

The WALPOLE Clarion

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The Last of Its Kind...

Real to Reel Shuts Doors after 30 Years



Real to Reel has closed its video rental business after 30 years.

To all our friends & customers:

On July 27, 2015, after 30 years in business, Real to Reel, Inc. will be ending its video rental business, as well as closing Churchill's Fine Cigars. Starting on Thursday, July 30, at 10AM and throughout the month of August and into early September, we will be selling off our huge inventory of over 20,000 DVD movies as well as our inventory of fine handmade cigars.

US Cellular has indicated to us their desire to continue to maintain a location here in Walpole. We expect that a US Cellular agency will remain open in Walpole to serve our many US Cellular customers, but this will be done under new management. Throughout August and into early September, Real to Reel's US Cellular department will remain open for business as usual.

Real to Reel leased its first storefront back in 1984 and opened for business in March of 1985. At the time, we shared a building with a shoe store and Montgomery Ward. Growth came so quickly that by 1987 we had to build our own 5000 sq/ft building just up the road, at what is now North Meadow Plaza.

At its peak, Real to Reel, Inc. had its main store in Walpole and six satellite video rental departments in general stores in various surrounding towns.

It has been an exciting and enjoyable thirty years bringing the best of Hollywood, the BBC, foreign cinema and documentaries to our friends and neighbors.

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Hooper Institute Summer Adventures

More than one hundred Walpole students in grades 1-12 are participating in the Hooper Institute summer programs this year. Morning Camp, based at the Institute, is for children entering grades 1-4. Adventure Camp and Woodworking Camp are for grades 5-8. We also sponsor a work program for students entering grades 9-12.

Morning Camp attracts the greatest number of children for its two-week duration. The Hooper themes of agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental studies are woven into all the activities. Rebecca Whippie, Hooper educator, supervised eight talented teens who worked with small

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Community Awareness Alert:

The WPD has responded to several reports of break-ins in the Old Keene Road and surrounding areas. Please remember to keep doors and windows locked when you're not home, and to report any suspicious activity such as out of place or unfamiliar vehicles in your neighborhood. Also, remember to request house checks by the WPD if you will be going out of town - it's a free service we're happy to provide.

Homes in the Sand Hill Heights area have recently been victimized by prowlers causing public alarm. The subjects were caught in the act by WPD and charges are pending.

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Veterans' Memorial

The Walpole Veterans' Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day, 2007. Since the dedication there have been a few names added, but not nearly as many as we believe are eligible. For example, a young man or woman who graduated from Fall Mountain High School in June of 2008 and enlisted into the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard from Walpole that summer and has served out his/her enlistment needs to fill out an application of eligibility available at the Town Hall and submit a copy of his/her DD214 with it to:

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Another example would be a young man or woman who has completed Fall Mountain High School and has gone off to college. While at college, the individual participated in the ROTC program and is commissioned as an officer at graduation. If this individual entered active duty with minimal delay, he/she would be eligible to be added to the Memorial.

August is the month when names are added to the Memorial. If you wish to nominate someone or submit your own name, now is the time to fill out an application and submit it for approval. We ask that you consider paying for the cost of adding your name or making a donation to the American Legion to help defray the cost of adding your name.

If, after reading the application form, you still have questions regarding your eligibility please call Bruce Martin at 756-3439.

Drewsville General Store

Celebrates 200 Years

The Drewsville General Store will have a celebration on the Drewsville Common on August 22. The store has been operating here for 200 years this month. We plan on having many fun things to do and see on Saturday.

On the Common:

- New Hampshire Fish and Game with their K-9 unit.
- Bellows Falls Police K-9 unit
- Cold River Material with Huge Sandbox and equipment
- Antique Tractors
- Smart Power
- Face Painting
- Some History of Drewsville Store
- Cotton Candy, Drewsville 200th T-shirts,
- Raffles
- And much more!

Stop by and check out the chalk board on the front porch -- we hope all will come and help us celebrate from 11-2!

— Brenda Damaziak

**TOIL
 WITHOUT
 SONG
 IS LIKE A
 WEARY
 JOURNEY
 WITHOUT
 AN END.**

— H. P. Lovecraft



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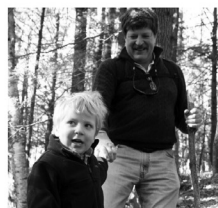
Justine Rogers (right) met with current Walpole Library Trustee Chair Carole Zachary (center) and past Chair Lyn Cooke in mid-June.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

In loving memory of

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Please join us as we remember Jeff and celebrate as he would have chosen with friends, neighbors, former colleagues, and loved ones.

Saturday, August 15, 2015

10:00 am

Walpole Town Hall

34 Elm St, Walpole, NH 03608

Walpole Library

Announces New Director

The Walpole Library has hired Justine Rogers as the new library director, starting August 1.

Ms. Rogers is finishing her Master's Degree of Library Science at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania this July. She has been working as an intern at the Carnegie Library of Homestead in Pittsburgh, as well as part-time at the Murrysville Community Library, also in the Pittsburgh area.

Because of the distance involved, the library's search committee originally interviewed her on Skype. Then in mid-June, she came to Walpole for a final interview and introduction to the town.

Trustee Chairman Carole Zachary observed, "Justine's credentials and recommendations were excellent. Last week she came to visit Walpole and meet the search committee. Julie Rios gave her a great tour of the library. Lyn Cooke provided a delightful lunch for several of us. After lunch we took her on a walking tour of the village and then a short drive further afield. We were all very impressed with her demeanor and personality."

The library extended her an offer on the following Monday, which Ms. Rogers accepted. She met, again by Skype, with the library staff late in June.

"I am very excited to join the team at the Walpole Library," Ms. Rogers said on accepting the position. "I look forward to getting to know the community and finding ways for the library to meet their needs." She will be moving to the area shortly after she finishes her degree in July.

– Jennifer Kelly

Artists & Photographers

The Saxtons River Art Guild is looking for fine art photographers and artists to participate in the annual Fall Arts Festival. This year's event will take place during the Columbus Day Weekend, October 10 - 11, from 10 to 4 at the picturesque Walpole Town Hall. The cost of an 8x10 space will be \$25.00. Artists must provide their own displays and stands. To sign up or to get more information, please contact Donna at 835-2387 or donnabascomlund@comcast.net. The Saxtons River Art Guild is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote and encourage the advancement of the fine arts with membership throughout the southern Connecticut River Valley.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Musical Picnic, Poetry & Pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House

It promises to be a most unique pilgrimage, and fitting ending to the hectic weekend of Rockingham Old Home Days!

The 109th annual pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House will be held Sunday, August 2, beginning with a picnic at noon at the historic landmark structure. This year's pilgrimage includes musical presentations by resident Erik Johansson and the Main Street Arts String Band.

Residents are asked to bring along their own picnic lunch, or enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on-site by Lisai's before the main program. The String Band will provide background music during the picnic as folks gather. In case of rain, the band will set up inside.

The presentation by Johansson, "Precious Memories: Images for Old Home Days," will include singing to both a harp and a "rocking melodium" - a unique, vintage instrument that fills the Meeting House with its traditional sounds. It's not to be missed!

He will lead some selections in a sing-a-long, including the beautiful new state song "These Green Mountains" and "America the Beautiful."

Johansson, a member of the Rockingham Meeting House Association's executive board, will also recite poetry.

Two poems he'll recite are "The Ghost of Goshen" and "The Two Glasses." They are from a recording he made in the late 1960s in Lincoln, Vermont, with Danny Chatfield, who was then in his eighties. Chatfield had sat with his wife at their kitchen table and recited from memory.

The recording is now on file at the Vermont Folk Life Center in Middlebury.

"One poem in the recording includes two significant verses I have never found in online examples, without which the story is much less clear," Johansson said.

The setting for the music and poetry is one of the state's most important structures, and one to enjoy during a celebration of the town.

Built in 1787, the building was the first church and meeting house in town. It was used for many years for both purposes,



but as the population gravitated to Bellows Falls and Saxtons River, sadly it fell into disrepair. It was restored in 1907, and the first pilgrimage included a large gathering of local residents who brought picnic lunches and enjoyed a variety of activities and speeches for the building's re-dedication.

Those attending the pilgrimage annually have had the opportunity to enjoy both the building and historic cemetery as well. From the building's brochure:

"Much of what stands today is original fabric from the eighteenth century: king-post timber framing, woodworking details of the exterior, many glass panes

in the twenty-over-twenty windows, interior plaster work, and most of the material of the "pig pen" box pews.

"The pulpit was reconstructed in 1906, but the sounding board above it is original. In size and austerity, the Meeting House is very much a Puritan building of a style already considered old-fashioned in more urban parts of New England when it was built. The elegant Georgian details, however, relieve the austerity.

"The surrounding burial ground contains over one thousand graves, the oldest dating from around 1776, with some of the finest gravestone art found in New England. The nearby hearse shed and burial vault served the needs of the graveyard."

Plan a leisurely lunch and afternoon. Bring a picnic or plan to buy your lunch, and settle in for music and enjoyment of one of the local community's treasures, your family and friends.

- Dorothy Read

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An Internship in South Africa

Last in a series by Levi Frye

I would like to start by thanking everyone who has taken the time to read my articles over these past few months. This will be my last, as my adventure is over; I am back into the rush of our American lifestyle. The support I have received from everybody while I was in Africa and since my return, has shown me what a truly special town Walpole is -- I am happy to call it my home. There is no better place on Earth to live.

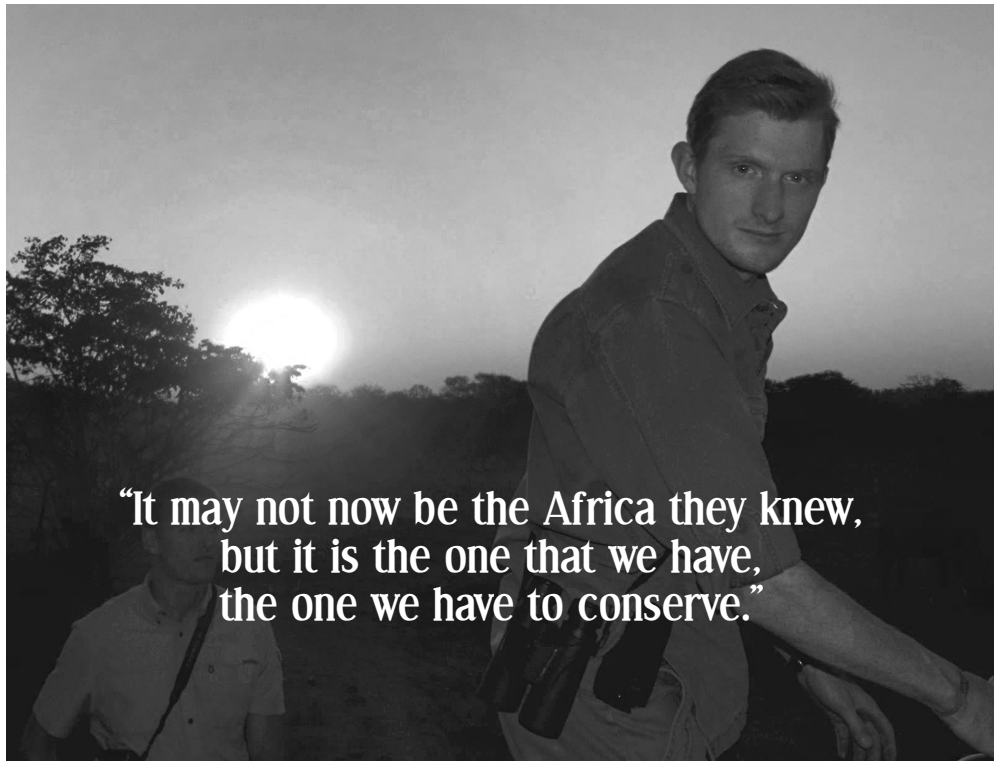
I have loved writing for the Clarion for everyone to read, as it gave me the satisfaction of knowing my town was almost there with me. I cannot thank enough those who supported me financially, such as the George L. Hooper Scholarship Committee members, who



have been supporters of my education and goals since I was in elementary school. I also have to thank my mother, Snow Frye, as she has always been there for me and has provided me with the tools to succeed in life. I also thank my girlfriend, Shannon O'Neil from my university; together, she and Mom managed to be okay in my absence and she has supported all of my goals and dreams. I have also had so many people supporting me behind the scenes, whom I know would not like me to embarrass them by stating their names. Just know that I am extremely grateful.

I have settled into the routine of my work here in the States. I am happy to be back in Walpole, which really is the ideal town. One would think only a fool would go live in a place like Africa if he lived in a town as incredible as Walpole; but those who read only the paper never get to experience the Africa that captures our imaginations, thus he can never entirely understand. Africa has a different effect on each person who visits it, but no one leaves the bush the same as he went in. The wild beauty of the landscape, the deep red sunsets, the majestic mountains and the ferocity of the wildlife all attest to the Africa of which poets and novelists have written in generations past. It may not now be the Africa they knew, but it is the one that we have, the one we have to conserve.

Its effects on me were far different from those upon Hemingway, but it was my Africa, not his, that changed me. I will never be the same man I was before, for each night as I go to bed, I still expect to hear the distant cackling of baboons, the snorts of impalas and the roaring of lions -- welcoming me back home to the wilds of Africa.



**"It may not now be the Africa they knew,
but it is the one that we have,
the one we have to conserve."**

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Never say 'no' to pie.

- Al Roker

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Junior Campers' curtain call

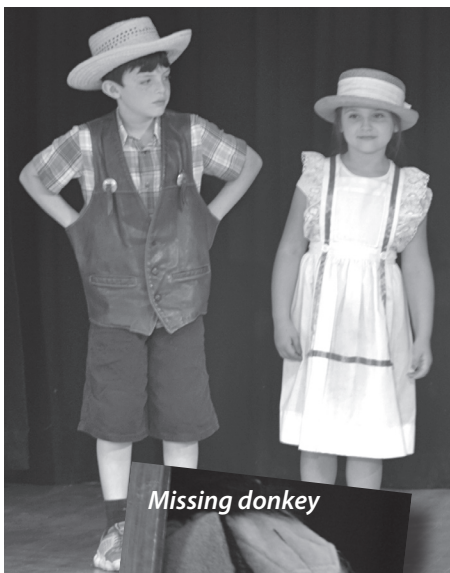


Lyin' down dog



Robbers peek over the edge of the stage

Farmer & wife: missing one donkey.



Missing donkey



Theater Camp

The Walpole Players' 6th Annual Summer Theater Camp for young performers came to a swashbuckling conclusion on Friday, July 17, with the Senior Campers' production of *The Pirate Queen* – a melodrama of the high seas set in 1735. The play drew a capacity crowd of campers' family members and friends to the Helen Miller Theater on the second floor of the Walpole Town Hall; and the audience and performers enjoyed refreshments of punch, cookies and delicious doughnuts – courtesy of Joanie Joan's Baked Goods company – following the performance.

The previous Friday, July 10, an equally enthusiastic audience applauded the Junior Campers' production of *The Bremontown Musicians*.

The Walpole Players' Summer Theater Camp is an annual production of the Walpole Players, and is designed to introduce budding actors and actresses to the joys of live theater. The Junior Camp (for children entering second through fourth grades) runs in the morning for five days, from Monday through Friday, and culminates in the performance of a live production – often a fairy tale. The Senior Camp (for children entering fifth through eighth grades) runs for two weeks in the afternoon.

The first week of Senior Camp is devoted to theater games, improvisations and workshops on voice and movement, designed to test and hone the theatrical skills of participants; the second week is devoted to the rehearsal and performance of an original two act play. During both weeks, the Camp's Senior Counselors are assisted by Junior Counselors who have themselves been members of the Theater Camp in previous years but

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Identical birthmarks reveal that the Pirate Chief and Lady Mary Wolsey are long-lost twin sisters.



who have now graduated out of the age requirements for participation; this year's wonderful and hardworking Junior Counselors were Erin Donovan and Adam Terrell.

Theater Camp usually runs the first two full weeks of July; dates of each year's upcoming camp are sent out to previous and prospective campers' families starting in the new year. Admission to the Walpole Players' Summer Theater camp is free and is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to receive notification of next year's Summer Theater Camp, please contact Walpole Players' president Ray Boas at: rayboas@comcast.net in order to be added to our e-mailing list.

Many thanks!

– Carolyn Norback and Jim Skofield

Taking sightings aboard HMS Lord Winderemere



Lord Wolsey

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Some week one improv moments




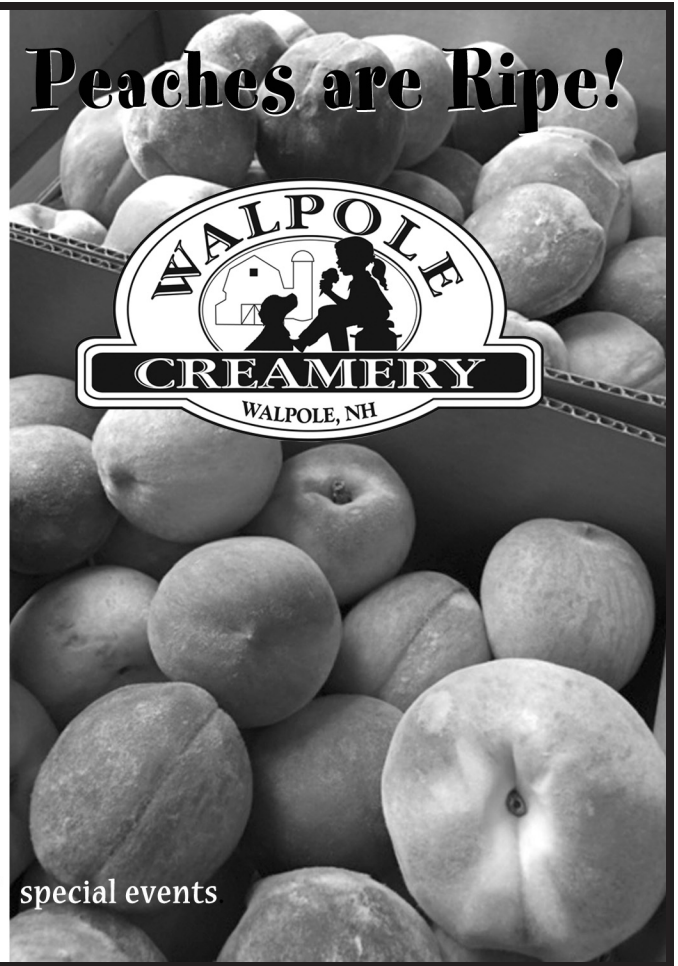
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Keene Hours: Monday – Thursday Noon to 9 PM
Friday – Sunday, noon to 10 PM.

Please visit our  page for notices of special events



WALPOLE Wellness

Greetings from the Wellness Center!

We are busy getting my new office up and running. Opening date is August 1st.

This will be a newsy article this month, instead of sharing vinegar stories.

There will be a co-op yard sale at the center this Fall. The idea is to introduce everyone on the premises, by holding of a huge yard sale. At the same time each business will showcase their specialties.

I am looking for feedback from Clarion readers as to possible times you would be interested in having a yoga class. Please email me your ideas at snowfrye@gmail.com.

I am looking for sheets for my business. Typically sheets only last 6 months before having to be discarded. If you are cleaning out your closets and would like to donate them to the Center, please let me know.

On the same token, bib aprons would also be utilized at the Wellness Center.

I would like to tell you about the two kinds of yoga that I teach: body mechanics and yoga sculpting. Body mechanics is the most important class you will ever take. It should precede every form of exercise you do because the class will teach you the correct way to move in and out of postures, as well as the proper way to move your body running, biking, etc.

Yoga Sculpting is a continuation of body mechanics, by putting together a sequence of movements at a faster pace. Both practices will chisel your body quickly.

Everything I teach can be done from a chair, wall, mat, or desk. There are precepts that I will take you through step by step. It will change your life and give you core strength with very little effort.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I would love to give you a free demonstration of body mechanics.

The next article will be from the Wellness Center at 40 Main St. See you there!

– Snow Frye

Art Donation

Alumna Tara Stuart, Cottey College Class of 1952, and now a resident of Walpole, New Hampshire, made a visit to campus recently to donate 20 pieces of original art work from her collection to the College. She met with President Jann Weitzel and told a bit about each piece of art work and its artist. She and Dr. Weitzel are pictured with one of Ms. Stuart's favorite pieces which was painted by a Greek Orthodox priest to honor a woman he left behind in Sarajevo during World War II. In the mid-1950s, Ms. Stewart was able to find and meet with the woman to pass along greetings from the priest. Following that meeting, the priest gave this painting to Ms. Stuart in gratitude upon her return to the United States.

– Steve Reed

I'M SHOPPING
AROUND FOR
SOMETHING TO DO
THAT NO ONE
WILL LIKE.

– Jerry Garcia

Hooper Golf

August is a very exciting month at Hooper Golf Club. Our Men's & Ladies Club Championships will take place over the weekend of August 8 and 9; and our Junior Club Championship will be held on Thursday, August 13. Competitors have been out lately trying to sharpen up their skills for these prestigious championships.

On Saturday, August 15, the inaugural *FORE The Kids* golf tournament will take place at 1 PM, with lunch and registration beginning at 11:30AM. This 18-hole scramble format is open to anyone; the cost is \$100 per person and all proceeds go to Walpole Village School. Call or stop in to the pro shop to sign up.

So far, we have had a wonderful junior golf season. Every Thursday at 8 AM, more than 30 youngsters have come up to try their luck with golf. The success of this program is largely due to our sponsors, Savings Bank of Walpole and Hicks Machine, whose generosity allows us to offer this program cost-free.

The FMRHS Golf Team will start pre-season practice in the middle of the month.

Hooper Golf Club is now accepting second half of the season memberships for \$350.

Pro's Tip:

Tee it high and let it fly! As high as you can...really!

— Ron Roscoe

Continued from Page 1: Real to Reel

For many years we were also one of the regions largest exclusive Panasonic/Technics dealers. We shared in the excitement of introducing VHS players, video cameras, CD Players and DVD players to the area and had the pleasure of representing Onkyo, Boston Acoustics, and Polk audio equipment. Real to Reel was also the first to bring cell phones to the area over 15 years ago.

As with so many businesses today, the digital age finally caught up with Real to Reel. Real to Reel, Inc. is now the last standing video rental store in Cheshire County, our friends at Video Headquarters in Keene having closed this July.

All in all, it's been a wonderful journey.

We would like to thank the many people who supported our business over the years and also our current wonderful loyal staff and alumni. Gale and I are now looking forward to a relaxing retirement.

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Our Best Regards to All,

— Phil & Gale Davis

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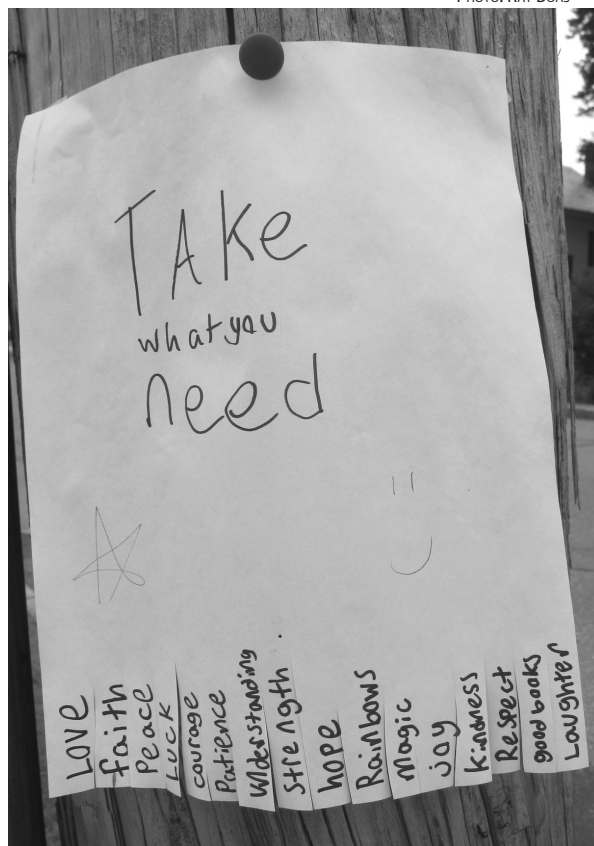
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Walpole Unitarian Church

Reverend Lisa Mobayed, M.Div.

Service: Sunday 10 AM

First Congregational

The First Congregational Church is having a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 2, before the band concert. The BBQ is between 5 and 6PM. You may purchase half a chicken for \$6.00 or a meal for \$10.00. The meal includes one half of a chicken, potato salad, vegetables, homemade rolls and a beverage. You may pick up your advance ticket from Galloway Real Estate or call Betty Prentiss at 445-5637.

– Peg Winnen, OA

Walpole Unitarian

Summer services continue with variety!

Aug 2- Summer Sunset Service: gather around the fire at 6:30PM for a Family First Service led by Dorothy Read and Virginia Carter

Aug 9- Summer Sunset Service: gather around the fire at 6:30PM for an elemental service about "Fire" led by Rev. Lisa Mobayed.

Aug 16: 10 AM service "Summer Harvest", led by Candace Damon

Aug 23: 10 AM service of chant and meditation "Gratitude"

Aug 30: 10 AM service "Hymn Sing"

– Antonia Andreoli

Art After School

Art After School begins its 10th year on Wednesday, September 9, 3:15 until 5 PM. Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw will be ready to teach all kinds of new projects using a variety of media. Any child in first grade or older is welcome to participate. Please register with Susan either by phone (756-2962) or by email (susankershaw54@gmail.com). We look forward to an exciting year!

HCS

Wellness Clinics in Walpole

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will hold Nurse Is In clinics in the Walpole area on Friday, August 28. An HCS wellness nurse will be at Applewood Senior Housing in Walpole from 10-11AM, and at St. Peter Church in North Walpole from 11:30AM-12:30PM. The nurse will check blood pressures and be available to answer questions about home care and any health concerns you may have. These screenings are open to the public of all ages and are offered free of charge. No appointment necessary.

The Nurse Is In clinics are sponsored by Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, a Monadnock United Way agency. For a complete list of clinics or for more information, visit www.HCSservices.org or call HCS at 352-2253.



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Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Growing older
is not
upsetting;
being perceived
as old is.

– Kenny Rogers



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Hope Haitian Choir

The First Congregational Church will offer a concert featuring the Hope Haitian Choir on Saturday, August 15, at 7 PM at the church. The choir is composed of Haitian children who have been given the rare opportunity to share their love of music, their enthusiasm, their faith, and their stories with America as they tour the eastern United States this summer. There will be a love offering taken during the concert. This offering will benefit the children of Haiti by bringing them food, water, education and medical care. For more information, go to www.hopehaitian.com.

Women of Walpole

The Women of Walpole will meet on Tuesday, August 25, at 2:00 PM. Please note this is an extra meeting to discuss our upcoming fundraising event, and it is on **Tuesday** rather than on our usual meeting day. Please call 756-9580 with any questions.

This fundraiser will be a great community event held in October, so look for further details in the next issue of the Clarion.

– Peg Dion

The Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church in Walpole at noon on Monday, August 17, for a potluck luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring a contribution for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf and a dish to share with the members. Peg Pschirrer, from the Hooper Preservation Commission, will be the guest speaker. Please join us for great food and friendly fellowship.

– Janet Martin

Walpole's Artists

Our visual artists are surrounded and inspired by historic homes, lawns and gardens here in Walpole, as well as by flowers at the side of our country roads. Budding photographers, painters, and sketchers in our community could hardly ask for more inspiration.

In support of our community and its up-and-coming visual artists, the Savings Bank of Walpole provides exhibit space in its downtown office. This permits the work of our budding artists to be exhibited in a way that brings credit on our town and on its artists, as well as on the Savings Bank of Walpole.

If, as you look over the artwork, you see a picture that you would really want in your home, simply ask one of the tellers, who will gladly help you (meanwhile helping an up-and-coming local artist).

This month, the featured artist is Sonja Hansson, a 2014 graduate of Fall Mountain High School, currently studying Bio-Engineering at Union College in Schenectady, New York. A dozen of her watercolor paintings are currently on display at the bank. Many are familiar scenes of Walpole.

– Charlie Blount



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groups of boys and girls of varying ages. Each day featured many hands-on activities, games and songs. For example, on Dairy Day children made butter and ice cream to sample. On sheep day kids dyed wool with Kool-Aid! Students built small boats to float down the stream and fairy houses in their woodland rambles. They made paper on Earth Day.

Adventure Camp explorers trekked through the wilds of Walpole from the banks of the Connecticut River to Table Rock on Fall Mountain. The Academy Ravine is a challenging rock hop through the Mad Brook streambed. The Hooper Shelter always offers a fun spot for a cookout and spirited game of Capture the Flag. Our trip through Boggy Meadow Farm on our way to the Connecticut River was interrupted to visit the cheesemaker and sample some delicious Swiss cheese!

Woodworking Camp the following week was the setting for creativity and skill-building. Campers learn to follow

Adventure Camp climbed through the Academy Ravine.



directions, plan and measure, use a square to draw a straight line, wield a handsaw to cut the soft pine and finally fasten the pieces into many useful items. These included several garden benches, stools, shelves, boxes, birdhouses, a coaster car, soccer goal and one sheep chute. The children were very pleased and proud of what they accomplished.

High school age students are busy working at agricultural ventures around town this summer. These include a vineyard, apple orchard, organic produce farm, dairy and horse farms. Several gardeners are helping with the Walpole Community Garden, Walpole school gardens and at Distant Hill Garden. The latter is a new mentoring spot for us, as is The Village

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I used to be Snow White, but I drifted.

— Mae West



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We found wild strawberries in a field near Hooper.



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Blooms. You may have seen some Hooper teens at work at the Town Recycling Center as well. Two fortunate teens are learning about life in the veterinary field at the Walpole Veterinary Hospital. Thank you to the dozen mentors and their staffs who give so freely of their time. Because of you this program is having its seventeenth successful summer.

– Eloise Clark

Adventure Campers learn how to dye wool using Koolaid.

Parks Place Gardens

It's a wonderful time to visit the gardens at Parks Place Community Resource Center in Bellows Falls. The gardening season kicked off with irises and poppies which have been followed by lots of perennials carefully chosen for sustained color and interest throughout the growing year. Plantings are selected to require minimal care and maintained using organic gardening methods.

Established in 2000, Parks Place's gardens are designed and maintained by Extension Master Gardeners (EMG) and other volunteers. Lori Miller, who leads the Parks Place Volunteer Gardeners, earned her University of Vermont EMG in 2007 and immediately began volunteering in the Parks Place gardens. "I really enjoy volunteering at Parks Place because I'm happiest when I'm in a garden setting seeing all that can happen after the designing, planting, and weeding. It's fun to work with like-minded people who want to help create beauty for many people to enjoy. Every time I work there I hear many compliments on how nice the gardens look. There is great satisfaction in knowing the people who use Parks Place appreciate the beauty."

Founded in 1994, Parks Place connects individuals and families with the programs, resources and information they need to move their lives forward. Parks Place offers a wide-array of

health and human service programs, from parenting classes to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, from mental health counseling to employment programs, from high school education to college/higher education guidance. Thirty-five regular programs are offered at Parks Place.

The Parks Place gardens are a project of the Windsor and Windham County Chapters of Extension Master Gardeners. The Vermont Extension Master Gardener program trains new students and provides continuing education to members. It also operates the Garden Information Helpline (1-800-639-2230) and places volunteer educators in outreach gardening projects throughout Vermont. Further information about the Master Gardener program is on its web site, www.uvm.edu/mastergardener or may be obtained by contacting members directly at mastergardener@uvm.edu.

Located at 44 School Street in Bellows Falls, Parks Place welcomes everyone to visit and enjoy its lovely gardens. Check out Parks Place on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parksplacevt or the website www.parksplacevt.org. There's always room for more helping hands in the garden. To volunteer in the Parks Place gardens, contact Lori Miller at 802-722-9854.

– Brianne Dunleavy

Walpole Summer Concerts On the Green

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...besides being a prominent

literary center and publishing hub in the late 18th century, that Walpole has historic book-selling roots?

Isaiah Thomas had a bookshop above his printing press and publishing establishment on Walpole's Main Street in the 1790s, but putting Walpole on the book-selling history map was the work of one of the best-known and informed bookmen in America, "Bob" Kolvoord.

Born Rense A. Kolvoord in 1907, Bob graduated from Battle Creek College where he met and married Ruth Fitts of Windsor, Vermont. They had two children: Jeanne (the late Jeanne Galloway who founded Galloway Real Estate), born in 1930, and Philip, born in 1932. In the late 1930s, Kolvoord joined his brother-in-law in London where they ran a shop specializing in prints and illustrated books. While in London, Bob learned the fundamentals of the used and rare book trade.

With the outbreak of war in Europe, he returned to Vermont in 1939. Falling in love with the Connecticut River Valley, he became aware of the area's appeal for writers, artists, and others in literary pursuits. Books were plentiful (and cheap) and it felt right to start a book business. Traveling extensively in Model A Fords, he amassed a stock appealing to literate customers. In 1943, Kolvoord bought the Old Settler Bookshop (on old Route 12) which had been established in 1929 by Lee Byron Baker. It was one of the few second-hand bookshops in New England. Bob operated the shop until his death in 1987.

The home serving as the Old Settler Bookshop was built circa 1786 around a massive chimney that served five fireplaces and a smoker. When I had the good fortune to tour the home before the family sold it in 2003, it still retained wide floor boards, pine paneling, low ceilings and wonderful beams untouched throughout (one of the most authentic 18th century homes I have seen). When the Kolvoords moved in on Halloween Eve in 1943, the home was still without running water.

Stocked in their home were usually 40,000 volumes consisting mainly of American history and literature. Kolvoord conducted much business with college and university libraries and became an expert at appraising books and prints. He worked closely with retiring Dartmouth faculty, purchasing their

collections. Kolvoord issued 5 to 6 mail-order catalogs a year, and his catalogs often featured books previously owned by famous individuals such as explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson.

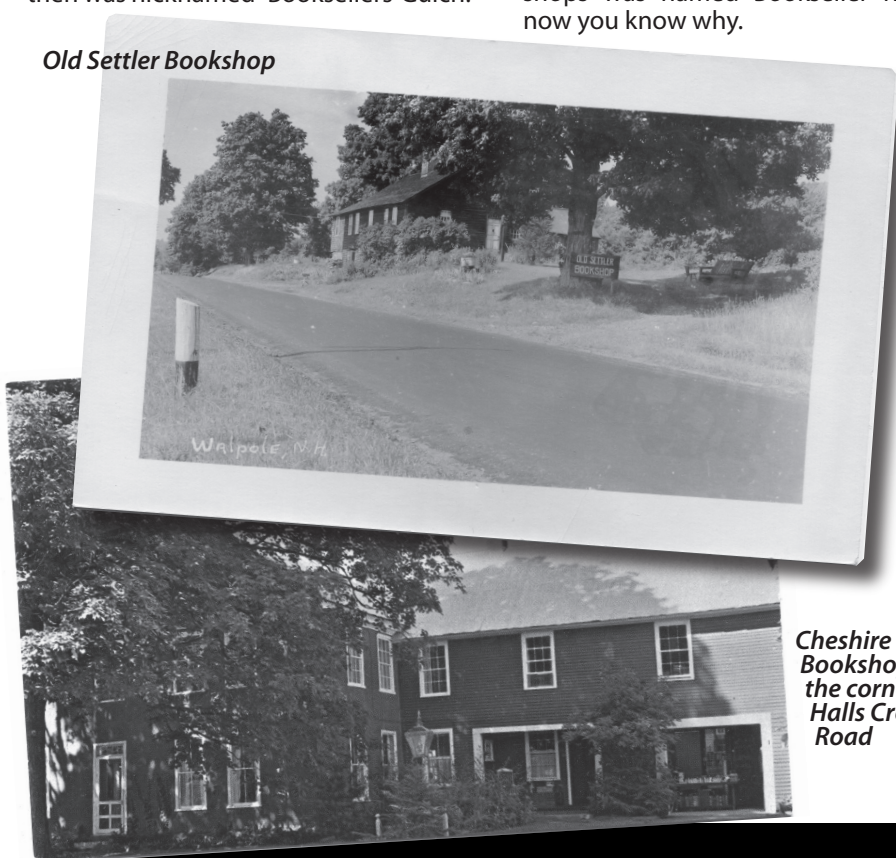
Long-time friends of Bob, Eric and Vera Lundberg in 1946 bought the old brick tavern at the corner of Halls Crossing Road and Route 12, opening their scientific book business there. Bob's brother, John, purchased that property and the business in 1959, establishing his Cheshire Bookshop. In the 1960s, just across the line in Westmoreland, Henry Hurley opened his book shop. The area then was nicknamed "Booksellers' Gulch."

The Old Settler Bookshop, however, was more than a bookshop - it was a meeting place where famous people visited to share stories and intellectual conversation and the occasional bourbon. Scores of booksellers made the pilgrimage to The Old Settler. My sponsor for membership in the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, Jack Hanrahan, made many a trip as a young man to be mentored by Kolvoord. When Bob passed, Jack wrote the *Antiquarian Bookman's* tribute to his mentor.

Ruth died in 1972. Life was different, but Bob continued book-selling in a small way until his death on 10 November 1987.

In case you were wondering, when the "new" Route 12 was completed in 1962, the old section with Bob's and John's shops was named Bookseller Road -- now you know why.

Old Settler Bookshop



Cheshire Bookshop at the corner of Halls Crossing Road

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Found in the Historical Society Archives...

The adorable little miss in her wicker baby buggy is Persis Muriel Tilton. She was born in 1914, and we can learn a bit about her because her mother created this little baby book for her. The events of Persis's early years have been recorded in the 3 1/2 by 4 3/4 inch linen-covered album. The words "Our Baby" and the charming flower detail have been hand-painted.

There is only one photograph of Persis, and on each page there are two pre-printed titles for the important events in Persis's life. Besides the time, date and place of her birth, we know that her parents Berl and Bernice recorded the dates of her first tooth, first steps, and the occasion of her wearing her first "short dress." Bernice reports that her first word was "Mama." She was smart to include, "... soon after said Da-Da." Another notable rite of passage came in 1916 when she, "...had her hair Dutch cut." And that's it!

This lovely little treasure somehow made its way to the archives, and we can only wonder what other notable events occurred in Persis's life. Because I am the grandmother of two little girls, I can't help but contrast Muriel's memory keeping with my daughter's. For her first daughter, she created a hundred-page album on Snapfish, the online album-maker. There is another in the making for daughter #2. Each day I receive photos and video of the children on my Smartphone. I feel very much in the loop of the little girls' every move.

Unlike my Ilaria and Vivienne, I guess I'll just be free to imagine that Persis, with her spunky Dutch haircut, had a wonderful life.

– Andrea Goins



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Playoffs Approach

Walpole Maples

Much has happened since the Maples' last update; July saw us go 3-1 for a record of 9-3.

We started the month with a 9-1 win over Brattleboro. Then came another close-fought battle against Newport in which we came out on top with a 4-2 win. Next came the game against Putney in which we suffered a 7-4 loss... and which ended our 7-game winning streak. The final game of the month was a matchup with Elm City – game in which we got back on track with a 12-5 win.

With 12 games down, we have two regular games remaining, one a make-up of a game rained out earlier this season. Those will both be played on Sunday, August 2, at home as a double-header against Sunapee, with the first game starting at 11AM.

As always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors as well as our fans!

– Mark McGill

As the regular season comes to a close, both Walpole teams remain in the thick of the CRVBL pennant race. At the end of June, the Wild Blue and the Maples were tied for first, with Putney a game behind. Since then, the Blue have beaten Sunapee 9-0; Putney 3-0; Claremont 5-4, and Putney – again – 2-0, to stand alone in first with an 11-2 record. The Maples are a game and a half back.

Playoff brackets will be announced at the end of July, and teams will begin the elimination process that leads to the CRVBL championship in early August. Walpole baseball fans can expect to see both local teams in playoff action at Hubbard Park.

– Jan Kobeski

Henry Bailly (#2) accepts congratulations from teammates after frustrating a Newport rally.



The Maples in action against Newport earlier this month.



Concerts on the Town Common continued through July.



PHOTO: RAY BOAS

Alyson's Orchard

3rd Annual Amateur BBQ Pulled Pork Competition

On Sunday, August 23, the third annual Amateur BBQ Pulled Pork Competition will be held at Alyson's Orchard from 11AM – 3 PM. This fun, summer event is sponsored by Alyson's Orchard and The Pit Stop Smokehouse. There is no entry fee for participants, but you must supply 20 lbs. of pulled pork that has been cooked over wood or charcoal for sampling. Your sauce must be made using apples. Call 756-9800 or email info@alysonsorchar.com for details if you would like to participate!


Three amazing prizes are being offered for the winners of the People's Choice Award. First place receives a weekend at Alyson's Rochambeau Lodge for up to 18 people, a \$1,500 value. Second prize is a BBQ dinner provided by The Pit Stop Smokehouse for 12-15 people, a \$250 value. Finally, third prize will be gift certificates from the Pit Stop and Alyson's, along with a jug of maple syrup from Stuart & John's Sugarhouse, a \$75 value.

The public is welcome to sample the pulled pork and vote for the People's Choice Award between 12 noon and 2PM. There is no admission charge for this event, but anyone who wants to sample must bring either one non-perishable food item to donate, or make a small, cash contribution to benefit the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. There will also be BBQ food for sale to the public from the Pit Stop Smokehouse, a Beer & Soft Drink Tent to compliment the BBQ, and ice cream from Carol's Scoop Shop for dessert!

Other activities that day: Alyson's farm stand store will be open with fresh, local products as well as plums, peaches & blueberries. You may also PYO apples &

blueberries. There will be face-painting, free wagon rides through the orchard, a children's playground and lawn games for kids of all ages. Visit the new baby goats; bring your cameras and check out the Gina the Giraffe Grow Chart and Awesome Apple photo-op.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a beautiful day at the Orchard. The event will run from 11AM-3PM (tasting 12-2PM) and their farm store is open from 10AM – 6PM daily, for the season. Don't forget to bring home one of their delicious fruit pies or chicken pot pies for dinner!



Free Video Classes!

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Classes are Monday through Friday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a week long class.

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Classes are once a month.

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Classes are once a month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Advanced Video Editing Class

This class is for those who want to become a better video editor and for those who want know more about the video editing process. You will cut a 30 second promo, a one minute action scene and a three minute dialogue scene. We will go over editing methods such as cross cutting, axial cutting and fast cutting. We will discuss different types of edits, such as French New Wave editing, continuity editing, and montage editing. The real storytelling begins with editing and developing ones video editing skills will greatly improve the quality of a video.

This class is held once a month and runs from Wednesday through Friday. Classes last from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

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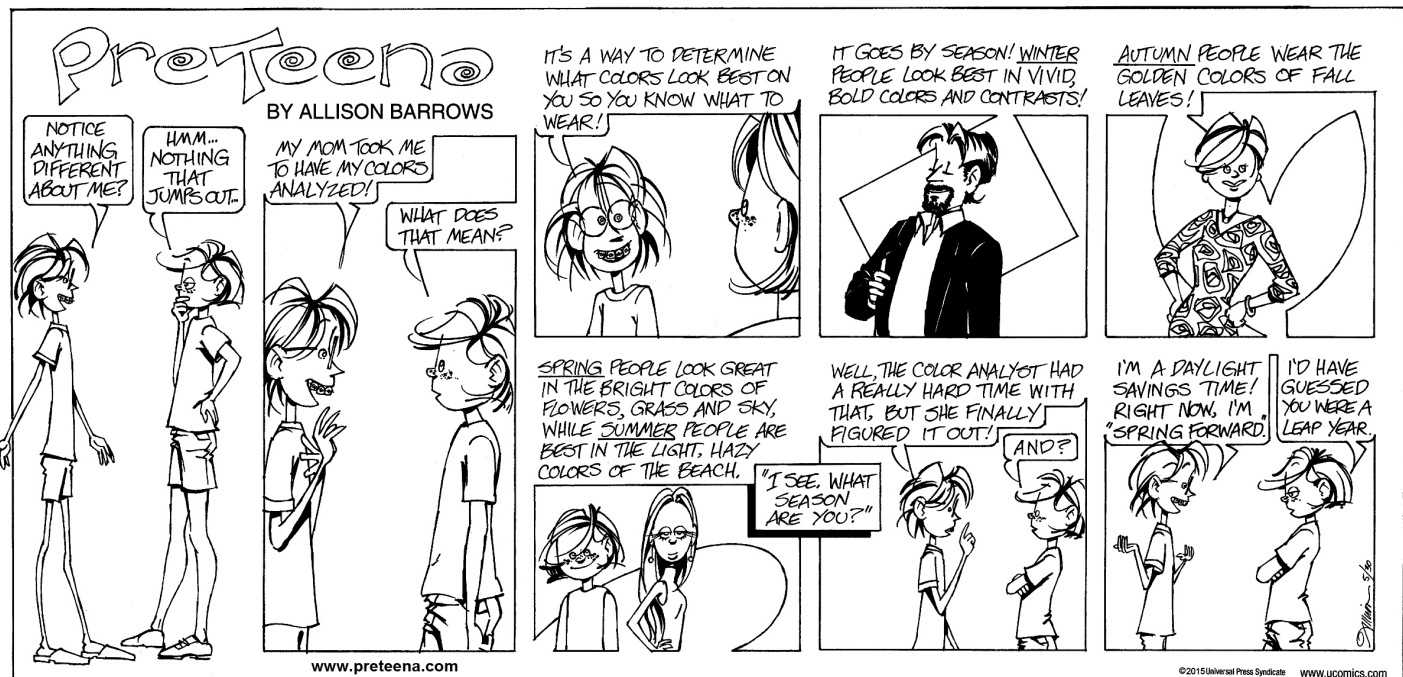
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Hannah Yoerger to Levi Hubbard, June 28

Wed:

Lindsey McGill to Jamey Silva, July 25
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Letters & Commentary

Thank You

On behalf of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Walpole, I'd like to thank the following sponsors who supported our annual Concert on the Common: Ken & Julie Burns, Clark-Mortenson Agency, Cold River Bridges LLC, Dan's Water Treatment Service, Graves Trucking, E.E. Houghton Co., Inc., John Cooper Hubbard, Morrison & Tyson Communications, Northcott Wood Turning, Real to Reel, Inc., Savings Bank of Walpole, Walpole PT at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Veterinary Hospital, and Yankee Sign.

The weather was rainy and the crowd was small but thanks to the donations from these sponsors, the Scouts had enough money to pay the band and still have some profit to help with Scouting programs.

We'd also like to thank the Walt Sayre Orchestra and special guest vocalist Rebecca Holtz for the wonderful music.

– Scott Northcott

Hearing & Aftermath

On Monday, July 13, the NH Housing Finance Authority held a public hearing at the Town Hall to hear comments concerning a proposed loan to the Avanru Development Group for construction of 21 work force housing units. This would be the first of a three-stage development that could end with the construction of 67 apartment units - all located behind Tractor Supply.

At the meeting, there were about 50 Walpoleans and three representatives from the NHHFA: James Menihane Jr., Ben Frost and Julian Morgan III. While the gentlemen from NHHFA were seasoned professionals, it was frustrating for some in the audience to get a clear picture of the exact criteria for granting the proposed loan.

When folks spoke up about their concerns that young people (when their parents were working) could be walking in the dark along the Tractor Supply driveway and crossing RT 12 to get to the Jiffy Mart, Mr. Menihane stated that the word SAFETY in their regulations pertained only the building, and not the surrounding area. When these concerns were brought up again, people were frustrated to hear that safety or traffic issues, and the fact that children in the complex will have no place for recreation should have been addressed by the Walpole Planning Board when they approved a site plan for apartments in

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*Invention...
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– Mary Shelley

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November 2012, and that the NHHFA was not going to consider those issues at all. It appears that the NHHFA will rely heavily on a market study they commissioned to determine the viability of granting a loan to Avanru.

The people of Walpole were granted until Friday, July 24, to submit comments and petitions. Despite the granting of extra time, many felt that the loan to Avanru was already a "done deal." No one at the meeting argued against the idea of work force housing coming to Walpole. As of this writing, petitions with over 200 signatures, letters and many rebuttals to the marketing study have been delivered to the NHHFA, and will be brought to Concord, to the Governor's office, the Governor's Council, and to the State House Leadership.

— Eric Merkley

During the past few days, Walpole has been awash in talk about the proposed Abenaki Springs development that would be located behind Tractor Supply on RT 12. Folks have been at our post office with protest petitions in hand, and the conversation has been quite lively. Until Wednesday any debate or discussion on this matter has been intelligent and cordial, even if people were scowling from time to time.

It is a very sad thing, indeed, that on Wednesday morning at 11:30 AM, one of the developers for the Abenaki Springs project intimidated and threatened one of the petitioners who was standing near the post office. After taking a cell phone photo of the petitioner, the developer said (and I quote),

"I have decided that you are the one i'm coming after. I have deep resources in place, and i am going to get you. And that's a promise."

Needless to say, Walpole Police Chief Paquette was informed about this issue. How sad it is that a Walpole resident, who is only doing what he feels is the right thing for our town and the people who might be living in this project, was treated so disgracefully. We are better than that. We Walpoleans are neighbors all, and should treat each other with respect, even when we disagree about local issues.

By the way, over 160 signatures were collected in just a few days. Those who signed include folks in their 80s living on Social security, retired farmers, local business people, **developers**, local tradespeople, family members of our fire department, parents, and respected folks whose families have lived here for generations.

— Eric Merkley

If pink bags have been turning up in your driveway, you might find the correspondence below informative...



Town of Walpole
Office of the Select Board
P.O. Box 729
Walpole, New Hampshire
03608

Paul A. McGuirk
570 County Road
Walpole, NH 03608

Re: pink bags/advertising

Dear Paul:

The Select Board sent the attached letter to the Keene Sentinel after you called the pink advertising bags to our attention. The Sentinel has answered us this week; their letter is also attached.

They have clearly heard our complaint and agree to try to solve the problem. Please let us know if you continue to see them accumulate in driveways. It will help if people call the Sentinel and request the Sentinel eliminate them from the delivery circuit.

Sincerely yours,


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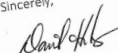
The Keene Sentinel is in receipt of your letter dated July 2, 2015, regarding the weekly distribution of advertising flyers to citizen within the Town of Walpole.

The Sentinel respects the concern you've expressed and has actively started the process of assessing alternative methods in which the advertising flyers might be distributed within the Town of Walpole. An alternative option that may be included in our evaluation is utilizing the United States Postal Service to distribute the advertising flyers on a weekly basis.

While this evaluation is conducted, if you should receive further complaints about the distribution of the flyers, we respectfully request your assistance by informing the resident they can easily contact The Keene Sentinel's circulation department at (603) 352-1234 x1300 to make their request known; we can also be reached by email at circulation@keenesentinel.com. We'll actively respond to their request by informing the delivery person not to deliver to the specified household.

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Contrary to what some people may think, I am not that old. How do I know? Because I can still remember that purchasing a pair of trousers, jeans, pants or whatever they are called, was a simple task. So simple you could send a man to the store and he would be back home in under half an hour, depending on the distance to the store...oh, and how many coffee-drinking buddies he ran into along the way. I recently went to the big box store to purchase a new pair of jeans.

As I arrived in the men's clothing department, a clerk approached me. That alone should have alerted me to the fact that trouble was on the way -- the fact that a clerk was available.

"How may we help you, today?" she asked. Deciding to let pass the fact that she was alone and there was no "we," I said, "I am looking to purchase a pair of men's jeans, size 42,36."

"Are you purchasing for someone else? Is that 36 the leg length?"

"I beg your pardon; that is 42 waist and 36 leg and they are for me!" She hurried off and returned with another clerk and a tape measure. After they both made a production of getting the tape around me, they indicated that perhaps a 42 would be a little snug. "Is this where you normally wear them?" one questioned me. "No, I usually wear them in every

store except this one," I responded. "Well, it is good to have a sense of humor when we are shopping," she flipped back. "Do you have a particular name brand in mind?" "The only name brands I am familiar with are Dickies and Wranglers. Are there others?" She began to list what seemed like hundreds, most of which I had never heard of before. Did you know you can get difference sizes in the same size depending which country makes them? A size 42 waist made in Thailand is not the same as a 42 waist made in Guatemala. Also, there are regular cut, large cut, straight leg, boot pant or relaxed fit. One can get slim waist with large leg or wide waist with slim leg. We certainly can forget the relaxed fit; at this point I was not relaxed and was having a fit. Anyway, we (yes we, because now there were four clerks helping to drive me nuts) finally agreed on the waist size and leg length. Now came the question which pushed me over the edge:

"Do you want the 505, 550, 560 or..." and they listed half a dozen other numbers before I yelled, "STOP!" Then another one started, "Do you want stiff, soft, stone-washed, light blue, dark blue, black, brown, button fly or zipper?"

Damn, jeans are supposed to come in denim – blue and stiff enough to make squatting impossible. Whoever came up with soft, brown blue jeans?

At this point, the best and safest action I could take was to leave the store. So when you see me, please refrain from making comments on my old, tattered, blue jeans.

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Distant Hill Gardens

Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, August 1 and 2, from 10AM to 4PM.

On Saturday, August 1, there will be four *Accessible Trail Tours* at 10AM, 11AM, 1PM and 2PM. Michael Nerrie, the owner of Distant Hill Gardens, will lead the easy walks of the half-mile long loop trail under construction at Distant Hill. He will discuss what goes into the design and construction of an accessible trail. Some of the tools of the trade for trail builders will be on display, like 'Goldie', an articulated dump tractor made in Italy, and the extremely useful 'Smart Level'.

On Sunday, from 10AM until noon, there will be a *Native Tree and Invasive Plant Identification Workshop* led by Steve Roberge, the Cheshire County Cooperative Extension forester. With over 30 species of native trees at Distant Hill Gardens, there is a good chance you may learn to identify a new species or two. Steve will also show participants how to identify a few of the most common invasive plants in the Monadnock region.

Other highlights at Distant Hill Gardens include an incredibly fragrant, two-acre native garden of Common Milkweed in full bloom, beautiful cultivated gardens, a boardwalk across a quaking Cranberry Bog, a nature play area called 'White-Rock Woods', and an interesting Stone Circle.

There is a suggested \$5.00 donation each day, with all proceeds going toward the 'Accessible Trail Fund' at Distant Hill Gardens.

On Saturday, August 15, from 10AM to noon, Distant Hill Gardens will be having a special workshop, *Propagating Native Plants From Seed*. Kate Strafford, the nursery operations manager and propagator at the New England Wildflower Society's Nasami Farm in Whately, Massachusetts, will be leading the workshop. She will focus on a number of the best pollinator-friendly species and will also discuss how to sustainably collect, save and store the seed of the region's native plants.

Suggested donation is \$10.

Space is limited. Registration is recommended. Call 756.4179 or email at distanthillgardens@gmail.com

– Michael Nerrie



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QLLEX

The 220th Transportation Company in Keene, completed a 21-day QLLEX (Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise) at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

QLLEX started 31 years ago as the Petroleum Oil and Lubricant Exercise (POLEX) and developed into QLLEX in 2004. Although the initial focus was on petroleum, oils, and lubricants (POL), the exercise has evolved to have a much broader focus. QLLEX has become a multi-echelon, multi-component, multi-functional, and multi-service exercise. No other CONUS-based exercise provides such a broad suite of real-world training opportunities for soldiers.

Quartermaster battalions and companies conducted echelons-above-corps bulk petroleum distribution, water purification and distribution,

and field services (laundry and shower) support during the first 2 weeks of June 2015. A total of 64 units at 8 locations across the continental United States (CONUS) delivered 3.25 million gallons of petroleum and produced 479,000 gallons of water.

During this year's exercise, the unit delivered 90,000 gallons of fuel and logged 50,000 miles. Compared to last year, when the 220th delivered 350,000 gallons of fuel and logged 111,000 miles while at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

The 220th TC is a 5,000 gallon tanker, bulk fuel unit. The unit was moved from Springfield, MA to Keene in 2004 and has many members from the local area in addition to those as far away as New York. The fuel is moved by the fleet of 60 M915A5 Freightliner trucks, valued at \$110,000 each. – Paul Mercier

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