

# The WALPOLE Clarion

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## A Walpole Dump for Vermont Garbage?



PHOTO: RAY BOAS

**Rob Hitchcock (right) of SVE Associates explains site blueprint to Planning Board Chair Jeff Miller, Member Jason Perron, Attorney Tom Hanna, and others.**

Originally permitted in July of 2012 to be a transfer site for construction debris only, Ruggiero Trash Removal has applied to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) for a permit to add the processing of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), defined as primarily residential waste. The processing facility is located on Route 12 at the southern end of Walpole in the industrial park. Much of this residential waste could come from Vermont for processing. At the Planning Board hearing on August 11, attorney for Ruggiero, Mr. Thomas Hanna, stated, "this is an area of the law preempted by the state, not by local regulation." In other words, Walpole has little say-so in what is going to happen within its boundaries.

Owned and operated since 1957, Ruggiero Trash Removal is headquartered in Saxtons River, Vermont, according to its Facebook page. Its services include: "Construction Debris and House cleanup. Dumpsters available. Roll-off service. Recycling." In January of 2011, Ruggiero received permission to establish a transfer location in the industrial park on Route 12 just north of the Westmoreland/Walpole line. According to Rob Hitchcock of SVE Associates, their facility for construction debris was built in the last 2-3 years. The August 11 Planning Board meeting included a Public Hearing for a Site Plan Review for the Ruggiero Processing Facility, LLC, to add another 2,500 square-foot pole barn, new access and a scale. Before the hearing on this matter was recessed for a site visit on August 17, there was a great deal of discussion, all documented in the minutes, over concerns for the expansion of use at the facility.

## A Championship Comes to Walpole!

The Walpole Wild Blue came close in 2014, and both the Blue and Walpole Maples could boast identical 11-3 records for the 2015 regular season, giving them the top two seeds in the playoff tournament. Both teams faced deficits, must-win games and determined opposition throughout the playoffs.

Wild Blue title hopes fell one game short – in extra innings – while the Maples faced 2013 Champion Claremont Cardinals in the final. For details, see page 18.





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The Trustees of the Hooper Trust would like to let everyone know that the closing on the Conservation Easement and "Hooper Golf Course" property was scheduled for August 28.

Look for details in the October Clarion.

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## Walpole Village School

### Gearing Up for a New School Year & Spooktacular Fun!

With 40 years experience nurturing and educating Walpole's toddlers and preschoolers, the Walpole Village School (WVS) is yet again gearing up for a fabulous new school year. We love fall, when the kiddos return for another year of play-based learning and fun. Thank you to everyone who made this year's summer camp so successful and to everyone who is working to make the school year yet another success.

This year's enrollment is stronger than ever, with just a handful of full-time spots available. Although we always try to accommodate schedules, flexible part-time spots are limited so please contact our Director, Jody Metcalf, [director@WalpoleVillageSchool.org](mailto:director@WalpoleVillageSchool.org), as soon as possible if you are interested in a flexible, part-time enrollment schedule.

We are again offering programs for a limited number of 2 year-olds, as well as our regular preschool program for 3 year-olds, and our afternoon pre-k program for 4 year-olds. The WVS is proud to offer a half-day afternoon pre-k program for parents looking for a full day pre-K to complement the morning pre-K at the Walpole Primary School. Busing to WVS is available from the Walpole Primary school. Please be sure to let the school know you need transportation to WVS and it will be provided.

Some other exciting things to look forward to this year include:

A continuation of our theme-based projects and activities where we explore our community, our world and our environment

Reading sessions with our fabulous librarian, Julie Rios

Our ever-evolving, themed play stations and our warm greenhouse for those chillier months

Afternoon nap sessions for our preschoolers while our pre-K students explore journaling, theme-based projects and lots of play

Before and aftercare are also still being offered for kids 2 through 12. Please pre-register for special rates, or drop-ins are still available with appropriate paperwork in place.

The return of our beloved teachers: Allie Cook Lansberry, Melissa Bigelow Jeffery, Jody Elssesser and our Director, Jody Metcalf.

Finally, please be sure to mark your calendars because Halloween comes early yet again in Walpole! Spooktacula is Saturday, Oct. 24th from 11am- 3pm. This year, we are offering fun outdoor play and traditional Halloween activities in our outdoor play area. So, be sure to join us with your fall spirit.

For more information, please visit [www.walpolevillageschool.org](http://www.walpolevillageschool.org).

— Alejandra Pallais-Carbone



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Money and  
 success don't  
 change people;  
 they merely  
 amplify  
 what is  
 already there.

— Will Smith

## Hooper Institute

Twenty-five high school-age students participated in this summer's work program sponsored by the Hooper Institute for the youth of Walpole. Students worked with animals at dairy and horse farms, or at the Walpole Veterinary Hospital. Others worked with plants at Alyson's Orchard, Barnett Hill Vineyard, Abnaki Springs Farm, Distant Hill Gardens, The Village Blooms floral shop, Walpole school and community gardens. You may also have met some young men at the Town Recycling Center or been greeted by the teen counselors at the Hooper summer camps. Nearly 200 students have participated in the program in the 17 years it has operated.

Our thanks go to the fourteen mentors who have shepherded these students through first job experiences. I offer a special salute to Marcia Galloway for the time she gave. Here are some comments from the evaluations that have been returned thus far:

"I really enjoyed taking part in so many jobs at the orchard, many of which I didn't know or hadn't considered before...I liked to know I was picking fruits that would be sold so others could enjoy."

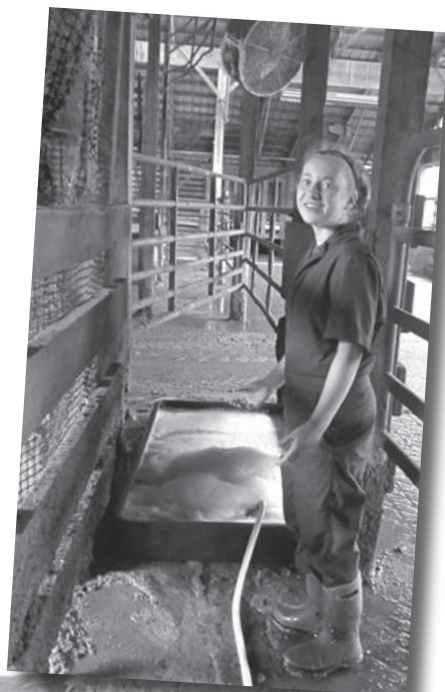
"I learned about consistency, about working on a schedule and what your employer expects of you."

"I loved working with the kids at the summer camp. It was great to watch them grow from being shy and secluded to loud and outgoing."

"I learned much work, time and energy goes into operating a vegetable farm, especially a certified organic farm...and now when I go into a supermarket or co-op, I see a whole different side to food production, quality and nutrition."

And finally, "I liked being able to see the work being done in both small and large animal practice at the Walpole Veterinary Clinic and the kind of effort that is needed in order to be a well-working and efficient place of work. I also loved seeing and being able to experience all the work for myself and to help out too."

— Eloise Clark



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## Wellness

Greetings! Summer finally came and I hope everyone is taking the time to play and explore. Memories make a fine cushion for cold winters!

This month I'd like to touch on the word "wellness". What does that mean to you? There are infinite areas to improve wellness in our lives. What areas are you hoping to make changes in? It helps to have someone listen to "your" concerns and "your" ideas of how you would like to implement change.

Taking time for a chiropractic appointment and/or a deep tissue massage will give you valuable feedback as to ways that you can improve your wellbeing and have the needed support to make changes in your life.

One of the first, most positive steps you can take for yourself is being "heard" by someone. The team at the Wellness Center believes this is the foundation to you improving your health.

Second: Set goals that are achievable by you. Creating unrealistic goals do not work. Building on successful change will motivate you to stay focused.

Third: Create a support system where you check in with someone on a regular basis. It will help you stay in the discipline necessary to follow through with your plans.

Fourth: Make it fun. Figure out a way to make your transition into better wellness to be the highlight of your day/week. Remember, you're just a big goofy kid in adult clothes!

I am looking forward to everyone coming to the Wellness Center and introducing themselves. I always say that my clients are my teachers, so I am a well educated girl!

Take good care of yourself. This is not a dress rehearsal.

— Snow Frye

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## W.R.A.P.

Summer (and school vacations) are coming to an end; so are many of the activities that demand our time all summer long. We're home from the beach and back from that trip out to Minnesota to see Grandma.

It's that time of year when we slow down to think about what we would like to do next -- what we can do that would provide the greatest value for our family, friends, and town. Some of us are already helping the Friends of the Walpole Library sort through hundreds (perhaps thousands) of books in preparation for the annual book sale now scheduled for late October. Others are helping to teach our Walpole grade-schoolers how to play soccer. Not too many years ago, a six year-old in our family was running up and down the school field wearing a red Walpole shirt.

There are other activities here in our town that are in need of our help and support. One that immediately comes to mind is the Walpole Re-Use Center, located out on Route 123 (Whitcomb

Road) on the way to Drewsville on the grounds of the Walpole Recycling Center. That operation, run exclusively by volunteers, provides an exchange for the things you no longer need but are in good condition and can readily be re-used. There are events in our lives (and in the lives of our neighbors here in Walpole) when sudden needs arise. You or a friend falls and breaks a hip -- now you suddenly need a walker. You don't happen to have one hanging around, so where do you go to find one? The Re-Use Center, of course. The cost to you? An affordable donation to the Food Shelf. So you get the walker you really need while some family here in our town gets food that they really need.

Another "event": "You are just setting up housekeeping in your new apartment here in Walpole. You have a few pots and pans, plates, cups and enough silverware to meet your daily needs. Then you get a message from your sister advising that she will be coming to spend a week with you in beautiful Walpole during Leaf Peeping Season. (This is not so far-

fetched as you might think!) And -- she'll be bringing her husband and twin baby boys. Now you need the equipment to bed down and feed this outfit, including your brother-in-law who is the size of a Patriots middle linebacker! What do you do? Smile -- a trip to the Re-Use Center and you'll be ok!

The Re-Use Center is a service provided to us for free by our town. It costs the taxpayers nothing because Walpole residents volunteer for two hours each month. The Re-Use Center really needs your support -- those folks need you to volunteer so they can keep their door open! Volunteering to help at the Re-Use Center provides our town with an important service, not only to those who break a hip or have an unexpected houseful, but to the very fabric of our town.

— Charles Blount

## Hooper Golf Club

Hooper Golf Club has some great events coming up in September: Patriot Golf Day on Labor Day (Monday, September 7) and The 5th Annual Walpole Firefighters Auxiliary Golf Tournament.

In the days leading up to Labor Day, you'll hear a lot about the Folds of Honor Foundation and Patriot Golf Day on television. In an effort to raise money for the Folds of Honor Foundation to provide scholarships to children of fallen soldiers, Hooper G.C. will hold a Patriot Golf Day Event on Labor Day. This 9-hole, better-ball-of-partners event goes on all day. The cost is \$10 per person; \$5 goes to charity, \$5 goes to prizes. Sign up when you come in to play that day.

On Saturday, September 12, the Walpole Firefighters Auxiliary Golf Tournament will begin at 9 AM with a shotgun start. This is a 4-person scramble. The cost is \$100 per person; all profits go towards helping the firefighters keep us and them safe. Please call or stop in to the pro shop to sign up. (Plus the dinner at the firehouse afterwards is incredible.)

Congratulations to our Men's Club Champion, Chris McLaughlin, Ladies Club Champion, Nancy Gorham LaSante, Junior Club Champion, Mitchell Zehr, and our 9-Hole Junior Club Champion, Mitchell Cormier. Great job everyone!

I encourage everyone to come out and support the F.M.R.H.S. Golf team in their home matches at Hooper on Thursday, September 3, Wednesday, September 16, and Monday, September 28. All matches start at 4 PM.

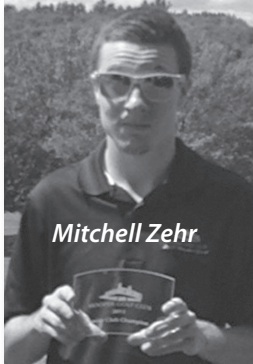
**Pro's Tip:** Do you want to hit the ball better? Keep your feet quiet on the backswing. Too much lower body movement in the backswing makes the swing inefficient. Of course, you want to fire the lower body on the downswing and finish with all your weight on your front foot and your back heel off the ground.

— Ron Rosko

Chris McLaughlin



Nancy Gorham LaSante



Mitchell Zehr



Mitchell Cormier

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## 5th ANNUAL Walpole Firefighters' Auxiliary, Inc. GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Saturday September 12  
Hooper Golf Course**

**9:00AM Shotgun Start  
Four Person Scramble**

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The original permit issued by the DES was for 200 tons a day, which could soon increase to 400 tons a day. That equates to about 20 trucks a day. When it's received, the waste is dumped and recyclables sorted out into larger containers. The DES requires that each load be turned around in 72 hours. Discussion briefly surrounded the erection of the first pole barn without Selectboard approval. Mr. Hanna, however, said, "the three new changes are the only things that are being considered at the hearing and the pole barn issue is irrelevant."

Board member James Aldrich pointed out that potentially all 13 acres at the site could be used for garbage. "That potential is bigger than Keene," he continued, adding, "It started out for demolition debris and so much has been done without notifying anyone and where no one could see what was happening – such as not coming to the Planning Board or Selectboard to get a building permit for the pole barn."

The on-site review on August 17 began with a review of the site plan blueprint showing the relocation of the roadway, scale and new pole-barn locations. The old Route 12 ran through this parcel, the old Cheshire Railroad line (now the Cheshire Rail Trail) is on the eastern boundary, and Houghton Brook is often within 150 feet to the north. If you drive into the industrial park you will be surprised by what you cannot see from Route 12.

Joe Ruggerio then showed the assembled group of about 30 persons the large building where construction debris is currently sorted, and described the manual process. It is in this same building that household waste (garbage) is proposed to be sorted. The group then was shown the pole barn for which Mr. Ruggerio stated he had made a mistake in not obtaining a building permit. To the east of that building, a new 25-foot by 100-foot pole barn is proposed. Dumpsters will be stored in that barn each night instead of putting tarpaulins over them. The current access road will be relocated. Currently the facility utilizes a right of way across Hodgkins & Sons property. A scale facility to weigh trucks in and out will also be built.

As the on-site review was about to recess, Attorney Hanna explained he had a conflict with the date of the next Planning Board Meeting. Discussion of this Public Hearing is now recessed until the Planning Board's Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, at the Walpole Town Hall.

– Ray Boas



PHOTOS: RAY BOAS



## FAST FRIENDS

### 8th Annual Walk for the Greyhounds & Chili Cook-off

Fast Friends Greyhound Adoption will be hosting its 8th Annual Walk for the Greyhounds and Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, September 13, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole. This fun-filled day offers a variety of activities and entertainment for the whole family.

The Annual Walk is Fast Friends' largest fundraiser each year. Walkers obtain donations from their sponsors throughout the summer, with the actual walk being the celebration of the community's support. Registration to participate in the walk is \$15. Participants can download a registration form online by visiting [helpinggreyhounds.org](http://helpinggreyhounds.org) and clicking on the 'Walk 2015' link; or register on the day of the event. Registration

begins at 11:00 AM. Those wishing to do the walk are welcome to register and walk without obtaining additional donations. Complimentary Walk T-shirts are available for the first 50 registrants.

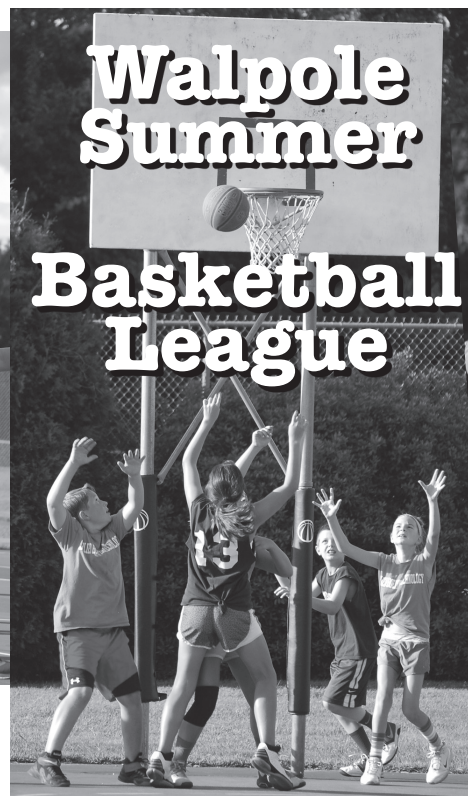
Also happening at the event is the Chili Cook-Off. Restaurateurs and home chefs will offer their finest chili dishes for sampling, hoping to be voted the best chili. For a donation of \$5, visitors can sample all the chilies and help to decide the winners.

Other activities include music, face-painting, a police K9 Unit demonstration, and of course -- visiting with the greyhounds. Alyson's Orchard is a breathtaking setting for a walk and the very best place for apple-picking fun.

For more information about this event, please call 355-1556 or visit [www.helpinggreyhounds.org](http://www.helpinggreyhounds.org).

– Carrie Methe





We wanted to bring something new and exciting to the town of Walpole. We wanted to create something that the kids and parents could look forward to every summer. By the end of the summer, a league was created that everyone was able to enjoy.

A lot of parents were commenting that they wished there was something more for their children to do over the summer. The Recreation Committee tried to think of some ideas the community could be interested in. With the pool being such a big community gathering spot, we thought it would be great to use the basketball courts and create a summer league for kids between the ages of 10 and 4. This is how the Walpole Summer Basketball League (WSBL) was created.

We wouldn't have this league without the help of businesses from the local and surrounding communities. Four businesses were kind enough to sponsor a team and purchase their uniforms. The businesses are LaValley Building Supply, Chroma Technology, Applied Bolting Technology, and Hamshaw Lumber. Without their help none of this would have been possible.

This wasn't just a league for Walpole children. It was open to all children from the surrounding communities. We had players from Walpole, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Westmoreland, Bellows Falls, Westminster, and Putney. This gave kids the opportunity to meet new people and create new friendships. Every Monday and Tuesday, Whitcomb Park was full of spectators watching the game. Families brought their blankets and lawn chairs and cheered on the teams. It was great to see the surrounding communities come together and enjoy a basketball game.

*Semi-final game action*

All four teams had an amazing season. Chroma Technology finished the regular season undefeated and was the number one seed entering the playoffs. LaValley Building Supply finished second, Hamshaw Lumber third, and Applied Bolting Technology fourth. All four teams were ready for a chance to play in the championship. The playoffs were set up as a double elimination tournament. Every game was close and hard fought. Chroma won its first two games to secure a spot in the championship. LaValley ended up beating Hamshaw Lumber in the semi-finals to advance to the finals



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*League Champions Chroma*

against Chroma. In order for LaValley to be champion, it was going to have to beat Chroma twice. LaValley came out strong in the first game and ended up getting a double-digit win. The next game was a winner-takes-all. LaValley played great, but Chroma came out with its intense defense and ended up being the WSBL champion.

The championship was a great event that brought everyone together to watch an amazing game. Diamond Pizza and Carol's Scoop Shop were kind enough to make donations of pizza and ice cream for our special night. There were 110 people watching the championship game and enjoying the festivities. This was a great first year for the WSBL. A huge thank-you to all the volunteers who helped coach, ref, and keep score. We hope everyone enjoyed the first year of the league and we hope to see you all again next year!

– Justin Cassarino

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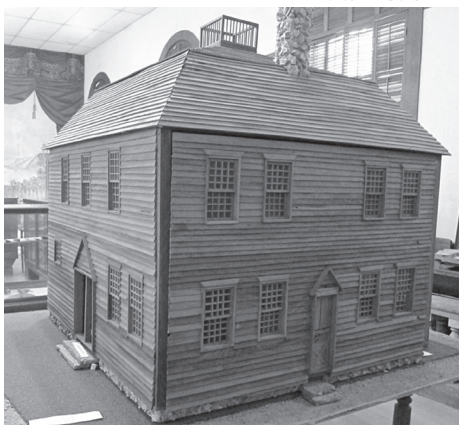
## Westminster Massacre

### 240th Anniversary Reenactment

Mark your calendar to be in Westminster, Vermont, on Saturday, September 12, for the 240th anniversary celebration of the Westminster Massacre.

Two men were killed by Yorker Tories at the Westminster Court House on March 13, 1775, just over four weeks prior to the "shot heard round the world" at the Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts. It was this Westminster incident, in part, which precipitated General Gage's order to British troops to march on Concord for confiscation of the Colonists' munitions stored there.

PHOTO: RAY BOAS



**Westminster Court House model built by Walpole resident, Dorothy Metros, in 1995**

At noon on the 12th, the day's events will begin with a luncheon at the firehouse on Grout Avenue in the village. The Tory Tavern Style Luncheon will consist of chicken vegetable or minestrone soup, Irish soda bread and Canadian tea. It was from the original Tory Tavern "in the flats" (the west side of the highway just north of the fire pond) that the Tories, fueled by four gallons of rum, returned to the courthouse and caused the bloodshed.

Reenactment of the massacre, lasting about 45 minutes, will take place in front of the Town Hall on US Route 5, beginning at 1:30. Both sides of the highway will be utilized, simulating the Tavern on one side with the Courthouse opposite. Revolutionary War reenactors will be on hand for the event. On Friday night they will be encamped behind the Butterfield Institute. The last reenactment of the massacre was 15 years ago, and before that in the early 1980s.

The Westminster Historical Society Museum and Bradley Law Office will both be open. Proceeds from the meal will go towards needed repairs at the Bradley Law Office. For additional information, please call 802 722-4772. A history of the massacre may be found on page 98 in *Walpole: As It Was, And Still Is*.

— Ray Boas

## Benefit Concerts

### Supporting Parks Place Community Resource Center

The community is invited to two musical events coming in October, the first to take place on Saturday night October 3rd and the second on Friday night October 9th. The Walpole Artisan Cooperative is hosting the performances, both of which will be held at the Howell Studio, 250 Old Keene Rd, Walpole.

These two events are a "thank you" gift to everyone who patronizes the Walpole Artisan gallery and equally as important, they are a gift of social wellbeing to a community center that focuses its resources on human services. Parks Place directly benefits the residents of northeastern Windham County and adjoining areas, an area where many families live below the poverty level. The Walpole Artisans feel very strongly that supporting Parks Place is an important way of giving back to the community.

In addition to great music, there will be finger food and beverages provided by the members of the gallery who will also donate original fine art and crafts to both an art raffle and silent auction. Donations will be accepted to help cover costs, and proceeds from the raffle and silent auction will go to Parks Place in Bellows Falls to support their services.

Parks Place Community Resource Center is a "HUB" that provides community members a safe and accessible location to make lasting, positive changes in their lives. People struggling to overcome hardships need multiple support systems because problems such as substance abuse or unemployment are rarely one-dimensional or simple to solve.

## Walpole Library

### Email Updates

Want to get advance notice about library events? Need to know when weather cancels library activities? Curious about what new books are available? Sign up for the Walpole Library's email blast to get up to date information on library happenings. The library sends out weekly bulletins on new acquisitions in fiction and non-fiction, highlights special programs like author readings and kids activities, and lets you know when the library is unexpectedly closed. To sign up, just email Julie Rios at [jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org) or stop by the library.

— Jennifer Kelly



**Andrew Morehouse and Tim Baucom of Walcrik - Saturday, October 3  
Doors open at 6:30 PM**

The Bozeman, Montana-based folk/Americana duo Walcrik have been playing music together since 2005 when Andrew Morehouse and Tim Baucom met while attending the University of New Hampshire. With folk, bluegrass, traditional and rock influences, the two have built a repertoire of harmony-centric songs inspired by their rural Northeastern roots and time wandering the West.

PHOTOS PROVIDED



**Mick Reed - Friday, October 9**

Mick Reed is a native New Englander whose music and lyrics are rooted in traditional Americana songs and storytelling. He blends elements of Country, Blues, Jazz, and Bluegrass to form original tunes with a timeless feel. Mick regularly performs his music in New York and throughout New England.

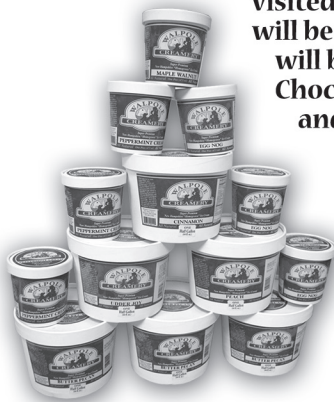
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Walpole Creamery is proud to announce that it has been selected as the only New Hampshire ice cream to be served at the NH State Pavilion during the Eastern States Exposition, running from September 18 to October 4 in Springfield, Massachusetts. More than 1.5 million people visited the Big E last year! Walpole Creamery Tahitian Vanilla Bean™ ice cream will be served on New Hampshire fresh berry pies, and the crew from the Creamery will be manning a separate booth featuring scoops of Fresh Peach™, Udder Joy™, Chocolate Indulgence™, Sweet Cream, Cookies N Cream, Pumpkin Spice™ and Fijian Ginger™ all-natural, super premium ice cream.



Because of the enormous time commitment required by the Big E, the Walpole parlor will be open only Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 9 PM beginning on September 8. The parlor in Keene will continue to be open Sunday to Wednesday from noon to 9 PM, and Thursday to Saturday from noon to 10 PM.

Please visit our  page for notices of special events.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Walpole Library have been working this summer on preparations for our annual Book Sale from October 23-25. We are still looking for book donations and help with the big job of sorting the books we receive.

Donated books may be dropped off (through Wed, Oct 14) on Wednesdays from 9 - 10 AM at the south end of the RN Johnson Building, bays 13, 14, and 15. This is also the time and location of our weekly sorting party! To schedule another time/place to drop off books, please call Cheryl Hoffman at 756-4066, or Carol Malnati at 756-9537.

To reserve a table to sell other items or promote your community group, the cost is \$25. Contact Cheryl Hoffman for more information.

Sale hours: Saturday, October 24 – 9AM to 2PM; Sunday, October 25 – 11AM to 2PM. Sale preview: Friday, October 23, from 6 - 7:30 PM. The cost for the preview is \$20.

Thank you so much for your support!  
– Jana Sellarole

## Young Author

Acworth resident, Ceara Comeau, a 2011 graduate of Fall Mountain Regional High School, has recently self-published her sixth book. Her mother, Charlotte, works in Walpole. Currently attending Pensacola Christian College, Ceara has been writing for ten years and published her first book at age 15. *Amber Oak Mysteries*, introduced the heroine, Amber, a 15 year-old sleuth. In it, she learns who she is and what she is meant to do: solve mysteries with help of her friends. Comeau's subsequent books have evolved into a series. To keep details of her mysteries realistic, Ceara and her friends would act out potential scenes to see what worked.

Her new book, *The Lost Journal Of Erika Traynor*, is a novel of a different genre. Although still fiction, the book was written to raise awareness of

the bullying and harassment so prevalent in our world today.

Ceara's books are available through the self-publishing platform at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) (search her full name); or visit her website at: [www.amberoakmysteries.com](http://www.amberoakmysteries.com)

– Ray Boas

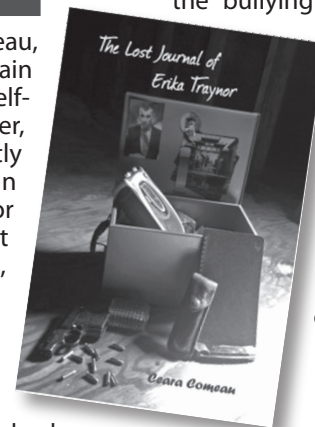


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## Coming to Walpole!

On Saturday, September 5, the Walpole Players will present "Confusion in Motion" -- a hilarious evening of fun and improvisation featuring many of the area's favorite performers. The evening's moderator, Gail Connelly, will assign various roles and skits to panels of actors including Mike Delaney, Fran Kemp, Chuck Lessard, Sarah Manning, Jenny Plante, Tom Winmill and Mike Wright, who must immediately respond with their best spontaneous efforts. The show will follow the Players' Radio Follies format in that seating will be at tables, and the audience is once again invited to bring dinners, snacks, and beverages of choice. Admission is free, and the show will last approximately 90 minutes - or longer if things get *really* out of hand...

FACT8 television from Bellows Falls will be present to film the show, as it is intended to be edited and broadcast in 30-minute segments as a regular monthly feature of the station. If the comedy proves popular, the Players will be back in a few months to tape another few shows. So please come and be our "live studio audience" -- you could be on TV! Doors open at 6 PM, and the fun begins at 7 at the Helen Miller Theater in the Town Hall -- don't miss it, and don't be late or there may be no tables left!

— Barbara Kasper

## WOOL

### Ten Years of Community Radio

Ten years ago, WOOL turned on its transmitter for the first time and unleashed one of the first LPFM stations into the northeast. A decade later, the now full-power station is stronger than ever and the mark it has left on the mid-river valley is indelible. On Saturday, August 15, WOOL 91.5FM celebrated its 10th anniversary with a block party at the Waypoint Center in Bellows Falls.

"It's been an interesting ride so far," said president Bill Holtz. "I've watched my daughter grow up in the time WOOL's been on the air."

Starting as a Low Power FM station in 2005, WOOL graduated in 2014 to a full power broadcast license, making it perhaps the most powerful independent community-owned station in Vermont and New Hampshire. With its studios on an island in the Connecticut River and its antenna high atop Fall Mountain, the station is truly a piece of the Connecticut River Valley. Sustained by listener contributions and business underwriting, the all-volunteer organization continues to grow. Black Sheep Radio, as it's known, is heard throughout the mid-river valley.

— Gary Smith

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### All Saints Parish

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St. Peter Church, North Walpole;

Tues. 8AM, Thurs. 5:30PM, Sun. 10:30AM

St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown

Confessions: Thurs., 4:45-5:20 PM,

St. Catherine's; Sat., 3-3:45PM, St. Peter

### 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

## All Saints Parish

### Religious Education for Adults & Students

On Sunday, October 4, we begin another year of Religious Education for Adults and Students. Our Director of Faith Formation, Debra Piletz, has been working with Father Steve in setting up this year's schedule, which should be available on-line by the end of this month. Registration forms are now available at the entrance of the church or you may download one from the Religious Ed link on our website at [www.allsaintsnh.net](http://www.allsaintsnh.net). After you have completed the form, you may mail it to the parish office: All Saints Parish, PO Box 332, Charlestown, NH 03603.

Please note: When you register your child/children, you do not have to complete a separate adult registration form, as you will be registered for the adult session automatically.

### Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

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### Richard Beauregard/Charles Vrazel Scholarship Winner Announced

The Knights of Columbus have announced the winner of the Richard Beauregard/Charles Vrazel Scholarship. Congratulations to Annette Lamontagne, daughter of James and Serena Lamontagne, who will be attending St. Thomas More College in Merrimack this Fall.

Leaving you with a beautiful saying to reflect on this month by St. Pius X:

"Holy communion is the shortest and surest way to Heaven. There are others, innocence, for instance, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of the trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be spared. Once for all, beloved children, the surest, easiest, shortest way is by the Eucharist. It is so easy to approach the holy table, and there we taste the joys of Paradise."

For more information about our parish, we invite you to log onto our website [www.allsaintsnh.net](http://www.allsaintsnh.net). Blessings to you all! Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

## First Congregational

### First Congregational Church Invites Families to "Friendly Fridays"

Looking for a new way to have fun with your family? Ever wondered how to introduce your kids to the Christian faith? Are you interested in creating community with other families who are looking to do church in a new way? Then Friendly Fridays at First Congo are for you!

Rev. Craig Breisemeister and his family invite Walpole area families of all kinds to join us on Friday, September 26, at 5:30 PM for an evening of games, food and fellowship in our newly-renovated social hall. Take a night off from cooking a full dinner and kick back with your kids and other families. Bring a favorite side dish or main dish to share, we'll provide the drinks and dessert.

The First Congregational Church of Walpole is part of the United Church of Christ, which emphasizes extravagant welcome: "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." Worship is at 10:00AM every Sunday with nursery care available and fellowship in a coffee hour after the service. Church school runs during the service throughout the school year.

For more information about Friendly Friday, please call or email the church: 756-4075 or [walpolechurch@yahoo.com](mailto:walpolechurch@yahoo.com)

— Jenn Breisemeister

## 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](mailto:susankershaw54@gmail.com)). We look forward to an exciting year!

### Library Hours

#### Bridge Memorial Library

Monday: 1:00 - 8 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM - Noon; 1:00 - 8 PM

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## Walpole Unitarian

The Walpole Unitarian Church welcomes Rev. Lisa Mobayed for her second year of ministry in our church. Rev. Mobayed is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School. She was welcomed into Ministerial Fellowship last December. Rev. Mobayed was ordained in her home church, the Peterborough Unitarian Church, in April of this year.



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The WUC will celebrate our Ingathering Service, which includes a Water Communion, on Sunday, September 13, at 10 AM. This is a multi-generational service, and after the service there will be refreshments and fellowship. The WUC is a Welcoming Congregation.

Our other September services, all at 10 AM, are:

September 6: *Family First Potluck Picnic* at Hastings House and on the lawn, led by Dorothy Read and Virginia Carter

September 13: *Ingathering and Water Communion*, Rev. Mobayed

September 20: Service led by Jessica O'Connor, topic TBA (check the Walpolean blog!)

September 27: *Days of Awe* arrive as fall begins, Rev. Mobayed

Please call Worship Committee Chair Antonia Andreoli at 756-9036 if you have any questions.

## The Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church in Walpole at noon on Monday, September 21, 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. We're excited to have Ray Boas as our guest speaker once again. Please join us for great food and friendly fellowship.

— Janet Martin

## HCS

### Flu Clinics

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will hold flu immunization clinics in Walpole on Friday, September 25, at Applewood Senior Housing from 10-11AM, and at St. Peter Church in North Walpole from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

A new, 4-strain vaccine will be administered to provide broader protection against the four major strains of circulating flu viruses expected this season. It is important to get a flu shot every year because the viruses that circulate may vary each season and protection from vaccination declines over time.

Clinics are open to the public ages 19 years or older. No appointment is needed. People are encouraged to wear loose sleeves. Medicare, Anthem BCBS, Harvard Pilgrim, and MVP insurances will be accepted, or there is a \$33 fee for the vaccine.

### Bereavement Support

Hospice at HCS offers an on-going grief support group in the Walpole area for anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 4:30 - 6PM at the First Congregational Church on the Common in Walpole. The next meetings will be September 2 and September 16.

There is no charge to participate. For more information visit [www.HCSservices.org](http://www.HCSservices.org).

## CROP Walk

Now more than ever, our churches in Walpole would like to invite everyone in the community to join us for a brisk 3+ mile walk that will be good for you—physically and spiritually! On Saturday, October 10, we will be walking in the Walpole CROP Hunger Walk.

The CROP Hunger Walk is a really great community event – an opportunity for all to show they really care about fighting hunger and poverty, aiding refugees, and contributing to the vital self-help development programs for which Church World Service has been known for more than 69 years. Twenty-five percent of what we raise by walking will go to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf to help our neighbors here in the 5-town Fall Mountain school district. Our morning of CROP walking will also help families in Kenya tap into new sources of clean water, enable families in Guatemala to grow more and better food, and assist communities working to recover from storms in parts of the United States.

Please join us! Registration is at 9:00 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:30. Last year we had 20 walkers and raised \$2882. We hope to surpass those numbers this year! Each walker is responsible for raising a minimum of \$50, by finding friends or family members to sponsor him or her. Getting involved is fun and easy; just go to the Walpole CROP Walk web page at: <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2015CROPHungerWalks/TR-CHW2015?pg=entry&fr id=21641>

You may also contact Jana Sellarole via e-mail ([jgsellarole@gmail.com](mailto:jgsellarole@gmail.com)) or at 756-4380, or Ellie Shaw via e-mail ([ekshaw46@myfairpoint.net](mailto:ekshaw46@myfairpoint.net)) or at 756-4866. We can help get you started!

— Ellie Shaw

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## Chickens on the Loose

The winning formula of a great cause, a fun event and enthusiastic volunteers promises to result in another successful Chickens on the Loose 5K Walk/Run.

The second annual event will be held on Saturday, October 17, starting and ending at the Walpole Elementary School. It is sponsored by the Walpole Parent Teacher Group (WPTG). Proceeds will help pay for WPTG activities during the school year, including grants to teachers, student scholarships, parent information sessions, after-school clubs.

For several years, WPTG explored alternatives to product sales (wrapping paper, anyone?) and pledge drives to raise funds. Race organizer and North Walpole School teacher Christine Broadley said she thought a 5K would work. "Having participated in 5Ks, we know they are great fundraisers. Because Walpole is such a tight-knit community, we knew it would be embraced with enthusiasm and support." Broadley says she was also inspired by the schools' partnership with Healthy Monadnock. "We thought it would tie in nicely with our wellness initiative."

Broadley and Nancy LeClair, who also teaches at North Walpole School, led the effort in 2014. The event attracted 224 runners and walkers – impressive for a new race.

Co-organizer for 2015, Emily Frithsen (who, with co-leader Sarah Manning, has assembled an energetic group of volunteers) says this year's 5K is shaping up to be another fantastic event. "We already have some great prizes for the raffle this year, including tickets to Santa's Village, the Portland Sea Dogs, and Clarks Trading Post." Volunteer and Walpole Primary School Guidance Counselor Stephanie Fuller reports they have already secured seven generous sponsorships from local businesses.

The first 100 individuals to sign up online will receive a free *Chickens on the Loose* T-shirt. A Facebook page, *Chickens on the Loose 5K (Walk/Run)*, provides a link to online registration and recognizes the many sponsors and prize donors. Visitors will also find a link to the Couch to 5K Program to help novice runners prepare for October 17. Participants should plan to stick around after the walk/run for a barbecue lunch, music, games, and fantastic raffle prizes.

To register online: <https://g2racereg.webconnex.com/chickens5k2015>. To print a paper registration to mail in: <http://www.3craceproductions.com/RacePages/ChickensOnTheLoose5K2015.pdf>. Registration forms are also available at all Walpole Schools.

Race registrations will be accepted the evening before the race from 5-7PM and the morning of the race starting at 8AM.

For more information or to donate a sponsorship or raffle prize, please email [walpoleptg5k@gmail.com](mailto:walpoleptg5k@gmail.com) or call 756-3521. Please like us on Facebook! Chickens on the Loose 5K Walk/Run.

– Marilyn Shriver

## Heritage Museum

### Walpole Heritage Museum Gift Shop celebrates Christmas in September!

Come visit the Walpole Heritage Museum from 12 noon - 4 PM on Saturday, September 19. Weather permitting, we will be on the lawn by our roadside sign with goodies to tempt you for your holiday decorating or gift-giving. We have new Christmas cards and napkins from Caspari, and note cards, candles and votive candles, too. Ornaments, tote bags, coasters, interesting books and maps of the Walpole area make perfect stocking-stuffers. Your purchase proceeds support the museum and its programs. Stop in and browse our shop, and view our interesting exhibit *Walpole Short Stories*

– Sally McGaffigan

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## Y-ASPIRE

For the eighteenth consecutive year, and third in Walpole, Meeting Waters YMCA's after-school program, known as Y-ASPIRE, will provide important supports for hundreds of area youth, their working parents, the businesses that employ these parents, and the seven communities served by the program.

According to Meeting Waters YMCA's Program Director, Susan Fortier, Y-ASPIRE was designed in 1998 with a focus on multiple benefits. "When Steve (Fortier, MWYMCA Executive Director) and I created Y-ASPIRE 17 years ago, we applied all of our knowledge and experience in positive youth development, after-school programming and family strengthening. As parents of two young children at the time, we also built in considerations of parents' needs—like all-day programming when schools are closed for in-service days, vacations and even most holidays," Fortier adds, "By doing all of that, we are supporting more than 200 youth each year, the many hundreds of working parents and caregivers of these young people, the businesses that employ the parents, and the communities served by our programs because we are developing important life skills during 'the danger zone' each and every day."

According to Fortier, research shows that "the danger zone" from 3:00-6:00 pm is the time when children not enrolled in enriching after-school programs are likely to be physically inactive, not engaged in learning, and introduced to unhealthy behaviors. "With our focus on the Developmental Assets approach to youth development—which research shows helps young people reduce risk behaviors while also building thriving behaviors—we are much more than a 'safe haven.' Yes, we are keeping kids safe. But, while we have these 200 or so young people in our care, we are developing building blocks that help them develop life skills and life habits that will serve them well into middle school, high school and into adulthood."

There is still space available in the Y-ASPIRE program that takes place at Walpole Primary School (which serves North Walpole and Walpole Elementary schools, as well). The program also takes place at Rockingham Central School (which also serves Saxtons River Elementary School and Westminster Center School), Putney Central School, Brattleboro's Oak Grove, Green Street, and Academy schools; and Dummerston School. The latter four sites are full, but waiting lists are being maintained.

Each day of a Y-ASPIRE program includes physical activity, nutritious snack, assisted study time and a cooperative group project. Activities are centered around monthly themes such as Different But the Same; Our Community; and Kindness and Justice. Through various activities, students in Y-ASPIRE develop "life skills" such as cooperation, problem-solving, group decision-making and leadership. They also learn more about themselves, their community and their world. Periodic service learning projects benefit other community agencies. Monthly family events focus on strengthening healthy family habits.

Financial assistance for all Meeting Waters YMCA's Y-ASPIRE and other "out-of-school" programs is available through the NH and VT Childcare Subsidy programs and Meeting Waters YMCA's Reach Out to Youth scholarship fund which is built by donations. As in all of the YMCA's programs, no one will be denied access to Y-ASPIRE for lack of ability to pay full program fees. Fortier points out that over half of all Y-ASPIRE parents do not pay any program fees because the state's top rate for Child Care Financial Assistance covers five days a week of the program tuition.

For more information and registration materials, visit [www.meetingwatersymca.org](http://www.meetingwatersymca.org), call Meeting Waters YMCA's main office at 802-463-4769, or email them at [info@meetingwatersymca.org](mailto:info@meetingwatersymca.org).

## 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. "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](http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener) or may be obtained by contacting members directly at [master.gardener@uvm.edu](mailto:master.gardener@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](http://www.facebook.com/parksplacevt) or the website [www.parksplacevt.org](http://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



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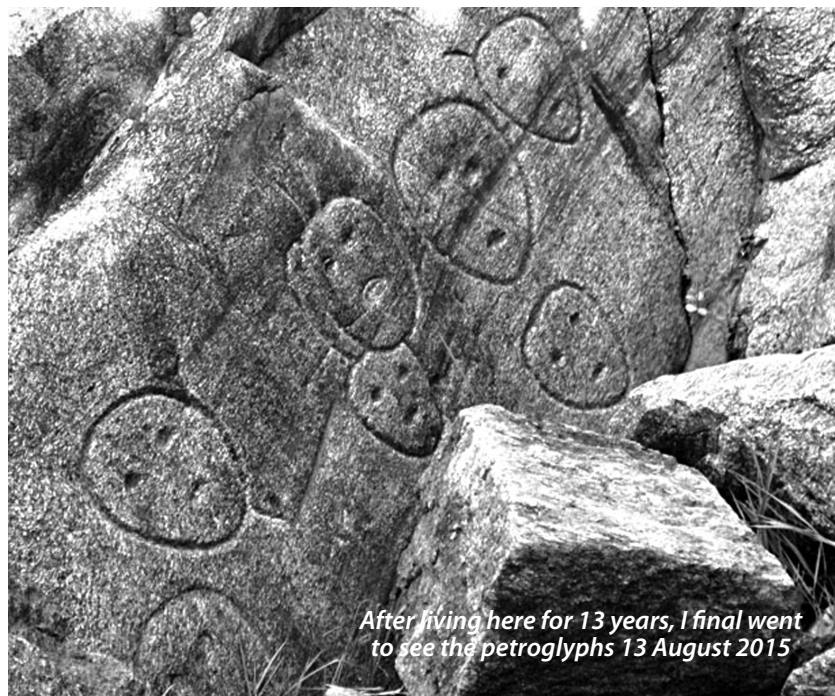
## ...the Indian Petroglyphs

seen today in Bellows Falls are probably not those first written about more than 225 years ago? In 1789, Rev. David McClure, having heard of the carvings, ventured from Dartmouth College to Bellows Falls to view the stone faces. His is the first written account of the faces, but he noted that they had been observed by an early colonist fifty years before. McClure guessed that the carvings could be from 300 to over 3,000 years old, and probably marked the site of "evil spirits."

An Englishman traveling through the area in 1807-8, Edward Kendall, observed the sculptures and compared the Bellows Falls carvings to ones he



*Mid-19th century published drawing of the then extant carvings.*



*After living here for 13 years, I final went to see the petroglyphs 13 August 2015*

had seen in Dighton, Massachusetts. In 1857, Henry Schoolcraft, an ethnologist and geologist, documented the site with drawings of two panels of faces, but a circa 1860 photograph provides a totally different representation. In or around 1890, a retaining wall was built on the Island at the west entrance to the covered bridge. Road grit and mill waste dumped over the side began to affect the rocks and carvings below. Dynamite used to break recurring log jams also took a toll on the rocks under the bridges.

It was reported that by 1921 the carvings were barely discernible, however, the Daughters of the American Revolution "saved the day" in the 1930s

and had a stone cutter chisel away at what he thought was there to deepen the carvings and make them visible again.

What are the carvings all about? It is generally accepted that the original petroglyphs were the work of native Abenaki people. One source says Kendall thought the carvings were the work of idle fishermen awaiting their catch. Schoolcraft thought they represented the site of an important battle.

Bellows Falls, originally called Great Falls, was inhabited by large numbers of Abenakis because of its excellent fishing. As the "artificial Island" became developed in the 19th and 20th centuries, many Indian artifacts and numerous Indian grave sites were uncovered. The Abenakis still consider the Island a sacred place, having been utilized as a burial ground. According to Abenaki legend, an Abenakis' soul travels west after physical death. The stone faces are facing west, suggesting they were carved as markers to guide the departing spirits.

Sadly, what you see today is not what you would have seen 100, 150 or even 200 years ago. During those two hundred-plus years, the number of heads documented ranges from several to dozens, and the rock panels on which they are carved number one or more. When you are next in Bellows Falls, head over to the "Island" as if you were going to cross the old Vilas Bridge eastbound. Park in front of the "Bridge Closed" sign, walk to the south wall of the bridge and look over. When standing in the proper unobstructed spot, you can look down and see a rock with remnants of yellow paint on the top. That is to help you spot the correct rock. And, of course, some of the "new" carvings have the remains of paint in them too. Even if it's not original, this is some local history you need to see for yourself.

## FLORENTINE FILMS

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## A Light for Zimbabwe

On Saturday morning, September 19, at Smiths Medical parking lot in Keene, folks from all over New Hampshire representing United Church of Christ congregations will be loading a 20-foot container full of goods to be shipped to Zimbabwe. This project was started by two New Hampshire nurses several years ago as a means to send large shipments of supplies for use in schools, hospitals and churches in Zimbabwe. The First Congregational Church UCC in Walpole is participating in this event. We are collecting items to box and ship, and invite community members to join us in the effort. Here's the list!

**Hospitals:** ibuprofen, aspirin, gauze bandages, antibiotic ointment, anti-diarrhea medication, cough/cold medication, vitamins, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sanitary pads, petroleum jelly, hearing aids with batteries

**Schools:** reading books (all levels), textbooks (math, science, reading), pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, chalk, student notebooks, musical instruments, art supplies, paint, crayons, markers, world maps, soccer balls, basketballs, jump ropes, volleyballs, athletic uniforms and equipment (soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball & track), tote bags for teachers, office supplies, stationery, envelopes

**Food:** peanut butter, powdered milk, infant formula, protein & vitamin powder (mixes with water)

**Miscellaneous:** reading glasses and sunglasses, basic books for cooking & sewing, bicycles (please have in bicycle cardboard packing boxes), solar-powered lights & flashlights, desktop computers, laptops (Windows 7 or 8 – please remove all unnecessary programs, games, music, etc.), printers and ink cartridges

The First Congregational Church on the Common in Walpole will be open on Monday afternoon, September 14, from 1 - 6 PM to accept donations from the community. If you have a donation, but are unable to deliver it to the church during the designated time, please contact Ellie Shaw at 756-4866 and other arrangements can be made. Thank you all for your generosity!

– Ellie Shaw

## Found in the Historical Society Archives...



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Walpole area schools opened on August 25th this year. "Back in the day," schools opened on the day after Labor Day, and so September remains in our memory as the back-to-school month. This September's "From the Archives" is a small salute to Walpole pupils who walked the halls of Walpole schools.

The Walpole Heritage Museum's archives are blessed with many school photos, and each and every one of them gives the viewer a glimpse into bygone years and their traditions. The clothing styles and hairstyles are a clue to the period. In this photograph, it's clear that striped shirts and striped socks are the go-to fashion look for the young men, while Peter Pan collars and hair bows complete the look for the young ladies. The "Dutch cut" still seems to be in vogue, and hair shorn well above the ears definitely is the standard for the boys.

But the real intrigue contained in these old class photographs are the faces. In the archives, many of these photographs aren't labeled or dated. The photograph featured here was recently donated and came complete with most of the names of these third and fourth grade students but had no date. The viewer is often

left to contemplate each countenance and imagine what kind of personality or future each little face beheld. What clues do these captured expressions hold as to whom these children were and whom they would be become?

This appears to be a rather serious group, at least when this photograph was taken! "Picture Day" surely was a big event on the school calendar, and most certainly the teacher of these 26 scholars instructed her pupils to assume a dignified look. We do see a hint of a smile on the face of the young lady in the middy blouse, while the young man in the front row, fourth from the left, seems to be all business! I can only imagine that such a serious young man would grow to be a pillar of the community, a person of responsibility. Perhaps he would be the one to decide if conditions were safe to burn debris on one's property. This young man in the front row certainly looks like he would take such a job quite seriously, eh, Bill Houghton?

(Note: Bill Houghton has served the town of Walpole for many years as the Forest Fire Warden.)

– Andrea Goins

Life is a moderately good play  
with a badly written third act.

– Truman Capote

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## Maples Win CRVBL Title

The month of August was a great month for the Walpole Maples -- a month in which we won our first CRVBL Championship!

We ended the regular season with an 11-3 record -- second place in the league. That landed us a first-round matchup with Elm City. The first round of the playoffs are a best 2-out-of-3 series with 7-inning games. On August 8, Elm City took the first game of a double-header in a tight, back-and-forth battle 4-3 that went 8 innings. Game Two (a must-win game for us) saw us come up with a 3-1 win behind a complete game pitching performance by Steve Corey. That set up a deciding Game Three on Sunday, August 9. We were able to push 4 runs across, which was all we needed as starting pitcher Aric LeClair went the complete game for the 4-0 shutout. That sent us on to the semi-finals.

Claremont won the first semi-final game 4-3 in 11 innings, edging the Walpole Wild Blue. The 2nd game pitted the Maples against the defending champs, Putney Fossils. We jumped out to an early lead in the first inning with five runs thanks to 4 straight base hits by Jed St. Pierre, TJ Ferguson, Colby McAllister, and Derek Paul to push one run across and load the bases. That was followed up by a bases-clearing double by Shane Salmonson, who was driven in on a base hit by Mike Michaud. We added two more runs in the 5th inning for a 7-0 lead -- nice run support for starting pitcher Steve Corey who came up big again, throwing a complete game to get the win. Putney made a late push with two runs in the 7th and two in the 8th, but we held on for a 7-4 win.

The finals game saw Claremont build a 3-0 lead with single runs in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th innings. In the 7th inning we got one run on the board. Then, with

runners on 2nd and 3rd with two outs, Steve Corey hit a ball that looked like it would tie the game...until Claremont's right fielder made a flat-out diving catch that ended the inning. That play looked like it might seal our fate, but there was still fight in the Maples.



One out to go

We came back the next inning with five runs on a few walks, a couple of errors by Claremont and another big hit by Shane Salmonson, giving us a 4-3 lead. The other two runs were driven in by Adam Kobeski and Jake St. Pierre. Derek Paul started the game pitching for us, and went 7 solid innings to make that comeback possible. Ryan Paul came in for the 8th and 9th innings, including a one-two-three 9th inning which sealed the 6-3 win.

Winning the championship wouldn't have been possible without every member of the team. We played as a team in every game, and had a lot of fun doing it in front of our great fans. Other members of the 2015 Maples include

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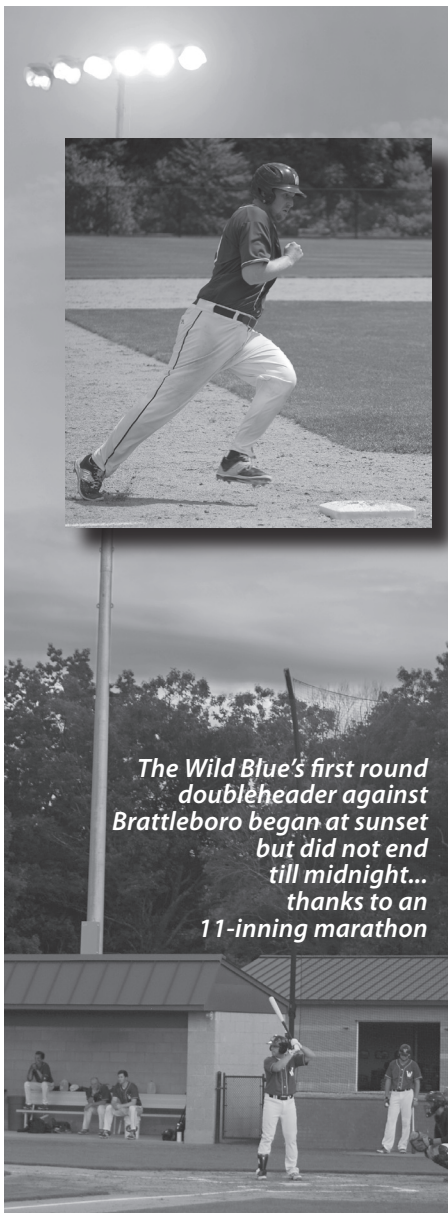
Game over!



Steve Corey wins the semi-final







coaches: Ken McGill, Glenn Yardley, and Ted Ferguson; players: Mark McGill, Steve Corey Jr., Chris Cote, Tim Roy, Hank Bailey, and Caleb French.

We would like to thank Dave Adams for announcing our games throughout the season, and all our great fans who supported us throughout this incredible run. Thank you also to our sponsors: McGill Sugarhouse, Servpro of Keene, Walpole Creamery, E. E. Houghton, Walpole Veterinary Hospital, Graves Trucking, Matt Beam Plumbing & Heating, Costume Ladies, M. E. Matthews, & Pinnacleview Equipment.

A thank you also needs to go out to Frank Brown and his grounds crew for the wonderful job they do taking care of the beautiful ball field that we have the pleasure of playing on and sharing with the Wild Blue, who also gave the town a lot to cheer about this season as well.

– Mark McGill

## Wild Blue

Falling 4-3 in the 11th inning to the Claremont Cardinals in the Semi-Finals, The Wild Blue just missed a seat in the CRVBL Championship and an opportunity to hoist the Cup in 2015.

While it wasn't meant to be for the Blue this season, it was another wildly successful and fun-filled year for the boys in Blue. Amassing a team record of 11 wins this season, the Big Blue captured the Regular Season Title for the first time in team history. Those 11 wins also raised the overall team record to 40-17, which is the best overall record in the league since they joined in 2012.

Enjoying a growing competitiveness in the league, games were not short on excitement as the team won three games in exhilarating walk-off fashion, which were also firsts for the Wild Blue. Backed by stellar pitching performances throughout the season from Blake Gowan, Adam Kuhn, Ryan Kohler and Frank Brown, the team posted a sterling 1.98 ERA, which was a league best and the lowest ERA in team history to date. Having reveled in so many firsts this season, the Wild Blue has much to be proud of. From its gritty performances to its unadulterated love and passion for the game, the Blue will be back again next year to chase one more first...the CRVBL Championship.

All the members of the Wild Blue would like to thank our sponsors: the Savings Bank of Walpole, John Cooper Hubbard, Clarke-Mortenson Insurance, Spence Dental – Dentistry for Children in Claremont, NH, and The Walpole Tavern.

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enough -- thank you from the bottom of our baseball hearts.

The Wild Blue would also like to congratulate the Walpole Maples on their Championship and remarkable season. Well done, guys! We'll see you next season for another fun-filled year of baseball!

– Jamie Spence



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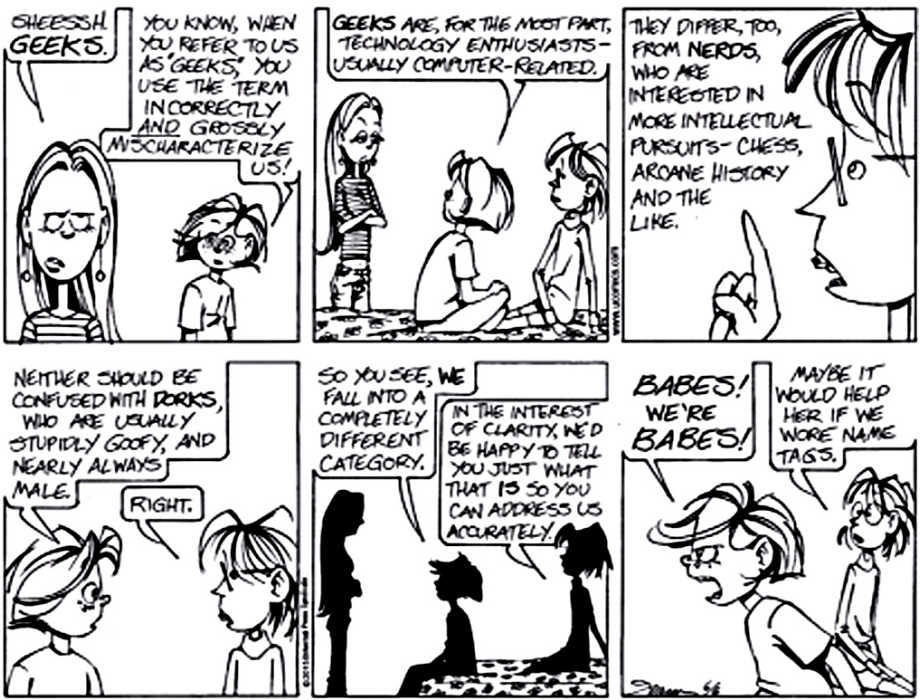
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## Letters & Commentary

### Zoning Ordinance

To the editor:

At July's public hearing about the apartment project to be built on Route 12, much anger was directed at officials of the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. That energy was misplaced. It needs to be channeled into something more constructive and directed much closer to home.

The controversy generated by the project didn't arise from the state housing authority. Instead, it was planted before the hearing was even scheduled. The problem is that our zoning ordinance doesn't address affordable housing. Because the ordinance says nothing about it, any developer can do what Mr. Franks did: propose a multi-family housing project, get a building permit for it, and then change the target clientele if market conditions change.

How could the zoning ordinance have kept that from happening? The ordinance could lay out where in town affordable housing can and can't be built; it could set conditions on any such project - no closer than a given distance to a state highway, must include a playground, or any other conditions that seem necessary. I'm not advocating these or other specific conditions, only that the zoning ordinance specifically address affordable housing in some definitive fashion.

To achieve this, the planning board must do some planning. It can research affordable housing criteria that other towns use. (The Southwest Region Planning Commission can supply good information about this as part of the services for which our town pays membership dues each year.) The board then could schedule a public hearing to share what it's learned and to learn where in town the public thinks affordable housing could be located. Maybe it's right where Mr. Franks is planning to put his project; maybe nowhere in town is suitable. We don't know because we've never addressed the question directly or in any detail.

After facts and opinions have been gathered, the board would then deliberate about criteria and placement of affordable housing in Walpole, perhaps creating an overlay district delineating where in town affordable housing can be built if it meets criteria clearly spelled out in the zoning ordinance. The town would then vote at the spring town meeting whether to adopt or reject what the planning board offers.

We've had some success doing things like this in the past. The zoning ordinance already includes a similar measure for senior housing. After the Walmart scare a decade ago, the planning board agreed that no commercial building in town should exceed 40,000 square feet in size. After enough projects were built in town that were deemed unsightly by

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### Calling All Artists!

Our monthly comic strip "ProTeena," the popular creation of Keene artist Allison Barrows, will sadly no longer be featured in the Clarion and we're looking for new talent. If you or someone you know has always wanted to draw a strip, we want to hear from you! We'd love to feature local talent and include one or more new comics in our upcoming issues. C'mon - give it a try!

### The WALPOLE Clarion

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a majority of planning board members, the board adopted design guidelines. The guidelines' first use was in reviewing the expanded Jiffy Mart on Route 12. The developer looked at the guidelines and readily agreed to abide by them, giving us a Jiffy Mart that looks considerably better than it would have had we not articulated some design guidance for developers to consider.

I would suggest that our zoning ordinance should be seen as a constant work in progress. We need to learn the lesson from every episode such as Mr. Franks's affordable housing project: when events show us that the zoning ordinance doesn't do an adequate job of guiding development, the board should openly and quickly address the issue of whether the ordinance needs to be amended, strengthened, or otherwise changed so that both developers and citizens know what is and isn't allowable.

The alternative is what we have now: a project is proposed that fits within the zoning ordinance's loose criteria, the planning board approves it for that reason, and then we file lawsuits, yell in public meetings, scurry around to sign and send off petitions, and twist our hankies in anguish. Enough of that. Let's focus our energy where it belongs: on creating a zoning ordinance that does its job thoroughly and well instead of haphazardly. I urge everyone who cares to contact planning board members to begin this conversation.

– Bennett Daviss  
222 Valley Rd.  
Walpole

### Dana's Pool

Dana's pool would be nice on 89 degree day

Many of us who lived in Walpole years ago learned to swim at what we called Dana's pool on the Old Keene rd.

Our mother's would dam up the brook...some sort of mill used to be there...iron rods here and there.

We learned to swim by watching others...mother's brought a picnic lunch and we stayed all day.

This had to be in early 50's as mom made our bathing suits.

I have only read a few issues of the Clarion over the years so not sure you have mentioned it in old issues.

Yours truly

– Audrey (Harrington) Stickland  
Amherst, NH

### Vermont Garbage

Friends of Walpole:

We are concerned citizens of the Town of Walpole who want to bring to light an issue that we are all facing in regards to Ruggerio LLC, a company based out of Vermont. For those of you who do not know who Ruggerio LLC is, they are a garbage hauling company who currently has a processing facility located in Walpole handling Construction & Demolition debris (C&D) and now wants a permit to handle garbage. This company was approved for a permit back in 2013 in regards to handling C&D under the duress of the land abutters. The nearby residents as well as members of the Town were assured that there would not be any Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) or garbage, as we know it, in the facility. As it turns out, Ruggerio has now applied to the State of NH-DES for a modified permit to allow them to handle garbage. If approved, they would double their garbage hauling capacity from 200 tons a week to 400 tons a week. By doubling their capacity, the number of diesel trucks going in and out would increase twofold as well as the noise level doubling when they drop their metal containers weighing several thousand pounds. As capacity increases, the obnoxious odors emanating from the garbage will be potentially overwhelming. Once approved, Ruggerio would be allowed to maintain on site on any given day, 60 tons of recyclable materials, 12 tons of unprocessed garbage materials, and 60 tons of garbage. That's a total of 132 tons at any given time on any given date. The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) does not specify a length of time on these operations so our children's children will be affected by these operations.

Ruggerio is originally from CT and moved to Vermont and has now chosen to bring their garbage into Walpole due to the regulations that were implemented this year as well as forthcoming regulations in Vermont. They receive their garbage from areas where they have contracts such as Vermont and Massachusetts. This garbage is being brought into our small New Hampshire town and will potentially make this operation bigger than the current Keene Transfer Station site. This is due to the fact that they just purchased many more acres of land adjacent to their current site. According to the application submitted to the State of NH, their intention as well as to the expansion for garbage is to create a composting site of unknown size due to the strict regulations that are being implemented in Vermont. In regards to

the composting site, the City of Keene originally had their own composting site but due to the noxious odors shut down the composting site. Another issue that comes up the most people do not think about is the rodent population from the increase in garbage. As silly as it may seem, Ruggerio advised the State of NH that the feral cats currently living around the facility would take care of the rodent population. Do we really want to allow Ruggerio to bring this to our little town? The Town of Walpole already has their own processing/recycling facility that handles all of our needs and is run by people we have known for years.

As residents of the Town of Walpole who have lived here for 20+ years as well as lifelong residents, we are bringing this issue to light so others can know what is happening in their town. Do we want Walpole to be known as Vermont's trash facility or as the New Hampshire village we know and love.

Let's look at the potential economic impact of allowing this to go forth. We could be the town where all surrounding municipalities bring their garbage to. Property values will decrease as no one will want to live in our neighborhood or even out town with a garbage dump in our backyard. Let's not forget Houghton Brook which is only 150 feet from their site and which will certainly be impacted by runoff from all kinds of liquids draining from the bottom of the dumpsters left on site.

On a final note, let's discuss how Ruggerio LLC already built a pole barn on their current site without getting permission and a building permit from the Town of Walpole. If they can do this without Town approval, do we really believe that they will follow the rules and regulations set forth by the State. In the past Town of Walpole Meetings, it was brought forth that Ruggerio had some "issues" that needed to be corrected from a NH State Inspection but the details of what the "issues" were was not brought to light. Ruggerio also stated that the pole barn was built to house the dumpsters which would be housing the garbage without even applying for the permit yet. Are these the kinds of neighbors and businesses we want in our town?

For more information, please see the Walpole Minutes of 8/11/15 and there will also be a petition about town requesting signatures for those who do not wish to see Walpole marred by a garbage dump.

Respectfully submitted by,

– Richard & Karen O'Brien  
– Frank & Tabatha Anderson

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## From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

### Retirement time

People will tell you that when you retire you will have all kinds of time to rest, relax and do whatever you want whenever you want to do it.

Well, I am still waiting for that time to arrive. Okay, part of the fault falls on my shoulders due to the two part-time jobs I continue to hold down. However, the rest falls on the aging process. It seems that the more we age, the more often we find ourselves visiting doctors' offices and/or hospitals -- hopefully for minor reasons, but nevertheless, time-consuming reasons. So here is what may be a typical day attending to appointments:

"Good morning; how may I assist you?" says the receptionist.

"I am here for my nine o'clock appointment."

"Your name?"

"William Moses."

"I'm sorry; I do not find your name on Dr. ABC's appointment list."

"I do not have an appointment with Dr. ABC. My appointment is with Dr. XYZ."

"Oh, Dr. XYZ's office is in Section Y on the second floor."

After getting new directions to Dr. XYZ's office, I hurry to Section Y of the second floor.

"Good morning; how may I help you?"

"I am here for my nine o'clock appointment with Dr. XYZ."

"Your name?"

"William Moses."

After a couple of minutes:

"I am sorry, Mr. Moses, but your appointment with Dr. XYZ isn't until next week. We will call the day before to remind you."

"Someone called me yesterday to remind me of today's appointment."

"I am sorry, sir, but no one from this office called you. Do you have an appointment card?"

I search my pockets; no card. I go back to the main entrance to check in again, thinking this will only take a second; after all I was just here thirty minutes ago.

"Next! Good morning, sir; how may I help you?"

"I have a nine o'clock appointment with somebody this morning and it is not Doctors XYZ or ABC. I forgot to ask when I was here a half-hour ago. Can you help me?"

"Your name, please-your insurance card-how do you answer these twenty questions-let us review your medications. Oh, and yes you did have a nine o'clock appointment with Dr. PDQ, but it is now nine-thirty."

"Here is my insurance card and no to all the questions. How do I get to Dr. PDQ's office?"

After giving me directions, she smilingly says, "I hope he can still see you. After all, you are forty-five minutes late."

My blood pressure must be at least 190 over 85 and my heartbeat is surely unreadable. I go as fast as possible to Section D of floor 3-B.

I breathlessly approach the doctor's receptionist and gasp out, "Hi, I am William Moses and I have a nine o'clock appointment with Dr. PDQ today. Sorry I am a little late but there was a mix-up on where I was supposed to go."

After about five minutes, she looks up at me and says, "Please have a seat, Mr. Moses. Dr. PDQ is running a little behind this morning. He should be with you in about thirty to thirty-five minutes."

When they finally remove the oxygen mask from my face, my blood pressure and heart rate have both returned to an acceptable level.

And they say there isn't a lot of excitement to be had when you retire.

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For a long time Dutch photographer and writer Ellen Kok wanted to understand how they keep going. What makes them successful in spite of economic pressures? Without farmers, there is no food. But why does someone become a farmer, and how important is family tradition in that choice? Is it a calling or an obligation? Does the family farm have a future in a global market that demands mass production and low prices?

In search of answers to these questions, for eleven years, since 2004, Ellen followed life on Lilac Ridge Farm in Brattleboro, Vt., and De Beekhoeve in Kamerik, in the Dutch province of Utrecht, asking questions and taking photos.

The Thurber and Van der Laan families boast ancestors who were farmers in the same areas going back to 1760 and 1622, respectively. At their current locations, they started dairy farms in 1937 and 1914. The first generation at each of these locations had a small herd of dairy cows, chickens, some pigs, and a horse to pull the plow. The second generation used pesticides and chemical fertilizers to gain the highest possible yield. And in each family, when the third generation took over it decided to go organic.

The Thurbers and Van der Laans don't feel called upon to feed the world. They deliberately aim closer to home. Mass production, they emphasize, always means that you have to sacrifice other things—the very things they value: healthy cows, good soil management, clean water, birdsong around the farm, family life. If you measure the success of a farm just by the amount it produces, in their opinion, you don't measure the totality of it.

Ellen is currently based in Drewsville, New Hampshire, where she recently completed her books *Cadets* (2013) and *The Other Farm*. "Cadets" is the result of over two years shadowing the JROTC unit of Fall Mountain Regional High School.

Ellen studied at the School for Journalism in Utrecht, the Netherlands, before working as a photography critic for several Dutch newspapers and photography magazines and as a freelance photographer. For ten years she specialized in agricultural photography. Now she works mainly on in-depth documentary projects.

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— Roald Dahl

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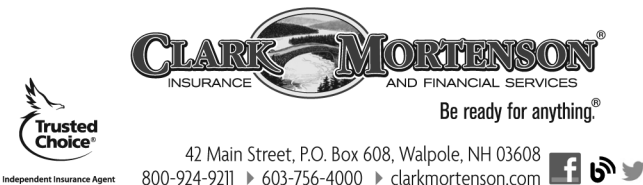
The competition is open to both boys and girls from the Bellows Falls and Fall Mountain area school districts. The hours for the event will be 9 AM to approximately 1 PM. Age guidelines: 6 to 13 years (as of August 1, 2014). There is no cost to sign-up; registration will begin at 9 AM and run to approximately noon.

The first kick will start at 10AM, progressing from youngest to oldest. The winners with the highest points scored in each age division, boys/girls group, will have the opportunity to advance to the Vermont State Shoot later on in the Fall. There is further advancement for those who out-score everyone else. Vermont

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