

Village Vandalism



PHOTO: Ray Boas

If you entered the village Monday morning, October 21, you would have seen a power washer blasting away on the post office walkway, several business building walls, street signs, and the roadway in front of the fountain, all of which were desecrated with graffiti. "It happened between 11 PM Sunday night and 2 AM Monday morning," Sergeant Justin Sanctuary reported. Walpole was not alone. Similar images are to be seen on the stones lining the railroad underpass in Westminster Station in Vermont. A full investigation is underway.

Concern over what to do about the problem harks back to the conversation during Walpole's budget hearing February 6, 2013, about the need for a fourth full-time police officer in Walpole. It was decided to look in detail at adding another officer during the coming budget year. Walpole Police Chief Paquette and Sergeant Sanctuary have been carefully assessing the department's need for both full-time and part-time officers. Sergeant Sanctuary stated, "currently our department operates more in a reactive mode rather than being proactive to prevent more problems. Not that an additional officer on patrol would stop

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Haunted Hijinks

More than 1,000 thrill-seekers found fun and frights at the first Haunted Walpole Weekend several days ago. From the opening-night horror movies (*The Blob* and *Night of the Living Dead*) to the Cemetery Tour finale, the weekend provided a wealth of Halloween-themed activities.

Delighting in flights of fancy with fairies, Wonderland tea parties and Captain Hook & company at the afternoon corn maze, little revelers chatted with Tinkerbell and her friends, Alice, the Mad Hatter and the Cheshire Cat, among others. They were given "protection" from the dastardly Captain Hook by the Blue Fairy who offered pixie dust to counter his threats. Around a corner, the Cat in the Hat perched nonchalantly, but ready to add his mischief. Afterwards, families continued their adventures at Spooktacula's children's event. According to Erinn Richardson from the Walpole Village School, they took in the magic of magician Dylan Tenney, Kindermusic by Kristi Beneat, face-painting, cookie-decorating, games, a Halloween craft and more. On the hayride through town, they viewed and voted on their favorite scarecrows crafted by talented community members and local businesses. First place was awarded to "Werewolf Man" by Stephen Stefank, second place to "School Spirit" by Mr. Perry, and third place "Nightmare before Christmas" to Ms. Benedetto.

Whetting their victims' appetites for scarier fare were the zombies, mad doctors, vampires and assorted ghouls of the Friday and Saturday evening mazes. The Walpole Players and lots of volunteers made hearts beat faster and breaths come in gasps as they burst from the corn, grabbed from graves and reached from scaffolding. The corn field echoed with the screams of those fainter of heart when passersby were yanked into the corn to



"Werewolf Man" by Stephen Stefank took first place in Spooktacula's scarecrow competition.

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Holiday Specials

The curtain goes up on local holiday preparations on Saturday, November 23. Most events are scheduled in and around the Common:

Christmas on the Green Holiday Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church in Walpole will host its annual Christmas on the Green Holiday Bazaar from 9 AM to 2 PM in the parish hall on Elm Street.

Explore our Christmas Past table, filled with Christmas Attic Treasures and new-to-you home holiday decor. Browse through hand-made gifts for your loved ones, or choose a delicious home-baked pudding, pie, tart, or bread for this year's holiday meal on the Christmas Present table. Choose a ready-to-make craft kit from the Christmas Future table. And as always, drool (politely) over our famous cookie table, filled with homemade delectables.

Mistletoe Mart

The annual Christmas Fair sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Walpole has been in existence for more than 60 years. For the past 30 years, it has been known as Mistletoe Mart and is always held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the church on the east side of the Common in Walpole. For many years, a small group of dedicated ladies have met throughout the year to work on various projects to ensure there will be an abundant array of items available for purchase. We have routinely worked on Christmas items including ornaments, tree skirts, centerpieces (fresh greens and artificial), table runners, aprons, placemats, casserole carriers, knitted goods and many other things. We also have candy, food, plants, gifts, a pet-lovers table, coffee and doughnuts and white elephants galore. Many people also contribute goods which they have made at home. A delicious luncheon is served from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Orchard School Holiday Craft Fair

Come and be part of our traditional crafts fair and cafe event for its fifth year at The Walpole Town Hall. The fair will be held earlier in the season this year, on Friday, November 22, from 6 - 8:30PM and Saturday, November 23 from 9:30AM-4PM. The show will feature more than 40 locally (and nationally) known artisans whose work is of the highest quality. All of the crafters live and work within a 40-mile radius of Walpole, bringing locally and sustainably-produced options to the conscientious shopper. Your purchases will go directly to supporting your neighbors' livelihoods!

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something like the spray-painting, but with additional resources visible there is a greater likelihood such vandalism or crime would not occur." The national standard is for one full-time police officer per 500 in population. In rural New England, one officer per 700-800 citizens is considered acceptable. Even enlarging Walpole's Police Department from three to four full-time officers, Walpole would still fall far below the standards set for safety.



PHOTO: by Ray Boas

"It is a safety issue not only for our officers, but for the public too," Sanctuary continued. "We need to come into the 21st century. A single officer on duty cannot be as effective; and an element of danger not only exists for that officer, but for suspects too, because with two officers present a problem is less likely to escalate." This does not mean taxpayers would be paying to have two officers in a vehicle at all times. Instead, if an arrest occurs (for a DWI for instance), an officer becomes immersed in the attendant paperwork for almost half of his shift. With another officer on duty, Walpole would still have coverage on the roads or for emergency calls.

"There has been a recent spike in heroine use statewide and here in Walpole. To support the habit, offenders resort to theft, burglary, and assault on innocent victims. Handling suspects subjects us to the danger of needles." Sanctuary continued, "The Chief and I cannot overstress the increased safety for our townfolk and police force that an additional officer would provide. We can become more productive and effective in the long run with a greater presence."

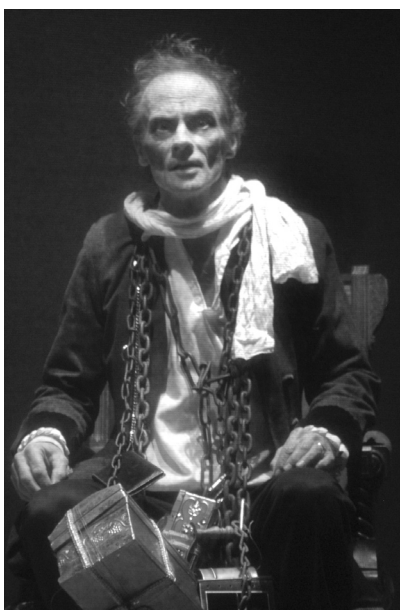
It's sad to see that vestiges of the paint, even with all the effort to remove it, will remain. Jamie Teague, Chair of the Walpole Selectboard, noted, "We are not insulated from bad crimes; it can even happen here." In the meanwhile the search for the late-night spray-paint artists will continue.

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- Ray Boas



Moments from the 2012 production of *A Christmas Carol*: (top) Ebenezer Scrooge; (top, right) cast photo; (right) Marley's ghost; (above) The Cratchits.



**NOTHING TAKES THE TASTE OUT
OF PEANUT BUTTER QUITE LIKE
UNREQUITTED LOVE.**

– Charles M. Schulz

A Christmas Carol

Open Auditions

The Walpole Players' sixth staging of Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, is scheduled for December 11, 12, 13, and 14 in The Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall.

The Walpole Players

Open auditions will be held Thursday and Friday, November 7 and 8 at 6:30 PM in the theater on the second floor. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 10. The complete four-week rehearsal schedule leading up to production week can be found at the Players' website – www.thewalpoleplayers.org. With a cast numbering almost fifty, all are invited to come and audition to join the fun. Children through seniors are needed.

As always, the performances will benefit area food banks. Cash donations for the first five years of The Walpole Players' *A Christmas Carol* have topped \$16,760 for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf in New Hampshire and Our Place Drop-In Center in Bellows Falls, Vermont. 100% of the donations at the door go to these needy organizations. All expenses for the production are donated by the Players. For further information call: Ray Boas at 756-4545, or Tara Sad 756-4861.

– Ray Boas



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WRAP

Reading Charles Blount's Wrap article in the September issue of the Clarion started my walk down memory lane. Way back around 20+ years ago, a small group of inspired Walpole, Drewsville and North Walpole people had the idea Walpole was a progressive enough town to support a recycling center.

I believe the founding members of The WRAP Committee were Fritze Till, Peg & John Stevens, George Watkins, Roger Weil, Bill Beer, and Bud Bridges (if I left anyone out, blame it on my sometimes rather faulty recollection). This band of recyclers worked long and hard to gain support of the town and select board, and finally bring into existence our current Recycling Center.

First they had to engage a buyer for our recycled product, second – to find a facility to actually be a recycling center, and third – find a physical place to sort, recycle and store products until pickup. Whew! – a tall order any way you look at it.

The first center was located on Route 123 just next to the old landfill. Rick Cooper was the first center manager, and the only paid worker; everyone else was an unpaid volunteer. There was one trailer/boxcar where recyclables were processed and stored. Glass, newspapers and cardboard were the early acceptable (or sellable) items. In the beginning, there were three 50 gallon drums for green, brown and clear glass. I believe newspapers were separated by glossy and newsprint and cardboard was broken down with box cutters donated by Russ LaCroix, owner of the local IGA.

However, it wasn't long before Peg Stevens organized and "womaned" another trailer/boxcar to support the REUSE portion of the center. So, off to a good start, all that was needed was a rotating schedule of willing volunteers. That job, I believe, was headed up by

Peg Stevens. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM had to be covered. Twenty-four hours of coverage takes a lot of volunteers, and somehow it happened. Initially, we signed up for 4 hour shifts. Now, of course, because the center is so competently organized, 2 hour shifts are the norm. My favorite shift was Saturday, 8:00 – 12:00 PM, with lunch at Murray's as a reward.

Crushing glass: first we sorted brown, green and clear. The glass crusher was a long pipe with a foot at the end which we used to crush the glass by hand, and remove that green plastic from wine bottle necks (very time-consuming). Fortunately, we were supplied with safety goggles. When a used glass crusher was purchased, it was a day of celebration. Bottles with return deposits were sorted and returned. Newspapers had to be sorted to remove the glossy ads, which were separated and put into paper bags. As time went on, recycling became a large part of Walpole life, the center expanded exponentially, and finally outgrew the space allotted and moved to the wonderfully organized facility we know today.

As the saying goes, "everything old is new again." It is still a good deed to remove caps from bottles; be aware that only #1 PETE and #2 HDPE are acceptable to recycle. Newsprint still has to be separated, and soda and beer cans should be empty and rinsed, especially in the summer months.

As much as we depend on the staff and volunteers to make up the bulk of work in the recycling center, we all need to do our part to make sure this is an enduring part of Walpole life. If volunteering at the center is not possible, then be aware and follow recycling rules. As Charles Blount so elegantly put it, we all need to "volunteer for the love of Walpole people, our town and Planet Earth."

– Carolyn Norback

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– Mark Twain



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Walpole Seniors

This month marks the fortieth anniversary of The Walpole Seniors. In 1965, the Older Americans Act (OAA) was passed as an initiative of President Johnson's "Great Society Reforms." In conjunction, the National Council on Aging in 1973 encouraged the establishment of senior centers where- ever possible to provide activities and health care to improve the lives of older adults and their community organizations. In smaller areas that could not support a center, communities were encouraged to form clubs to serve the social needs of seniors. Thus, The Walpole Seniors came to be.

Originally meeting in the Town Hall, the seniors now meet the third Monday of each month at the First Congregational Church of Walpole at noon. Jeanne Jeffries, a member of the seniors for 17 years, recently related, "the focus of the meetings are food, social interaction and education. It is remarkable the group has lasted 40 years continuing to serve that purpose." The potluck affair is followed by a program of either music, educational subjects, or local topics of interest. Juanita Dolloff, whose late husband was an original member, enjoys the camaraderie and programs saying "it is a very pleasant place to go."

Becky Hubbard is preparing a talk of the seniors, history for the November anniversary meeting. "The first meeting was on November 5th of 1973," she told me, "with nine ladies present. They called themselves the 'Over '49ers'. My nephew, Daryl Graves, helped them get started, and he was 25 at the time – which I find amusing."

In addition to the monthly meetings, several trips are scheduled throughout the year. "We used to take many more trips," Becky said. In the recent past, excursions have been made to the Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, the Millennium Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania, and the Garden Arts Theater in New London, Connecticut.

All citizens of Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville, age 50 or over are welcome to attend, and once you have attended three meetings in a year you automatically become a member. The perfect time to start attending will be on Monday, November 18, as The Walpole Seniors proudly celebrate their fortieth anniversary starting at noon at the First Congregational Church of Walpole. Bring a dish to share.

– Ray Boas

Library News

Leaky mess brings out the best in staff and volunteers

Quick thinking from the Walpole Library's staff and volunteers minimized the damage when the attic air conditioning unit began leaking water into the stack room on September 16. Water damaged the stack room's rug and flooring and soaked dozens of books. Staff members immediately set to work moving some books out of the way, covering others with plastic trash bags and setting up fans to dry still others.

"The damage would have been much worse if our employees and volunteers hadn't acted so quickly to protect the library and books," said head librarian Mary Farrell. "They also worked hard to minimize the inconvenience to patrons while the stack room was closed."

"The Trustees would like to thank Mary, Chris Burchstead, Deb Kelsey and all the other volunteers and staff who made such an extraordinary effort to save our library's resources," said board chairman Lyn Cooke. "We are very lucky to have such dedicated people."

The Library has submitted to its insurer estimates on the damages incurred, and is waiting for funds to repair the floors and replace damaged books.

Poets at the Walpole Library

The Library will host a poetry reading on November 7 at 7 PM. Four writers with local connections will be reading from their works, including:

Pam Bernard, a former McDowell fellow and winner of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry, has three published volumes to her credit, most recently the WWI-themed *Blood Garden*, which views the horrors of the Western front from the vantage of a 17-year-old soldier. Pam is a Walpole resident.

Julia Crane is the author of *Twisted Little Love Stories* (Finishing Line Press, 2012), available from the press and on Amazon. She is also a classical cellist and a nearby Vermont resident.

Kate Gleason is the author of a full-length collection of poetry, *Measuring the Dark* (selected by Phillis Levin as the winner of the First Book Award at Zone 3 Press), and three books of poetry, most recently *Reading Darwin While My Father Dies* (forthcoming from Anabiosis Press).

Toni Ortner is the author of 15 books of prose and poetry, including *Summoned* (Goose River Press, 2012), the stories of six famous women in history: Joan of Arc,

Saint Teresa of Avila, Marie Curie, Rachel Carson, Mother Teresa, and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross.

The program is free, all are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Library cards for Walpole employees

Looking for a good book on your lunch hour? Want to pick up a free DVD on the way home from work? You don't have to be a Walpole resident to use the Bridge Memorial Library. The library extends privileges to all employees of Walpole (and North Walpole) companies.

For more information – or to get your free Walpole Library card – just stop by the library; call us at 756-9806; or email librarydirector@walpoletownlibrary.org

Non-Fiction Book Club

Interested in History or Biography? The Walpole Town Library is starting a book club for those who love to read nonfiction. The Library will provide a place to meet, books and as much help as the group wants or needs. The titles will be selected by the members. A first meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 7 PM at the Library. Bring your ideas and interests. Questions? Call Mary Farrell at 756-9806 or email: librarydirector@walpoletownlibrary.org.

– Jennifer Kelly

Writer's Group

Do you like to write, but feel you have no audience? Do you have personal stories to tell, perhaps stories about your childhood or other events that your family would like to know? Stories you've meant to write down but have never gotten around to?

You sound like an ideal candidate for *Writing It Down*, a group of non-professional writers who meet monthly to share their work. There is no teacher – just an appreciative exchange with feedback when you want it. We've written and heard about a wide range of life experiences from a childhood in Europe to a terrifying trip up the cog railway on Mt. Washington, to just life and times in Walpole. We find having a monthly deadline a helpful incentive to write, and enjoy hearing, and are often inspired by, what others have written.

Please join us at the Walpole Library on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 - 11:30 AM. Bring paper, pen or your laptop, and any writing you have done. Our next meeting will be on November 16.

For information, call the Walpole Library at 756-9806, or just come.

– Barbara Dretzin

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Friday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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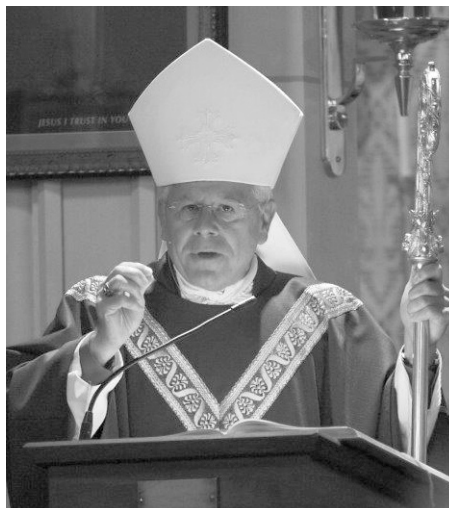


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All Saints Parish

Our parish was recently honored by having Bishop Peter Libasci pay us a visit. Bishop Libasci celebrated the 4 PM Mass on October 5 at St. Peter's Church. A reception was held downstairs in the church hall for the opportunity to greet and meet him. How blessed we were to have him with us!

We have begun our Religious Education Program for the year 2013-2014.

Generations of Faith for adults and children is held every first Sunday downstairs in St. Peter Church Hall immediately following the 8:30AM mass.

First Holy Communion classes are held every other Wednesday from 3:45-5:15 PM at St. Peter Parish Center in North Walpole. Confirmation classes are held the third Sunday of each month from 10 - 11 AM.

Our parish recently had the visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which travels throughout the United States. Deacon John Blicharz and Juanita Sweet have taped an interview with Fact8 TV, Bellows Falls with the Missionary Image present. To see the image and hear the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe (which occurred in 1531) you may log onto www.fact8.com - click on Media Library, then and *Curious about Catholicism*.

Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? Contact Father Steven Lepine at 826-3359, or email allsaints3@comcast.net.

- Juanita Sweet

Red Hat Ladies

The Walpole Red Hats Ladies will meet for lunch at the Tavern in Walpole on Tuesday, November 12. Wear your red hat.

- Jeanne A Jeffries

Matching Grant

Food Shelf Donation Opportunity

"The number of people The Fall Mountain Food Shelf (FMFS) has served to date is one third greater than through this same time last year," MaryLou Huffling, director of the FMFS, recently told the *Clarion*, "and it is still not winter. We currently have a private foundation that will match dollar for dollar donations (up to \$20,000) that are received by Thanksgiving Day. So, donations made now will help double."

The Food Shelf serves residents of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville who are in need of food staples. In addition, FMFS provides hot lunches twice a week at the Alstead Fire House, and their "meals on wheels" program assists needy homebound individuals.

Now is the perfect time to make your gift count double with the matching grant that has been established. Your tax-deductible check, payable to The Fall Mountain Food Shelf, can be mailed to PO Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602.

- Ray Boas

Scouting for Food

Members of Cubscout Pack 299 and Boyscout Troop 299 of Walpole will be handing out Scouting for Food door tags on Saturday November 2. They will return on November 9 to pick up food donations.

All bags need to be placed outside in a very visible place by 8:30AM. If for some reason your donation isn't picked up, please call Deb Pawelczyk at 445-5475 or Jim Terrell at 756-9033. You may have to leave a message. If you do, please leave a contact number so arrangements can be made to pick up your donation. It may not be on the same day as the drive. All food donations will be taken directly to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Thanks in advance for the Community Support!

- Deb Pawelczyk

Genealogy Workshop

The Walpole Historical Society will sponsor another free Genealogy Workshop on Thursday, November 14, from 10 AM - 12 noon. Jeanne & Peter Jeffries have pursued the study of genealogy for more than 30 years and welcome beginners as well as experienced persons. Hints regarding research sources as well as stone walls will be shared. Call for reservations at 756- 2933. More information can be found on the Walpole Historical Society website, walpolehistory.org.

- Jeanne A Jeffries

Walpole Unitarian

Giving Tree Project

This is the season when our community supports families in need in Walpole and helps to give them a merry Christmas. Last year we offered 32 families and nearly 90 children gifts for the holidays, and gas and food cards. Each child receives a book, an article of clothing and a toy that can be purchased using the Giving Tree Tags – but we need your help!

We will be holding a Tag-Making Pizza Party on Sunday, Nov. 3, at noon at the Hastings Parish House on Union Street. Everyone is welcome to help make Giving Tree Tags!

We will place our Giving Trees in Walpole churches in mid-November; then the trees and tags move to the Walpole Savings Bank, the Library and the Connecticut River Bank. An annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is held each year hosted by our local congregations: Walpole Congregational Church, St. John's Episcopal and the Walpole Unitarian Church. All Saints Parish in North Walpole also hosts a Giving Tree.

This year our Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wed. Nov. 27 at 6PM at St. John's Episcopal Church. Please join us! We receive an offering for the Walpole Community Fund at this service and will also be collecting canned goods for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

Community Fund

The Community Fund supports people throughout the year with rent and fuel bills, hospital expenses, gas and food cards, and other needs. If you would like to contribute, please send donations to the Unitarian Church, Walpole Community Fund, PO Box 849, Walpole, NH, 03608.

Warming Shelter

On November 18, we will be opening our warming shelter, which can house up to 10 homeless guests. This is our second year at the North Walpole location, and the fifth year of the Greater Falls Warming Shelter. Please join us for our Open House on Wed. Nov. 13, 5 – 7PM at the shelter, 23 Church Street in North Walpole.

If you would like to cook meals for the guests, contact Rev. Telos Whitfield at telosw@gmail.com, or call her at 802-376-4977. If you would like to volunteer at the shelter, please join us for one of our training sessions on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 1:30PM or Wed. Nov. 6 at 5PM. For more information about volunteering, e-mail Deb Clarke at gfwarmingshelter@gmail.com.

– Telos Whitfield

St. John's Church

Community Thanksgiving Service

Please join in a community tradition of giving thanks, singing songs, and enjoying fellowship on Wednesday, November 27, 6 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church, on the corner of Elm and Westminster Streets. The service is sponsored by the Walpole Congregational, Unitarian and Episcopal churches. All three clergy persons will participate. The evening's offering will go to support the Walpole Community Christmas Fund. This fund helps with emergency needs of Walpole residents throughout the year. Also, please bring canned goods that will be delivered to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

Art After School Fundraiser: Making Gingerbread Houses & Trees

The Art After School staff will lead a fundraising event on Saturday, Dec 7, starting at 10AM. Each participant will construct a gingerbread-style house and tree. All materials necessary to make one house and one tree will be supplied. The event fee is \$15 per person. Pre-registration is necessary in order to assure enough materials are available. Bring an apron and a lot of creative enthusiasm! All profits go to support the hugely successful Art After School program for area children in grade 1 and higher. For information and to pre-register, call Susan, 756-2962.

Art After School Fall Art Show

The young artists of the Art After School program invite you to view their work on Wednesday, December 11, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall of St. John's Church. The artists will be showing drawings, paintings, and sculptures, many of which interpret this semester's theme: *The Beauty of Trees*. Please join our 16 artists in celebrating their achievement. Family, friends, and interested folk are welcome. For more information, call Susan at 756-2962.

– Mary Schoppmeyer

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The final touch... on Town Hall cupola repairs.



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Town Hall Repairs

Earlier last month, I witnessed the finishing touches on the repairs and renovation of the cupola atop the Walpole Town Hall from my bedroom window. I can now sit in my kitchen and gaze up at its impressive, towering beauty. Soon I will be able to enjoy its simple majesty in the soft glow of evening lighting. At the 2013 Town Meeting, Walpole voters approved repairs to the highpoint on the hall's roof and the application of a fresh coat of paint.

The flat roof inside the cupola was leaking and causing structural damage. R.B.CookConstruction,LLC of Westminster and Chester, Vermont, undertook the corrective measures and removed the existing roof, replacing it with new membrane roofing. In the process, rotten wood was removed and replaced, and finally all exposed carpentry was scraped, primed, and painted. The total cost, as approved at Town Meeting, was \$22,750.

The final touch, low cost illumination, will soon be installed by Everett E. Houghton, Company, Inc. Mark Houghton has been replacing town lighting with innovative, low-energy-consumption lighting, wherever possible, saving the town money. For the installation of energy-efficient lighting in the cupola, E. E. Houghton is donating its labor to the town.

Next to be considered are additional repairs to the complete structure of the Town Hall, and repainting. Several alternatives are under investigation to further conserve heat-loss while preventing moisture from causing paint to peel. In the meantime, the preservation has stunningly begun from the top – enjoy our preserved iconic cupola.

– Ray Boas

Below: Eric Franklin (left) and Glenn Plummer of R.B. Cook Construction, LLC had the best view in town during repairs.



Dinner Auction

A reminder: on Saturday, November 16th, the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association (FMEEA) will be holding its 14th autumn fundraising dinner auction on the second floor of the Walpole Town Hall. This annual event features both a silent and live auction and an elegantly catered prime rib dinner. Our excellent auctioneer will be Phil Warren of Alstead.

FMEEA was founded in 1995 in order to raise supplemental and enrichment funds to schools in the five towns that comprise the Fall Mountain Regional School District. District teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals who have special field trips, class projects, or visits by performing artists for which funding is unavailable through the regular school district budget may apply for supporting grants from FMEEA.

The evening begins with a silent auction at 5:30 PM as guests enjoy appetizers and bid on a wide range of donated goods and services. A sit-down dinner follows at 6:30 and the live auction commences at 7:30. Tickets to the event are \$30.00 per person and may be obtained by contacting FMEEA secretary Pat Royce at 826-4831 or by emailing the Association at: fmeeassoc@gmail.com

This is a delightful evening for a very worthy cause that has provided great opportunities for students in our school district to expand the range of their education and experience. Please join us!

– Jim Skofield

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...Thanksgiving Day became

the third national holiday in 1863 due to the efforts of Newport, New Hampshire native Sarah Josepha Hale? Prior to the addition of Thanksgiving Day, only Washington's birthday and Independence Day were celebrated as national holidays.

The Pilgrims' day of thanksgiving following a bountiful harvest in 1621 at Plymouth Colony is commonly thought of as the first such celebration in the New World. But thanks-giving feasts date back to the Jamestown Colony established in

In 1837 Hale became the editor of the expanded *Godey's Lady's Book*, remaining its editor for forty years, retiring in 1877 when she was almost 90. Within its pages, she became one of the most influential writers/editors impacting women's fashion, domestic architecture, Southern issues and a range of topics of national concern.

In the early 19th century, Thanksgiving was celebrated at different times in New England, and sporadically elsewhere. Hale felt it should be otherwise, and her seventeen-year campaign to make it a



1607, and took place in other colonies as well. In 1777, the Continental Congress made the first National Proclamation of Thanksgiving, and, under the Articles of Confederation, on October 11, 1782, President John Hanson declared that the fourth Thursday of every November was to be Thanksgiving Day.

With the newly-formed United States, George Washington created the first Thanksgiving Day by federal proclamation on October 3, 1789, stating: "...therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." Similar proclamations were made by states, and the federal government, but not in every year.

Born on October 24, 1788, in Newport, New Hampshire, Sarah Josepha Hale is best remembered for her poem *Mary Had a Little Lamb* first published in 1830. Her first book of collected poems was published in 1823, and with her 1827 novel, *Northwood: Life North and South*, she became one of the first women novelists in the US, and one of the first to write about slavery.

national holiday began in 1846. Besides her editorials, she wrote letters to five Presidents. Finally, a letter to Abraham Lincoln convinced him to support legislation establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1863. His proclamation read in part, "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens..." In time, the new national holiday was considered a help in unifying the states after the stress of Civil War.

Succeeding presidents issued similar proclamations holding the last Friday of November as a national holiday. However, in 1939 FDR faced a rare dilemma – five Thursdays in the month instead of the usual four. Rather than the last Thursday of the month, he declared the fourth Thursday to be Thanksgiving – in part to extend the shopping season before Christmas; hoping that would help pull the country out of the Depression.

Beginning in 1942, Congress resolved that, by law, Thanksgiving Day henceforth would be the fourth Thursday in November. But it was the unrelenting efforts of New Hampshire native Sarah Josepha Hale that made it so. Happy Thanksgiving Day 2013!

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Health of the Cold River

In late September, Kim Lewis' 8th grade science class went to the Cold River to investigate the health of the stream eight years after the destructive 2005 flood. The conclusions below were written by 8th grader, Quinn Perron and shared with the Clarion by Ms Lewis.

Cold River Sampling Conclusion

On September 16, the 8th grade went to take samples at a site in the Cold River to determine the health of the river below the Watsons house after the Alstead flood in 2005. The 8th graders split up into groups of about five people with one chaperone, a teacher or parent volunteer.

What we tried to do was take samples of the invertebrates that lived in the river and identify their species. When we knew that we could figure out if the majority of the invertebrates that we found were pollution-intolerant, somewhat tolerant, or pollution-tolerant. We hoped to find mainly pollution-intolerant invertebrates because that would mean the river was in good condition despite the Alstead flood and the heavy rainfall that had recently jeopardized the health of the river.

Before we started sampling, we observed the conditions of the river-banks and looked for any pollutants or human involvement perhaps left over from the flood. We found bits of rusty metal, electrical wire, bits of plastic, and aluminum cans scattered among the rocks.

We started sampling after we took the temperature of the air (20 degrees C.) and the water (14 degrees C.); the pH level (-5) and the speed at which the river flows (by floating a tennis ball down the river three times). We took nets and put them in front of rocks, which we then lifted up, letting the current push anything living under them into our nets. Then we picked out the organisms, putting them in our bucket so we could separate and determine the number of each species we found.

What we found was the river is in pretty good condition. 14 out of the 27 families of invertebrates we identified were under the classification of pollution-intolerant. This means that more than half of the total species we collected cannot withstand any pollution.

The relative density (which is the total number of organisms) is used to determine if the river is over-populated. We collected 181 invertebrates and fewer than 400 is good.

The taxa richness, which is the percentage of families present, was 27; 20 is classified as excellent. This is used to determine how diverse the population is.



8th grade science students net organisms in the Cold River.

Photo Provided

The EPT richness measures the number of caddis fly, may fly, and stone fly families. We counted 9 families, which is in the fair range (7-13). Although not ideal, it is still good that the species are present in the river because they are pollution-sensitive.

Probably the most striking data was the composition percentage of each of the types of aquatic invertebrates we found. 72% of all the organisms we found were pollution-intolerant. This was more than the pollution-tolerant and somewhat tolerant combined! If there had been any significant pollution in the river, these animals would not be present.

This experiment determined the health of the Cold River by using aquatic invertebrates as bioindicators. According to our data, the Cold River is in good health, hopefully to stay that way for many years to come.

– Quinn Perron

Karate Math

The students of North Walpole School have embarked upon a year-long math journey. This journey will provide a fun way to help students meet the Common Core State Standard in math fact fluency. (Common Core is a nation-wide initiative that focuses on mastery of precisely-defined essential skills and knowledge in math and reading.)

The children will earn colored karate belts as they gain fluency with their math facts. The second, third and fourth grade students are all participating. As students master math facts, they earn belts – much like karate students earn belts as they master martial arts. Each time all of North Walpole School earns a particular belt, there will a "spirit day" (such as Crazy Hair Day) to keep the students motivated and interested.

The kick-off was exciting and included a demonstration by Sensei Vinny from Shaolin Studios of Keene. The year-long event will culminate with a party and sleepover at the North Walpole School for all participants who have earned at least a brown belt. Those who have mastered their black belt level will also be awarded a free class of Kung-Fu at Shaolin Studios in Keene.

– Simon Pierpont

The Walks-a-Million campaign continues.



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SOMETHING INCREDIBLE
IS WAITING TO BE KNOWN.

– Carl Sagan



School Gardens & Learning

Our last issue reported the construction of a high tunnel greenhouse at Walpole Elementary. This month, we continue the story of how all the school gardens play an integral part in the schools' curriculum.

Hooper Institute instruction seasonally incorporates Walpole Primary School and North Walpole School organic gardens into class activities to enhance the Walpole primary grade classes. The major areas of study that the Hooper Institute covers include botany, soils, farming, forestry and environmental studies. Today's topic is the Walpole school gardens and how they are used as a living outdoor classroom. The gardens at the school sites differ each year due to environmental factors like weather conditions and pests. We are fortunate to have these outdoor learning laboratories where the students spend some of their fall and spring class time in the open air.

There are many garden lessons that can be learned at each grade level. Botany lessons begin with a study of plant parts and life functions. Autumn is a perfect time of year to explain why the food factory in tree leaves is no longer producing chlorophyll for the plant. Second grade targets plant life cycles during the school year. The North Walpole second grade students just completed life cycle diagrams of the popcorn plant from seed to harvest, culminating with harvesting popcorn ears from the garden.

All classes study plant propagation by seed, and older students practice other methods using stems and roots. Apple and pumpkin season is a great time to discuss pollination. We wouldn't be able to enjoy our New England fall harvest without the pollinators, including hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.

Pollination leads to insect studies. Our environmental friends the insects are

frequent visitors to the school gardens. Insect studies may include insect body parts, metamorphosis, and comparisons with arachnid garden visitors.

Garden care changes from spring to fall. In the spring, students learn about waking up the garden when the earth has been warmed by the sun. Students cultivate soil, plant seeds and transplant seedlings to help them grow. Actual hands-on soil cultivation helps students to understand the importance of soil.

First, students identify soil ingredients: sand, silt and clay. One exercise the students undertake is making soil by combining equal parts of sand, silt and clay in a bag to create a planting mix. Students are exposed to the difference between organic and inorganic materials in soil. Organics are natural items that are living or have lived, such as leaves, plants, and animal waste. Inorganics are natural items that have not lived, such as rocks, gravel, and sand. Students actually explore soil to discover macro-organisms like earthworms, centipedes, and insect larva. During soil study, students come to understand that there are many organisms in the soil that cannot be seen without a microscope. The importance of these small, living decomposers and how the compost process works is also explained.

Introductory farming lessons begin when seeds are hand-planted, and observed. Early in the plant growth cycle the students identify various items plants need to thrive such as water, nutrients and non-competitive space. The plants grow through the summer and are well-grown when the students return to school. In the fall, the joy and wonder of harvesting the fruits of their spring lessons is a highlight because of the students' involvement at the start. Thus, each plant harvest completes a life cycle.

A large part of farming involves the harvest and storing of crops. Harvesting leads to tasting: mint, garlic leaves, chives flowers and leaves, asparagus stems, carrot roots, blueberry fruit, rhubarb stems and all sorts of great flavors. Food preparation ranges from mashed potatoes, zucchini muffins, pumpkin butter, basil pesto and hummus, to simulated soil cups, to rehydrating dried apples for apple crisp. Preserving produce by drying those apples, pickling beans and cucumbers, canning some jelly and freezing blueberries, rhubarb, and squash puree are all included. Food storage allows the garden lessons to extend beyond the growing season.

An environmental weather lesson is learned when it is time to put the gardens to rest in the fall. After cold temperatures present a killing frost, the garden beds are cleared and fertilized; compost is added, then mulched with tree leaves to increase nutrient-rich soil through the winter months. This process also feeds the earthworms that work for the garden by depositing their nutrient-rich castings.

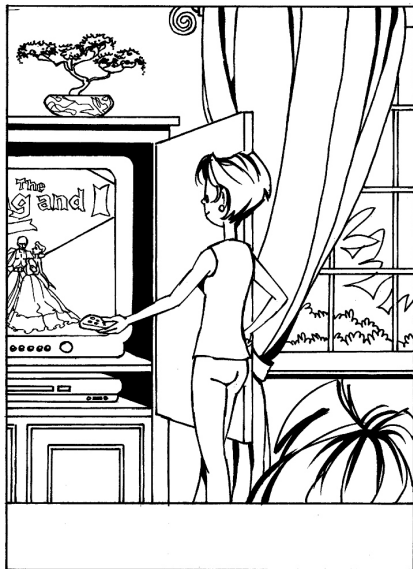
All five Hooper Institute educational topics are incorporated in this outdoor learning laboratory, with more focus on botany, vegetable farming and soils. And the garden comes full circle.



PHOTOS: Rebecca Whipple

Plant growth does not have to end with the fall frost, however. The school garden laboratory at WES has the added benefit of being located near the school lunch program preparation site. The new "high tunnel" greenhouse will extend plant growth all winter long. Botany concepts will be more advanced, as well as the potential to utilize the garden laboratory for other curriculum areas like math and science. The WES students will reap many rewards from this addition to our hands-on garden laboratory. The produce grown will enhance the school lunches with local, fresh food right from the our own school yard.

— Rebecca Whipple



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Letters & Commentary

In response to your printed letter written by Steve Varone, he seems to have a hair acrossed his butt about Hooper Golf club.

He seems to be blaming the selectmen for not living up to their fiduciary duties to the Hooper trust. He also has a problem with the proposed sale of the property to protect the land from being developed and it remaining a golf course. It is my opinion that the golf course is a great asset to the town and is better remaining that way instead of becoming a mcmansion development.

He seems to blame the golf course for not paying property tax as well as blaming the selectmen. I ask, who made the policy?

Why he bases the past taxes owed on the 2012 tax rate is also incorrect, as the tax rate has changed through the years. I also have to wonder where he gets his rental figures the town charged the golf association. As far as turning the land back into a farm, well about the only thing one can grow there is grass, ahhh! perfect for a golf course. There were over 100 working farms in Walpole back in the 1950's. There is now about 9 working farms. RN Johnson has closed its doors, so is farming really the answer.

I believe the Hooper study committee needs to be commended on their efforts to deal with this situation in figuring a way to save the golf course from the mcmansion developers. It is a beautiful track of land that is used for more then just golf. I am in hopes that in the near

future that we will be able to fully use the land as it should be and maybe even have the rebirth of Watkins Tavern.

I think Mr. Varone has a bad attitude toward the whole affair and needs to spend his time on something more productive, like learning how to play the great game of golf. Save Hooper

– Noel Cassidy

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Hooper Golf Club

November is a quiet month at Hooper Golf Club. Our last event of the season will be the 1st Annual 3-Club Tournament on Sunday, November 3. This is a nine-hole event starting at 11 AM. In my book, nothing says November like a 3-club tournament followed by a little football and hot apple cider. Those playing in this event need to give some serious thought to which 3 clubs to bring, since it will make all the difference. I say, *definitely* bring the putter.

Monday, November 11 marks the last day of daily operation for 2013. We would very much like to thank all our members and guests for their patronage. We look forward to a great 2014 golf season.

Membership is very important to the livelihood of Hooper Golf Club; without it there would be no club. Membership is open to everyone and there are many different levels available: junior, single, couple, family, etc. I cannot encourage those in the community enough to join Hooper Golf Club. It is affordable, and the best way to take advantage of the friendships, fresh air, exercise, and beautiful scenery it has to offer.

Can't wait to see everyone on the links next year!

Pro's Tip: The ball curving to the left or right has caused many golfers frustration. For a right-hander, this is caused by the clubface pointing to the right of your target at impact (causing the ball to curve right), or to the left of your target (causing the ball to curve left). To hit a shot where you want the ball to go, the clubface needs to be square to the target. Controlling that face at the speed the club is swung really is the essence of golf. My advice is to try to feel the position of the clubface as you swing and deliver the clubface to the ball square by controlling it with the right hand.

– Ron Rosko


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We invite you to relax and enjoy a delicious dinner or lunch in our café, featuring homemade chili and quiche with Orchard Hill Bakery providing delicious bread. All proceeds from the café will directly benefit Orchard School's programs. Our Event will feature local musicians throughout the day on Saturday. You can also visit our website at www.theorchardschool.org to see a sampling of the available crafts to purchase.

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

A special Thanksgiving market is also scheduled from 9 AM to 2 PM on the Common. You can plan to stock up on most of the ingredients you'll need to make a fabulous holiday meal, fresh from our local farmers.

Also on the 23rd: Marlow's Christmas on the Pond event.

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Spooktacula guests touring the town via hayride pass one of the entries in the scarecrow competition.



Some who ventured into the maze have a hard time getting past the Cheshire Cat...



...while at night, some find the inhabitants a bit more alarming.

HAUNTED WALPOLE WEEKEND

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be eaten alive by the undead. Further excitement awaited at Spooktacula's adult festivities, where the school was filled with great costumes and great people. The Best Costume prize went to "Joan" from Mad Men (otherwise known as Mrs. Alicia Bowmen); Best Couple Costume went to Don and Jana Sellerole, who put a lot of work into their "Minion" costumes; and Best Group Costume went to the "Madonnas or Madonna through the ages," comprised of Kristyn Wallace, Heather Ferland, Becky SETHY and Mary Suozzi.

The Walpole Historical Society's Cemetery Tour finished off the wicked weekend with a factual presentation by "deceased" Walpole citizens. Among those able to transcend the barrier between the dead and the living were Orel Townsley, the Kilburns, several Bellowses, Levi Hubbard, Abigail Richardson, Stella Graves, Mary Sparhawk, Desire Campbell and Sarah Burt. These ghostly docents regaled the sizeable crowd with details of their lives...and deaths.

Director of the Tour Tara Sad, said, "It was a lot of fun. [The attendees] learned a lot and had a good time. The weather was perfect!"

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Captain Hook & Smee try to recruit crewmembers in the daytime Maze.



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Ms. Richardson expressed gratitude for the efforts of all who helped with the weekend. "An event like this takes many hands, so The Walpole Village School would like to give a big thanks to all of the sponsors, volunteers and attendees that helped make this vision come to life." Sarah Manning, director of this year's maze, concurs. "Thank you to everyone who helped with the maze – from helping to haul corn, to set-up, to playing



Colonel Benjamin Bellows (Jack Pratt) regales Cemetery Tourists with his story.

a character, to advertizing (including radio and TV ads), to sorting costumes, to helping clean up afterwards. [We] could not have done it without any of you!! Thank you all!!!!"

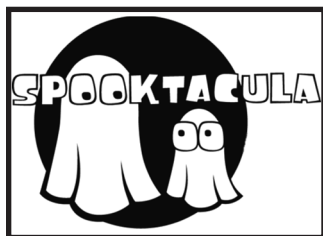
In addition to the many sponsors helping to produce the weekend, a few more individuals deserve acknowledgement: Andy Westover of Westover Chimney Specialists, Herb Hurlburt of Hurlburt Electric, and Diana Myers-Miller of Hubbard Farms, who all stepped up to solve last-minute problems.

Please bring your business to these community-minded neighbors, as well as to all the wonderful sponsors (Graves Farm, Bensonwood, TipTop Landscaping, Diamond Pizza, Walpole Scoop Shop, Kasper & Associates and Costume Ladies). Also of invaluable assistance this year were the students of Interact (FMRHS), the FMRHS sophomore class, and members of the American Legion Post 77. Proceeds from the corn maze will be distributed among these fine organizations and The Walpole Players.

– Barbara Kasper



The shade of Sarah Burt (Maeve Perron) rests by her headstone.



"Madonna through the Ages" wins the best group costume award.

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The face-painting shop is a popular stop for young Spooktacula guests.

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

While you wrap yourself around that morning cup of coffee, here are a few thoughts to mull over.

Just how quick does one want quick-dissolving toilet tissue to dissolve? Companies making toilet tissues for campers are trying to outdo each other. For me, when the moisture from your sweaty palms starts the dissolving process, they have gone too far! Better to use tree leaves; just make sure they are not from a poison ivy bush. No one will believe your story of how you got poison ivy in that area!

While scooping out my second spoonful of peanut butter, I noticed the expiration/best buy date. Coincidentally an ad came on the radio for life insurance. What is the connection, you ask? Stay with me on this. The peanut butter has an expiration date. This particular jar was October 2013. It will not make it through the week in our house, so the expiration date does not matter. However, the announcer for the life insurance noted there was no expiration date on the life insurance. *Excuse me!* Life insurance is all about your Expiration Date! You must expire before it pays off and the worst part is you do not get any part of it.

Did you know there is no stage running on the Unity Stage Road? Not one! I stood beside the road for 72 hours (three days straight) and not one stage rolled by. The only people that stopped were the police, who questioned me and said if I did not leave they would charge me with loitering. I informed them that I had not loitered once during my time there. In fact, I had held it because I did not have any quick-dissolving tissue with me. Then they explained the difference between littering and loitering and neither had anything to do with what I thought they did.

Granite Lake is not made of granite. Nope! Tried walking across it and nearly drowned. That is because it is made of water and not granite.

Did you know there is no turnpike on the Green Mountain Turnpike?

Why is the river between New Hampshire and Vermont called the Connecticut River, when it originates in northern New Hampshire?

Why is the northernmost lake called the Second, the middle one called the First and the southern one called Lake Francis?

How come Alstead Center is a good two miles from the center of Alstead?

Why do highway crews put up a sign reading "end of work?" Is it not obvious with the lack of heavy equipment?

What about the sign that says, *Hidden Drive Right?* What if you are coming from the other direction? Are there no *Hidden Drives Left?*

All this early morning thinking is giving me a headache and my coffee pot is empty, so I will leave all this for you to ponder.

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Fresh off the boat...

"Immigrant" Walpole 4th Graders sing a German folk tune to parents and guests. The presentation was the culmination of lessons dealing with the immigrant experience - students assumed the identities of immigrant men and women and wrote their stories, learned about Ellis Island and prepared ethnic foods shared by all.

PHOTO: Gayle Bellows



Be thankful we're not
getting all the government
we're paying for.

- Will Rogers

Walpole Farmers Market

The Walpole Farmers Market has changed over to its monthly winter schedule. The next market is the special Thanksgiving market, held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. (See page 15.) The December Holidays market will be on December 14, from 11 AM to 2 PM in the Town Hall.

Winter markets are all held in the Town Hall from 11 AM to 1 PM. Most winter markets will be on the third Saturday of the month. The exception is March, when Town Meeting will occupy the Town Hall. The March market will be on the fifth Saturday in March. Dates for the winter markets are Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 29, and Apr. 19.

For more information, see the WFM website walpolefarmersmarket.com; look the market up on Facebook; email jill@walpolefarmersmarket.com, or call 756-3168.

- Jill Robinson



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Popolo Concerts

Music At High Noon

Popolo Restaurant in Bellows Falls has announced its concerts and events for November.

On Sunday, November 3, the doors of The Windham Ballroom open for the start of the brunchtime series **Music At High Noon**, with area bands *Rusty Belle* and *The Break Maids*. The Music At High Noon series features a concert, a full brunch menu, and a cash bar. Doors open at 11:30AM and the music starts at noon. Tickets for most brunchtime performances are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, or \$25 for the best seats in the house.

On November 10, **Music At High Noon** brings you roots gardener Bow Thayer. *The Boston Globe* says that Mr. Thayer's work "is a collision of hope and destruction [that] draws some crisp images of the maniacal survivors and heartbroken poets roaming a bombed-out paradise." Doors open at 11:30AM and the music starts at noon.

On Sunday, November 17, *After The Rodeo* offers new-fashioned jazzicana which is a big dose of Americana with a soupçon of jazz. The trio, guitarist and vocalist Pat Melvin, mandolinist Matt Schrag and guitarist D Davis, come from bands well known in the north country and just now building a following in southern Vermont. They cluster 'round a single mike and mix vocal harmonies with clever instrumentation. Doors open at 11:30AM and the music starts at noon.

Finally, on November 24, folk icon Mark Erelli honors the valley with a brunchtime show. The fourteen-odd years that he's been making music professionally has infused the industry with his youthful vigor; now he's teaming with young and talented Hayley Reardon, a teenaged songwriting award winner from Boston. People who saw the Erelli/Reardon show at Club Passim have been gushing with similar praise. She'll be playing with a trio featuring Lorne Entress on percussion and cellist, Catherine Bent. Don't miss this opportunity. For this performance, tickets are \$18 advance, \$20 day of show,

and the "Best In House" seats are \$30. Doors open at 11:30AM and music begins at noon.

Tickets are available at Popolo or online at www.popolomeanspeople.com. All shows start at noon and are promoted by Popolo with Minerva Productions. For more information visit Popolo's website or call 802.460.7676.

Present at the Friends of the Library Book Sale were Susan Vose and Kay Stack staffing the Museum Gift Shop Table. The Museum and the Gift Shop will be open on Saturday November 23 and November 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM.



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MILESTONES

- Married: Demere Kasper & James Hess, October 5.
- Born: Kyran William Pearson, October 10, to Ben Pearson and Ashley Wilson.

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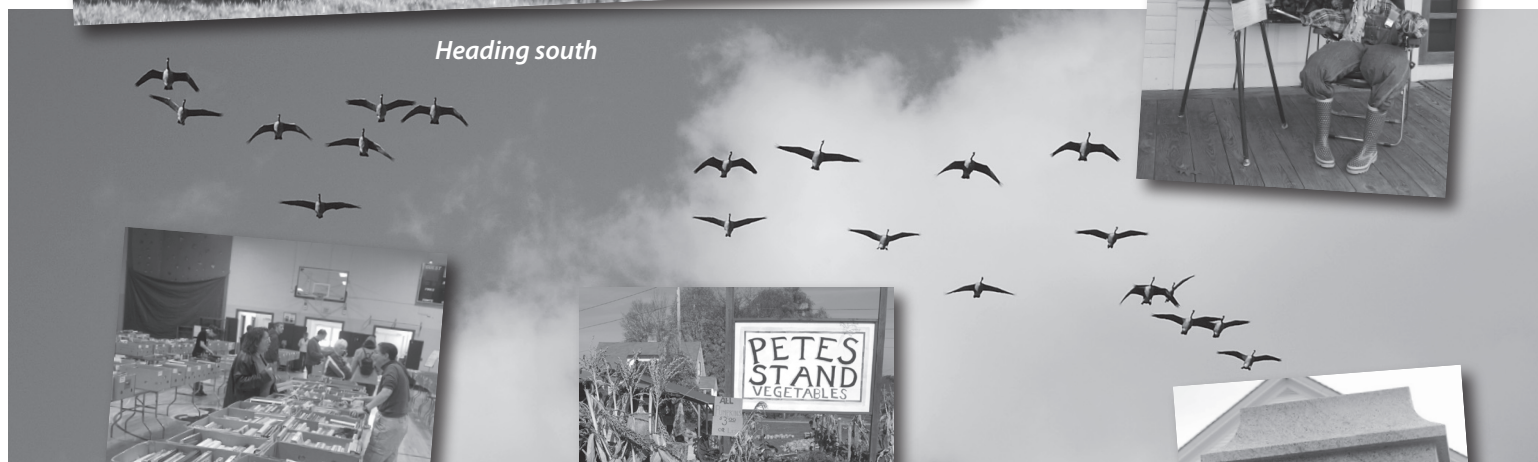


Bringing in the hay

One of many contestants in the Haunted Weekend scarecrow competition.



Heading south

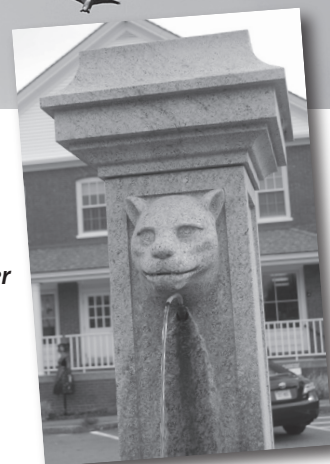


The Library "Booktacula"



Pumpkins at Pete's

*Won't be long
before the water
stops flowing.*



*ADULT TRUTH #6

*I totally take back all those times
I didn't want to nap when I was younger.*

The Bottom Line

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