



A Moment for Bruin

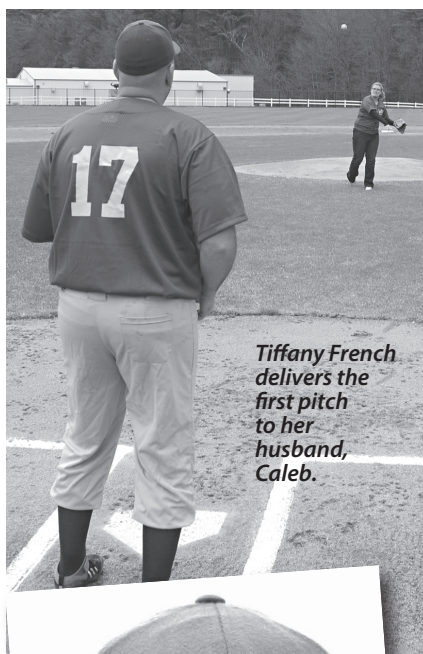


After rainouts of games scheduled for the previous weekend and a day earlier, Walpole CVBL Baseball – the Summer Game – began its 2014 season at Hubbard Park with skies and temperatures that were anything but summery.

Season-opening ceremonies were in memory of Bruin Caleb French, the infant son of Tiffany and Caleb French, a member of the Walpole Maples. Bruin was born on September 22, 2013 with a rare disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and from the time he was diagnosed, the doctors didn't give him long to live. Bruin passed away on April 17, just 7 months old. The Walpole Maples are dedicating their 2014 baseball season to Bruin. All the team members will be wearing his name on the back of their hats, as well as a patch with his initials (B.C.F.) on their jerseys in memory of little Bruin who died far too young.

As the Maples and visiting Sunapee Old Lakers stood along the foul lines, a few words were said explaining the awful disease that took Bruin so quickly. Following that was a moment of silence in honor of Bruin. The National Anthem was sung by Ann Hubbard, who did a beautiful job. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown

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Cabaret Benefit

The first Congregational Church of Walpole is hosting its Spring Cabaret on Saturday Evening, May 3, at 6:30 PM – in its newly-renovated Fellowship Hall. Admission is by donation to the Spencer Harrington Fund.

Spencer Harrington is a 5th grade student at the Walpole Middle School, and has been on the waiting list for a heart transplant for several months. He spent considerable time in a Boston's Children's

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Historical Society Unveils New Exhibits

Please step back in time for awhile with a visit to the Walpole Historical Society. The museum will be open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM, beginning May 31 and continuing through mid-October.

Every one or two years, a new show is designed and displays are changed to fit a theme. This year, with Ken Burns' Florentine Films presenting a fall PBS program on The Roosevelts, the idea emerged to feature what Walpoleans were

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To anyone still concerned that the Village Salon is about to be replaced by Madame LaFlame's Not Your Nana's Knickers lingerie emporium, rest easy. See details on 18.

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Hospital, but thanks to the marvels of contemporary medical technology, he has been back home for several weeks. Remarkably, he is able to go to school with the aid of a battery pack which he wears much like other students tote a school backpack or book bag.

Spencer's birthday happens to be this Saturday – the day of the Cabaret. He's a Red Sox fan and sports lover; and since he can't be on the field, he wants to spend his birthday watching his friends play in the little league jamboree which will be held Saturday at Hubbard Park. His family is not sure whether they will be attending the Cabaret, it will likely be a last-minute decision. All proceeds from the Cabaret will go to the Spencer Harrington Fund.

The Cabaret features local talent of all kinds: singers and musicians, soloists and groups. Among the performers already scheduled: The Shriver family (Marilyn, Brian, Phoebe and Bennett),

The Breismeister family (Craig, JennFinn, and June), David Chaves (Congregational Church Music Director), Eryn Sellarole, Kathy Yardley, Janet Wilson, Judy Spinella, Frank Sibley, Nancy Sloan, Catelin Caserta, Ajlan Beer, Jana Sellarole, Rick Prentiss, Courtney Prentiss, Mike Delaney, Jim Baucom, Jenny Plante, Cathy Gowen, Karen Coffey, David Westover, The First Congregational Church choir, Vance Hall and perhaps a few additions before Saturday.

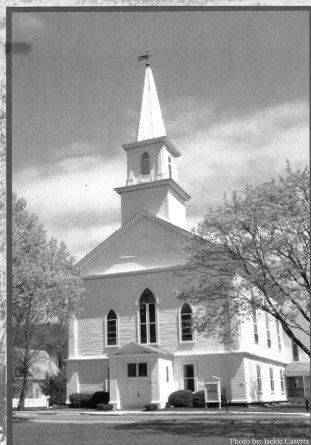
Of special note are Spencer's 5th Grade classmates who will perform. Some of the songs they will sing are: Bennett Shriver, Happy; Chelsie Loves Let it Go; Maeve Peron Crocodile Rock; Ella Bursky, Naughty; Kaylee Litner, The Man; Sophia Bruzgis, Castle in the Clouds. Zac Caspersen will play the piano.

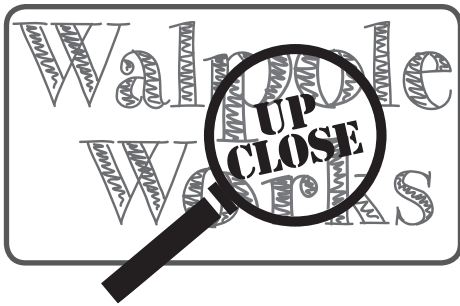
Light desserts will be available at intermission. We hope to see you there.

– David Westover

Spencer is back! As we all know, our dear, brave friend Spencer Harrington is back from a long, tiring time in Boston Children's Hospital. We're so glad he's back, but we know to be careful with him. Spencer is so funny and we love to see his smile shine bright! We all hope he heals well and that we can get him all the help he needs!

– Hillary Berry, Classmate

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Walpole Village Salon

You may have noticed a steady stream of young ladies entering the Walpole Village Salon in recent days; that's because it's prom time and area girls are anxious to look their best for the occasion. And that's where Michelle Rios and her staff come in – they specialize in beauty.

Michelle first opened her doors 20 years ago in 1994. She employed three stylists, and was located at 54 Main Street. Three years later, she moved to the building then just remodeled by the Walpole Foundation (and three doors down), where she currently does business. Her staff has grown to five stylists, and she's always busy. A graduate of the New England School of Hair Design, Michelle also attended Bio Elements School of Esthetics, studying skin care. She was employed as a stylist for six years before she established her own salon.

The salon's most popular services are foil highlights and color, but Michelle and her staff can provide many more

beauty-related services. "We offer all aspects of hair design, [as well as] skin care, manicures, pedicures, tanning, body waxing and massage therapy," says Michelle. "We can provide perms, color, highlighting, both men's and women's cuts, and updos." She also carries popular products by Bumble & Bumble and Paul Mitchell.

"We are the only full-service day spa in the area," Michelle revealed. "My staff and I have a combined 96 years of experience in the hair industry." Assisting Michelle in her efforts to beautify the citizenry of Walpole are Lisa Ostrowski, Krista Tucker, Lori Pinsonault, Melanie Toussaint, and Laura Derocher. While all the stylists are skilled in various salon services, Michelle, Lisa and Lori excel in skin care as well; and Krista and Melanie are manicure/pedicure experts. Heather Smith is the salon's licensed massage therapist.

Michelle sees no reason to be behind the curve of fashion just because Walpole isn't a big city. In order to keep current with trending styles and techniques, the stylists travel to an annual hair show and attend in-salon classes 4-5 times a year. What does she like best about her business? Michelle smiles. "I love doing hair and making people feel better about themselves."

The Walpole Village Salon's hours of operation are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 to 5, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-8, and Saturdays from 9-3.

– Barbara Kasper

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Beginning Friday, May 16, the Walpole Town Common becomes a source for fresh, locally-grown produce, breads, dairy products, baked goods, cheese, wine, maple syrup, locally-grown and pastured poultry, lamb, pastured pork and grass-fed beef. The Walpole Farmers Market vendors will be on the Common from 4 to 6 PM on Fridays - rain or shine.

Returning vendors at the Market include: Sawyer's Artisanal Cheese, Not Your Ordinary Farm, Brookfield Farm, Abenaki Springs Farm, The Orchard Hill Breadworks, Penni's Pantry, CMC Mushrooms, Old Bridge Farm, Iris X Herbals, Wes's Culinary Creations, and AmieArtFarm. These vendors provide a wide variety of local bread, cheeses, dairy products, meats, and the freshest produce around.

New to the WFM this season are: Jeanette Stahley of Fly Canvas Studio from Westminster, VT, with her fabulous, locally-prepared foods and works of art; Ed DeChallis, with his Holy Smoke Beeswax Candles; Edgebrook Farm's Robin and Nate Patnode from Alstead, with goats' milk products; and West River Creamery with its cows' milk cheeses.

Come join us on the Walpole Town Common and enjoy this classic New England setting. Bring your family and enjoy a meal prepared from local, farm-fresh ingredients while listening to local musicians. Then talk to our farmers about what's fresh and what products will be coming into season shortly; after all - summer is just around the corner.

Information about the Walpole Farmers Market and WFM vendors may be found at the website: www.walpolefarmersmarket.com or by contacting Holly Gowdy at 445-5104.

were wearing and doing in the years of Teddy Roosevelt (1858-1919), Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) and Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) - an approximate hundred-year span.

A hardy group of volunteers has been working since January to put on this summer's exhibit. Using the fine array of clothing, accessories and ephemera that is part of the overall museum collection, the second floor has been changed into a fashion delight depicting clothing and accessory styles from the Roosevelt decades, but owned and worn by the people of Walpole. Accompanying the men's, women's and children's clothing are photos showing the Roosevelts and Walpoleans at work, at social events and at play. Several texts give historical explanations for the displays; and docents will be on hand to answer questions regarding the theme, and what and why something was chosen to depict that theme.

The first floor will also feature the Roosevelt years. Florentine films borrowed items from Walpoleans to dress several sets for its PBS presentation. Some of these items will be on display at the museum this summer. A tribute to Florentine Films will also occupy an area near the gift shop.

There is a lot to see at "A Glimpse of Walpole in the Roosevelt Years." Come, enjoy, and perhaps relive a bit of history at the Historical Society this summer.

Benefit Screening

On Thursday, June 19, there will be a screening of selected scenes from Ken Burns' newest series "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History." The screening will be at the Bellows Falls Opera House located on the Square in Bellows Falls, VT at 7 PM. This event is a benefit for the Hooper Preservation Fund and The Walpole Historical Society. Tickets are \$20 and seating is reserved.

The event will be hosted by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns of Florentine Films. There will be live music performed by local musicians Keith Murphy and Becky Tracy who provided music for the film's final episode.

In addition, there are 50 select tickets available. These tickets guarantee the best seats and allow purchasers to meet at the Walpole Historical Society prior to the screening for a preview of its new exhibit, "A Glimpse of Walpole in the Roosevelt Years." There they can enjoy some light refreshments and meet director Ken Burns. These tickets are \$100 each.



Photos Provided

Displays for the Roosevelt years are ready and waiting for visitors at the Historical Society: clothing, furniture, posters, newspapers and memorabilia of all sorts.



Gift Shop Opening Day

The Walpole Historical Society Museum and Gift Shop will begin its new season on Saturday May 31. The museum will be open Saturdays from noon to 4 PM through mid-October. The gift shop will have new and exciting items from a variety of different artisans. Included are wonderful and interesting marbled items (this old and interesting process produces a beautiful pattern on fabric, paper or other materials), hand-sewn items for children and adults, locally-crafted silver jewelry, a new line of beaded necklaces, and some wonderful slate products made in Vermont.

The shop will still carry a great selection of note cards, candles, napkins and the framed pictures of Walpole that have been so popular. We welcome volunteers to work at the Academy on Saturdays. Sign up on our website (email info@WalpoleHistory.org), or contact us by telephone: 756-3449 or 445-2527. There will be a volunteer orientation at the Academy Building on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 PM.

- Paula Schwenk, Christie Winnmill & Ray Boas



The 2013 Senior Campers take a bow.

Sign-ups for the Walpole Players Theater Camp will be in June for sessions in July.

The Walpole Players *!*

Old Home Days

Festival Performances

There have been a number of amateur theater organizations in Walpole in the last 175 years, but our own Walpole Players had its beginning during Old Home Days in 1987 when it presented Kaufman and Hart's comedy, *George Washington Slept Here*.

The tradition continues during Old Home Days 2014 when the Players will present *A Long Weekend in New Hampshire*. This original play is written and directed by Players member Gail Golec. The comedy, in four self-contained acts, offers entertaining vignettes of country life. Act I - *Life in 4/4 Time*, goes through the hectic life of a modern young family; Act II - *The Funeral*, shows a family coming together after a funeral and sharing old stories; Act III - *The Farmstand*, explores the events surrounding an ordinary day at the local vegetable stand; and Act IV - *The Lumberman, The Farmer & The Fisherman*, is the dramatic recitation of an epic poem...with footnotes.

Performances at the Helen Miller Theater in the Walpole Town Hall will be offered the week before Old Home Days on Thursday and Friday, June 20 and 21, and Old Home Days week on Thursday and Saturday, June 26 and 28. Curtain is at 7 PM. Tickets for the four performances will be available in June, but mark your calendars now.

— Ray Boas

Paris is always a good idea.

— Audrey Hepburn

Notes from Concord

A Bill's Long Journey

I thought you'd be interested in hearing just how meandering the travels of a particular piece of legislation can be.

Back in September of 2012, I filed an LSR ('legislative service request,' which is a draft bill and placeholder) at the request of a constituent. The LSR was to reinstate the requirement that elderly drivers (in this case it was 85 years of age and older) take a driving test before getting their licenses renewed. I soon discovered there was substantial opposition to the bill and I couldn't get it passed as written; so, I amended the bill to form a study committee to look into the issue.

The bill, House Bill 263 (or HB263), was introduced in January of 2013. It was assigned to the Transportation Committee of the House, where it had a hearing; during which I explained the reason behind the bill and how I thought the study was necessary. Many people testified both for and against the bill. Passage was still in doubt. The committee decided to hold onto the bill, so they 'retained' it. A retained bill is studied over the summer and fall, and the committee gives a recommendation of Ought to Pass or Inexpedient to Legislate, which is voted on in January of the following year (2014).

The Transportation Committee amended the bill to make doctors able to report medically unfit drivers to the DMV without fear of liability, and on January 8 voted in favor of the amended bill with a 15-3 vote. On January 29, 2014, the bill passed the full House on a roll call vote of 178 to 104. The bill was then assigned to the House Health & Human Services Committee as a second committee. The HHS committee had a hearing on February 11, during which I once again testified. The bill was assigned to a subcommittee for more discussion. It returned to the full House on March 20, where it once again passed on a roll call vote 150 to 128.

Now on to the Senate. On April 10, the Senate Transportation Committee had a hearing on the bill. The committee then voted Ought to Pass with a 5 to 1 vote. This week HB263 goes to the full Senate for a vote. Should it pass, it may still need to be assigned to yet another Senate Committee – or it might just pass on to the Governor's desk.

Twenty months – almost two full years – have passed since I first filed the bill. It has been amended, debated, scrutinized, and challenged. Now, finally, it might just feel the ink from the Governor's pen when she signs HB263 into law.

— Tara Sad

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Hooper Institute

Summer Camps

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Camps are held during the weeks of June 23-27 and June 30-July 3. Rebecca Whippie directs the camp for younger students (those currently in grades K-3) with the help of high school counselors. Each day has a theme in keeping with the mission of the Hooper Institute to teach about agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental science. Camp meets from 9 AM until noon for those nine days at the Hooper Institute building.

Eloise Clark supervises the camps for children currently in grades 4-7.

Adventure Camp meets during the week of June 23-27. These energetic hikes explore many unique places in Walpole, from the heights of Fall Mountain to the shores of the Connecticut River. There will be a cook-out at the Hooper Shelter and a wet exploration of the Academy Ravine. Hikes are all finished by mid-day.

Woodworking Camp happens the week of June 30-July 3. There are both morning and afternoon sessions, and we meet at the Hooper Institute wood shop. Kids work on projects of their own choice to take home. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, as space is very limited. Kids have created many useful and interesting projects including bookshelves and cases, boxes, bird houses, benches, coaster cars and more.

Programs are free of charge for Walpole residents. Free-will donations are gratefully accepted. For questions, please call 756-4382.

– Eloise Clark

Clean Up Day

2nd Annual Event

Saturday, April 26, dawned wet and cold, but that didn't deter nearly thirty stalwart volunteers who donned slickers and muck boots, and met at the Town Hall to join in the Walpole Clean-Up Day.

Adam and Jim Terrell were ready with maps and the best routes for trash-picking (previously scouted by Jim, who passes these piles of detritus daily in his job as Walpole Road Agent). Coffee and donuts were served; blue bags were handed out; and off the volunteers went in a race to see who could collect the most trash.

Three hours later, the bedraggled, muddied and soggy volunteers returned to the Town Hall with their booty - and booty there was!

They collected: 71 blue bags of trash, 20 tires, 3 hubcaps, many odd car parts (including a full bumper with a 2013 license plate still attached!), a full mattress (two couches were left at the roadside due to lack of space in the truck), lots of mixed metal, an antique wicker sofa that had seen better days, a lawn chair, a television set, and quite a bit of roofing material. Unusual items included a credit card, a dead salamander, a deer carcass, a snapping turtle shell, a pair of rubber boots, a can opener, a tire pressure gauge, and a laundry basket.

Prizes were awarded to the MacLachlan Family for Most Bags Collected, Fellows/Westover for the most unusual (turtle shell), the Gowdys for Most Valuable (the credit card), and the O'Connors for grossest (you don't want to know what that was!), and others for runners up.

Thanks to Burdick Chocolate, Murray's Restaurant, The Scoop Shop and the Walpole Transfer Station for the wonderful prizes.

And thanks to all the great Earth Day volunteers for helping to keep Walpole the prettiest town in New England!

– Tara Sad

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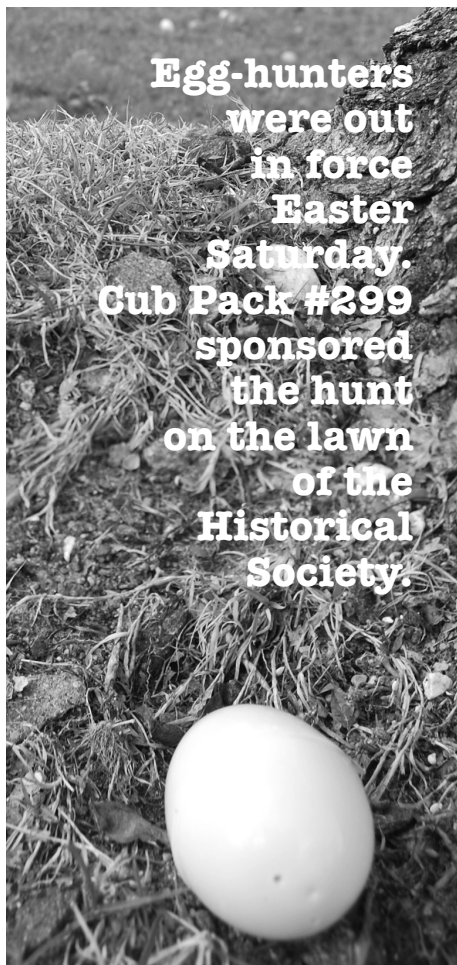
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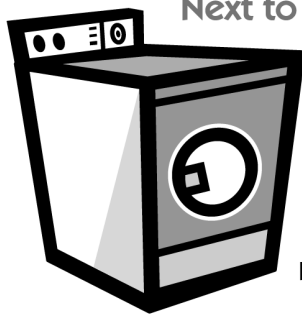
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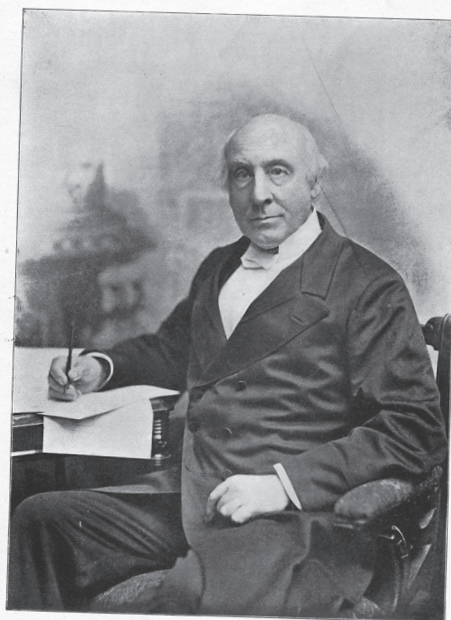
...the Reverend Henry W. Bellows

was probably the most illustrious of the whole Bellows family," and among the most influential of mid-19th century Americans? Born in Boston 200 years ago on June 11, 1814, he is a fourth-generation, direct descendent of Walpole's founder, Colonel Benjamin Bellows.

In 1832, Bellows graduated from Harvard, and five years later from Harvard Divinity School. Ordained January 2, 1839, he was called as pastor of the First Congregational Church in New York City. The church took its present name, the Unitarian Church of All Souls, in 1855, and Bellows served as its pastor for 43 years until his death.

In the spring of 1854, returning to his roots for a summer residence, Dr. Bellows purchased the Walpole farm at the foot of Wentworth Road. It was built in 1770 by his great uncle, Col. John Bellows, and is on the west side, opposite the Knapp House. He "improved the house by the addition of a long piazza; commanding the beautiful panorama of the valley of the Connecticut." Much of his first summer there was devoted to writing the *Historical Sketch of Col. Benjamin Bellows, Founder of Walpole: An Address on Occasion of the Gathering of His Descendants to the Consecration of His Monument, at Walpole, N.H. Oct. 11, 1854*. This was the first work documenting the history of the Bellows family. Following the ceremony in the cemetery, the crowd reassembled at the Town Hall to hear his address (which was published in 1855 in 76 pages, followed by 49 pages of addenda).

At mid-century, Walpole had become a fashionable resort with its population of 1,500 augmented during the summer by wealthy families summering from Boston and New York. As a result, Walpole's cultural activities thrived. Bellows enjoyed theater and was the driving force behind the Walpole Amateur Dramatic Company (the town's theater also included The Shakespeare Club). Louisa May Alcott and her family moved to Walpole in 1855, and Bellows took an interest in the family. Louisa and her sisters were quite theatrical and performed in the Company's nine performances that season. Louisa found Dr. Bellows to be a most charming gentleman and immortalized his gift of a piano to her sister, Lizzie, as "Mr. Laurence's gift of a piano to Beth" when writing *Little Women*. That piano now resides in the Walpole Historical Society.



*Very respectfully
Your friend & Minister
Henry W. Bellows*



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BUILT ABOUT 1770.

Bellows was known for his moving pulpit orations and lyceum lectures. He lectured on the treatment of diseases and also edited a number of religious publications. A born organizer, he was a major force in the founding of Antioch College and the Union League Club in New York.

Reverend Bellows' most important contribution to his country was likely his establishment of the US Sanitary Commission at the outset of the Civil War. There were a vast number of relief societies, soldier's aid groups, etc. with no unified system or economies of operation. Bellows changed that by persuading President Lincoln to establish the commission; and Bellows served as its only president from 1861 to 1878. Soldiers were helped in many ways, and funds were often raised through Sanitary Fair auctions held in major cities. Bellows convinced Lincoln to donate the original manuscript of his Emancipation Proclamation for the Chicago Fair, where bidding brought \$3,000 (paid by T. R. Bryan, President of the Chicago Soldier's Home). Sadly, the document was lost in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Bellows' productive life ended in 1882 when he was 67 years old. His body was returned to Walpole, where he is buried in the Walpole Cemetery. Four years after his death, a bas relief of Bellows was commissioned from Augustus St. Gaudens by and for All Souls Church. The inscription reads:

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Bellows Walpole Inn

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On Thursday, May 1, the Bellows Walpole Inn will be opening its bar and pub. Justin Derby has returned to New Hampshire from Lenox, Massachusetts, to be the new executive chef; and Bobby Hall is returning to Walpole as the bar manager. "I left tending bar in Walpole for several years, but I am delighted to have the opportunity to return to town and be with all the friends I made," Bobby recently told the CLARION. Owner Steve Rude is hoping the bar and pub will be a place to stop on the way home after work, or just the place to go in the evening to be among friends. The menu has been created with a Mediterranean flare, offering small plate portions so patrons can create their own meals or order a platter for the table to share. No reservations are needed. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 4 PM to 9 PM, Friday 4 PM to 10 PM; and Saturday from 3 PM to 10 PM.

— Ray Boas

Ed note: Some of the Clarion staff were privileged to sample from the pub menu at a "soft opening" last Saturday night. The ambiance, food and beverages were a delight. We'll be back.

Healthy Start 5K

Benefits Maternal and Child Health Programs at HCS

The Second Annual Healthy Start 5K to benefit the Maternal and Child Health Program at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 8:30 AM. The race and walking events will start and finish at HCS' 312 Marlboro Street offices, featuring a fast, flat course around Keene. Families, strollers and baby carriages are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in all age categories, and every participant who registers by May 30, will receive a free t-shirt.

The Maternal and Child Health Program strives to improve access to prenatal care, parenting education and safety-net services for low-income women, and provides well-child checkups to qualifying children from birth to age 18. The service is available throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

Major funding for the Healthy Start 5K is provided by Markem-Imaje, with additional support from C&S Wholesale Grocers and Connecticut River Bank.

For more information, contact Marilyn Shriver at 352-2253 or mshriver@HCSservices.org. Register for the 5K online at www.HCSServices.org.

— Lara Larson

Distant Hill Gardens

Open Garden Saturdays

Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole will be hosting an Open Garden on the first Saturday of each month, May to October, from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Join us on Saturday, May 3, and tour the beautiful cultivated shrub and vegetable gardens; bird-watch on one of our woodland trails; search for caterpillars and butterflies in the Milkweed Meadow; investigate the stone circle; check out the whimsical metal sculptures, or walk the quaking cranberry bog boardwalk. There is a \$5 per adult suggested donation to help cover costs.

In addition, there will be an educational nature walk held at 10 AM on each Open Garden Saturday. On May 3 at 10 AM, we will be exploring some of the many vernal pools of Distant Hill. Ecologist Jeff Littleton, adjunct professor of environmental sciences at Antioch University, will lead the two-hour walk. Learn to recognize these often-overlooked pools and their habitat value as critical breeding grounds to several amphibian species of concern in New Hampshire and Vermont.

For more information, directions, and the schedule of future Open Gardens Saturdays, visit us at www.distanthill.org, or call Michael at 756-4179.

— Michael Nerrie



*Thunder Chicken
Sophia Bruzgis
crosses the finish line
a few steps ahead
of her mother.*

PHOTOS: Emily Frithsen



*Porter Willett
is all
smiles
after
3.1 miles.*

Thunder Chickens

The Thunder Chickens have returned to the coop, but only temporarily. The Thunder Chickens Running Club was a great success. The goals of the program were met and the Chickens are anxiously awaiting the return of the running club. It was our hope to instill a love of exercise in the kids. By the looks on their faces as they crossed the finish line at the end of the Cheshire Medical Center 5K recently, we did just that. The kids dug deep and accomplished a task most thought impossible. All 37 Thunder Chickens who participated in the 5K proudly completed the race in "Personal Best" time. Including parents and teachers, the Thunder Chickens (and friends) made up perhaps ten percent of the event's 500 total participants.

The Chickens did have a little help from the Walpole PTG, W.S. Badger Co., FMEEA, Mrs. Frithsen, the team photographer, and Walpole community members. Thanks to all who helped the Thunder Chickens achieve their goals and see that healthy lifestyles and habits pay off.

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4H Day

April 12 was 4-H Day in New Hampshire. 4-H Day is the day when 4-H members compete to win a Blue Ribbon or an overall Room Winner prize.

This year's 4-H Day was held at the Walpole Middle School. The categories included, action exhibits, posters, demonstrations, public speaking, and photography.

4-H is an organization that teaches kids about farming and responsibility and community service. There are 3 Walpole 4-H clubs, Great River 4-H, Bits and Bridles, and Pinnacle View 4-H, all of which participated in 4-H day. Hope you got to go to 4-H Day! We went and it was awesome!

— Maeve Perron & Ella Bursky

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Our sundaes are also made fresh. The ice cream parlor will be offering a premiere, unique sundae special every week of the season. The first week will feature our Lemonberry Squared sundae with our newest flavor ice cream - strawberry-lemon - scooped upon a freshly-made lemon square and topped with our own lemon sauce, whipped cream and fresh strawberries.

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out by Bruin's mother Tiffany (Michaud) French to Bruin's father Caleb French, a member of the Walpole Maples team. Wrapping up the opening ceremony was the announcement of Play Ball by 4 year old Mason Broe.



The Maples have Bruin's name stitched across the back of their caps and will wear a patch honoring his memory on their sleeves.

As for the game, it was won by Sunapee 10-8. The starting pitcher for Walpole was Caleb French. The game was close through 5 innings as Sunapee lead 3-2. The 6th and 7th innings were tough innings for Walpole as they gave up 3 runs in 6th and 4 in the 7th to trail 10-2. Walpole got one run back in the 8th to make it 10-3.

That was the score in the bottom of the 9th when Walpole mounted a comeback with 5 runs to make it 10-8, with the bases loaded and two out. before coming up one hit short. Overall it was a good opening day and Walpole is now ready for their second game which is Sunday May 4 at 11AM at the Hubbard Park against Newport. We will have schedules for all our home games out very soon, which may be picked up at Jake's.

Thanks to all the fans who came out to support us on a cold, April afternoon.

The 2014 Walpole Maples roster: Coaches – Ken McGill, Glenn Yardley, and Ted Ferguson; Players – Caleb French, Mike Michaud, Mark McGill, Shane Salmonson, Ryan Paul, Steve Corey, Steve Corey Jr., Tim Roy, Chris Cote, Dave Thompson, TJ Ferguson, Colby McAllister, Garin Clough, Adam Kobeski, and Derek Pritchard.

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Hope to see all you loyal fans out supporting the Walpole Maples! We will have schedules for all our home games out very soon, which may be picked up at Jake's.

– Mark McGill



Wild Blue

Eyes on the CRVBL Cup

Walpole's original hometown wooden bat baseball team kicks off its 2014 season at 1 PM, Saturday, May 3 at Hubbard Park against the Newport Polar Bears. The long-awaited home opener comes after a wintery spring has pushed back Walpole's schedule about two weeks.

Pre-game ceremonies will feature regional recording artist Jandee Lee Porter singing the National Anthem, and a ceremonial first pitch thrown out by Christine Neal, whose husband, John Neal (a Walpole native and lover of all things baseball), passed away in 2013.


This year, the Blue added two former Chester Crush players to an already-stacked line-up: Jamie Spence and Scott Renfro. Renfro is a top-notch hitter and power pitcher. Spence has big boom in his bat and can pitch and play 1st base.

Aside from the additions, much of the Blue roster is the same from the finish of the 2013 season. The Blue faced the Claremont Cardinals for the championship in August last year...the game came down to one run with bases loaded in the bottom of the 9th. The Blue came up just short.


The 2014 season will also include a rivalry with the Maples. The Blue plays the Maples twice...on Sunday June 15 and a second yet-to-be-scheduled game – following a rainout on April 20." There's already been some drama with this Walpole baseball rivalry – both media-induced and admittedly by the Blue," Blue's manager Gary Dennis said. "We'll enjoy every game we play this year, but look forward to playing the Maples for sure."

The Wild Blue is always grateful for the generous support from town businesses. In 2014, the Blue is sponsored by the Savings Bank of Walpole, Clark-Mortenson Insurance and Financial Services, the Walpole Village Tavern and John Cooper Hubbard.

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Old Home Days

Walpole Unitarian Church: Concert at Hastings House

On Saturday night, June 28, the fourth Old Home Day Lou Andreoli Memorial Jazz Concert will feature Atlas Soul, an award-winning, world music band. The concert will be at 7:30 PM upstairs in the Hastings House ballroom. There will be two sets, with an intermission. The show is family-friendly, and refreshments will be available.

Atlas Soul's motto, "World music for world peace," spells out its philosophical and political goal: to inspire world peace through a fusion of music and culture that gets people to the dance floor. The group has played scores of major venues such as The Montreal Jazz Festival, The Kennedy Center, The Festival International de Louisiane, the Boston Globe Jazz Festival, and more. They regularly sell out shows in the Boston area such as the Regatta Bar at the Charles Hotel. Atlas Soul sings in French, Italian, Arabic, Hebrew and English, making their performances truly cross-cultural music experiences.

When Lou Andreoli died in 2002, his family asked that contributions in his memory be made to the Walpole Old Home Days Committee. Lou loved music, and especially jazz. The generosity of those who wanted to remember Lou funded the concerts, and their continued support makes this year's concert possible. Lou would have been very happy to know that his son-in-law, Matt Steinberg, is a part of Atlas Soul.

— Antonia Andreoli

St. John's Church

Spring Craft Fair

St. John's Episcopal Church is now accepting Crafter applications for its annual Spring Craft Fair to be held at the Walpole Town Hall on Saturday, May 31, from 9 AM to 2 PM.

To reserve a booth, visit stjohnswalpole.org/Craft_Fair.aspx to download the artist's information letter and the application form. Email your application to CraftFair@StJohnsWalpole.org by May 1. We use email to communicate with applicants, so check your email regularly for updates!

St. John's welcomes everyone, no exceptions. Sunday School begins at 9:45 each week; services begin at 10 AM, followed by coffee hour. Find us on the corner of Westminster and Elm Streets.

Bring & Buy

St. John's Episcopal Church is holding a Bring & Buy sale (an English term for yard sale—we're Anglicans!) on Saturday, June 28, during Old Home Days. All the proceeds of the Bring & Buy will go to support the Walpole Community Fund. The Fund supports emergency needs of Walpole residents throughout the year. It was used this winter to help pay for heat, to provide emergency relief to victims of fires or other trauma, to pay for gas in order to travel to a distant hospital, and to help neighbors with other basic needs. Recipients may receive help once a year in order to enable the Walpole Community Fund to be a resource for as many people as possible. The fund is in need of replenishment.

Please help by bringing gently-used and clean household items, books, CDs, DVDs, decorative items, craft supplies, small furniture, etc., to St John's at the corner of Elm and Westminster streets anytime after 7 AM. Please do not bring clothing, shoes, bed linens, towels, electronic devices or old computer equipment. Be sure to stop by and buy later in the day as you enjoy Old Home Days. For more information, please call 756-2962.

Art After School

St John's unique after-school program, Art After School, completes its eighth program year on May 21. We had a great time this year painting, drawing, making sculpture out of recycled materials, weaving on CDs, making collages...just to name a few of our projects. An average of 16 kids, first grade and older, attended both semesters. Thanks to all the parents who supported us with donations, snacks, assistance and praise for the work the program has accomplished with these wonderful young artists. Thank you to local folks who have supported us with financial donations. We also want to thank our staff: Sarah Manning, Natalia Gorawski, Jane Bowry, and teaching team Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw. It's been a great year!

The ninth program year of Art After School begins on September 3. We're looking for older youth to be art assistants. Call 756-2962 to sign up to be an assistant or to register young artists who will be in grades 1 - 6 in September.

— Rev. Susan Kershaw

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The Walpole Ecumenical Youth Group meets on Sunday, May 4, from 6 - 7 PM at St. John's Church Parish Hall. We had a great time at our first meeting in March playing some active rounds of Foos Ball and Ping-Pong, and laughed as we played a great get-acquainted game. We found out that Cheez-Its are very popular! Any young person, age 10 or older, is welcome to join in. This faith-based group is led by local clergy: Rev. Telos Whitfield (Unitarian), Rev. Craig Breismeister (Congregational), and Rev. Susan Kershaw (Episcopal). Questions? Please call 756-2962.

— Rev. Susan Kershaw

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At the top of the recycling news this month is the Grand Re-Opening of Walpole's Re-Use Center. The Re-Use Center is that blue trailer on the right as you come into the Recycling Center. It must be shut down each winter as it is unheated – but now, The Grand Re-opening! We all know about the Recycling Center, but (you may ask) why do we need a Re-Use Center too?

There are things around your home you no longer use. Naturally, you hate to send that sort of thing to be just "disposed of"... after all, some are still quite valuable. What about Anna's cuddly doll? It's perfectly good still, but Anna left for college two years ago. Same thing for Christopher's little red wagon - he's driving a Chevrolet now and besides, at 250 lbs, he won't fit in the wagon anymore! What about pots and pans, dishes, serving trays, good books and DVDs? If Dad brought a fancy new mixer home for you, what would you do with the one you've been using for years? You can't really use these things any more, but perhaps someone else in our town could.

Consider a young family whose home burned this past week. They have a sudden, urgent need for a cuddly doll, a

little red wagon, and a set of dishes. What happens when your kid breaks a leg? You suddenly need of a set of crutches. Now, I don't know how much a set of crutches costs, but when Paul gave me a tour of the Re-Use Center last week, there, in the back room, were several sets of crutches.

So, if you need these crutches what do they cost you? What about Anna's cuddly doll, or Chris's little red wagon? For some less expensive items like these, the only cost to you is a reasonable donation to the local Food Shelf – in an amount you can afford and with which you are comfortable. For more expensive stuff (like Chris's stereo set he couldn't take to college, or grandma's old jewelry), it is more like a tag sale. The cost to you for these more expensive items, while still quite low, helps to fund our local Food Shelf. With the number of our neighbors unemployed or employed only part-time, the Food Shelf needs all the help we can give it.

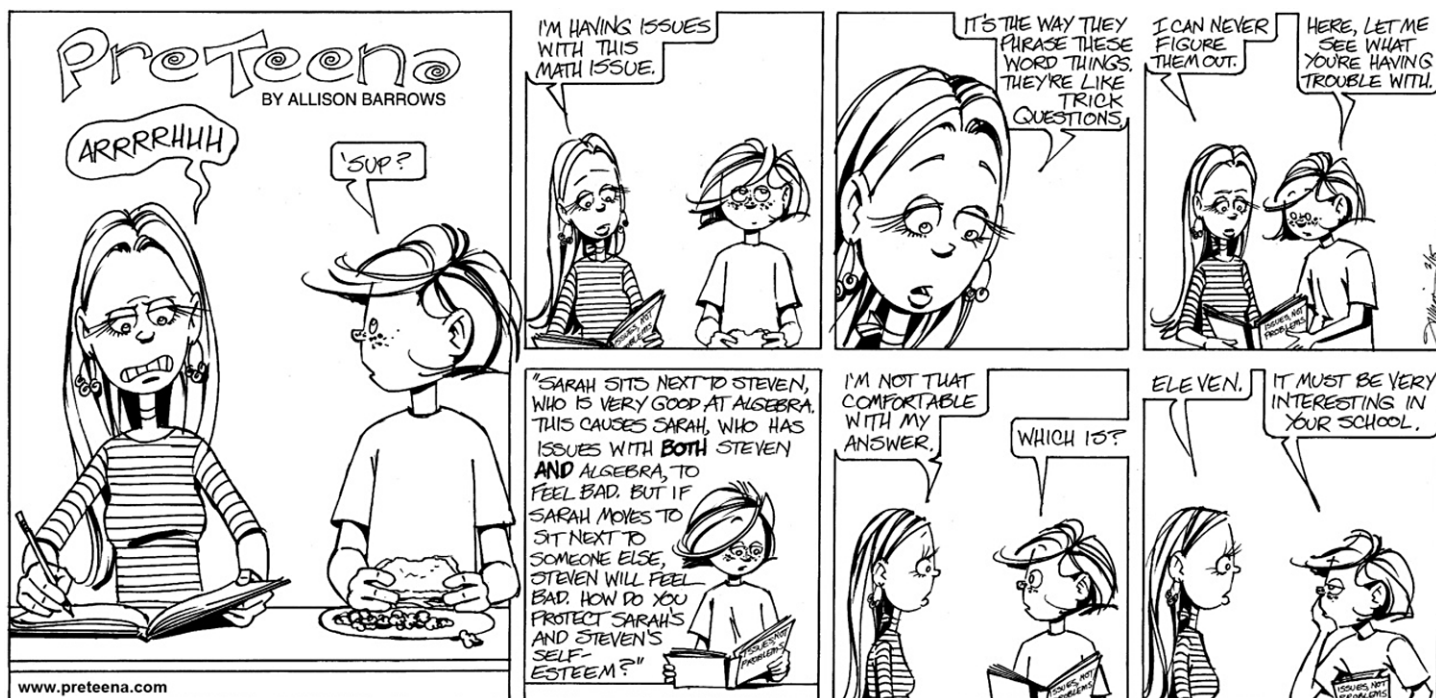
House fires, divorces, sudden unemployment, unexpected relocation and all sorts of other family events (including broken legs) come up, resulting in the need for cuddly dolls, red wagons, sets of dishes, or crutches. The Re-Use Center is there for you – take advantage of it! Take a look through to see what is there; this is what your Re-Use Center is

for. Meanwhile, it helps us to support our Food Shelf - something we really need just now.

So, what do we citizens have to do to have our Re-Use Center? We have to volunteer - not all of us of course, but enough to man the Re-Use Center every Thursday and Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM. The same thing goes for the Recycle Center (but it's open three days: Tues, Thurs and Sat). We had two more volunteers start at the Recycle Center last month but we surely could use another three or four. And of course, with the Re-Use Center Re-Opening, it will be needing more volunteers as well. It's just two hours per month - yes, per month (not per week or per day!). We who volunteer are "Paying it Forward" for our hometown and we would like to have you join us. Help us to make our Recycle Center and Re-Use Center serve all who live in our town.

Incidentally, thank you to all who brought their used motor oil in to the Recycle Center this past winter. Your Recycle Center did not have to spend a single dime to heat the center – used motor oil did it all. One Tuesday morning in January it was 9 degrees below zero outside; it was just fine inside the Center. I know; it was my volunteer day. Paul sends a big thank you, and we volunteers send a big thank you, too!

– Charley Blount



Letters & Commentary

Thank You!

Parks Place's 4th Annual Event, Your Farms, Your Garden, Your Table, was a tremendous success and we want to thank all of those individuals and businesses that made the day possible! The day was all about community and food...growing, buying and creating it. And what a day it was...over 100 people attended who helped raise significant dollars for the critically important services that Parks Place provides.

We want to first give special thanks to Vermont's Local Banquet which provided not only free advertising for our event but also a great deal of inspiration around this year's focus and theme. The publication raises awareness around the local food movement and what it means for our region and our communities.

We also wish to give a special thanks to our Guest Speaker, Paul Harlow, of Harlow Farm and our Guest Chef, Jennifer Cayer, of Strong Roots Catering. Also, we are grateful to Alyson's Orchard for free use of its beautiful space and to our event committee co-chairs, Emilie Kornheiser

and Cathy Siano-Goodwin, for all of their hard work. See you next year!

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— Margaret Grisczenkow



The **Clarion** editors thought we'd get playful last month and crank out an April Fool edition – poking fun at local issues and institutions and perhaps providing some tiny relief from a monumental case of cabin fever. We tried to make our bogus stories and visuals superficially realistic, but not on second thought – or look. Imagine our surprise when we learned Village Salon stylists had to deal with calls about their move to L.A. because of Madame LaFlame... shades of Orson Welles. Our apologies for whatever stress we may have created with our mischief. Just in case anyone may still be in doubt: the Ponte Vilasio is a pipe dream, the Horse Thieves aren't tracking down anyone, the Tickenecks never were, and a Walpole Subway... really? By the way, Old Home Days are legit. See you there, and next April.

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You always say 'I'll quit when I start to slide' and then one morning you wake up and realize you've done slid.

– Sugar Ray Robinson



Orchard School

May Festival

All are invited to the 25th Gala May Festival at Orchard Hill and The Orchard School, Saturday, May 17. This year's event features the Gourmet Morris Dancers Tour. Three teams of dancers will perform: Marlborough Women's, Pine Woods Men's and Muddy River Women's. All will entertain with music, bells, dances, drums, leaps and joy – whatever the weather.

Morris Dancers' performance begins at 11 AM; feel free to arrive early to get a good seat on the lawn. Afterwards, families are invited to dance around the Maypole to music and song. Come and help us welcome the growing season. May Festival: a fun, free event for all ages.

– Petra Gillette

Walpole Grange #125

At a special meeting of the Walpole Grange on April 4, the members of the 2013-2014 Walpole Grange Leadership Academy were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the community of Walpole. Those recognized were Jason Perron, Tom Goins, Ron Rosko, Karen Galloway and Marina Coneey. The Grange wishes all these individuals the best of luck as they consider how best to serve in our community.

In keeping with the tradition of recognizing those individuals or businesses that go above and beyond in service to our community, the Walpole Grange will again be hosting the Citizenship Awards Night on May 20 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Awards will be given for Community Citizen, Educator, Fireman, Farm, and others.

After the awards are presented, there will be a short program and refreshments served. Everyone is invited to attend this special evening.

On Saturday, June 28, the Grange will be selling "McGrange" sandwiches during Old Home Days. Mark your calendars!

– Gwen Yardley

Hooper Golf Club

Hooper Golf Club joyfully opened for the 2014 season on Wednesday, April 9, at 3 PM. Those present for the first shots of the season were Bob Harrington, Ned Murtagh, Jeff Miller, Dave Johnson, and Richard High. A big thank you goes out to all our members and guests for your support thus far this season.

May brings two new activities to our event calendar. First is the FMRHS Project Graduation Golf Fundraiser on Saturday, May 10. Second, the Men's FourBall Invitational will be on Saturday, May 24.

The FMRHS Project Graduation Golf Fundraiser will be a scramble format, teeing off at 1 PM with a cost of \$65 per player. Funds raised from this event will go towards making the class of 2014 graduation party substance-free. What a great cause! Those interested in playing, please contact Terry Zehr, or the pro shop at 756-4080.

The Men's FourBall Invitational will certainly become a great competitive event for players from all over the region to look forward to year after year. This event is open to all serious golfers with a valid golf handicap. Find a partner and stop by the pro shop to enter. Other area clubs to be invited will include Bretwood, Keene Country Club, Crown Point Country Club, Brattleboro Country Club, Bellows Falls Country Club and Pine Grove Springs Country Club. This event is \$65 for non-members of Hooper.

Here's to warmth, sunshine and rain at night....

Pro's Tip

To control speed of your putts, you need to find the "zone." Basketball player Michael Jordan was well known for being able to get in the "zone." Great putters in golf are like maestros in front of their orchestras. Maestros relinquish control of their hands as the music moves them. This may seem far-out, but if you can get into that zen state in golf you will be a great putter. Your mind knows what to do – you just have to stay out of its way.

– Ron Rosko

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Y Celebrates 50th Year Keeping Youth Moving, Learning and Exploring In The Summer

Over the past 49 summers, Meeting Waters YMCA has helped more than 12,000 area youth learn, grow and thrive in the summer months. This year marks the 50th consecutive summer they'll keep kids moving, learning, and exploring during the summer months when all too many children are experiencing summer learning loss and summer weight gain.

To give youth an adventurous, active and healthy summer, Meeting Waters YMCA is offering its camps for 5-15 year-olds from throughout southeastern Vermont and southwestern New Hampshire. All camps are based at the regional Y's 52-acre Lewis Day Camp facility, located on Route 5 in Springfield, just off I-91. The camp property is bordered by the Springfield Town Forest and the Black River, creating a unique natural setting for the programs. Bus service is provided to and from camp each day from Brattleboro, Putney, Westminster, Bellows Falls, Chester, Springfield, Walpole, North Walpole and Charlestown.

In addition, the regional Y's camps participate in the federal Summer Food Program through a partnership with Springfield Family Center. All campers—regardless of town of residence or family income—qualify for a free healthy lunch each day.

Meeting Waters YMCA offers four different camp experiences. Its Y Day Camp for 6-13 year-olds offers eight one-week and four two-week sessions. Y Day Camp features canoeing, archery, swim lessons, sports and adventure games, arts and crafts, nature and education. KinderCamp provides children entering kindergarten in the fall these same experiences as they transition from child care to school.

Family Camp provides an opportunity for parents to join their children in enjoying various camp activities. And, the Y's Leader-in-Training program provides a week of leadership development with youth leadership author and consultant Steve Fortier, followed by three weeks working alongside camp staff to practice the leadership, group management and facilitation skills they have honed during the week-long training.

"Meeting Waters YMCA's camps provide a variety of opportunities to help ensure that youth are learning and being physically active in the summer, a time of exploration," says Susan Fortier, Meeting Waters Y's Program Director. "Campers also learn how to be responsible and resourceful, work in groups, solve problems and make decisions that will help them grow as individuals – all while having lots of fun."

Registration for the upcoming camp season has begun. Meeting Waters YMCA encourages parents to give their kids the gift of camp. And, to ensure that all youth have the chance to experience camp, the regional Y offers financial assistance and accepts child care subsidy from both NH and VT.

Camp Open Houses will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 10-noon; Monday, June 9 from 5-7PM and Thursday, June 19 from 5-7PM.

For more information, visit www.meetingwatersymca.org or call the Y at the office nearest you: Brattleboro area, 246-1036; Springfield area, 885-8131; or BF and Fall Mountain area, 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 the Fall Mountain, Bellows Falls, Springfield and Brattleboro regions.

– Steve Fortier

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34 Elm Street

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Mud Season Ramblings

I enjoy getting together with my friend, Elwud as he spouts some interesting comments and questions. For instance: he asked me, how come smoking cures ham but kills people?

According to the calendar, Spring has sprung. Some folks are getting fooled by the weather and thinking they are safe to put away their winter equipment just because it is the end of April.

Elwud's neighbors, the Peavey boys, were down to Concord the other day hanging around the Ford garage. They said this fellow with a big F450 comes in and asks to have his snow tires removed. Lem Peavey turns to his brother and says, "Hey, we gotta see this. I ain't never seed a tire made outta snow." I hate to say that those boys are losers but they are the only people I know who get junk mail delivered with postage due.

Elwud said he had all-season tires put on his Edsel so that he does not have to change them twice a year. However, he noted that they still get stuck in the snow and mud and occasionally in an irate husband's dooryard if he arrives home unexpectedly.

Well, like the crocus, mud season is in full bloom, but not nearly as pretty. Mother Nature could still drop some snow on us. It has happened in the past. Elwud said they have a saying in his town of Crosshair Mountain: Best to stick to your winter flannels until your flannels stick to you.

We were all sitting around Ephram's Country Store swapping lies, when I mentioned it was my birthday. Mel Potlick, our head Selectman said, "It is a fact that people who have the most birthdays, live the longest." We think he is the father of the Peavey boys but only Doc Homer knows for sure.

Well, time to get the fishing gear out and go drown some worms. Hopefully I will catch a big one and have a witness to prove it. Last year, while fishing alone, I caught a two-pound bass and just to prove it, I took a picture on it. When I showed the picture to my grandson, he said, "I did not know that Ralph's Supermarket sold whole fish like that!" Lucky for him he can run faster than I can.

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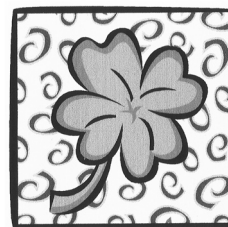
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Arrive early and have your blood pressure taken at the Nurse Is In clinic. A wellness nurse from HCS will be available from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM to check blood pressure and answer any health-related questions you have.

HCS Offers Walk-in Hours

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services welcomes residents of Walpole to *Walk-in Wednesdays*. The first Wednesday of every month, our staff members who specialize in home care, geriatric care management and hospice will be on hand to talk with you individually about your specific concerns. Drop by for completely free, off-the-record, no-commitment advice.

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 May 7 and June 4. Those who are not able to stop by are encouraged to call 352-2253 for information any time.

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services is a Monadnock United Way agency.

– Lara Larson

Deadline Reminder

For anyone wishing to promote an event or submit an article to the **Clarion**, please keep the following in mind:

- Our goal is to mail the **Clarion** as close to the 1st of each month as possible – weekends and holidays permitting.
- Usually, that means the newsletter must go to press somewhere around the 26th or 27th of the month.
- If we mail on the 1st, some readers will not receive the newsletter for another day or two. For this reason, our calendar looks 6 weeks ahead, so events in the first week of the following month are included.

Ergo, if you are submitting an item for an event scheduled after the 4th or 5th of a month, getting it to us by the deadline of the preceding month (e.g., by Jan. 24th for an event after the first week of February) will ensure timely publication.

However, an event early in the month – 1st through the 5th – needs to be submitted by the deadline **two months** in advance (e.g., by January 24th for an event scheduled for March 1st). Unfortunately, submissions that make perfect sense for a daily or weekly newspaper – 3 weeks before an event – are actually too late if they arrive after the **Clarion** has gone to press... or if they promote something on the first of the upcoming month, since our readers won't read about it in the **Clarion** till after it has occurred.

We look forward to your submissions and hope the above guidelines prevent any future disappointments.

Library

Spring Plant Sale

The Friends of the Walpole Town Library will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 10, from 9 to 11 AM on the library lawn on Main Street – rain or shine.

A wide assortment of locally grown plants will be sold. The variety will vary depending on donations. We welcome donations of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants, small shrubs, and ground cover. This year we are adding an additional table for garden-related articles (i.e. decorative pots, ornaments, hand tools, seeds & bulbs). All donations should be identified by type and color and will be accepted until Thursday, May 9, prior to the sale.

Area gardeners who would like to donate plants, plastic pots over one quart in size or who would like to volunteer with pre-sale digging and potting, please contact Pat Gross at 756-9255, or Carol Malnati at 756-9537. All proceeds from the sale benefit both the Walpole and North Walpole libraries.

– Antonia Andreoli

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