



Walpole Town Meeting, 2015

Just over 100 voters attended Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14. On the Tuesday just prior, ballots were cast at the polls for town officials. The only contested race was for Selectman (three-year term); Peggy Pschirrer beat Jamie Teague for the position.

Stan Hutchings sings the National Anthem.



Warrant Articles 3 through 13 were discussed and voted upon on Saturday. Surprisingly, there was no discussion nor any questions on the Town's operating budget of \$3,757,254. This amount for the general fund and water operating budget (subject to reimbursement from fees) represented a 3.9% increase from 2014, primarily due to salary increases and an increase in workman's compensation insurance premiums. Taking into account the warrant articles requiring funding, the overall budget increase for 2015 from that of 2014 is less than 1%.

Questions were raised, however, over the expenditure of \$15,460 for replacement ballistic body armor for Walpole's Police Department, and the

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Being sworn in (L to R): James D. Aldrich, Sandy Smith, Peggy Pschirrer, Robert C. Anderson, Carole Cramer, Barbara Lounsbury

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Hooper Institute: Looking Ahead

Early in 2011, members of the Hooper Committee began exploring the idea that the Hooper Institute needed to grow. Maybe it was in size, maybe in program offerings, but definitely in public profile. All agreed that what the Institute provided to the youth of Walpole was invaluable and unique but everyone thought the Institute could become more and that the time was right to start exploring what that meant. A subcommittee was formed and the result is the Friends of Hooper Institute. On February 28, The Friends of Hooper Institute hosted a Winter Carnival to celebrate a new chapter for The Hooper Institute. It was a beautiful sunny day spent sledding, snowshoeing, making birdfeeders and visiting friends. Thank you to the Walpole Village School,

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Vilas Bridge Solution?

A bi-state committee working on a solution to the Vilas Bridge problem may have finally determined how to finance the \$4.5-\$6 million repair bill (recently scaled down from \$12 million). Buck Dearborn, chairman of the task force, has announced the establishment of a \$.50 toll to be collected in either direction on both the Arch Bridge and the Walpole-Westminster Bridge (aka the Walpole Village Bridge). According to the latest available figures (2012), 12,000 vehicles use the Arch Bridge daily; and 8,600 vehicles cross the Walpole Village Bridge on a daily basis. Mr. Dearborn indicated that with an average of 144,200 vehicles traversing the bridges weekly, the revenue from both bridges would amount to \$72,100/week or \$3,749,200 over the course of a year - more than enough to secure a bond underwriting the expense of the repair, and to cover

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Clean-Up Day

3rd Annual WalpoleEvent

On Saturday, April 25, the stalwart people of Walpole will once again join together to tidy up the highways and byways of our beautiful town. They will gather at 8:00 am in the Town Hall for our Third Annual Walpole Clean-Up Day.

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

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

Volunteers will bring their booty back to the Town Hall, where it will be counted, graded for originality and taken to the Transfer Station. There will be prizes for the most trash collected, the most unusual piece of trash, and the funniest, among other superlatives. This year we have learned that yard waste will be counted toward our totals, but will need to be taken directly to the Transfer Station and not the Town Hall.

So, everyone please join us for three hours on Saturday, April 25 – rain or shine – for this fun event, and help keep Walpole the prettiest town in New England!

– Tara Sad

**Sometimes
 you just
 gotta be
 drop-kicked
 out of
 the nest.**

– Robert Downey, Jr.

Tiny Trend

A residential phenomenon sweeping reality television may be headed to Walpole: tiny houses. The increasing visibility and popularity of the Tiny Homes movement has captured the imagination of downsizing proponents and back-to-basics aficionados around the world.

The idea is to pack as much house into as little space as possible. The average American home in 2007 was 2,479 square feet. Tiny Homes are generally smaller than 500 square feet – extreme examples are under 100. Beds, tables – virtually everything – folds away, tucks under, or serves a dual purpose. Many designs are fit onto trailers to facilitate ease of movement. The projected Walpole variation could introduce yet another facet to the concept – the tiny apartment building.

The concept stacks 4 6x9.5" Tiny Homes to create a mini high-rise that can be moved to follow the sun or take advantage of a spectacular view (low bridges permitting). Access to the upper floors would be via a single, tiny, circular staircase which would double as a laundry chute to the first floor's coin-operated washer & dryer. The projected Walpole location would be the park on Turnpike Street. What better site than a tiny park for a tiny apartment building?

It's expected the proposal will come before the Zoning Board this summer.

– Jan Kobeski

Artists conception of proposed Tiny Towers.



Did you know the Hooper Scholarship Program provides funding for Walpole residents of all ages? Well, it does and the Scholarship Committee hopes this article will create a better understanding of what the program has to offer.

Most of us are very familiar with the Fredrick H. Hooper Institute building that sits at the top of Prospect Hill Road, and the Institute's mission of providing educational programs for the youth of Walpole. Since 1975, the Institute has sponsored classes, programs and outings related to the fields of agriculture, forestry, botany, soil conservation, and environmental studies through the generous trust monies left by George L. Hooper.

What may not be as well-known is the addition of a scholarship program in 1995 to make funds available to Walpole residents for post-high school studies. From 1998 through 2014, forty-two recipients have been awarded scholarships totaling \$274,400. Historically, college and graduate school-aged students have been the focus of the program. However, the number of applicants in this age group has been steadily declining as students make other career choices.



Hooper Scholarship Program

Something for Everyone

As this trend continues, the Scholarship Committee wants to make sure everyone is fully aware that the program includes credit and non-credit workshops and seminars as well. This part of the program is especially exciting since it provides a source of funding for adult education in the applicable fields of study, which allows the committee to broaden the base of qualified recipients.

For example, a sample of workshop and seminar topics that would be covered by the scholarship program follows:

- Beekeeping
- Seed Saving
- Cheese Making

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Food Safety Procedures
- Alternative Engeries
- Forest Concepts & Preservation
- Timber Industry Careers

In addition, the Scholarship Committee will be distributing a new brochure in April. The committee is very proud of the new brochure and hopes it will also promote a better understanding of the Hooper Scholarship Program. There are some testimonials in the brochure which clearly show what the program has meant to award recipients.

As a follow-on to this article, the Hooper Scholarship Committee plans to continue using the Clarion to update the community on award recipients and the nature of their studies - all funded by the Hooper Scholarship Program in the spirit of what George L. Hooper must have envisioned so many years ago.

With a reliable source of annual funding from the Hooper Trust, the goal of the Hooper Scholarship Committee is to award as many scholarships as possible to as many Walpole residents as can qualify.

– Steve Dalessio

For the Program in Action

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An Internship in South Africa

Part 3 of a series by Levi Frye

Levi Frye's Nyati column has been missing for the past two months, as his computer crashed simultaneously with an increase in his academic workload and sports responsibilities. We are pleased to welcome him back.

I have been working in conjunction with my university (UMaine) to receive college credit for the Nyati program. After setting up appointments and meetings with my advisors and administrative officials, my department (Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology) has deemed that this program will count as my second field course requirement for graduation. Students majoring in wildlife ecology at UMaine are required to complete two in-depth field courses. These courses include topics such as electro-fishing, small mammal trapping, Excel work, wildlife surveys and a lot of memorization. I am also required to undertake a study of my choosing for the course. I will take my first field course this May from the 9th to the 23rd. In it, I will be doing all of the above, plus learning 40-50 bird calls, and becoming familiar with all the flora and fauna of the Northeast.

Four days after the end of the course, I will take a flight from Logan airport to Heathrow airport in London. From there, I will leave for Johannesburg after a short layover. Soon after my arrival in Johannesburg, I head to the Limpopo province of South Africa to begin my course. Since this program will provide college credits (and therefore include more academic work), it will be a very busy summer. However, it offers the benefit of finishing all my field courses as a sophomore – something few “wildlifers” can claim to have done at UMaine. This, in turn, leaves my other summers open for internships and work. We are still working out the final details of the requirements for my credits, as the program is not a regular part of the university. They should be finalized within a month or so, hopefully by the next article.

Together with these preparations, I must undergo a series of vaccinations for the internship. There are many recommended shots that are not required, such as those for rabies and yellow fever. South Africa does not have a problem with yellow fever, so I may forego this vaccination. Many other countries require a vaccination for yellow fever, however, and having your “yellow card” can be helpful when you are traveling. As I will be working in close proximity to animals and directly handling them, I will most likely get a vaccination for rabies. Additionally,

malaria is a problem in some parts of South Africa. There isn't a vaccination for this disease, but I will take medication before, during, and after the internship to prevent my succumbing. The mandatory vaccinations are for Hepatitis A and Typhoid. Both diseases can be passed through food and water, making these vaccinations vital for not getting sick. The shots can be administered up here in Maine over a period of a few weeks before my leaving for Africa. I do not look forward to being stuck with a bunch of needles; however, it is far better than getting sick.

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 299

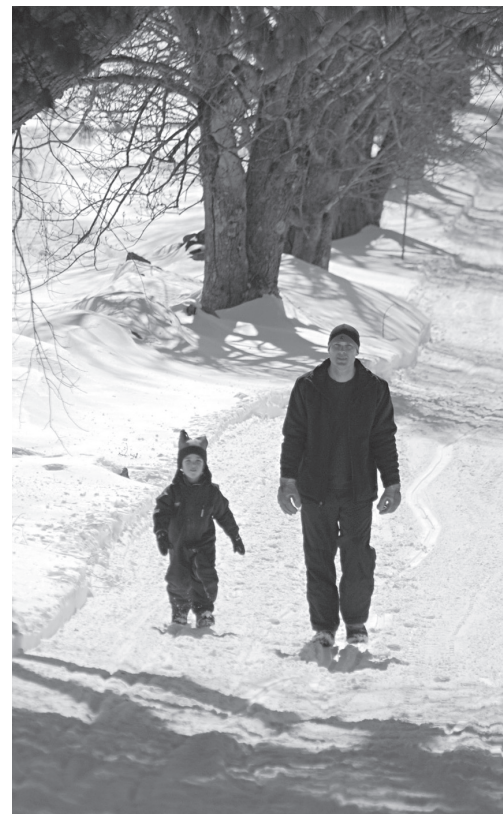
Saturday, April 4

Historical Society Lawn

Starts promptly at 10:00 AM
and lasts until all eggs are found
All ages through Grade 5

There are many prizes
hidden in the eggs.
Donated by local businesses.

Winter Fest 2015



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Walpole Parent Teachers Group, Great River and Pinnacleview 4H clubs and all who volunteered to help out. Some who attended offered their views on how the Hooper Institute can grow and change. We would like to build on that momentum and invite interested parties to attend our annual meeting 7:00 April 28th at The Hooper Institute on Prospect Hill. We are looking for additional board members but also welcome attendees who want to share their visions for the future. Join the Friends of Hooper Institute and have a voice and vote in shaping how the Institute grows and develops.

The Institute has changed from its original form as the community around it has changed and responded to those changes. The Prospect Hill facility, officially the George L Hooper Hall, was once used as a part of Walpole school's vocational agriculture program, with a workshop downstairs for wood working and a classroom upstairs. Today, educators from the Institute travel to the Walpole Schools to teach in the fields of agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental



There was no shortage of snow for this year's Winter Fest at the Hooper. Top, the sprint to the finish of the snowshoe race; a less hectic stroll down Hooper Road; Below, the sledding was fun for all... even if you fell off.



*An igloo was nearly completed by mid-day;
below, not everyone felt the need to burn calories.*



science. There is a free summer camp program and also a paid work program for older youth. The Institute provides financial support to Walpole students pursuing studies in topics aligned with the Institute's mission.

The Future...

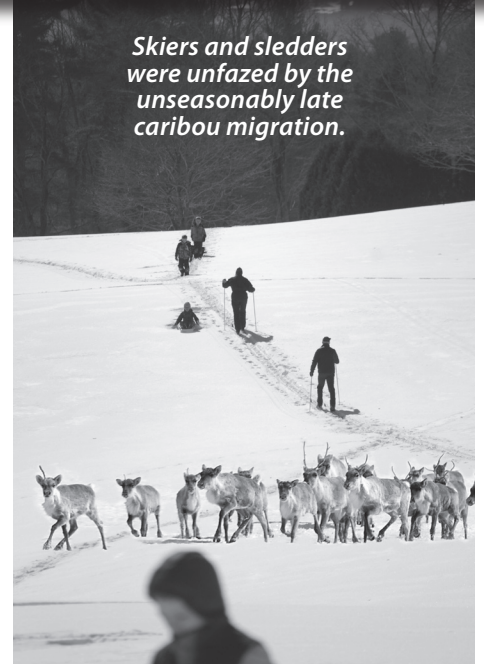
The conclusion reached by the Hooper Committee was that growth was limited by the Hooper Trust which restricts funding to Walpole youth only. With the Friends of Hooper Institute(FoHI), the Institute can expand its programs and scholarships to younger children, children who live outside of Walpole in the Fall Mountain region, and also to adults. A 4H'er living in Alstead who is a member of one of the Walpole clubs can

request project funding from FoHI. FoHI can fund preschool outreach programs or adult learning programs. The possibilities opened up by a new funding stream are endless.

The Hooper Institute is our community resource. With community support, we can expand the mission and serve new age groups and move beyond the borders of Walpole to support and educate the larger community. What kind of programs or changes would you like to see? In 2030, the Hooper Institute will celebrate 100 years of service to the youth of Walpole. The original Institute building and programs have served

— Rebecca Sethi

*Skiers and sledders
were unfazed by the
unseasonably late
caribou migration.*



*Below: tucked for speed;
at left, a bonfire was available
for thawing out.*



IN ANCIENT TIMES
CATS WERE WORSHIPPED AS GODS.
THEY HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THIS.

— Terry Pratchett

Walpole Library

New Fines Policy

The Walpole Library has applied for and received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to assist in the "restoration of overdue materials and collection of associated fines." The grant amount, which was classified, was said to be "Gi-normous" by Library director Mary Farrell. She has already accepted the gift of several pieces of new equipment and hopes to use the rest of the grant for training purposes.

"It's really a whole new era for us. Usually we call to remind patrons or write those pesky letters. Now we have a whole new system to work with that should be more efficient and a great use of taxpayers' dollars."

According to library staff, all the books, magazines, DVDs and Post-Its will have GPS tracking devices installed. "We now have a fleet of drones. The staff member who handles the overdue would normally spend the day typing. She is now at a secret location in Colorado learning how to operate the drones. She is having a great time. I hope we don't lose her to a career in the military."

If the drones don't get results, the Library also has a slightly-used Bearcat, which can be deployed against those reluctant returners to convince them that it's time to return the *Downton Abbey* DVD. Or else. Farrell noted that the vehicle is small, and will be painted in pleasing colors to blend with the Library's Arts & Crafts-era design. Two collection specialists (First Class) are now learning how to operate the Bearcat as well as parallel park it on Walpole's streets.

For children who have damaged books, parents will have a choice of paying the cost of the book or extraordinary

rendition of the child to an American Library Association-approved camp for behavior-tweaking. "Some of the places are really nice. There is one in Louisiana that we visited, and aside from no swimming due to alligators, the place was well-run and well-equipped."

Pets that damage materials will be picked up from owners and returned only when they have shown they can be in contact with a book without biting, licking or tearing it into pieces.

Farrell feels the town will benefit and will become used to the drones and the tank. "We are really hoping to inspire the townspeople to remember that the Library's materials are for everyone.

We hope the new equipment shows how much we want you to learn to share."

— Mary Farrell

Soon-to-be-deployed Library Bearcat in children's lit camo

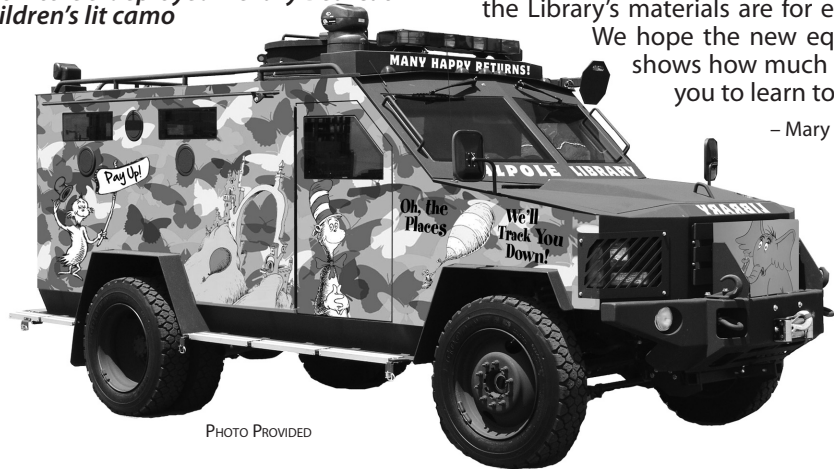


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The most interesting Lab in the world...

- He speaks fluent squirrel, rabbit and deer.
- Fleas refuse to bite him purely out of respect.
- Cats lick his face.
- Where he lifts his leg, orchids blossom.
- Postmen bring him fillets.
- Wolves want to be him.



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Hooper Institute

Hello high-schoolers! It is time to apply for the Hooper Institute Summer work program for Walpole teens. If you are currently in grades 8-11 and a Walpole resident, you are eligible. During the past sixteen summers, 193 teens have worked almost 29,000 hours in the community! Some students work for multiple summers during high school. Find pictures of past workers on our Facebook page.

The Hooper sponsors teens to work at local farms doing chores and caring for a variety of animals. There are also opportunities to work with plants by helping at an apple orchard, vineyard, produce farm and other enterprises. Students can work at the Town Recycling Center or as a counselor at our summer camps for younger children. The work is often dirty and hard, but for the right person, it can be fun and satisfying.

If you are interested, contact the Institute at 756-4382 and leave your contact information or e-mail us at HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net. Applications are due April 29. Along with the application, you must complete two interviews, one with the Hooper Institute Committee and the second with your potential employer. The program begins on the last day of school in June and runs until the week before school begins in August.

Notices about the camps for younger children will be distributed through the schools in May. If your child is a Walpole resident but does not attend the Walpole elementary schools, stop by the Institute at 165 Prospect Hill Rd (across from the golf course) to pick up a brochure after May 1. Please call 756-4382 with any questions. – Eloise Clark

Community Garden

The Walpole Community Garden welcomes new and experienced gardeners of all ages to join us as we get ready for our seventh growing season!

Each Spring, we eagerly anticipate the increasing warmth and light of the sun at our Community Garden site, overlooking the Cranberry Meadow wetland, behind the Hooper Institute. It will soon be time to plant those cool weather crops that we look forward to eating and sharing with others.

The Walpole Community Garden is the only "No-Till" Community Garden in New Hampshire. We are developing a small heirloom Apple Orchard where Permaculture is practiced. We donate 15-20% of our produce to the Fall Mt Food Shelf, and Applewood Senior housing.

All Community Garden members, friends, family, and those interested in becoming plot-holders will work together to prepare the garden for Spring planting.

Re-establishing the water system, repairing the fencing, re-chipping pathways, refurbishing the compost bins, and assigning plots head the list of Spring tasks.

A tentative garden preparation weekend is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12, starting at 10 AM.

Come Grow With Us!

A limited number of plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information, please contact Fritze Till at fritzetill@gmail.com, or 603 445-5283.

– Fritze Till



Carol Gage and Sue Nadeau harvest tomatoes for the Food Shelf.



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in matters of principle,
stand like a rock.*

– Thomas Jefferson

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Walpole Library Plant Sale

A Sure Sign of Spring

May 16th – Mark Your Calendar!

The Friends of the Walpole Town Library will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 16, from 9 to 11 AM on the library lawn on Main Street – rain or shine. Traditionally, this sale takes place on Mother's Day weekend. However, this year, due to our harsh winter, it will be one week later in order to give plants some extra growing time.

A wide assortment of locally-grown plants will be available. We welcome donations of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, houseplants, small shrubs and ground cover. Please label all plants by type and color. You can also donate garden-related items such as decorative pots, ornaments, hand tools, seeds and bulbs. Donations are accepted until Thursday, May 14.

All proceeds from the sale benefit both the Walpole and North Walpole libraries. Please call Carol Malnati at 756-9537 for more information.

– Jana Sellarole

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Healthy Start 5K

Benefits Maternal and Child Health Program at HCS

The 3rd annual 5K Run/Walk event will be held on Saturday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. to benefit the Healthy Starts program at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS). The 3.1 mile course starts and finishes at HCS's Keene office at 312 Marlboro Street. The course is a mostly flat loop through residential areas and the bike path – suitable for all levels of runners and walkers. All ages are encouraged and strollers are permitted, but please leave dogs at home. Every participant who registers by April 17 will receive a free race t-shirt.

The Healthy Starts program at HCS strives to improve the health and stability of young families. The program connects them with prenatal care, safety-net services, and ongoing parenting education. Services are available throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

For information about participating in the 5K or volunteering at the event, please contact Chaille Cohen at 352-2253 or ccohen@HCSservices.org. Register online at www.HCSServices.org or print out an entry form to mail in. And "Like" the HCS Healthy Start 5K on Facebook!

Having
a two year-old
is kind of like
having a blender,
but you don't
have a top
for it.

– Jerry Seinfeld

American Legion Update

Service rivalry has not been friendly amongst the Legionnaires recently. In fact, CWO Paul Mercier has been heard to say, "It's a blessing we no longer have arms and ammunition." The cause of the discord is what to do with the proceeds from last year's sale of the Legion's long-time home on Main Street. All members have agreed that another war memorial on the Common is where the money should be spent; but therein lies the dilemma facing the various branches of service.

Army members would like to have a group of Sherman tanks, but most agree that there is nothing original about tanks on a town common. Navy Legionnaires Boas and Kasper have located a mothballed nuclear submarine at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, but towing costs through the Panama Canal are out of the budget. Vocal Air Force retiree Chas Street advocates bringing a retired C5A from the aircraft boneyard at the Davis-Monathan Air Force Base in Arizona.

This final choice makes the most sense. With a wingspan of just over 222 feet, this massive aircraft will fit in the center of the Common with the wings wedged in the open areas north of the Congregational Church and just south of the Grace Bible Fellowship's church building. The most appealing feature of this option, however, is the 121 foot-long cargo compartment of the C5A accessed by the rear cargo doors. "This space can serve a multitude



of uses," Street enthused, "and fill many local needs." A soup kitchen would take just a small percentage of the cargo area, and space could be allocated to house the homeless. "Considering the size of the wings," Street continued, "tents for the homeless could be erected in the shade provided." Since not all of the cargo space would be needed initially, it could be rented for vehicle or livestock storage, thus providing funds to sustain the soup kitchen.

A vote by the Legionnaires is forthcoming, and they welcome your input at their April meeting.

– Ray Boas

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Young Adult Member (19 - 23) - \$195 plus tax
Junior (Younger than 18 at sign up) - \$50 plus tax

*Application forms available at
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or call 802-463-9809
after club opening*



From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

I just learned that my friend, Elwud, comes from a long line of inventors. Some of his inventor relatives date way back in time -- so far back it was even before the Dead Sea became sick. You probably never heard of any of their inventions, any more than you will hear about the one Elwud's son has come up with and has a patent pending. Says he got the idea one summer working at the local funeral parlor. He noticed that lots of folks wanted to communicate with their loved ones after they had passed even if they hadn't communicated with them while they was still here.

Seems the only method available was going to one of them séance people and the results were dubious at best. Junior figured if people are willing to pay outrageous prices to hold a séance, then they might be willing to pay for his new invention.

What is this invention, you may be asking. Well, I am about to tell you. Junior's been watching how people communicate today with all these electronic gadgets. He noticed that

they rarely talk, person to person. So he decided to modernize the burial casket. A person could order several differently-equipped models. Just like buying a car. There would be the standard, no frills-type and a one year's contract with a psychic. Or you could upgrade to one with a built-in, solar-powered cell phone with voicemail; texting ability would be extra.

The deluxe model would include the above plus a lap-top with Skype availability. The super deluxe (for the true believers) will include all of the above plus a satellite dish attached to the headstone and a flat screen television with an infinity guarantee for parts and labor. An infinity guarantee is like a life time guarantee except it lasts through infinity!

You will not want to be left out on this great opportunity to be able to stay in contact with your relatives to infinity and beyond. Contact the company at: aboveandbeyondcommunicationsaninterment.com.

Better safe than sorry.

— E. Knevil

Kathy Yardley presents a dictionary to a North Walpole Third Grader, while staff members Amanda Kinson and Mary Manwaring look on.



Walpole Artisans

Call for New Members!

The Walpole Artisans are proud to have been in operation for almost 20 years, and to be part of the local art scene in New Hampshire. A visit to the shop at 52 Main Street in Walpole is a unique experience for local patrons as well as visitors to the area. Artisans interested in more information about the Walpole cooperative gallery are encouraged to stop in, see the shop and talk to one of the members or to visit our online Facebook page and website to download a membership application. The shop is run by the members: the members are its Board of Directors and members take turns working in the shop. In addition to the opportunity to be juried into the cooperative and display one's art, members may participate in a yearly Thanksgiving Tour, showcasing their work and demonstrating their craft as visitors watch. The door is open to serious artisans willing to work with a serious group, experience the joy of selling their work and smile as they greet customers in their wonderful gallery. Please consider being juried into and joining this successful group of artists.

The shop is open 6 days a week, Mon. 11-2:30, Wed. - Sat., 10-5 (closed on Tues), and 11-4 on Sun. We can be reached at 756-3020 or at www.facebook.com/WalpoleArtisans or <http://www.woodcollection.com/WalpoleArtisansCooperative.htm>.

— Carolyn Kemp

Walpole Grange

Since 1995, Walpole Grange has participated in the Dictionary Project, a nationwide program whose goal is to provide every third grade student in the US with a dictionary. The NH State Grange adopted the program and encouraged each local Grange to partner with another organization or business as a way to make the Grange more visible within the community. Our partners since the beginning of the project have been Vic and Maria Castellano, former owners of Walpole Wash N Dry. We began the project serving only the Walpole children, but several years ago we added Alstead, Acworth and Langdon students (Charlestown is covered by another organization). This year, four Walpole Grange members presented dictionaries to 72 third graders. Campbell & Boyd Insurance also generously donated a soft-tipped pen to each student, which can be used with an iPad or other touch-screen device as well as for writing.

Walpole Grange would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity and enthusiasm for this program.

— Kathy Yardley



Walpole Worships

Drewsville 7th Day Adventist

Service: Saturday, 11 AM

First Congregational Church

Reverend Craig Breisemeister

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

Grace Bible Fellowship

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Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

St. Peter's Church (North Walpole)

Pastor, Reverend Steven M. Lepine

Mass: Mon. 8:30AM; Fri. 8:30AM;

Sat. 4PM; Sun. 8:30AM

Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church

Rector, Reverend Susan de Puy Kershaw

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

Walpole Unitarian Church

Reverend Lisa Mobayed, M.Div.

Service: Sunday 10 AM

Project Graduation

Fall Mountains's Class of 2015 Project Graduation is looking for donations for its indoor yard sale fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, April 11. Drop-off or pick-up is available.

We are also looking for sponsors, teams and players for the Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 9.

Please contact Terry Zehr at 904-4087 or email: terry_zehr@yahoo.com

Thanks for your support!

– Terry Zehr

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the Congregational Church at noon on Monday, April 20. Everyone is asked to bring a contribution for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Amee Abel, certified therapy dog trainer, will speak about Therapy Pets. She is the volunteer coordinator for the Monadnock Humane Society. (Note: Amee was scheduled for February but snow intervened.)

All Drewsville, North Walpole and Walpole Seniors are welcome. Come for fun and good socialization. Contact Jeanne A Jeffries at 756-2933 for information.

– Jeanne A Jeffries

First Congregational

Easter Season Worship

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service, 6 PM

April 3: Easter Vigil, 6 AM – 6 PM
(call 756-3717 to participate)

April 5: Easter Sunrise Worship Service, Hooper Golf Club, 6 AM

April 5: Easter Breakfast, hosted by Men's Fellowship, immediately following Sunrise Service.

April 5: Easter Sunday Worship Service, 10 AM. (Nursery care provided)

Call 756-4075, email walpolechurch@yahoo.com, or visit our website at walpolenhucc.org if you have questions. No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Spring Rummage Sale

The First Congregational Church UCC will hold its Spring Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, in the Fellowship Hall. Friday will be the "First Picks" sale, from 4 – 6 PM, and Saturday's sale will be 9 AM to 1 PM with a bag sale starting at noon. On Saturday, we will also have a food sale offering yummy baked goods, mac and cheese, baked beans, and other delicious items to buy and take home. Our rummage sale consists of spring and summer clothing, as well as a huge selection of white elephant treasures. We will not accept any soiled, ripped, or otherwise unsuitable clothing, nor will we accept any cold weather clothing. We're ready for Spring! Please prayerfully consider what you are donating because it may just be better off in your trash than in ours. Likewise, we will not accept any leftovers from yard sales, shoes, or anything with a cord. For more information, please contact Ellie Shaw at 756-4866.

– Ellie Shaw



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Tuesday: 1:00 – 6 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM – Noon; 1:00 – 8 PM

Thursday: 1:00 – 6 PM

Friday: 1:00 – 6 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

North Walpole Branch Library

Tuesday – Wednesday: 2 – 4 PM

Saturday: 1 – 4 PM

Hooper Golf Club

April is here and that means we can start golfing again! The big news around Hooper Golf Club this year is the amazing deals we have on membership! Think about it -- \$500 for new members, \$350 for anyone age 26 to 32, \$145 for anyone age 25 and under. Please, all potential golfers come up and take advantage of these great deals and support golf in Walpole. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you.

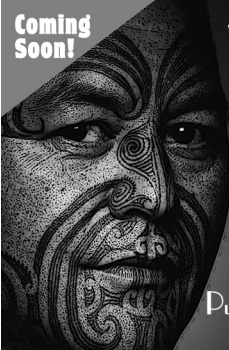
The first event on our calendar is on April 19: our Opening Quota Tournament. This event begins at 8 AM and the quota format provides a neat way to turn your bogey, pars, birdies, and eagles into points instead of just a score. Everyone come on out for this event and see all your old Hooper buddies after this long winter.

Here's just a quick note that the Men's Twilight League will have a meeting at 7 PM in the Pro Shop on Thursday, April 30. The regular season matches will kick off on the following Thursday at 5:15. It's right around the corner. Any male member at Hooper is eligible to play in the league and it's a great way to have a regular Thursday evening golf game. Please call the Pro Shop at 756-4080 to sign up for the 2015 season ASAP! Website: www.hoopergolfclub.com

Pro's Tip:

Posture can help the body move the way it is designed to, eliminating any compensations and excess movement which can make returning the club to the ball a little more difficult. First, stand straight and bend at the belt buckle down to the ball. You shouldn't feel or look like you're sitting on a stool - stick that butt out! The back should be straight, like a plank of wood; any hunching over won't allow the joints to move properly. And last but not least, let your arms hang naturally; that is how far from the ball you should be.

— Ron Rosco



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St John's

Holy Week and Eastertide

March 29: 10 AM, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday with the Procession of the Palms and the reading of the Passion narrative

April 1: Noon, Holy Wednesday Eucharist

April 2: Noon, Maundy Thursday Eucharist, followed by the preparation of the altar for Good Friday

April 3: Noon, Good Friday service using the Book of Common Prayer liturgy for Good Friday

April 5: 10 AM, Easter, the Day of Resurrection, Eucharist with special music by St John's Choir

Everyone is welcome at St John's Church, and is encouraged to receive communion during this holiest of weeks. Please join us on the spiritual pilgrimage to the Last Supper, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Cross at Calvary, and finally to the empty tomb and appearance of the Risen Lord.

St John's has a new website and a new webmaster, Kelli Wilson. Kelli has done a beautiful job re-designing the website. Check it out: www.stjohnswalpole.org. If you would like to receive the e-news of all the activities at St John's, please send a message to info@stjohnswalpole.org and ask to be added to our email list.

After School Programs

Art After School meets each Wednesday, 3:15 - 5 PM in the Parish Hall at St. John's Church. Newcomers are always welcome. Kids love painting, assembling, drawing and all kinds of art! The Foos Ball table and Ping Pong table are an added attraction! Any child in first grade or older is welcome to participate in the program. Please note: there will not be a class on April 22, due to Spring school vacation.

Art+Faith is a great program that combines art and spirituality for young kids who are in Kindergarten or older. The popular videos called "Holy Moly" introduce a story from the Bible which is reinforced with an art project. Art+Faith meets every Friday, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Please note: there will not be a class on April 24, due to Spring school vacation. For more information on either program, call Susan Kershaw, 756-2962.

— Susan Kershaw

Don't Forget! 

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First Congregational Church of Walpole

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Tuesday: 7 AM - 7 PM

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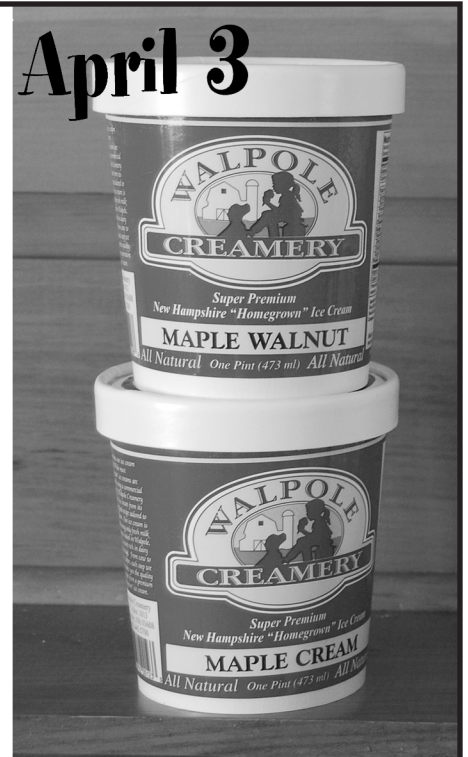
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Gardening Event

Growing and Cooking with Herbs

Gardener's green thumbs are beginning to twitch and taste buds are craving something fresh. It's time to explore the magical world of herbs. Learn how to grow herbs and how to cook with them at the Parks Place 5th Annual Gardening Event on Sunday, April 12, from 2 to 5 PM at Alyson's Orchard. The theme is *Better Herbs, Better Flavor, Better Health*. Admission is by donation. Silent auction items may be previewed at 1:30 PM on the day of the event. Refreshments and a cash bar will be provided. All contributions go to support Parks Place.

Guest speaker Misha Johnson will discuss the importance of wild and cultivated herbs in landscapes and how herbs can be used to support healthy environments and communities. A farmer, photographer, and herbalist, Johnson manages the Free Verse Farm, specializing in naturally-grown tisanes and culinary herbs, as well as medicinal and herbal remedies.

Chef Susie Crowther will demonstrate healthy cooking featuring unique herbs from the Free Verse Farm. Crowther,

author of *The No Recipe Cookbook*, focuses on preparing foods in ways that maximize nutrition and minimize the stress in cooking.

Parks Place provides access to a wide array of health and human service programs. In 2005, Parks Place formed Lead Safe Homes in response to an alarming rate of childhood lead-poisoning in the area: offering training to contractors and home inspections on lead and other household hazards. Check out Parks Place on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parksplacevt.

– Brianne Dunleavy

Casting Call

Area talent is sought for a projected reality television series to be filmed in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire. Superfluous Productions of Atlanta has chosen the area for it's much-anticipated *The Real Singing Amish Zombie Maple Syrup Tappers Wives of Cheshire County*. Actors of all ages are needed. Walpole tryouts will be held at Town Hall at 6 PM, Friday, April 31. No experience required. This is your chance to grab those 15 minutes of notoriety you've heard so much about. Production will begin in June, and TRSAZMSTWOCC is slated to be a part of HBO's Fall lineup in 2016

– P. Barnum

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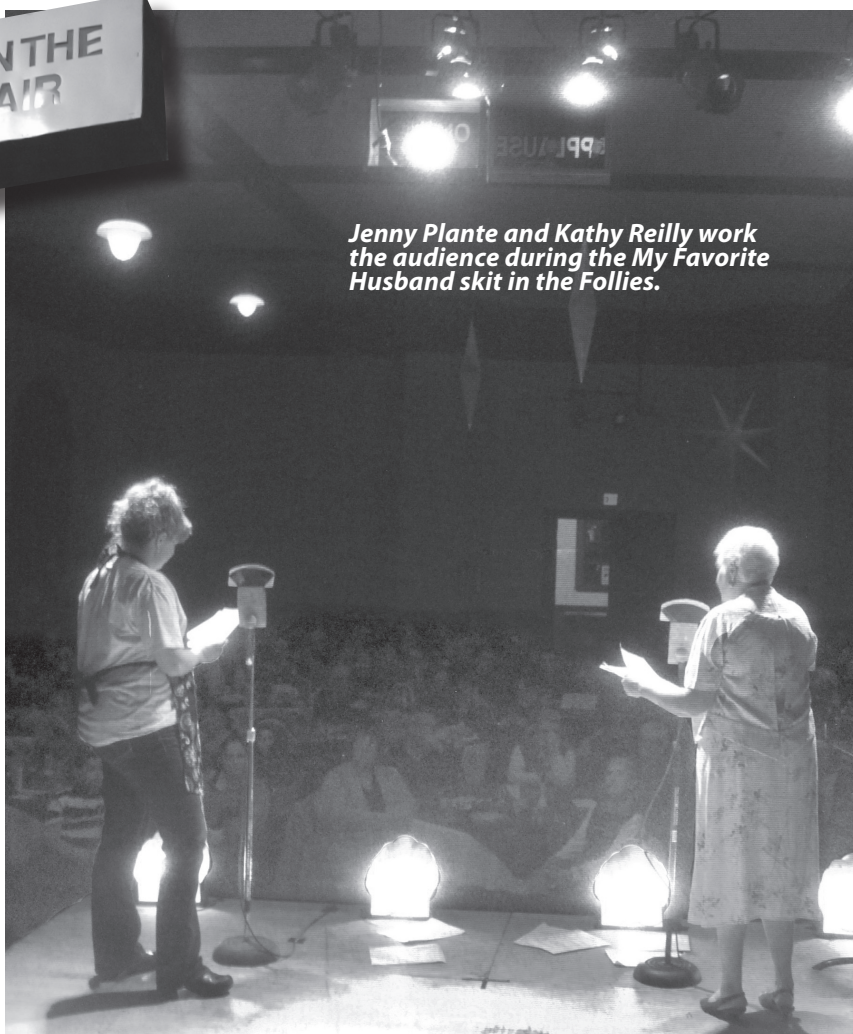
APPLAUSE ON THE AIR

Radio Follies

It was late February – the 2015 *Radio Follies* was in the early stages of production. March's Clarion had just been delivered, and a snow storm was in full-force when I heard a rap at my door. Upon my opening it, Jim Aldrich came rushing in. "Here is my money for 10 tickets to this year's Follies," he excitedly exclaimed. Fast-forward to two weeks ago Saturday, when the show was over for this year; Jim again rushed up to me asking, "May I buy my tickets now for next year?" Obviously, The Walpole Players have another hit show -- to be repeated for years to come.

The doors opened at 6PM on the 14th, and in moments the theater was packed with audience members toting their dinners and favorite beverages. Lights flickered at 7PM and the players went On Air. Fibber McGee and Molly opened his closet, poor George Burns was bewildered by Gracie's family, Bob and Ray pontificated, and sleepless George Bickerson was accused by Blanche of forgetting their anniversary. The comprehensive Farm Report was well-received, and several classic commercial advertisements "paid" for the evening. Showstoppers included the Haynes sisters singing *Sisters*, and we are still not sure Who's on First.

Jenny Plante and Kathy Reilly work the audience during the My Favorite Husband skit in the Follies.



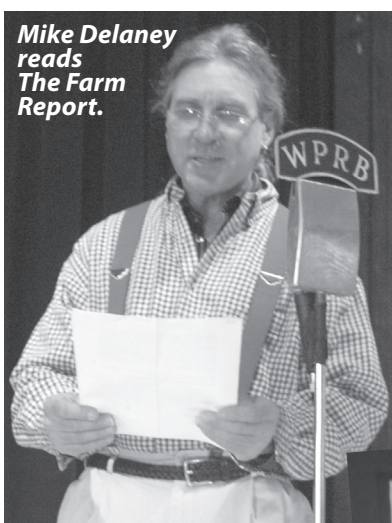
A Commercial Message: Tara Sad and Joan Balla sing the praises of Sturdy Dog.

Falls Area Community TV (Fact8-TV) filmed the entire evening for airing on Bellows Falls community television (which includes North Walpole) on Saturday, March 28. Directly after the airing, it will be streamed online by the station's website – www.fact8.com. The exact link was not established by press time, but will be posted on The Walpole Players website – www.thewalpoleplayers.org. So, if you missed the show (or if you want to watch it again), keep checking the appropriate sites.

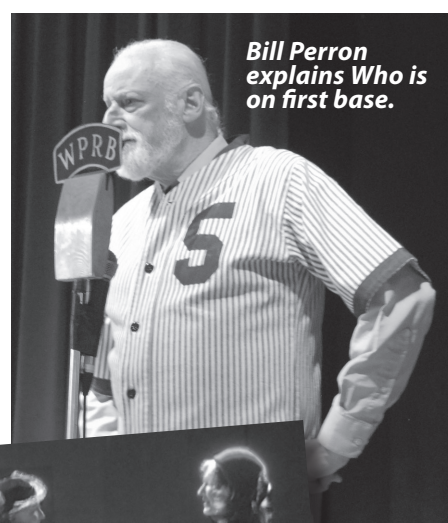
Jim may have beaten you to the punch for the best table, but plan now to join the fun in 2016.

– Ray Boas

Mike Delaney reads The Farm Report.



Bill Perron explains Who is on first base.



**I believe
that all roads
lead to the same place –
and that's wherever
all roads lead to.**

– Willie Nelson

Carin Torp and Meg Kupiec sing "Sisters."



Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...there could be buried

treasure lying under Walpole's rich soil? While at a Historical Society ephemera work session, I found a scrap of paper in a small tome. After reading its contents, I realized I had to dig deeper.

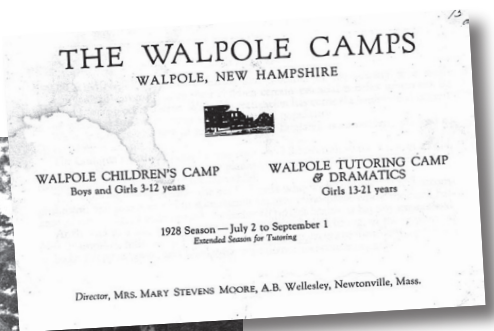
Dated November 18, 1942, the tattered note appeared to be a dictated death-bed statement, and read in part, "D. Smith told... treasure... gold coins... chests... paces from massive rock... 182 G. Aldrich... MSM found and took part Avril (sic) 4, 1930... ascribed... Hiram Smith Huckster..." This was hardly a clue, but the Aldrich reference was a good bet. In 1880, George Aldrich published his history, *Walpole: as it Was, and as it Is*. Looking at page 182 in Aldrich (which discusses geology in the area), I found, "Erratic boulders, of any considerable magnitude, are not plenty in town; but there is a monster, lying in a swamp east of the residence of George B. Williams. ... A photograph was made from it some ten years since by Harvey Ball." With mounting excitement, I realized that I had a copy of that image in my files. Now to locate the rock and the treasure.

George B. Williams, formerly of Waltham, Massachusetts, purchased the old Sparhawk farm in 1871. Williams paid \$8500 for the property which consisted of about 300 acres, naming it "Maple Grove Farm." Having made much money in his Boston clothing business, Williams improved the farm which was in poor condition. Daniel Smith (the D. Smith that Huckster referred to?) was Williams' foreman for 27 years, supervising six men. Williams sold in 1902, and the property passed through several hands until purchased in the mid-1920s by Michael Murray and Mary Moore.



Mary Moore established The Walpole Camps at the farm. The 1928 season (July 2 to September 1) offered the Walpole Children's Camp and Walpole Tutoring Camp & Dramatics. Enrollment was "limited to children and girls of refined families, and all acceptances are given with this understanding, subject to recall." The Children's Camp was \$350 for the season (\$200 for half), and \$400 (\$230 for half) for the Tutoring and Dramatics Camp – a princely sum in those days. Moore failed, however, and the bank foreclosed on the property in 1934.

But the note provided further clues. MSM – Mary Stevens Moore. Hiram's middle name - Smith. And in Aldrich, I learned that George B. Williams was wealthy. Could Daniel Smith have helped



Above, Moore's camp catalogue; At left, the "massive rock" below, Maple Grove Farm.



Williams bury his gold?

Could Smith have told Hiram (possibly a relative) about it? And, might Mary Moore have discovered and taken part of the buried treasure in 1930? But what of Mary walking away from the property?

Records indicate that Mary Moore and Michael Murray (a former Assistant Principal at Newton High School in Massachusetts) showed up three years later in California. They purchased an expansive Spanish Colonial Revival style home in exclusive Hollywood Dells, and opened a voice-diction school for former silent film stars who were trying to get back onto the golden screen. The couple also purchased a 1937 Supercharged Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe for \$19,000 (\$318,673.42 in 2015 dollars). While driving too fast on the Pacific Coast Highway, the Duesenberg failed to negotiate a curve and took the couple on their final swim.

If Mary took only part of the money, what could still lie buried - waiting to be found?

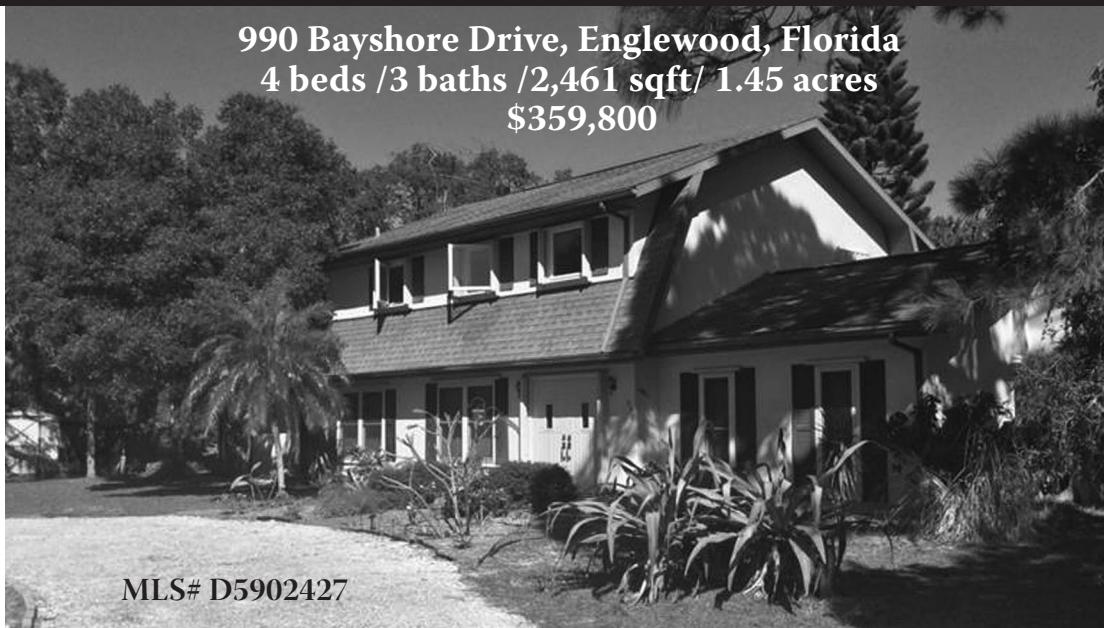
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I'm thankful we have the technology and knowledge to help prevent so many life-threatening diseases.

I should arrive home in early July around the 7th or 8th. Upon my arrival, I would like to give a presentation about my trip for anyone who wishes to hear about it. It is a life-changing internship and I want to share it with the community which has given so much to me.

Susan Jasse of Alyson's Orchard approached me with such an opportunity. She suggested I give a presentation at Alyson's conference center when I get back. The presentation will be open to anyone wishing to come, and will allow for a much more in-depth review of my experiences. I will be setting a date for the presentation prior to my leaving for Africa, and will be sure to include it in my articles. The date will be well-publicized so folks have time to plan for it if they choose to come.

Next month's article will have more information regarding the presentation and my final preparations for Africa as I reach the homestretch of my semester.

More of Levi's African experience in the May Clarion.

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the cost of installing three single-operator toll booths. The completed and re-opened Vilas Bridge will also collect tolls, thus accelerating payment of the bond which would be completely paid off in fewer than two years. Under further consideration is a proposal to triple the toll for any vehicles with New York, Massachusetts or Connecticut license plates.

Referring to the now-defunct Charlestown/Springfield toll booth, Dearborn noted, "There were no major traffic jams up there, and with twice - and soon three times - as many bridges, we shouldn't have any gridlock either." The committee's proposal includes the erection of a single toll booth on each bridge at the Vermont side. "With the addition of the 3-way stop at the Bellows Falls end of the Arch Bridge, the traffic pattern is already nearly ideal," added Dearborn. Initially, the booth for the Walpole Village

Bridge was to be situated at the Walpole end; however, vehement protests by members of the Hill Hoppers snowmobile club fearing traffic blockage of their trail caused reconsideration of that plan. (Existing membership of several bridge committee members in the Hill Hoppers club may have swayed the decision.)

Dearborn offered further support of the proposal: "Not only will the toll booths provide eight more jobs right off the bat [four six-hour shifts at each booth], but it'll keep folks from speedin' over those bridges." The toll booths are expected to be installed and operational by Memorial Day - just in time to collect from the flatlanders.

— Barbara Kasper

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Save Your Roof

For some of us, the black streaks or stains we see on asphalt shingles is something relatively new. The black streaks are *Gloeocapsa Magma* (GM), or more commonly called mold or fungus. This cyanobacteria is a strain that gets its strength to survive through photosynthesis and the limestone filler found in the composition of shingles. In the past, shingles were constructed using felt and asphalt. Now that shingle composition has changed to mostly fiberglass and limestone, the GM blue-green algae thrives, using the limestone as its source of food. It is black when found on the north- and east-facing sides of the roof because it has the ability to form a black outer coating, protecting it from UV rays. When there is no light or low light, GM has a blue-green color. Its other self-protective feature is that it enjoys the cooler, shady areas of the roof where moisture is usually present.

There is very little information on the damage GM will cause to roofing materials. Some states classify it as only an aesthetic problem, while others maintain that it causes significant damage. We have seen shingles carrying GM on the north side of roofs begin to curl, but on the south side to remain flat. One thing is certain, however: GM is on all sides of the roof, carried by the wind, birds and trees. On the south and western sides, the sun's heat and lack of cool moisture keeps it in check. Both The American Roof Manufacturers Association (ARMA) and Canadian Asphalt Shingle Manufacturers Association (CASMA) state that GM is a problem that can be rectified with low-pressure cleaning. Roofs with GM will attract other life forms that do cause damage on all sides of the roof. These infestations are also present on other types of roof surfaces like slate, metal and tile, and can be removed with the same cleaning process.

When algae and fungus get together, they form something new: lichen. Lichen is a photosynthetic fungus that has roots which wrap around the granules, feeding on the nutrients of the GM and the filler in the shingles. Once on the roof, lichen is not easily removed. It takes a safe, biodegradable, low-pressure chemical treatment to completely eradicate this fungus. A low-pressure system (under 100psi – about the same pressure as a garden hose) is the only method approved by ARMA and CASMA to remove these organisms. Scrubbing or power-washing the lichen will only do more damage. Another organism growing on your roof is moss, which is a plant – not a fungus or algae. Moss shortens the lifespan of your roof because it lifts the shingles, retains moisture and in cold climates can freeze, causing damage to the shingle and granules. A no-pressure treatment can add 5 to 10 years to the lifespan of your roof.

When you're trying to decide whether to clean your roof yourself or to have a professional perform the cleaning, please keep a few things in mind. Roof-cleaning is not a DIY project. Some homeowners might want to tackle this project but without proper training and equipment, the result could be a disaster. Roof-cleaning is a dangerous occupation. With the use of surfactants which allow the

cleaning agents (biocides) to penetrate the algae down to the shingles, the roof surface becomes very slippery. Without proper fall-prevention and protective equipment, bad things can happen.

ARMA, CASMA and the asphalt roof manufacturers state that shingles should not be cleaned using a high-pressure washing system. Cleaning with a pressure washer will strip the shingles of their protective granules, leaving your home unprotected against the harsh elements of Mother Nature. Professional roof cleaners have special equipment and will clean the roof in the manner recommended by roof manufacturers: a low-pressure chemical treatment. A roof-cleaning will remove black streaks, moss, lichens and/or other discoloration for a fraction of the cost of replacement. Algae, moss and/or rust-covered siding, fencing, decking, brick, brick pavers, and cement should also be cleaned this way.

My fiancé and I saw a need to not only keep asphalt shingles out of the landfills but to save homeowners money. That's why we founded Renew Roof & Exterior Cleaning, LLC. Since your roof is one of the most expensive structures of your home to replace, having your roof professionally cleaned at a fraction of the cost of replacement makes sound financial sense. Please visit www.streakyroof.com and see how much money you can save.



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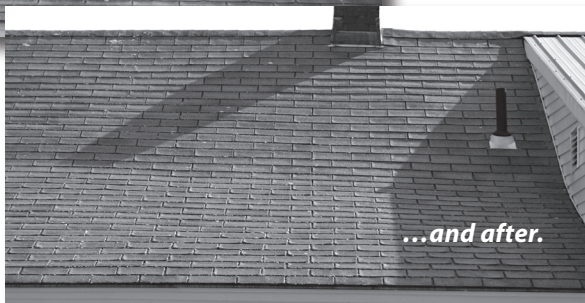
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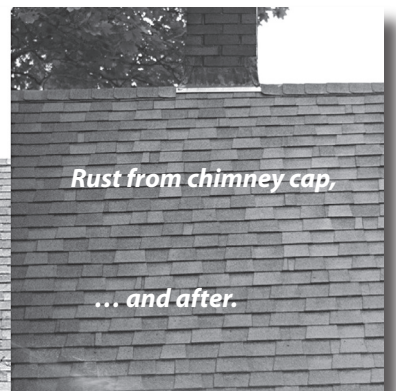
Fungus & moss removal, before...



...and after.



before...



Rust from chimney cap,

...and after.

Great River 4-H Club

Donates to Heifer International

Members of the Great River 4-H Club did a fundraiser at the Thanksgiving Farmers Market, selling hot coco mix and seasoned salt mix that the members made. A citizen of Walpole made a generous donation and so the members were able to contact Heifer International. The Club met with representatives from Heifer International in December and then a committee of 4-H Members worked on the details. The Club made donations allowing for the purchase of the following: a llama, chickens, sheep/goat, chickens, and bee hives. This livestock will help families in a developing country provide food, milk, fiber, and honey for themselves and their community.

The Great River 4-H Club will be participating in the Cheshire County 4-H Day, a communications event for 4-H Club Members from across Cheshire County, on April 11 at the Walpole School. Come out and see what 4-H Members are up to.

For more info about 4-H in Cheshire County, contact Andrea C Sawyer, at UNH Cooperative Extension, Cheshire County in Keene: 352-4550.

– George Gowdy
Reporter, Great River 4-H

Found in the Historical Society Archives...



One of the gems of the Historical Society's collection, Louisa May Alcott's ball point pen was treasured by the family and then misplaced for decades. Its story is as compelling as Alcott's fiction.

The pen's provenance is uncertain. It may have been imported prior to the Civil War from France, where the groundbreaking Romanian inventor Petrache Poenaru was fashioning writing instruments beyond the skills of American pen-makers in the mid-19th century. Perhaps it was given as a gift from her father (the two shared birthdays). However, it is more likely that she received it as a gift from Ladislas Wisniewski, a young Polish gentleman Alcott met on her trip to Europe in 1865, and who inspired the character of Laurie in *Little Women*. Alcott's birthday fell while the two were staying at Vevey, Switzerland, and her journal records that Wisniewski gave her a painting on that occasion. Later in the journal, however, there is a brief note that she much admired her new "clicking pen" as she termed it.

Although not likely to have been in her possession during her Walpole residence, the pen may well have been used by Alcott to write the uncharacteristically passionate and sensational stories under her A. M. Barnard nom de plume – these stories and novels were written shortly after her return from Europe. The pen may also have been used for at least one of the novels in her March Family Saga, though acquiring refills would have been a challenge.

Today, though no longer functional, the pen shows signs of extended use, most of the clip is missing, and like modern writers, Alcott clearly worked out some literary stress by chewing on the tip. Considering her life-long concerns over finances, it's surprising that any of the tip remains.

The pen was not among her effects when she died in 1888. It may have been found with a packet of Alcott documents discovered in the 1920s at a residence once occupied by Alcott's older sister, Anna, and her husband, John Pratt. How it came into the possession of the Historical Society is unclear.

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purchase of a new police patrol vehicle. Chief Michael Paquette addressed residents' concerns that the protective armor was a necessity, and confirmed that the best prices for both the armor and replacement patrol vehicle are being obtained.

The final article also passed. This petition article, signed by more than 25 eligible voters, requested that "the Town of Walpole urge: That the New Hampshire State Legislature shall join more that 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a Constitutional Amendment... to regulate political spending." Speaking from the

floor, former County Commissioner Jack Pratt encouraged voting in favor of the article "to get money out of politics."

With all business concluded, Town Meeting was adjourned shortly after 2 PM for another year.

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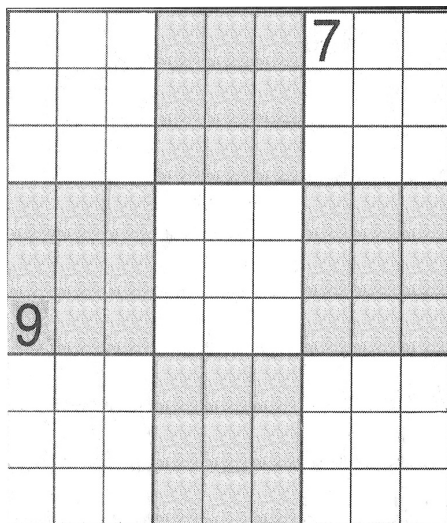
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Letters & Commentary

Dear Editor,

We just wanted to acknowledge the terrific work this winter (and especially in February) of the town road crew. The extreme weather in February was a challenge for all of us, and from our perspective,

the town of Walpole has done an excellent job of plowing and sanding to keep our roads open and safe. Our sincere thanks to Jim Terrell and his hard-working road crew.

– Cindy and Phil Kimball
Barnett Hill Rd., Walpole

Dear Clarion People

I hope you can help. I've been to Walpole a lot. We don't live there, but when my Dad takes us skiing or looking at leaves we always stop there on the way home.

I have a question. What are you people called? What do you say you are? Are you Walpolers? Are you Walpolians? Dad thinks Walpolocks mghts be right. Walpolites? Walpudlians? Walpolanders? Walpolsters? Waldoons? It isn't in the dictionary. If you're not sure, take a vote or something and make it official.

I really wanna know.

Your Friend
– Little Billy



To the Editors:

I'm writing to correct some misinformation that's been circulating in town regarding the ongoing pursuit of the pilferer who disrupted last year's Horse Thieves annual meeting. Though still unidentified and unapprehended, I'm happy to report that the operation to bring the fellow to swift vigilante justice is proceeding with all due haste. Monthly reports from our posses in the field have been filed, reviewed and evaluated by Horse Thieves' ad hoc committees to track the progress of the manhunt.

When last seen, the pilferer was wearing a Patriot's hoodie, carrying a chicken under one arm, and toting an estimated 30 feet of clothesline around his torso, making it difficult to judge his stature. He left a trail of feathers and clothes pins behind him.

Recent information from the field suggests the pilferer has shifted the chicken from his left arm to his right; however, there is disagreement on whether the chicken in question is a hen or a rooster.

Goose feather and roofing tar purchases have been completed pending apprehension. Our entire membership is confident this matter will be concluded before another April rolls around.

– I. Javert

While no one at the Walpole Police Station is confirming anything (and Burdick's refuses to allow access to its dinner reservations list), a source who wishes to remain anonymous has revealed that Brangelina had dinner at the well-known village restaurant on Thursday night. Apparently, word of the excellent cuisine and peerless chocolate has spread even to Hollywood, and celebrities are slipping into town quietly to join the trend.

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 17 Cray Road, NW

Walpole Town Hall
 34 Elm Street

Walpole Recycling Center
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Hazardous Wastes Update

As I write this, it is warming up outside and there are only three feet of snow keeping those patient snow drops and crocus from emerging. Spring is ahead, as are thoughts of the inevitable clean-up from all we've endured the past several months.

Clean-up Day for Walpole is set for Saturday, April 25. This gives us time to consider and gather all those hidden and hazardous wastes we have tucked away in barns, garages and basements. What to do with them?

The City of Keene recently (2/24/2015) published an on-line, handy guide for those household questions: <http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/departments/public-works/recycling>. Should we be concerned? In the first two pages of the guide, I found there was more that I didn't know than what I did, sorry to say.

For example, just when we were thinking the new, energy-efficient light bulbs were the greatest thing since sliced bread, we learned that they contain mercury – a highly toxic, heavy metal. When they need to be disposed of, we must do so carefully, especially if they are broken. "As of January 1, 2008, New Hampshire banned the disposal of any "mercury-added" product – including spent compact fluorescent light bulbs and "button-cell" batteries – in landfills, transfer stations or incinerators." Now, we must dispose of them as we would any hazardous waste. Paul Colburn, Walpole's Recycling manager, tells us there is a local spot for safe disposal. Home Depot will accept spent compact fluorescent light bulbs at its customer service desk in Keene. Thank you, Home Depot.

So, how do we define hazardous wastes? Any products which contain chemicals that are corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic are considered hazardous. As we turn the light on these products, they may be as simple as furniture polish or hair spray. From the Keene guide: "When we see words like pesticide, acid, fungicide, caustic, herbicide or solvent, we know they are hazardous. . . Unfortunately, the absence of these words does not guarantee the product is without hazards. For example, methyl alcohol (found in some glass cleaners) can cause blindness, if ingested, but may not require a warning if it makes up less than 4% of a product. Additionally, long term exposure may not even be considered in labeling requirements." We need to examine the ingredients of what we purchase and use in that light.

Walpole Recycling does not dispose of hazardous materials, but has an agreement with the City of Keene allowing Walpole residents to participate in Household Hazardous Waste Collection days. All collections are held at the Keene Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, located adjacent to the Keene Recycling Center on 55 Old Summit Road, Keene (off Rte. 12 south), from 8 AM to 1 PM on the dates listed below. See you there? Happy Spring!

Collection Dates:

- Saturday, April 11; Wednesday, April 15; Saturday, April 25
- Saturday, May 9; Wednesday, May 13; Saturday, May 30
- Saturday, June 13; Wednesday, June 17; Saturday June 20.

– Donna M. Drouin

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Meeting Waters YMCA

Meeting Waters YMCA leaders were recently notified by YMCA of the USA, that they are one of ten Ys in the country chosen as *HEPA Champions* (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity). HEPA standards are a set of policies and practices developed by the National Institute on Out of School Time and embraced by the YMCA movement.

In an independent audit of local Ys, Meeting Waters YMCA scored high in all 17 areas of healthy eating and physical activity that were evaluated.

Meeting Waters will be one of 10 YMCAs highlighted as a "bright spots" by Y-USA. Examples of some of the standards include serving water as the beverage of choice and never serving drinks with added sugars, serving snacks with food from two or more food groups (at least one of which is ½ cup of a fruit or vegetable), serving snack family-style, and engaging the parents of Y-ASPIRE children in monthly skill-building and information-sharing experiences to support them in having a healthy home environment. A full set of the standards is

available on the Y-ASPIRE page at www.meetingwatersymca.org.

Meeting Waters YMCA has been committed to much of what became part of the HEPA standards for more than a decade before the standards came into existence. Executive Director Steve Fortier is quick to point out that local support has made it possible for his organization to make the financial investments required to purchase healthier snacks. "We spend more than \$15,000 per year on food for our seven Y-ASPIRE sites," he explained. "Thanks to a grant from the Fanny Holt Ames and Edna Louise Holt Fund and donations to our Community Support Campaign, we've been able to ensure that each and every day, the snacks and drinks we serve are 100% compliant with the very stringent HEPA standards and, of course, our own high expectations of ourselves."

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