technology to make television can be another obstacle. Some producers want to make television, but are uninterested in the technical details. Finding a balance for the retention of producers is difficult. An in-studio production is by far the best and most advantageous solution for producers seeking to create a television show. It is clear that more resources need to be focused on training and preparing producers to make in-studio shows. It is my personal goal to increase the number of in-studio shows by five by the end of the next fiscal year. It's by far our best option and it will immediately give FACT more local content. I also foresee the In-studio show assisting community leaders to communicate with the public. One proposal to attract more active producers is to organize a local conference where FACT invites business owners, nonprofits, schools and municipal leaders to show them the value of creating public access television content. Consistent local programming has been declining in our organization and the time has come for FACT to do something about it. We need to put some real effort into increasing our volume of locally-produced shows.

This year has been quite eventful and the organization has accomplished a lot. FACT faces some great challenges and I look forward to working with the board of directors to meet these challenges. I anticipate creating a new learning program that will make FACT a vibrant place for locally-produced content. The station now has a new look, new technology and a renewed staff, and it is time to push forward and create a new crop of community producers.

— Jacob Stradling

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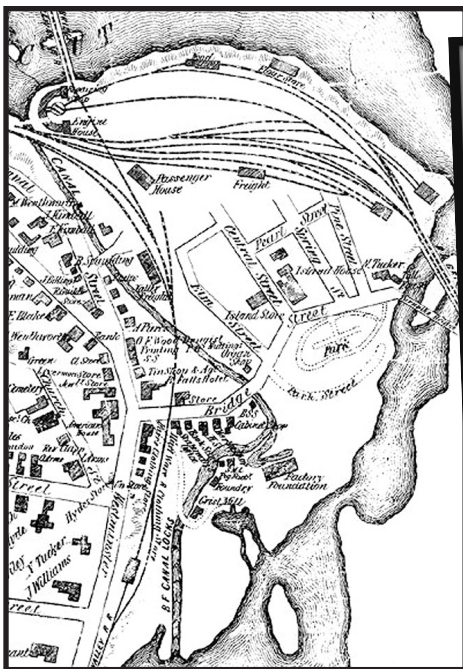
		
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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

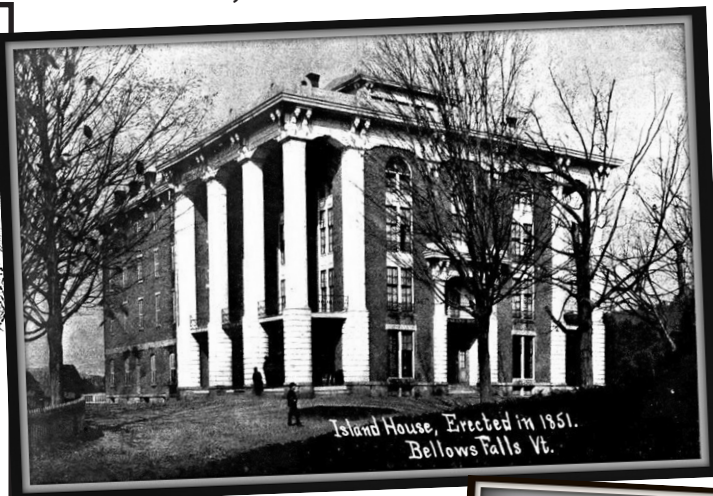
...in the mid-19th century

both Walpole and Bellows Falls were becoming summer resort destinations – with four railroads entering Bellows Falls from different directions? And with Walpole's Abenaki Springs, it was thought visitation here could rival Saratoga Springs, New York. Visitors from Boston and New York City would stay overnight or longer here between trains while heading to the White Mountains. The "best class" of patrons were wealthy southerners escaping the heat to spend the entire summer in the mountains.



Bellows Falls' "island" was created with the digging of the canal in 1792. Besides the railroad facilities on the island there was the stately home built about 1792 by Dr. Samuel Cutler. By the 1840s Col. Roswell Shurtleff owned nearly all of the island and in 1849-50 remodeled Cutler's building to serve as a hotel for those

travelers. He hoped to establish the area as a tourist destination, however, it burned before opening. In its place, the Colonel erected an elegant, four-story brick hotel, opening in 1851. On the grounds he built two bowling alleys, an entertainment building, stables, extensive gardens and greenhouses. Across Bridge Street in front of the hotel were parks with fountains and statuary. President Ulysses S. Grant was a guest of the hotel and spoke from its balcony to a large crowd on August 7, 1869. Just a month before, Civil War General William T. Sherman spoke from the same balcony.



Island House, Erected in 1851.
Bellows Falls Vt.

To develop the tourist business, and keep his hotel full, Shurtleff built a carriage road to the summit of Mount Kilburn (now Fall Mountain). A picnic and observation house of Grecian architecture and white pillars was built on Table Rock. It could be seen for miles up and down the Connecticut River. All summer carriages took guests to the top of the mountain twice daily. Guests were also taken to the noted mineral spring in Walpole.

The Abenaki Springs (located east and a tad north of the DAR Kilburn Monument on Route 12 and about two-thirds of the way up the embankment) were known by the Native Americans who visited to "take the waters" for their curative powers. In 1849, Algonon Sidney Baxter purchased the spring and two acres of land. He had the spring waters analyzed by Dr. A. A. Hayes, Assayer for the State of Massachusetts. Dr. Hayes reported, "It contains, as the most characteristic ingredient, oxide of iron, united to an organic acid known as crenic acid. In this compound, the oxide of iron exists in its proto, or lease oxidized state, and it is that condition which enables it to most easily enter the human system as a remedial."

Baxter spent huge sums of money making improvements around the spring. The grounds were artistically laid out and the spring walled in, making a large reservoir on the hillside. The water was piped from the spring to a large granite drinking fountain, where it was bottled and sold in bulk. Many terraces were cut into the hillside, and on the grounds were lunch rooms, a dancing pavilion and a bowling alley. Visitors were transported by carriage



on pleasant summer days every two hours from the Island House to this "pleasure garden."

The Civil War brought a halt to the wealthy southerners summering at the Island House. After the war, other areas became more fashionable resorts. Business declined at the hotel and surrounding parcels of land were slowly sold off. Manufacturing became dominant on the island, destroying the beauty that surrounded the hotel. Losing money each year, the hotel closed in 1887, and eventually served as storage space for the Vermont Farm Machine Co. The hotel building burned in 1907. Abenaki Springs also suffered as tourism declined in the area. The buildings fell into decay; the last disappeared by 1870.

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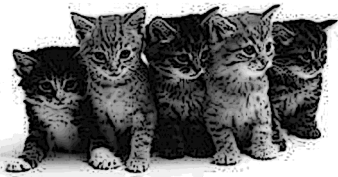
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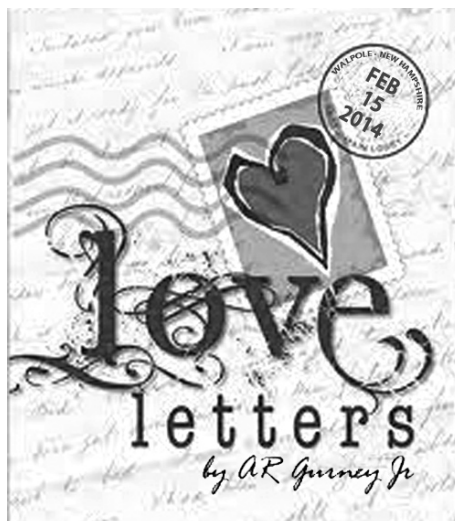
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LOVE LETTERS

A Lifetime of Correspondence

Walpole thespians, Tara Sad and Ray Boas have been cast to perform in Charlestown's River Theater Company's production of A. R. Gurney's *Love Letters*. Curtain is 7PM on Saturday, February 15, at the Walpole Town Hall. The pair contributed last summer to Gail Golec's entry in the *No Film Film Festival* in Bellows Falls, winning the "best acting" award. Now they are cast as Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III.



According to director, Theresa Norman, "Take a good story. Add two interesting characters, then take away all the typical theater effects and what do you have? *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney, a moving play which focuses on the special, life-long relationship between the two – a relationship shown solely through a lifetime of correspondence."

Norman continued, "Now add four different casts at four different locations on four different evenings and what do you have besides one crazy director? Well, you have multiple evenings of incredible theater and loads of fun." In fact, Theresa suggests that you don't limit yourself to just one production. She hopes you attend a few to enjoy the nuances from performance to performance.

Show dates, locations, and actors are: January 31, at the Charlestown Town Hall (downstairs), featuring Heidi Fagan and Jeff Semprebon; February 1, at the Acworth Town Hall, featuring Barbara Davis and John Luther; February 14, at the Trinity Church in Claremont, featuring Judy McGoodwin and Philip Turner.

Curtain time for all shows will be 7 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM. The suggested donation is \$5 at the door on the evening of the performance.

– Ray Boas

Hooper Hill Hoppers

Snowmobile Club

What started off as a promising winter has suddenly become similar to the last few winters. The January deep-freeze was followed by lots of rain and thawing in our part of the state. Needless to say, all our planned outings have been cancelled so far this year. Keep a close eye on the website for future cancellations because, as of right now, there is little-to-no snow predicted in the near future. When the trails did have snow on them, I did get a chance to put on 150 miles or so in the local area and the trails were well-groomed. A lot of people were out enjoying the trails besides the snowmobilers. I saw a couple of dog sleds, cross-country skiers, walkers and even a bicycle. The bicycle was a new one for me! It had these huge balloon tires on it and seemed to go along the groomed trail quite nicely.

All the trail signs should be up by now. A bunch of us did manage to get out and finish them up. I also added some large, yellow-arrow "Gas" signs starting at Diamond Pizza. It seems there was some confusion as to how to get to the new Jiffy Mart and people were riding down Rte 12 on their sleds. A definite *No-No*. If you find an area that you think needs more signage, please let us know as soon as possible so we can take care of it. We are in the process of creating a GPS map for all our trails, and what I've seen so far looks really good. We will also be adding the new section of trail 3A on the rail-bed which runs north to the Jiffy Mart as well.

Monthly meetings are being held at various locations. They can be found on the schedule page of the website: www.hooperhillhoppers.com. We are trying to get more people to attend these meetings and would welcome any ideas you might have. We did have a special get-together at a member's home for those interested in taking the grooming course and exam. This will add some needed volunteers to the club's various grooming machines. Remember, we have groomer donation cans at Diamond Pizza, Pinnacleview Equipment and the Jiffy Mart. Please donate when you can.

Now all we need is some more *snow*!

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what is done in real life. The students enjoy the tour and seeing all the different positions that people have at Whelen. There are many different opportunities in manufacturing offered at the facility.



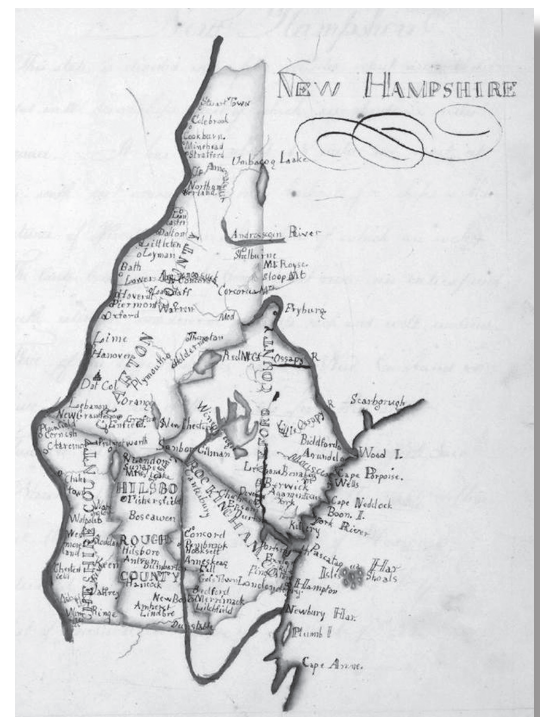
At the conclusion of the unit, the students have a better understanding of manufacturing and what happens at Whelen. From here, the students can make an educated decision on whether

they might be interested in the opportunity to take the high school courses offered at Whelen in order to learn more about manufacturing. This is just one of many goals of the program.

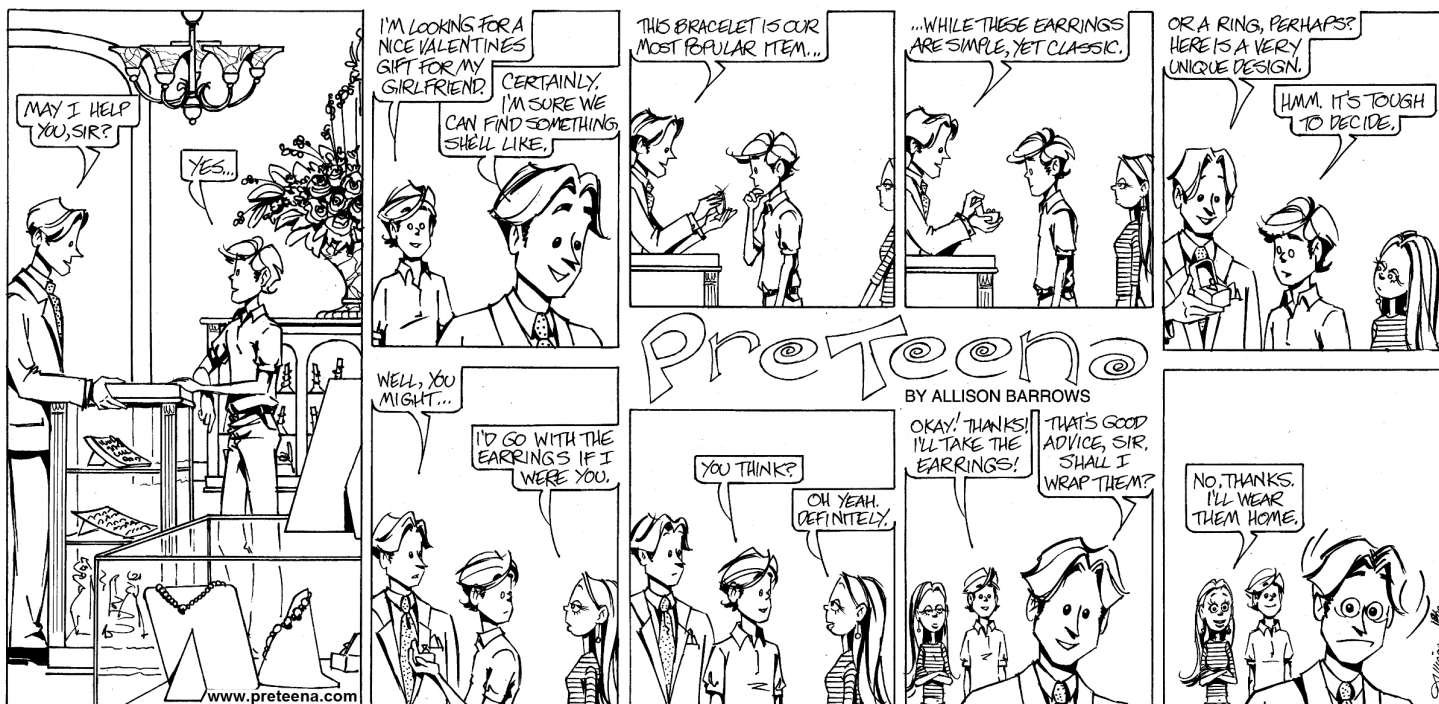
Another objective of the program is outreach. The unit was developed with sharing in mind. With manufacturing playing such a large role in the economy, there is much interest in how to teach about it (and the opportunities contained within it) to students. So far, this unit has been presented to superintendents throughout the state in order to spread the word. Whelen also hosted a summer workshop for teachers, administrators and businesses interested in the unit. This spring, the unit will be presented at the International Technology and Engineering Education Association's annual conference.

It has been a great honor to have been a part of the development, implementation, and expansion of this unit.

— Karen Brown



In an earlier era, children's education focused on different skills. The map of New Hampshire (above) was hand-drawn and colored by Frances Henshaw, a student at Middlebury Female Academy in 1828. From the David Rumsey Map Collection.



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The Chairman of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisors said, "The American economy's ultimate purpose is to produce more consumer goods." How this economy works was described in 1955 by economist and retail analyst Victor Lebow. He explained, "Our enormously productive economy demands that we make consumption our way of life, that we convert the buying and use of goods into rituals, that we seek our spiritual satisfactions, our ego satisfactions, in consumption... We need things consumed, burned up, worn out, replaced, and discarded at an

ever-increasing pace." Our system was intentionally designed with planned obsolescence and waste as the norm.

No wonder it is difficult to make sustainable choices.

It is said that of the energy we each consume, roughly 1/3 is used in our transportation, 1/3 in our homes, and 1/3 in our agricultural system. We can look in each of the three areas for ways to reduce the resources we consume and the pollution we generate.

Now, in 2014, when the hazards of our addiction to oil are so tragically apparent, we might think about reprising the old World War II question, "Is this trip necessary?" Instead of driving to the gym to walk on the treadmill, we might occasionally leave the car home and walk or bike to our quick errands downtown or visits to nearby neighbors.

In our homes, we can add insulation, weatherstrip windows and doors, and choose more efficient windows, wood stoves or furnaces. Beyond that, though, all the things we buy figure into our resource use/pollution generated at home. We can look to reducing the amount of stuff we accumulate, and we can be more selective about the things we do accumulate. If we

plan our purchases ahead of the habitual dash to the big box, precycling becomes more feasible, and we can make far more sustainable choices.

An easy way to do some very rewarding precycling is to shift our agricultural purchases much closer to home. Shopping at the Walpole Farmers Market (Winter Hours: Town Hall, third Sat. of the month, 11AM - 1PM) and other local food outlets is a great way to begin. It saves all the "food miles" used in flying our strawberries (or whatever) in from Chile (or wherever) and all the extra packaging needed to prepare them for shipping.

Plus you get fresher, safer, tastier food and a chance to visit with your neighbors. You'll be helping to keep our farms afloat and our beautiful, productive, agricultural land safe from developing.

Precycling may require more thought and planning, but it pays big rewards!

— Jill Robinson

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WHS Speaker Series

In February, Gail Golec presents *Fables vs. Forensics*

The Walpole Historical Society will present the third of their Speaker Series on Saturday, February 22, at 7 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Gail Golec, a Project Archaeologist with the Monadnock Archaeological Consulting, LLC, will be the speaker. In "Fables vs Forensics", Golec will walk the audience through the research that led to a surprising conclusion to a puzzling Walpole Historical Society mystery. Historical research coupled with a forensic anthropological assessment, shed a new light on a set of skeletal remains at the WHS with a fabled past.

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Cellar Holes Talk Attendees Prove New England Heartiness

The WHS Speaker Series was in jeopardy on the night of Jan. 11. The weather was miserable with rain, pea-soup fog, and ice – lots of ice – on roads and entryways.

Who would brave such a night to learn about the history of New England cellar holes?

Just like their ancestors who built the cellar holes, the determined attendees who made their way to Hastings House proved they deserved the title "hearty New Englanders."

After shedding coats and grabbing cups of coffee, the audience enjoyed a very informative lecture by Adair Mulligan.

Ms. Mulligan has been a part of an ambitious project of the Lyme, New Hampshire Historical Society to locate and document the town's many cellar holes. She explained how the group of volunteers sought state archeology experts for guidance in preserving these sites. Getting permission from landowners to survey the holes on their properties was necessary before beginning any search. With the help of a slide presentation, she educated the audience by explaining how the Lyme group researched a variety of old maps and surveys to begin its search.

The mystery of why so many New Hampshire homesteads were abandoned was explained as part of the altering of the land to provide pasture for crops and sheep. As deforestation caused the heaving of rocks to the ground's surface, many New Hampshire farmers left for the more tillable soils of the Midwest. Ms. Mulligan also emphasized through period and contemporary photographs how much the landscape has changed in New Hampshire in the last 150 years, and its impact on the project. Forests have since reclaimed these spaces, but surprisingly, also provide great clues to the location of holes.

The WHS and the public was able to enjoy and learn from Ms. Mulligan's expertise thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

– Sally McGaffigan

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WES Spelling Bee

The 2014 Walpole Elementary School spelling bee took place on Friday, January 17, in the school gymnasium. Twenty students in grades five through eight (the grade champions) participated, including: Chelsie Loves, Isaac Given, Kaylee Lintner, Shea Pickering, Olivia Dunnigan, Hannah Sethi, Jake Dennis, Brendan Reagan, Dillon Simpkins, Amanda Hodgkins, Nico McPherson, George Gowdy, Hunter Oberst, Leah Gay, Hannah McCormick, Zack Whiton, James Blair, Selma Watson, Amber Beliveau, and Gabby Anastasio.

The three judges were Mrs. Aumand, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. Ronning. Mr. Stan was the word-pronouncer. Mr. Jacobs was there to control the crowd. Chelsie Loves was the first contestant to spell. The first round was a first-grade-level warm-up. The first word to be spelled by Chelsie was "rug." Gabby Anastasio ended Round 1 with the word "grass."

As the bee continued, the rounds became more challenging. Some of the more difficult words at the end included, "extinguish," "shiatsu," "vivacious," "propulsion," and "hackamore." The spelling champion was sixth-grader Hannah Sethi. "Rosin" was the last word to be spelled correctly by Sethi. She will go on to the New Hampshire state spelling bee in Manchester this March.

Participants were asked how nervous they were during the bee. One student replied, "On a scale of one-to-ten, eleven."

— Ella Bursky, Chelsie Loves, Maeve Perron



Top: Spelling Bee participants await the first word. Above, Champion speller Hannah Sethi at the microphone and, Runner-up James Blair at right.

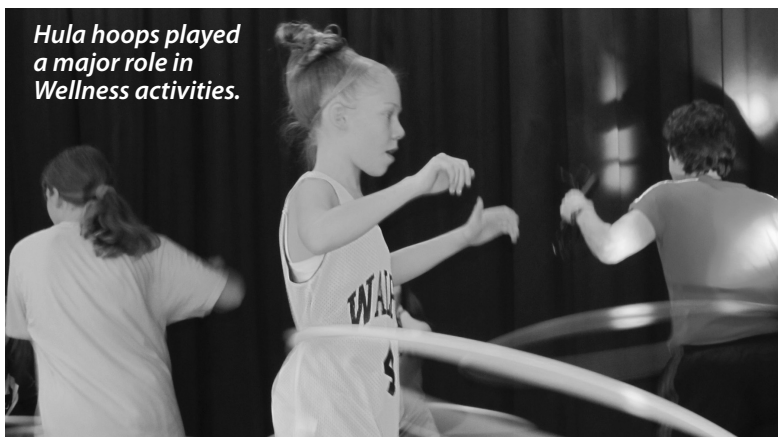


BEE PHOTOS: CHRISTY LOVES



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Hula hoops played a major role in Wellness activities.



Winter Wellness

Despite frigid temperatures which kept everyone indoors, hour-long school Wellness activities continue. Grades 5-8 rotated through three stations in very large groups. One group did a P90X workout with Police Chief Mike Paquette. The DVD was projected on a big screen and he led the program.

Another group did small jump-rope activities, alone and in pairs. The last group did jump-rope activities with a long rope and two people turning the rope. They jumped, entered and exited the routine, jumping rope within a rope, and mastering the egg-beater, criss-crossing two ropes.

Grades K and 1 did a group warm-up with locomotor movements and various exercises, some active dances, and long-rope activities. Some 5th- and 7th-graders came in to assist with the long ropes.

Grades 2, 3, and 4 did group warm-ups with various locomotor movements and exercises, and then danced in small and large groups doing the chicken dance, limbo, cha-cha slide, and twist, among others.

The Wellness Committee is comprised of Sam, School nurse Sheryl Chuda, Kristie Kinson, and Toni McDougale. The Wellness Committee will meet again to plan Wellness activities for February. Weather permitting, we would love for it to be an outdoor activity.

— Toni McDougale

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

It was a cold day in the 1960's and we were headed for Mount Tabor, near Weston, VT. "We" being me, my dad and his cousin Herb. We had scouted the area in the fall and had found signs of bear activity. Signs including big piles of bear droppings, clawed trees and signs of rutting. We were going bear-hunting (which is different from hunting bare). We loaded Dad's Land Rover with our equipment and headed north. We had on several layers of clothes as it was only 15 degrees here, but on Mount Tabor it was apt to be zero. On arrival, we found lots of new snow and signs confirming that bears were still in the area. Dad said, "You cannot eat sign, so stop yapping and let's get hunting!" We checked the time, agreed on a meeting spot and time, and headed out in different directions. I was assigned to circle a particular pine grove and hopefully drive a bear toward one of the other two, who were better shots than me.

After about a half hour, I came upon tracks heading into the pines. Now even a novice (another word for "one who cannot hit the broad side of a barn") knows that to continue to circle the grove is not going to drive the bear out into the open. Can't you just picture the bear sitting in the middle of the grove going, "Look at that idiot with a gun. If he thinks his circling is going to confuse me into coming out, he is really nuts!"

The only thing to do was to follow the tracks into the grove. After a few feet, the grove got really dense and the only way to continue was to get on my hands and knees and crawl. Ten minutes into the grove, the hair on the back of my neck stood up, like the first time you sidle up to that special girl and all of a sudden you realize what makes them different from us!

I stopped crawling, tilted my head up and about five feet in front of me was the largest pair of nostrils I had ever seen – attached to a big, black, furry bear. We

both froze and stared at each other for what seemed like hours but probably was fifteen seconds. Every muscle in my body cramped – that is, every muscle except one. I remember Dad telling me, "A bear will not attack unless wounded, cornered or protecting its young".

WHEW! She did not look wounded, just a little PO'd by my intrusion. She had an escape route, so she was not cornered and I did not see – oh crap, (first you say it, then you do it) there, not three feet away was that year's cub.

My heart started beating so loud I was sure it would leave the grove far ahead of the rest of my body. I closed my eyes awaiting the first and last slash of that giant paw. Nothing. I opened my eyes; mother bear nudged the younger bear and they turned and loped out of the grove.

An hour later I met up with the other two, who shouted, "Hey, you drove a couple through but they were just ahead of us. Did you see them?"

I was still too shocked to talk, but as I got closer, Dad said, "What the @\$# is that smell?"

They made me ride in the back of the Land Rover with all the windows open, while I silently vowed to never crawl into a pine grove again, especially following bear tracks.

The problem
with people who
have no vices is
generally
you can be sure
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to have some
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– Elizabeth Taylor

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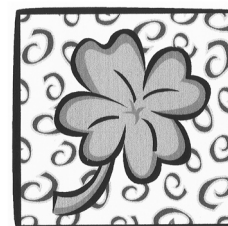
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Walk-in Wednesdays will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 3 -5PM at the HCS office in Charlestown, located in the Medical Center Building on Arborway off Elm Street, and at the Keene HCS office at 312 Marlboro Street. The next *Walk-in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

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Nancy & Jack Neary

- Born: Wyatt Avery, January 16, to Max Mandich and Dana McKenzie. Proud grandparents are Dan & Renee Mandich.

- Kudos: Jeffrey Pearson, son of Dr. Lee and Rebecca Pearson recently passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. He will graduate with his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in May, 2014.

- Kudos: Adam St. Pierre, US Junior Olympic Nordic Coach, will represent the US at the World championships in Norway.

Milestones submitted to The Clarion will be published free of charge.

Vote Joe Aldrich for Selectman

Hi Neighbors, I'm running for town Selectman.

I love the town I grew up in and want to help keep it a nice, safe place to live. As your Selectman I will work hard to keep your taxes low and to ensure everyone's concerns and ideas are heard.

Growing up I learned an important lesson watching my parents serve the community through the schools, Church, youth sports, American Legion and other pillars of our town. I'm working on turning that into a family tradition. I may have already had the pleasure of coaching your child in baseball or soccer, but I hope to be able to serve EVERYONE as your elected town selectman.

Thanks for your vote!

- Attended the Walpole and Fall Mountain schools K-12
- Bachelor's degree in Economics with a Business Management minor, Keene State College
- Veteran of six years including deployments to Kabul, Afghanistan and the Somali Coast.
- Lifelong resident

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The Bottom Line

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