

The WALPOLE Clarion

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They're Back the 2014-15 school year begins...



Hooper Scholarship Awardees Announced

Recipients of this year's George L. Hooper Scholarship have been announced, and the Scholarship Committee is looking for new scholarship candidates.

Are you interested in taking a course in agriculture, forestry, botany, conservation or environmental science? The George L. Hooper Scholarship Committee would like to invite any Walpole resident to consider applying for the George L. Hooper Scholarship to assist in funding your tuition.

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**Recreational
Soccer
sign ups will be
September 3 & 4
6:00-7:30PM
at Walpole
Elementary School.**

Goals & Challenges and a New Year

As children return to their classrooms, we thought it was appropriate to share some of the information distributed to parents of Walpole students with the community at large. Originally published as part of the 2013-2014 *Annual Performance Report*, and a recently-distributed "welcome back" letter, the following excerpts outline the challenges and expectations for the coming school year – as expressed by Principal Sam Jacobs:

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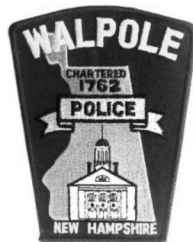
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Dear Community,



This is an opportunity for you to safely remove any expired or unused prescription drugs and medications from your home. Please bring your medications and prescription drugs for disposal to the Walpole Police Department, 4 Russell Street, North Walpole.

If you are unable to come on the 27th, please contact us to make other arrangements to bring medications and prescription drugs in. Please note no medications and prescription drugs will be accepted after the 27th.

This service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. All pills/medications will be accepted regardless of whose name is on the bottle, including those pills not in medication bottles.

Please feel free to contact the Walpole Police Department with any questions at 445-2058.

– Sergeant Justin Sanctuary
 Walpole Police Department

Ed. Note: The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and participating local law enforcement are coordinating the nationwide drug "take-back" day on September 27. This one-day event will provide residents with no-cost, anonymous collection of unwanted and expired medicines. It's a great time to clean out your medicine cabinet – protect our kids, families and environment by properly disposing of your unwanted and expired medicines. Medicines in the home are a leading cause of accidental poisoning and flushed or trashed medicines can end up polluting our waters. Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high – over half of teens abusing medicines get them from a family member or friend (or the home medicine cabinet), and often without their knowledge. Law enforcement, public health, and environmental professionals stand united in support of take-back programs as the safest and most responsible way to dispose of unwanted and expired medicines to protect your family and to protect our waters.

Dinner Auction

Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association

This year's fundraiser is scheduled a little earlier than usual – Saturday, October 18. Reserve the date on your calendar! If you have items you'd like to donate or to reserve your seats at the event, please call Pat Royce at 826-4831. Things are shaping up already with donations from area theatres and restaurants and other entertainment. For a fun evening of dining, silent and live auctions please join us at the Walpole Town Hall that evening. All proceeds help to bring innovative, educational programs to schools in the Fall Mountain District. Last year's dinner auction brought in over \$10,000.00.

– Jim Skofield

Scholarship Fund Benefit

On September 15, the Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund, Inc. Board will be hosting a fund-raising dinner at Burdick's Restaurant. All the money raised will be used by the Board to support graduates from the district in furthering their education. This year we awarded scholarships in the amount of \$120,000 to 101 students. Last year, we awarded \$137,500 to 122 students.

There will be a choice of a beef, vegetarian, or fish entrée. A cash bar will be available beginning at 6:30 PM. Salad will be served at 7:00 PM followed by dinner. The price of dinner is \$100 and will include salad, entrée, dessert and coffee.

To make reservations and entrée selections, please call or visit Burdick's Restaurant or Kasper and Associates Law Office. Reservations must be made by September 8. Burdick's will also donate a gift basket that will be raffled off at the dinner. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event.

By coming out and enjoying dinner at Burdick's Restaurant you will be supporting a great cause that gives back to our local community.

– Nathan Chafee

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Historical Society

September is a special time at the Walpole Historical Society. Our Museum Gift Shop is bursting with new gift items perfect for your home, your hostess, and for Christmas giving. Christmas will be upon us before long and we can help you with your shopping in our well-stocked shop. Candles, Caspari napkins and cards, Vermont Slate coasters, trivets and interesting thermometers that do NOT use mercury can be found there. We now have luncheon napkins and everyday note cards as well as our Christmas supply. There are framed pictures, marbled picture frames, note pads and click bags. You can also find beautiful earrings, beaded necklaces and bracelets all by local artisans. Check out the unique toys for the kids. Trivets and tiles, copper and gold-plated leaves catch the light in your windows or hang on the wall. Interesting books about Walpole, Tee shirts, glass sun-catchers and vases, bookmarks and pottery abound. Once you see what we have, you'll be back often for all your personal and gift needs. Come in and check out our special sale tables – there are so many specially-priced items to round

out your gift-buying for Christmas! The sale starts September 6 and will continue through September 20. Don't miss out on our September Christmas Specials. If you aren't sure what to buy, we have gift certificates. Your purchase supports the Walpole Historical Society and our community.

Our Museum and Gift Shop will be open every Saturday, noon to 4 pm until mid-October. Come and shop, and view our wonderful exhibits of "Walpole During the Roosevelt Years." See what our own Walpoleans were doing for work, play and leisure during these historic years.

– Sally McGaffigan

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Scouting

Girl Scout & Cub Scout Sign-ups

Sign-ups for both Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts are Sept 3 & 4 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Walpole Elementary School in the cafeteria.

For Cub Scouts, we are looking for boys Grades 1 - 5 or ages 7 - 10.

For Girl Scouts, we are looking for girls in all grades -- kindergarten and up. The cost for Girl Scout registration is \$30.00. We are also looking for adults to become Leaders or parent helpers; some training is required.

If you can't make sign-ups on either of these dates, please contact Deb Pawelczyk at 445-5475 or mdjpawel@comcast.net.

Just play 'til you blow it.

– Terry Bradshaw

This is a scholarship available to any Walpole resident, and many of our students have benefitted. Support is awarded to selected applicants enrolled in an accredited program of studies in Agriculture, Forestry, Botany or Environmental Science/Conservation and can be available throughout college and graduate school studies. The scholarship is also available for any Walpole resident wanting to take a short course in the study areas mentioned above.

The selection from applicants will be based on the following criteria: academic readiness for college or graduate school study, financial need, integrity, responsibility, character, initiative, and effort.

Those interested in learning more about this scholarship should contact Kim Lewis (klewis@sau60.org) of the Hooper Scholarship Committee.

Congratulations to this year's awardees of the George L. Hooper Scholarship: **Brian Perry, Levi Frye, and Will Tyson.**

Perry is in his final year at Lehigh University completing an Honors Program in the Integrated Degree of Engineering and Arts and Sciences where he is combining Engineering with Sustainable Development. Additionally, he will stay an extra term to complete necessary classes to earn a cornerstone degree of Mechanical Engineering. Last spring, Brian spent the semester abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark learning Sustainable Urban Design from a world leader in implementing green actions. During this time, he was given access to Parliamentary discussions, learned how to write policy as a state minister, learned the justifications behind building codes and urban transportation strategies, and interviewed city and national officials on the topics of electric vehicles, district heating, and flood protection as Copenhagen and Denmark worked toward their long-term goals for 2025 and 2050. This summer, Brian had an internship with the city of Keene where he hoped to integrate engineering, architecture, urban planning, and environmental science to benefit our energy market. Finally, Brian will be completing his senior thesis combining Mechanical Engineering and Sustainable Development focusing on a study of wind turbines and solar panels defining their feasibility of installation for various municipalities.

Levi Frye is entering his sophomore year at the University of Maine, School of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture, in the Department of Wildlife Ecology. Some of his courses included



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Biology, Environmental Communication Skill, Introductory Wildlife Resources, Introductory Fisheries Science, and Wildlife Field Trips. This summer, he was involved in tracking mountain lions and providing data on sightings for the state of New Hampshire. His goal is to work as a game warden or as a wildlife technician for the National Department of Agriculture. He will be combining his major in wildlife ecology with a minor in law enforcement/criminal justice where he hopes to be able to enforce environmental laws and regulations to protect species for their survival and for us to enjoy.

Will Tyson is getting a Masters in Environmental Science from the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. His research involves documenting the impact of a variety of human and environmental disturbances, such as oil exploration or increasing wildfires, on landscapes that indigenous people rely upon for hunting and

Pictured from left to right: Scholarship Committee Member Susan Wyckoff, Awardees Brian Perry and Levi Frye, (Not pictured is Will Tyson), Committee Members Kim Lewis, Steve Dalessio, and Jan Galloway-LeClerk. (Not pictured is Thomas Goins.)

trapping. This research takes place in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) of the western Canadian arctic and is intended to display the impact of environmental change both on fragile ecosystems and the people who rely upon them. The ISR is experiencing rapid environmental change. Hydrocarbon exploration has resulted in a greater human footprint in the region and climate change is raising concern over permafrost-thawing, an increase in extreme weather events, and a greater frequency and intensity of tundra fires. These disturbances often appear small when studied in isolation, but when combined, can accumulate to represent major environmental change in critical wildlife harvesting areas. Will's research seeks to identify the extent of these changes in an effort to inform land use management and conservation offices in the region.



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Hooper Golf Club

2014 Hooper Golf Club Championships

On Sunday, August 10, Jason Lintner from Walpole was crowned Hooper Golf Club's Men's Club Champion. He shot a 36-hole total score of 154, with rounds of 77 on both Saturday and Sunday. Tight on his heels with a score of 155 was Walpole's Ethan Gage. Ethan shot an opening round 82 on Saturday, but his closing round 73 left him just a shot short of Lintner. Keene's Jeff Smith was in the lead after round 1 with an opening round of 74. However, Smith was unable to follow Saturday's stellar round with another on Sunday, and his 83 left him in third place with a score of 157.

Westminster, Vermont's Nancy Goutas won another Ladies' Club Championship with a 36-hole total score of 172. Her opening round 85 was more than enough to distance her from the rest of the field, and she coasted to victory with a closing round 87. Chesterfield's Rennie Washburn was second with a score of 193. Congratulations to Walpole's Karin Williams for winning Ladies' Low Net with a score of 149.

2014 Hooper Golf Club Junior Club Championships

Congratulations to Mitchell Zehr of Walpole on winning a second Junior Club Championship in a row last Thursday with an outrageously good score of 69!

Second was Nick Phillips with 92, and Aaron Ricci was third with 95 -- both from Walpole. Way to go!

Congratulations to Walpole's Kaylee Lintner on defending her crown last Thursday as the James H. Smith Division Junior Club Champion with a score of 58.

Walpole's Mitchell Cormier was a very close second with a score of 60.

These are 9-hole scores from our orange tees.

September Events

September at Hooper Golf Club brings us awesome golf weather and also an awesome golf deal. For \$150, you can play all the golf you want until the snow flies. That's right -- \$150 for golf, golf, golf.

As for what's happening in September, say no more than Walpole FireFighter's Auxiliary Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 13 at 8 a.m. Cost is \$100 per person and includes green fees, golf cart, gift bag, t-shirt, door prize raffle tickets, and dinner at the Walpole Fire Station after the round. Sign up as a team of 4

or individually for this scramble format event, and help the fire department raise money to keep us safe!

I also need to mention that on Friday, September 5, at 7:30 PM we will be having our annual Night Golf Tournament. This is a blast -- we use glow-in-the-dark everything: balls, flags, tees, etc. It's a 4-person scramble format and everyone is invited.

Fall Mountain Regional High School's Inaugural Golf Team started practice on August 18 at Hooper. It is great having the kids around and they will have 3 home matches at Hooper in September. Everyone is encouraged to come on up and cheer for them on September 4 at 3:30, September 10 at 4:00, and September 30 at 4:00.

Last but not least, one final thank-you to the Savings Bank of Walpole & Hicks Machine for sponsoring our 2014 Junior Golf Program. Their generosity allowed children to participate in the program free of cost and compete for prizes, etc. Thank you!

Pro's Tip:

Sequence of motion on the downswing is everything in golf. Start the downswing from the ground up. Just before the club reaches the top of the swing you should be starting your downswing with the feet, then the legs, then the hips, torso, arms, etc. This makes it possible to "crack the whip" onto the ball. It's easier to pull a wagon than to push it.

— Ron Rosko

**Hooper Golf Club
Junior Champions for 2014:
(top) Kaylee Lintner and
(bottom) Mitchell Zehr.**



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Burdick's Renovation

Temporarily closed from August 17-21, the café and retail shop at L.A. Burdick Chocolate in Walpole will, by the time this paper goes to print, have finished the final stages of a renovation project that offers its chocolate, café and retail customers additional space, better atmosphere and a more efficient layout.

The Café has moved one door down from its previous location. Famous for its pastries, espresso drinks and what Today called "cosmic, life-changing hot chocolate," it has been combined into a single space with the award-winning retail chocolate shop. The newly-defined café area now allows visitors time to meet and enjoy a space distinct from that of The Restaurant next door.

The Restaurant has seen changes during this time as well. Cited as "one of the most unique and notable Parisian-style bistros in the nation" by Larry Olmstead of USA Today, the seating area has been modified to include banquettes offering a more comfortable dining experience. Executive Chef James Bergin noted that he feels the atmosphere and service will be more gracious with the bustle of the café removed from the dining room.

The Restaurant's next special event will be its celebration of Oktoberfest on September 26 & 27. During these two days, a special German menu will be served in the dining room along with a diverse selection of carefully selected wines and beers, and live music will be featured.

— Carolyn Mix



*Charles Dickens (Tom Durnford)
relates the story of Ebenezer Scrooge.*

The Walpole Players

A Christmas Carol

Seventh Annual Production

Planning has begun for The Walpole Players' Seventh Annual production of Charles Dickens' classic tale *A Christmas Carol*. Presenting the program once more as a benefit, The Walpole Players have now raised over \$20,000 for local food shelves. This year's production will be presented Wednesday through Saturday, December 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2014, in the Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall.

Auditions for this year's production will be held Thursday and Friday, November 6 and 7 with rehearsals beginning on Sunday, November 9. To assist in your planning, the full rehearsal schedule for 2014 has been posted on our website - thewalpoleplayers.org. Look for the link on the right: A CHRISTMAS CAROL - 2014 - CAST INFORMATION.

If you are planning to audition this year, or if you have any questions, please contact Ray (756-4545) or Tara (756-4861), or email either of us.

— Tara Sad

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Village School Events

The back-to-school season is in full swing and the Walpole Village School is gearing up for another great year. As many of you know, the School has been part of the Walpole community for more than 40 years. It is a non-profit organization which prepares toddlers for kindergarten in a nurturing, educational environment. The Walpole Village School counts on contributions from area businesses and individual donors to keep the programs running and to add enriching experiences to the daily schedule.



One of the school's biggest and most anticipated fundraisers of the year is *Spooktacula*. For the third consecutive year, *Spooktacula* will be the Halloween "event to attend" in the area. Boasting both a child-centric spooky program in the morning and an adult evening of costumes and dancing, *Spooktacula* will have something for everyone. A fun event for all ages and a great way to support the youth of Walpole and surrounding towns, *Spooktacula* is a creative and visually stunning event that is not to be missed. The schedule of events is still being finalized, but please save the date—October 25—and come on out and support the Walpole Village School.

Adding to the many well-attended town fairs and bazaars this late fall, the Walpole Village School is planning a *Sugar Plum Shop* for Saturday, November 29. The Sugar Plum Shop is new this year and will be a shopping experience to remember. We are currently seeking direct sales vendors for this event. Please call Jody Metcalf at 756-4246 for more information.

— Caitlin Caserta

WRAP

Walpole Recycling Action Project

One of the really wonderful things about living in Walpole is the willingness of the people to share their resources, time and talent for the benefit of their neighbors and their town. Actually, the same could likely be said about many of the small towns in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Consider for example, the Bandstand on the Town Green: a gift to the town in memory of Judy Bailey. Consider the beautiful new ball fields up on the North Meadow and the Veterans Memorial on the Green. These are among the *thousands* of gifts our town has received over the years. Consider the refurbishment of the flagpole and its huge golden eagle up on top (gifts of time and talent); these too are gifts to the town, for all of us to enjoy.

Consider those who serve on the School Board, the Planning Board, the Library Committee and the Recreation Committee (among others). These people also give a gift to our town—a gift of their time and talent. They don't undertake these assignments in order to get rich, or to get even so much as a penny. Their gift of time and talent benefits all the people in our town, but most especially our youngsters. Hundreds of volunteer hours go into the coaching of our Walpole girls' and boys' basketball, soccer, baseball and swimming teams. All these gifts make Walpole a wonderful place in which to live for all of us, for our children and, in due course, their children.

Volunteers are absolutely necessary for many of the functions and services available here in Walpole. We have a recycling program which permits families to dispose of their household trash at a cost of about \$100 per year. Were they to opt for curbside pickup by a commercial firm, it would likely set them back about \$600 or \$700 per year. Thanks to the Walpole Recycling program, this savings is available to all the families in our town. So how can Walpole afford to provide a service that would otherwise cost us at least six times as much? There are two factors: (1) Recycling, and (2) Volunteers.

Recycling means accepting materials such as newspapers, plastic, cans, cardboard and the like and selling them to firms that melt down, shred up, crush or otherwise process them, making them into resources resell-able as raw materials to businesses and industries. (Where do you suppose the Keene Sentinel gets the paper on which it prints the newspaper? And where do you think the plastic for those milk bottles on the grocer's shelf comes from?)

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Volunteers means that we (the town) could not afford to run a recycling center in which all the work was done by paid employees. With the cost of that labor, it wouldn't make any sense to operate a recycling center and we'd all have to pay that \$600 - \$700 per year!

All this really only addresses the cost and convenience issues but, for many of us, there is a larger issue: the environment and our planet. Every milk jug recycled is one milk jug that does not end up in a land fill where it does not and cannot decompose.

In my view, we all have a responsibility to give back to our town—a responsibility, a duty. For those who can, there are projects that need to be funded (that lets ME out!). For those who can, there are refurbishment projects (like that big beautiful eagle on top of our flagpole) that require special talents (that lets me out, too!) But for "regular" people like me, there are opportunities to volunteer at the Walpole Recycling Center (that I can do, and do—two hours each month).

Just call Paul Colburn at 445-5197 and speak with him or one of his people—or just ask one of your neighbors who already volunteers at the Recycling Center. It's your duty - our duty - to give back to the town we love so much!

— Charley Blount

*No matter
how cynical
you become,
it's never enough
to keep up.*

— Lily Tomlin

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Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

North Walpole Branch Library

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Saturday: 1 - 4 PM

Library Book & Tag Sale

Book Donations Needed

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

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

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

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

— Cheryl Hoffman

Genealogy Workshop

The Walpole Historical Society will sponsor another free Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, September 13, from 10AM-12 noon. We welcome beginners as well as experienced persons. Hints regarding research sources as well as stone walls will be shared. Call 756-2933 for reservations. More information can be found on the Walpole Historical Society website: walpolehistory.org.

— Jeanne A Jeffries

Rummage Sale

The Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 3, from 4-6 PM, and on Saturday, October 4, from 9-1 (with the popular bag sale starting at noon) at the First Congregational Church. Featured will be fall and winter clothing and tag sale items. If you have donations, please bring them to the church on Wednesday, October 1, starting at 9 AM. We'll be accepting donations of clean and gently-worn clothing (no shoes) that are appropriate for fall and winter wear, and household items (please, no electronics!). Feel free to contact Ellie Shaw, 756-4866, or Bonnie Woodward, 756-3662, if you have questions or need to make special arrangements.

Thanks very much!

— Ellie Shaw

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet for a potluck lunch at the Congregational Church on the Walpole Common at noon on Monday, September 15. (Note location at the Church.) Everyone is asked to bring a contribution for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Bring a dish to share. All Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville Seniors are welcome. Come for fun and good socialization. This month's feature is *Credit Card Fraud*, with guest speakers Charlotte Guyer and George Scott of AARP. For further information, please contact Jeanne Jeffries at 756-2933.

— Jeanne A Jeffries

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...Henry David Thoreau

hiked Fall Mountain on September 10, 1856, when on his way to Walpole to visit his friend Bronson Alcott? From Thoreau's journal, "Took the cars to Bellows Falls, through Dummerston, Putney, and Westminster. Looked at the falls and rocks. ...Ascended the Fall Mountain with a heavy valise on my back, against the advice of the toll-man. But when I got up so soon and easily I was amused to remember his anxiety. ...Just after crossing Cold River, bathed in the Connecticut, evidently not far from site of the old Kilbourn (sic) fort. ...Rode the last mile into Walpole with a lumberer...

Sept. 11. PM Walked over what Alcott calls Farm Hill, east of his house. ...In the evening read an interesting pamphlet account of the Bellows family of Walpole, prepared by Dr. Bellows of New York, on occasion of the family gathering and erection of the monument. A large part of the inhabitants of Walpole are descendants of Colonel B. Bellows. ...Sept. 12. Return to Concord."

Then, not twelve days later, on Tuesday, September 23rd the mountain was formally christened "Mt. Kilburn" during an event organized by the Class of 1857, Amherst College (Amherst, Massachusetts). Twenty-nine Amherst students arrived in Bellows Falls on the noon train. In the afternoon they were joined by 15 members of the Class of '57 from Middlebury College (Vermont), along with five or six Dartmouth seniors. In attendance too were Dr. Stearn, president of Amherst, and Amherst's Dr. Hitchcock, a noted geologist.

Following dinner at the Island House, the Bellows Falls band led the procession of students and invited local guests to the top of the mountain. Upon reaching the summit (elevation about 1100 feet, 880 feet above the river), the festivities and speeches began. One participant spoke dressed as an Irishman, and I. C. Clapp presented himself dressed head to foot in Indian costume. He asked, "Give no Indian name to this mountain, for it will only serve to keep in remembrance the wronged red man..." J. H. Boalt (a member of the Amherst class) then continued his christening oration concluding, "...and in the name of the class of 1857, I do hereby denominate Mount Kilburn." A song, "The Titan's Workshop," composed for the occasion followed; then a concluding address; and a poem.

Returning to the Island House, the



students and their guests sat down at 4:30 to "a bountiful repast" with more speeches and toasts. Professor Hitchcock stated the view from Mount Kilburn exceeded that seen from Mt. Holyoke. Relating tales of John Kilburn, Hitchcock stated he "hardly thought that the history of the world furnished a parallel to the courage and heroism of Kilburn in defending his fort."

Fall Mountain, or Mt. Kilburn? It's confusing! Burt's *Illustrated Guide of the Connecticut Valley* (1867) describes "Mount Kilburn, formerly known as Fall Mountain." The 1870 edition of Appleton's *Hand-Book of American Travel. Northern and Eastern Tour* says that above Bellows Falls is "...a high and precipitous hill, known as Mount Kilburn..." but concludes, "Fall Mountain Hotel is located

near the springs at the base of Fall Mountain..." The 1874 guidebook, *The Connecticut by Daylight* describes Mount Kilburn "a fine mountain, about one thousand or eleven hundred feet high, and about three miles in length." George Aldrich began his 1880 *History of Walpole* footnoting "Fall Mountain" "now known as Kilburn Mountain. Published in 1908, the comprehensive *Bellows Falls and Vicinity Illustrated* has many references to Mount Kilburn - but no mention of Fall Mountain. The WPA 1938 *Guidebook to New Hampshire* describes, "Fall Mountain, formerly Falls Mountain, and barecliffed Mt. Kilburn... This peak, a part of Fall Mountain, received its name in 1856." On some modern maps, Mt. Kilburn is noted as a peak on Fall Mountain. What is correct? Today, most popular seems to be Fall Mountain.

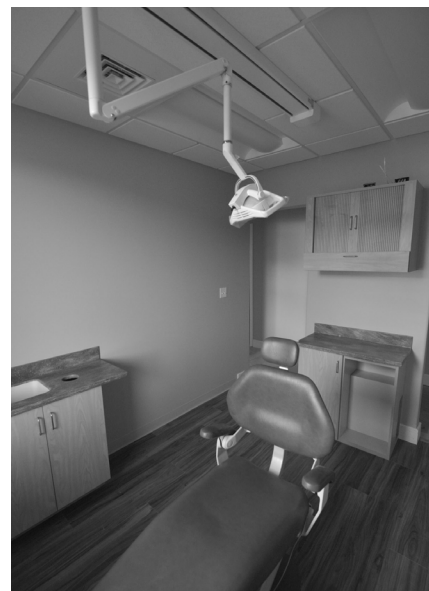


Bellows Falls and Fall Mountain

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Bowman Dental

Our town dentist is on the move. Dr. Peter Bowman took over Dr. Lawrence Martin's downtown dental practice in 2009. The practice has experienced rapid growth over the past few years due to the young energy that Peter brought to the practice and strong internal referrals. Dr. Bowman decided it was time to seek out a new home for his thriving practice, a visible location with a space that allows him to give his patients efficient, quality care. Bowman Dental is now in the Real to Reel building in the North Meadow Plaza. The building is modern and new and the location has superior visibility. The design of the treatment rooms in the new location will allow for much more privacy and the comfortable, updated equipment and furniture will make for a very enjoyable experience for patients.

As for the interior design, Dr. Bowman's wife, Alicia, has outdone herself using her impeccable design taste throughout, creating a warm, aesthetically-pleasing space that will make everyone count the days until their next dental appointment. The focus at Bowman Dental is to maximize the patients' experience and comfort while offering the same level of care that patients have come to expect over the past five years. Dr. Bowman is always working to better his practice and keeps himself in the know on many of the latest advancements in dental care. Bowman Dental is slated to open doors on the 2nd of September. Always accepting new patients, Dr. Bowman looks forward to this new and exciting chapter in life.

Dr. Bowman is a family man with a fierce love for the town of Walpole. As

a child he came to visit his grandparents here in town and truly fell in love with the rural beauty and friendly atmosphere of this small village. With his Walpole family roots going back to the 1800s, it isn't a surprise that Peter decided to settle here with his young family. Dr. Bowman is the 3rd dentist in 4 generations, which began with his great grandfather, Dr. Charles Houghton, who practiced in Bellows Falls from 1932 to 1954. Dr. Houghton was instrumental in founding the first School of Dental Hygiene in Vermont.

Dr. Bowman is an avid golfer, fly fisherman and gifted photographer. He has been known to pore over dental periodicals in his spare time – now that's a passionate dentist!

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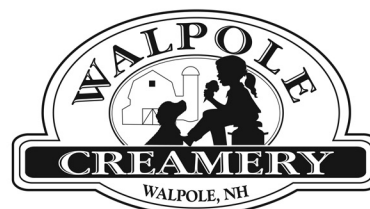
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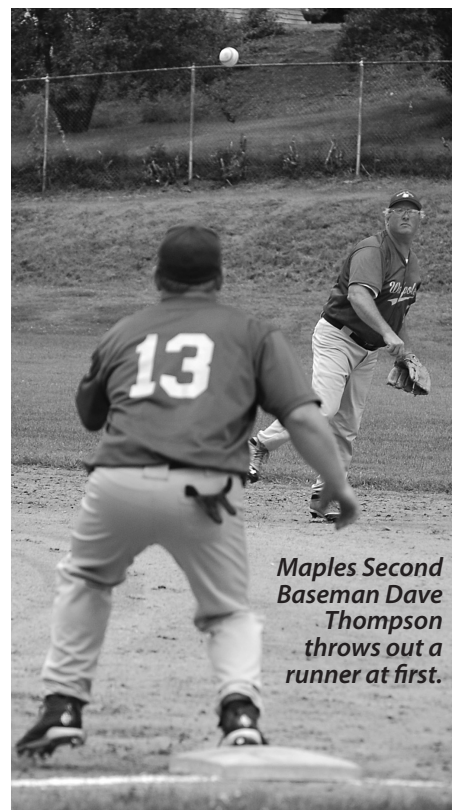
– Rocky Mariano

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P.13 Cal.



Steve Corey tries to bunt his way on (above)... and later scores (below) against Claremont.



Maples Second Baseman Dave Thompson throws out a runner at first.

Walpole Maples Baseball

The Maples played in the 7-team CRVBL and finished in 6th place at seasons' end with a 5-8 record – very respectable for a first-year team. All the games were close and well-played except the two games we played against the Claremont Cardinals. So as luck would have it, finishing 6th drew us a first round, best of three series against the three-seed Claremont at Barnes Park.

We have a team that plays its best baseball against the top teams. The best 2 out of 3 series were 7 inning games. Game one matched Claremont's hard throwing right-hander against Walpole's Ryan Paul. Walpole held a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the 5th when Claremont scored one run to make it a 2-1 game. Ryan ran into trouble in the bottom of the 6th. With two on and one out, we went to Steve Corey. Claremont scored twice to take a 3-2 lead which they held onto. Game two was a well-played, 7-2 Claremont win that ended the Maples season.



It was a great first year on and off the field. We have a great group of guys who just enjoy playing baseball and have fun while playing the game. We also had excellent fan support both at home and away.

As a side note, the Putney Fossils won the Championship with a final record of

14-1. The Walpole Maples were the only team to beat Putney 2-0 at Hubbard field. Congratulations to Putney on a great season.

Future articles will talk about next season; thanks to both our fans and our sponsors.

– Ken & Mark McGill

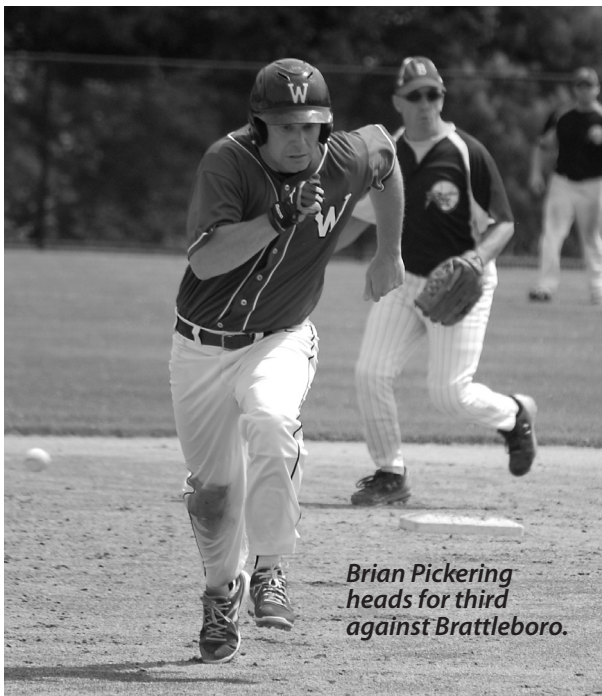


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Brian Pickering heads for third against Brattleboro.



An early conference on the mound in the semi-final

Wild Blue

A stellar Wild Blue season ended during the 2014 semifinals this year after a less-than-stellar outing against the Claremont Cardinals.

The 10-3 Walpole squad -- second in the CRVBL 2014 season standings -- lost to the third-place Cardinals, 8-1, in a game where the Blue's usually flawless defense posted several errors and Blue bats couldn't seem to catch up with Cardinal ace Jon Nicholas.

The Blue's bats were generally hot and cold this year, even with the addition of Jamie Spence, who blasted several home runs during the regular season and one three-run bomb during the playoff quarterfinals.

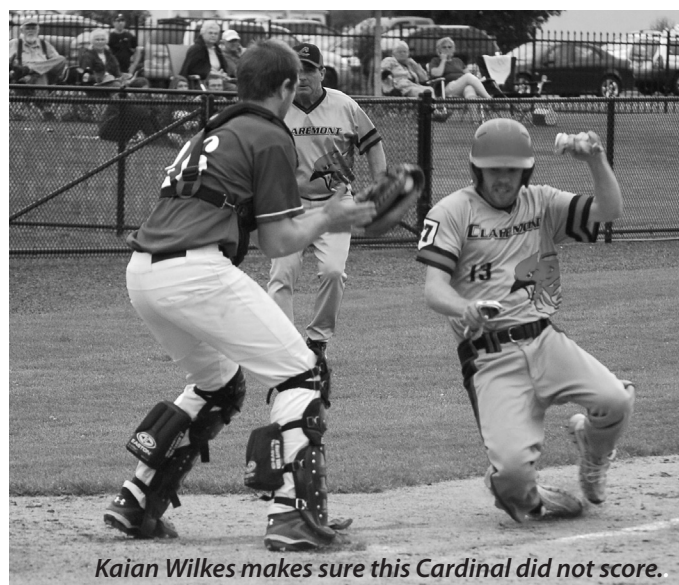
"I've said it a lot and I still believe it. The Blue has the scariest batting line-up in the league," said Gary Dennis, Wild Blue manager and shortstop. "But there were some games this year where we just couldn't seem to string enough hits together...some of our wins were blow-outs and some were closer than they should have been."

Two of the Blue's three losses came at the hands of the Putney Fossils, a team that went from the league's cellar to a near-undefeated season. The third, a late-season loss to the Cardinals, was the result of a batting no-show and some pitching stumbles early in the game.

"We consider ourselves pretty even with the Cardinals, but when our bats are MIA they can be tough to beat," Dennis said of the late-season loss and the loss in the semifinals.



In a pickle



Kaian Wilkes makes sure this Cardinal did not score.

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Distant Hill Gardens

Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole will be having an Open Garden all day Saturday, September 6, from 9 AM to 4 PM. The highlight of the day takes place from 10 AM to noon, when you can join us for a special talk on "The History of the Glaciation of New England" as told by David Howell. David, who lives in Walpole, is a retired USGS research geologist and professor of Earth Sciences at Stanford University, where he taught a course on the geology and wines of California. He is also a noted author and artist.

The venue for the talk will be the impressive thirty foot-diameter stone circle at Distant Hill Gardens. It is a perfect spot to think about the larger geological picture, including the long-term history of glaciation on the Earth, why glaciers wax and wane, the features formed by glaciers, the global consequences of glaciation, the formation of Lake Hitchcock in the Connecticut River Valley, and more.

David will also be touching on some relevant climate-related questions of the day, such as:

Is the climate of today typical of the long-term climate history of the Earth?

What causes the Earth to warm up and to cool down?

How do we measure past temperatures and the abundance of greenhouse gases?

And while you are there, be sure to check out the interesting and uncommon outcroppings of stretched pebble conglomerates found at Distant Hill Gardens. Formed miles below the earth's surface, they rarely make their way up to the see the light of day.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind event! Please consider attending even if you don't think you have an interest in geology -- you may leave pleasantly surprised.

A suggested \$5.00 donation per adult includes entry to the gardens and the Glacier Talk. All proceeds will be put toward the ongoing construction of an accessible hiking trail at Distant Hill Gardens.

For directions and more information go to: www.distanthillgardens.org or call Michael at 756-4179

– Michael Nerrie

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YMCA Workshop

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Over the next several years, Meeting Waters YMCA leaders hope to train 5% of the adult population in its service area in the "Stewards of Children" child sexual abuse prevention workshop. They set off toward that ambitious goal on Wednesday, September 17, in Bellows Falls.

According to information from the Stewards of Children website, "Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent health problem children face, with the most serious array of consequences. In fact, 1 in 10 children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday. This means that whether you work with youth, are a parent, or are simply a member of a community, it is highly likely that someone you know and care for has experienced, or is currently experiencing, child sexual abuse. The good news is, it can be stopped."

Meeting Waters YMCA Program Director Susan Fortier became a certified Stewards of Children workshop leader last spring as part of an initiative of the New Hampshire Alliance of YMCAs. The Y Alliance has partnered with the Granite State Children's Alliance which oversees the Child Advocacy Centers around the state to roll the program out throughout New Hampshire. As the only Y providing services in both Vermont and New Hampshire, Meeting Waters YMCA is offering Stewards of Children on both sides of the river.

"We are very proud to offer Stewards of Children workshops as our latest community service," says Meeting Waters YMCA Executive Director, Steve Fortier. "This is an issue with deep and lasting consequences for our children and our communities. As a community of adults—educators, coaches, parents,

childcare providers, youth group leaders, anyone that cares about children—we need to come together, learn about the issue and implement simple, proactive steps to prevent child sexual abuse."

The first "Stewards of Children" workshop is being hosted by the United Church of Bellows Falls from 6-8 PM on Wednesday, September 17. The cost is \$10 per person which covers the cost of program materials. As with all Meeting Waters YMCA programs, if the fee is a barrier to participation, financial assistance is available. A registration form is available at meetingwatersymca.org. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Reverend Janice Chilek, pastor at The United Church of Bellows Falls, said that the church is "honored to have the opportunity to host the program." She adds, "Gaining an awareness of the reality around us and being prepared to react appropriately and timely are life-long skills. We hope many will join us as we work to make our communities safer places of care and compassion through training and knowledge."

Fortier encourages school administrators, municipal recreation leaders, PTA leaders and others to contact the regional Y if they'd like to host a Stewards of Children workshop. "We aim to train thousands of adults over the next few years. It will take leaders like Reverend Chilek to step forward and organize a workshop in order for us to create a regional safety net for our children." For more information or to set up a training, contact Meeting Waters YMCA at 802-463-4769 (BF-Fall Mountain area), 802-885-8131 (Springfield area) or 802-246-1036 (Brattleboro area).

— Steve Fortier, MS

Art After School

Art After School, Wednesday session, will begin its ninth year on September 3 from 3:15 - 5 PM. Any child who will be in first grade or higher in September is welcome to attend. A typical session includes a snack and a project designed to nurture creativity, engage imaginations, and build community among the young artists. Teachers Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw look forward to welcoming back last semester's young artists along with new artists.

There is no weekly or monthly fee to attend as we want every child to have access to this wonderful project. Please call or email Susan if you have questions or would like to register your child. Contact information: 756-2962 or susankershaw54@gmail.com.

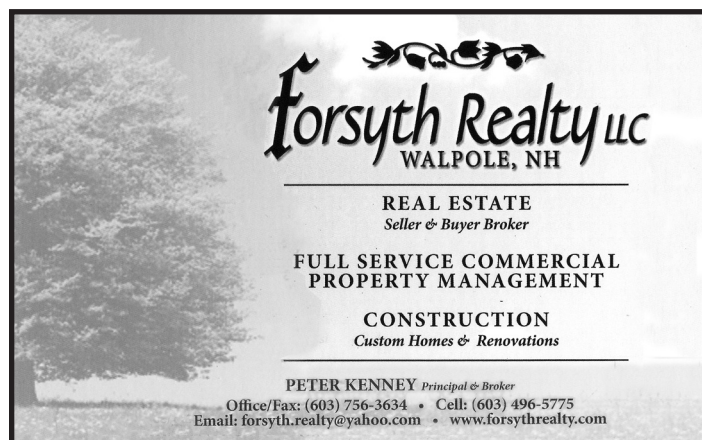
Remember to join us for Taco Night, a fundraiser on Friday, September 12, at 5:30 PM at St. John's Church Parish Hall. Enjoy fresh local produce in a "Taco Bar" for do-it-yourself tacos! Delectable homemade desserts will finish off a delicious meal. Cost is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of four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

— Rev Susan Kershaw

All Saints Parish

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

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Putney rolled through the playoffs and seemed pretty unstoppable, he said.

"Those guys showed up to win each game during the semis and finals," Dennis said.

On the other side of the inning, the Wild Blue usually thwarts other CRVBL team efforts with solid defense and a bullpen full of aces. In 2014, the hill was usually taken by Frank Brown, Ryan Kohler, Chris Ballou or Joey Parrott. In 2015, Blake Gowen will come of pitching age (30 in the CRVBL).



Frank Brown

"We're lucky in that we keep pretty much the same crew each year.that consistency does help and will some day bring the CRVBL Cup to Walpole," Dennis said, "but 2014 just wasn't that year."

The Blue will look to improve upon this year's success as they head into next season. An already potent line-up, which battered most opponents, combined to hit as a team .343 (AVG), .452 (SLUG), and scored a whopping 149 runs. The Blue hit 5 home runs on the year (not an easy feat in a wooden bat league with a short schedule) including 4 in league play. Jamie Spence led the Blue with 3 (2 League). Chris Ballou and Erik Baker both contributed with 1 home run each. Other team leaders were Kaian Wilkes who hit .523 for the season, Jamie Spence who knocked in 28 runs, and Chris Ballou who scored 23 runs.

On the defensive side of the ball, Ryan Kohler racked up a record of 2-1 on the mound with a 2.10 ERA and 39 strikeouts in only 30 innings pitched.

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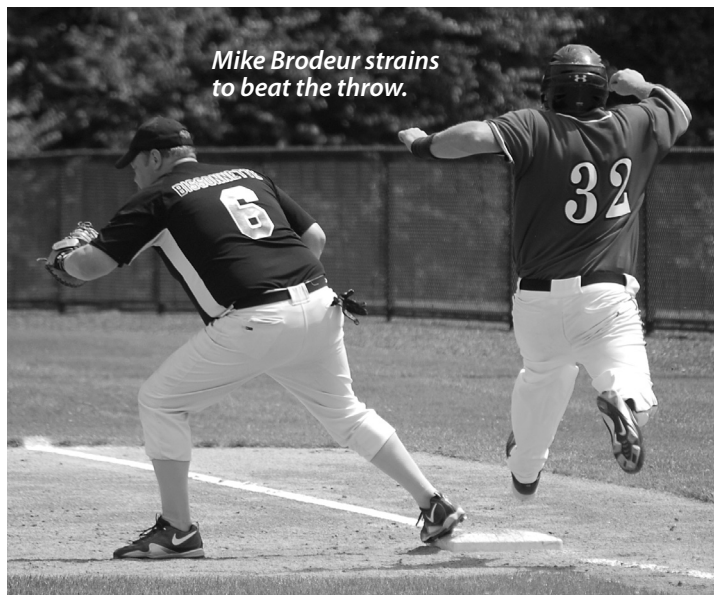
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— Stephen King

The schools in the Walpole Attendance Area continue to service children in kindergarten through eighth grade from Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville with additional students from Alstead, Acworth, Charlestown and Langdon that are enrolled in the district's self-contained special education program. This school year, we will be offering one session of prekindergarten at the Walpole Primary School.

The Walpole Schools are staffed with highly qualified faculty. Currently, we have over 35 certified and classified teachers and support personnel. From custodians and cafeteria staff to teacher aides, school secretaries, and teachers, a caring and nurturing environment is developed for all students. Building student self-confidence and promoting academic achievement are our daily goals; this is done in partnership with parents.

Challenges We Face:

- With decreased funding from the state, we are challenged to provide the same level of programs, resources and staffing that we are accustomed to. We will have to work creatively and collaboratively with our community to provide the same high level of support and student achievement that we are accustomed to.
- Our staff will continue to use data to focus our Grade Level Teams on increasing learning for all students. The data coming from standardized and common assessments in conjunction with anecdotal records and teacher observations will continue to drive instruction.
- With an ever-changing learning community, we need to provide professional development to our staff to meet the diverse needs of the student population. This great diversity of learners brings opportunities for learning and acceptance.
- We need to fully prepare our teachers for the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Staff will need to appropriate amount of time and professional development to complete this implementation.

We look forward to the challenges ahead and thank all residents of the school district for their support. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Welcome to another school year at Walpole Schools! The staff and I are thrilled to share another year of learning together with all of your incredible



First Day

students. This newsletter is filled with important information about the start of school and the exciting changes at Walpole this year.

Like many of you, my summer was spent catching up on things I enjoy, but don't necessarily have as much time to commit to during the school year. One of these is reading. I love to read books, articles, anything! One book that I read is *Mindset* by Carol Dweck. I strongly encourage all parents and educators to read this book. It is powerful in supporting the belief that with determination and effort anything is possible.

It is my pleasure to introduce the newest members of our Walpole staff: Mrs. Kim DuTillio in Pre-Kindergarten, Miss Allegra Pickering in Kindergarten, Mrs. Brandie Sweetland in Special Services for grades 5-8, and Mrs. Chrisite Bardis, a paraprofessional in Pre-Kindergarten. We are all very excited about the new staff additions and are looking forward to working together.

Each year the start of school is a busy time – and this year is no exception! In addition to the new staff, we continue to prepare for the adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This past summer and over the course of the school year, we will continue to learn as a staff about these new standards and how we will shape our teaching to support instruction of the Common Core.

As always, we encourage our school community to support our "Go Green" efforts by using our digital resources. Our school website is: sau60.org. The website is new and improved and provides

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Andrea Elsesser, Nicole Whiton

families with numerous resources, especially a school calendar. Please make sure that your email addresses are up to date with the school office so that you are receiving our weekly school notices. School Messenger, is our new phone/text messenger system, so please make sure we have current phone numbers so you can receive messages from the school.

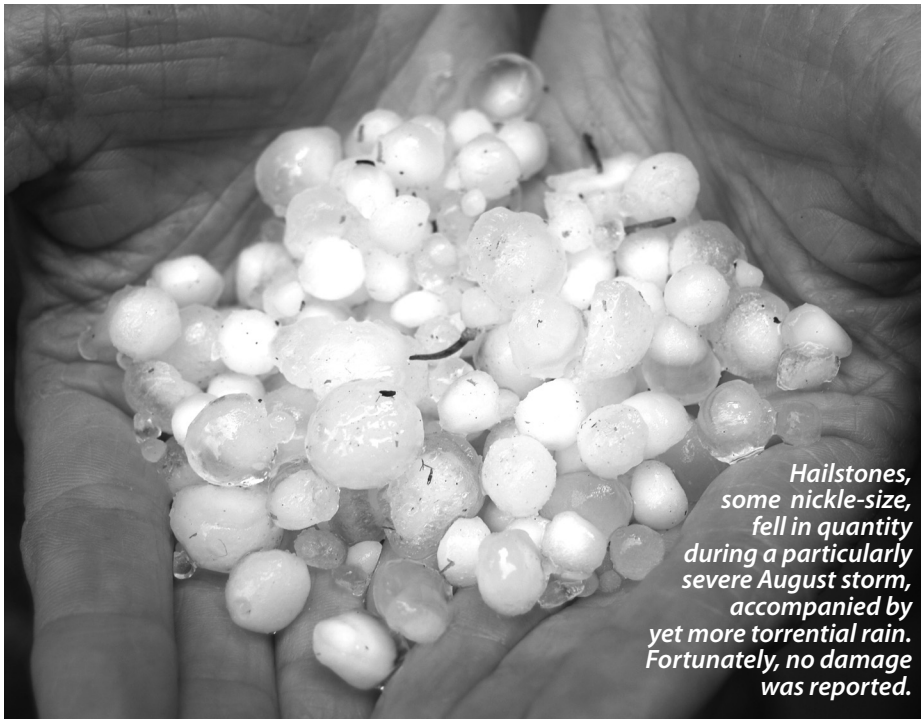
As we begin the new school year I look forward to seeing each of you at many of the "Back to School" events. These events are listed in the newsletter and on the website calendar. If you are new to Walpole, welcome to a wonderful learning community.

Please feel free to contact us with your questions or comments. Thank you for your continued commitment to your child's education and unwavering dedication to Walpole School.

–Sam Jacobs

History
is a race
between education
and
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– H. G. Wells



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Beekeeping Workshop

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

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

— Charles Andros

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Tickets are \$20 each; we don't hold any reservations until we have payment and reservations are non-refundable. And as we mentioned last month, because of its liquor license, Alyson's can't permit BYOB; instead there will be a cash bar. The speaker for the event is NH Fish & Game biologist Ted Walski.

— Lewis LaClair

HCS

Flu Clinics

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will hold flu immunization clinics in Walpole on Friday, September 26. A clinic will be held at Applewood Senior Housing from 10:00-11:00AM, and at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole from 11:30AM-12:30PM.

These clinics are open to the public ages 19 years or older. No appointment is needed. Medicare, Anthem BCBS, Harvard Pilgrim, and MVP insurances will be accepted, or there is a \$25 fee for the vaccine. People are encouraged to wear loose sleeves.

Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their regular monthly dinner at noon on Friday, September 26 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns, and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential, as seating is limited; call Donovan at 352-2253 by noon on September 25.

Bereavement Support

Hospice at HCS offers a grief support group in the Walpole area for anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 4:30 to 6:00PM at the First Congregational Church on the Common. Discussions are facilitated by Mary Souzzi, LICSW. The next meetings will be Wednesdays, September 3 and September 17.

There is no charge to participate, but registration is required. To register, call Lynn Anne Palmer at 352-2253. For more information visit www.HCSservices.org.

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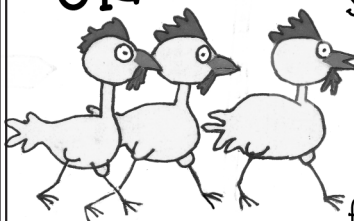
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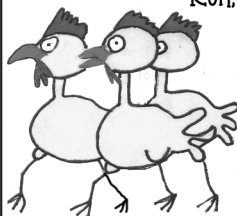
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in the minds of men.**

— Samuel Adams

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Service with a smile!

Author's note: The names have been changed (as well as the actual location) in order to prevent a lawsuit. This took place during our travels around and through the three northern New England states. It did not happen at any of the local ice cream stands.

Okay, enough for the disclaimer.

So, we are riding in our motor-home down a lonely stretch of highway between North Podunk and South Podunk and we spot a small restaurant with an outside, take-out ice cream window. As the temperature is pushing 90 degrees even with the A/C blowing at full blast, the thought of ice cream is overwhelming.

The parking lot is nearly empty as it is between mealtimes and traffic is minimal on this lonely highway. We stop and I proceed up to the take-out window and browse the list of flavors and choices of sundaes. I observe two or three young (high school age) ladies deep in conversation. There is a bell on the counter and a sign which states, "Ring for service." So I ding the bell. Nothing! No heads turn; no one approaches the window. I wait a few seconds and ring the bell again. One young lady turns her head but does not move.

I am standing out in the blazing sun, with humidity and temperature both near 90; my shirt is now soaked and my irritation is rising. I ring the bell once more with slightly more force. One of the young ladies approaches the window, lifts the screen and snatches the bell from the counter. Then she walks away and continues with her conversation.

"Hello! I would like some service over here!" I say in a voice much louder than I had intended. Finally one of the other ladies, not the bell-grabber, steps up to the window and says, "Yeah, whaddayawant?"

"I would like one hot fudge sundae with no nuts, and one strawberry sundae with nuts, please."

"Do ya want a cherry and whipped cream?"

"Yes, that would be nice, thank you!"

"Yeah, whatever."

I have since learned that the term "whatever" used in this manner has a rather unpleasant connotation to it. What happened to the good, old-fashioned You're Welcome?

Fifteen sweltering minutes later, she places on the counter two hot fudge sundaes loaded with nuts - no cherries or whipped cream. I explain that I wanted one hot fudge, no nuts, and one strawberry with nuts. With a disgusted look - more like a sneer - she removes the order. Ten minutes later, she returns with a strawberry sundae as ordered but the hot fudge is still loaded with nuts. "That was a hot fudge with NO NUTS!" I say in a rather high soprano voice. She proceeds to scrape - yes, scrape - the nuts off. I say I cannot accept it that way as the person is allergic to nuts and would react due to the fact the nuts had touched the sundae. (Okay, maybe the allergy comment was untrue.) Finally, she returns with a hot

fudge sundae, with whipped cream and a cherry. Meanwhile, my strawberry sundae is now strawberry soup. As I pay the bill, I start to make a comment about my sundae soup and she not only closes the screen but slams the window shut.

As I head back to the motor-home, thankful that I can still remember where I had parked it in this empty parking lot, I hear, "Oh my God, I hate waiting on grumpy old men! They are so impatient!"


I climb back into our RV, hand the Attitude Adjuster her sundae and start complaining about the service. She looks at me with her usual smile and says, "Oh, just turn up the A/C and drink your soup!"

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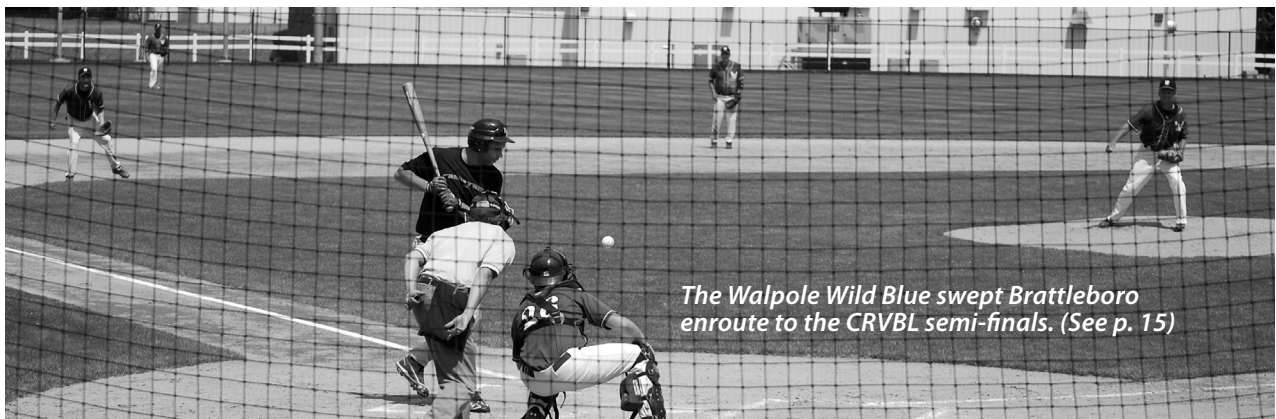


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