



In Search of Our Oldest Resident

Wanted – Walpole, North Walpole or Drewsville's Oldest Resident.

Joseph Francis Bushway of North Walpole died in August, 2015, months shy of his 100th birthday. He was the proud holder of the Boston Cane, a New England tradition since 1909.

As a publicity gesture on August 2, 1909, Edwin A. Grozier (Editor and Publisher of The Boston Post) sent 700 letters to the Boards of Selectman of towns in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The towns were asked if they would be trustees of one of the 700 ebony, gold-topped canes he recently had made. Mr. Grozier stipulated that the canes were to be given to the oldest citizen in the town. Upon that person's death, the cane would return to the town to be presented to the "new" oldest citizen. It appears that only New Hampshire towns with a population greater than 500 received Grozier's letter. Originally, the senior Grozier's intent was that only the oldest male was eligible to receive and use the walking stick, but in the 1930s his son, Richard, extended the eligibility to women.

Walpole received one of the canes and, remarkably, still has it. Over the past 106 years a number of canes have gone missing. In more than half of New Hampshire's towns, the cane is on public display following presentation and recognition to the oldest citizen.

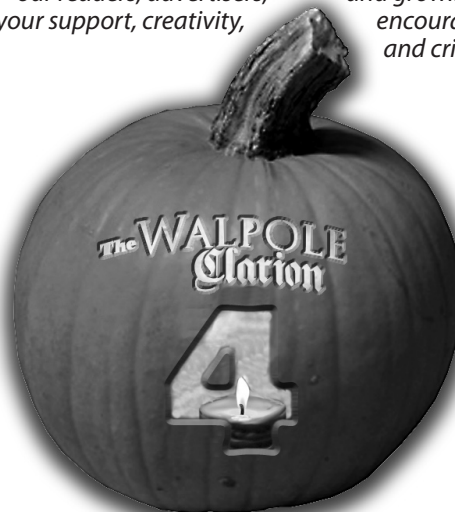
It is time to continue the tradition. Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville all have residents who could be in their nineties. If you are possibly one of the oldest residents (or know of someone who could be) please contact the Selectmen's office at 756-3672. You may become part of a long tradition.

– Ray Boas



PHOTO: RAY BOAS

Four years ago this month, an 8-page **Clarion** first appeared in Walpole mailboxes; we enter our fifth a robust 24. All of us at the **Clarion** wish to thank our readers, advertisers, and growing number of regular columnists for your support, creativity, encouragement and feedback – both positive and critical.



Walpolean Receives Book Award!

Walpole's own Jim Skofield has received the 2015 Carol Otis Hurst Children's Book Prize for his latest children's book, *Bear and Bird*. The story's synopsis begins: "One spring evening an old bear finds a young bird, still learning to fly, has fallen to the ground. When the bear lifts the bird to safety, a friendship begins....It is a tale of an unlikely but loving friendship, the cycle of life, including its joys and its sorrows."

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Vermont Garbage Continued...

On Tuesday, October 13, at 7PM in the Walpole Town Hall, the Planning Board will continue the public hearing for the Ruggiero Processing Facility (located in the industrial park on Route 12 at the southern end of town). This meeting follows the recess of the hearing at the August 11 meeting and a site visit by the board and interested parties and abutters on August 17, as reported in the September CLARION.

At its meeting on September 3, the Walpole Selectboard fined the Ruggiero Processing Facility \$500 for building a pole barn "without a Building Permit based on their admission and several Public Hearings."

Ironically, a similar recycling facility in Salem, NH, was engulfed in a blaze for 12 hours which began Wednesday night, September 9. As reported in the *Union Leader*, "The state Department of Environmental Services was called in at 10:15 PM because of concerns of runoff." More than one million gallons of water was estimated to have been used on the blaze. "As a precaution, DES is testing to make sure there was no runoff into the pond." Here in town, Houghton Brook, which empties into the nearby Connecticut River, borders the Walpole Ruggiero Processing Facility about 150 feet to the north.

— Ray Boas



Please join us
 for another
Coffee with a Cop
 at the
 Walpole Town Hall
 Friday, October 16,
 from 5 - 7 PM.
 Chief Paquette
 will be there
 to talk with citizens
 and answer
 questions.
 There will also be
 a guest appearance
 by Officer Checchi
 and his K-9 partner,
 Caesar.

All Walpole Cemeteries

All pots and decorations
 must be removed
 from cemetery lots
 by November 1
 to facilitate fall clean-up.
 Thank you.

Walpole Cemetery Trustees

Library

Check us out

The Great Fiction and Mystery Shift is finally complete! When we left last night, we had 200 books that still needed a home. Finally, after a long 4 days of shifting books around, all our books are on shelves. You'll find mystery filed with fiction and you'll find all our biographies in non-fiction labeled with a red sticker. We hope these changes help you find your favorite books and authors a little more easily. Let us know what you think!

Open house on October 10

Changes are in progress at the Walpole Library! A year and a half ago, the library staff had a number of consultants come in and assess the use of space, which was paid for with a grant. Now, with our new Library Director, Justine Rogers, the staff is beginning to implement some of those recommended changes. DVDs and audio books have been reorganized and moved onto shelves in the front room; the new book display has been changed to feature items published within the last four months (down from fifteen); and a new display of Staff Picks is featured on a book shelf next to the front desk.

Over the next several months, Ms. Rogers plans to continue implementing suggested changes. The library staff will order 20 to 40 books a week, move non-fiction out of the stacks, create a reading space in the stacks, reorganize the children's room, create a space for tweens and teens, and highlight books by local authors.

On October 10 from 12 to 2 PM, the library will host an open house where you can meet the new librarian, find out about the library's plans for reorganization and tell us your hopes and concerns about the library. The event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

New fine policy

Got an overdue book or DVD? The Walpole Library has reviewed its fine policy for overdue books and other items and established these new guidelines:

\$0.05/day for books, magazines & audio books

\$0.10/day for new books, ILL Materials & reserve items

\$0.50/day for DVDs

Once a card has incurred \$5 in fines, some payment must be made in order to continue using the card.

No one with a lost book on his or her card may use the card until the book is paid for in full or replaced.



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As long as a card is marked Shut In, no fines will be charged.

Any patron who wishes to dispute a fine must submit something in writing to the director.

Children under the age of 18 may volunteer their time rather than pay money to reduce fines on their cards. Each half hour of time worked will wave \$4. Children may work no fewer than 15 minutes and no more than 1 hour at any given time.

Volunteers, staff and trustees are not required to pay for overdue fines. They must pay or replace any lost items.

Overdue fines for items that were marked lost but have been returned will not exceed \$5.

Any fines for damaged items will be based on extremity of damages and determined by the director.

— Jennifer Kelly

Adult Coloring

Need some time to yourself? Love to color or draw? Join us for "De-Stress Hour for Adults" at the library as we join in the adult coloring craze!

Starting in October we will have coloring supplies available Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 2:30 PM and Saturday mornings from 10 - 11 AM. We'll have a podcast playing in the background for your listening pleasure!

This program is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

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

**DON'T
LET THE SAME DOG
BITE YOU TWICE.**

— Chuck Berry

LIBRARY BOOK SALE



October 23rd - 25th, 2015
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Miracles in Motion

The community is invited to a fall celebration and fundraiser hosted by the Bellows Walpole Inn for Miracles in Motion, a Keene-based nonprofit organization providing Equine-Assisted Activities. The event will take place on Monday, October 19, from 6:00-7:30 PM, with small plates served.

The fall fundraiser will support Equine-Assisted Activities, which include any educational and therapeutic lesson or activity that involves horses. Specifically, Miracles in Motion offers therapeutic riding, unmounted horsemanship, equine-facilitated learning, day camps, and special events. Eight carefully chosen therapy horses, five instructors certified by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH, Intl.), and a dedicated group of trained volunteers keep the program running smoothly, providing nearly 1,000 riding or horsemanship lessons to a diverse group of participants each year.

Appropriate for most ages and abilities, Equine-Assisted Activities are particularly beneficial to people with ADHD, amputations, Autism, behavioral disorders, Cerebral Palsy (CP), depression, Down Syndrome, learning disabilities, mood disorders, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, paralysis, PTSD & stress disorders. Participants improve balance, coordination, muscle tone, posture, endurance and flexibility, as well as increase confidence and self-esteem. Program participants come from all over the Monadnock Region -- including 4 participants and 4 volunteers from Walpole.

The event will feature a short film about Miracles in Motion produced by local filmmaker Eric Merklein, as well as the opportunity to hear about the



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benefits of the program first-hand from a longtime participant and her family who were featured on NHPR's Giving Matters program earlier this summer.

Co-Executive Director and Walpole resident Mary Symonds explained, "this will be a fun night to celebrate our work and introduce more people in the community to Miracles in Motion."

Tickets to the event are \$75 per person, and can be reserved by phone from Shelley Lippold, co-Executive Director of Miracles in Motion, at 357-7282.

Miracles in Motion supports individuals and their families in meeting physical, emotional, cognitive, and social goals through Equine-Assisted Activities. Founded in 1999, MIM operates as a

fully-integrated horsemanship and riding center, just minutes from downtown Keene. In a non-competitive environment, we support people of all ages in their quest to become equestrians and meet their personal goals. For more information, visit www.mimnh.org.

— Erin Grogan

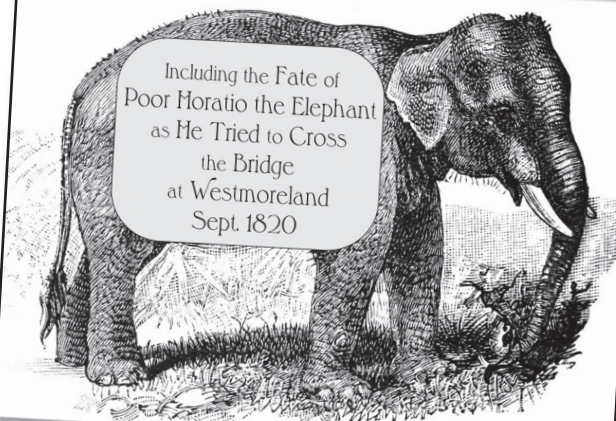
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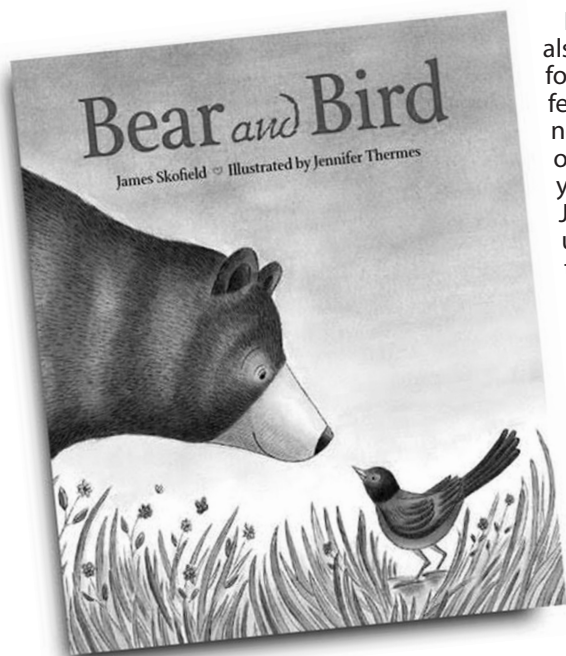
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When asked about how he came up with the idea for the book, Jim explained, "In brief -- as with almost anything I happen to be writing -- I start with some kind of fragment: a few words put together, the flash of an image across my mind. In the case of *Bear And Bird*, it was the image of an old bear standing in a high meadow and looking down on a young, newly-fledged bird that had fallen into the grass. Everything that got written down proceeded from that image, although what emerged wasn't what I initially thought it was going to be. What I thought I was writing was a picture-book about friendship between two very different characters. It turned out to be a book about friendship, yes, but also about loss and grieving."

The Carol Otis Hurst prize was established in 2007 to celebrate the life and work of the noted children's author and "honors outstanding works of fiction and non-fiction, written for children and young adults through the age of eighteen, that exemplify the highest standards of research, analysis and authorship in their portrayal of the New England Experience."

Jim Skofield is no stranger to the written word. He has authored several well-received books, including three in the Detective Dinosaur Books series (*Detective Dinosaur*, *Detective Dinosaur Lost And Found*, and *Detective Dinosaur Undercover*) published by the Harper Collins "I Can Read Book 2" Division. *Bear And Bird* is charmingly illustrated by Jennifer Thermes, and is currently available at the Walpole Library.

In addition to being a novelist, Jim is also a librettist for operas, as well as the founder of Prima la Parole, a society of fellow librettists. And should you ever need something translated into or out of English, German, French or Spanish, you may be interested to discover that Jim is also a translator. Finally, many of us know Jim as the producer/director/teacher (with Carolyn Norback) for the two-week Walpole Players' Junior Theater Camp every summer, where whole new generations of thespians are learning their craft from a true master.

Jim will be receiving the prize, and speaking about what motivated him to write *Bear And Bird* at the Westfield Athenaeum in Westfield, Massachusetts on Friday, November 20, at 3:00 PM.

Congratulations, Jim!

— Tara Sad

Hooper Golf

Hooper Golf Club is offering all the golf you like for the rest of the 2015 season (until November 11) for \$150. Please come in and take advantage of this great offer.

September was absolutely spectacular for the sport, and we are hoping October will keep that trend going as we golf and enjoy the magnificent foliage.

On Sunday, October 4, at 1 PM, the 40th Annual Turkey Shoot Mixed Scramble will take place. Believe it or not, Thanksgiving turkeys will be the First Place prize in this four-person scramble.

On Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11, Hooper Golf Club will take on Bellows Falls Country Club for the right to keep the coveted President's Cup for the third year in a row. The matches on Saturday will be at Hooper, and those on Sunday will be at Bellows Falls Country Club.

On Sunday, October 18, at 9 AM, the 41st Annual Fall Shootout will be held. This 2-person team event features a net skins game with a better ball of partners format. The event is open to any men's, women's or mixed team.

It's lookin' to be a great month to be at Hooper Golf Club....

Pro's Tip:

A ball buried in its own pitch mark in a sand trap is one of the most difficult shots in golf. To play this shot use your pitching wedge; keep the face square, and make a steep blow into the sand just behind the ball with an abrupt follow-through. The ball will come out but will have no spin on it, so play for lots of roll when the ball lands.

— Ron Rosko

Team Cure SMA

Tiffany (Michaud) French will be running the NYC Marathon as part of Team Cure SMA. Team Cure SMA benefits the foundation that supports families having a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy, as well as supporting cutting-edge research to find a cure.

Tiffany and her husband, Caleb, first became aware of this recessive genetic disorder when their son, Bruin Caleb, received his diagnosis at four months of age in January of 2014. Shortly after learning of his diagnosis, they received a large care package from Families of SMA. This package provided a sectioned notebook with information covering every aspect of the disease, an array of helpful gifts donated from previously diagnosed families, as well as supportive equipment including a lay-down car bed and a lay-down supportive stroller.

Tiffany has become an avid runner since the loss of Bruin on April 17, 2014. She began running as a positive way to direct her grief. She ran her first half-marathon in Hampton, NH, in October of 2014. She completed her first marathon at Disney World in Florida in January of 2015. She has since completed two more half-marathons in Rye and Rindge, and most recently the Clarence DeMar Half-Marathon in Keene last month. On November 1, she will be one of six members of Team Cure SMA running the NYC Marathon.

Tiffany and Caleb have chosen to give back to an organization that was so truly supportive at such a difficult time. Tiffany is listed with CureSM as an outreach support for newly-diagnosed families. This allows other parents faced with the same heartbreaking diagnosis the option to talk with someone who has already navigated this difficult territory. Now she and Caleb will have the chance to meet with other families who have lost children and are choosing to reach out and raise awareness and money to fund research in the hope of finding a cure.

To find out more about Spinal Muscular Atrophy, or to pledge support, please go to www.curesma.org.

— Karen Hayman

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Free Video Classes!

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Digital Production Class

This beginner-level class aims to teach anyone new to video production the basic of how to shoot and edit video. This class will cover basic camera operation including how to set up a camera for different types of scenarios and how to capture quality audio. After students become familiarized with the equipment, the class will shoot a short movie sequence. Students will learn how to block for filming, or in other words, how to use appropriate camera movement and actor movement for conveying what is seen on screen. Finally students will learn how to edit video using the material they shot.

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

Intro to Television

This class is intended to help students to think like a television producer. Learn what goes into making a great TV show. You will be taught the history of television, how to engage an audience, how to format your show for a certain audience, and what goes into pitching your show to a television network. This class will help the budding producer hone his or her skills in creating quality programming.

Classes are once a month.

Cell Phone Video Workshop

With technology always improving, we now have quality video cameras that fit in the palm of our hands. Shooting video on our cell phones has become the norm due to the convenience an all-in-one device. Sometimes cell phone video can be difficult to watch because most videos shot on a cell phone are done on the fly. This class offers techniques to help improve videos shot on a cell phone. In this class you will learn how to capture better audio, understand the composition of a shot, basic stabilization methods, and how to do in-camera editing. Let us help you put a powerful tool, like a cell phone, to good use.

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.

Contact FACT TV for all classes & to sign up.

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FACT8

At its recent annual meeting and awards ceremony, the Falls Area Community Television board of directors congratulated Alex Stradling on an exciting first year as the station's new Executive Director. Alex succeeded his twin brother, Jacob, as the station head last February, and has brought a fresh approach and new ideas to local programming while continuing the community service that Jake perfected during his tenure.

Elaborating on station activities over the past year, Board President Mike Smith wrote the following in his annual letter:

"In addition to covering local government, FACT TV staff have made a concerted effort to cover other local events including the entire Terrier home football season, local plays, High School graduation, The Alumni parade, Old Home Days, The Connecticut River Paddle Battle and many more events... Another area of emphasis is our outreach and education to local school-aged children. Last summer we began an internship program where we bring a college student into the studio and give the real-life experience of producing television programming. This year we expanded the program to include a high school student.

In order to ensure that the public has opportunity and access to produce local programming, FACT-TV offers regular training sessions free of charge to the public. These sessions cover every aspect of television production and allow the participants "hands-on" experience with the available equipment and facilities.

All of this is made possible by the cable subscriber. Each month a small PEG fee is added to your cable bill that helps FACT

TV pay staff, buy equipment, provide training and studio time and much more. We thank you for your support of FACT TV by subscribing to Comcast Cable.

We continue to experience growth on our website and video-on-demand. Local businesses and residents are underwriting this effort to bring our programming to those out of our local cable-viewing area. It also allows us to keep our programming available for a much longer period and allows users to review past programs. Many businesses link FACT TV programs to their own web and Facebook pages. A new program to help us leverage the power and popularity of social media is called "Post It TV." We invite members to share the videos they post on social media and we mash them up into a half hour show that we air."

Go to www.fact8.com for more about the station, programming, and educational opportunities

— Barbara Kasper

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Spooktacula

Walpole Village School: Spooktacula is almost here!

Once again, Halloween comes early in Walpole when the Walpole Village School is transformed into a haunted village that will inspire your childhood spirit to wake from the dead!



Get into the Halloween spirit and head down to the Village School on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11AM – 3PM for a Spooktacular good time.

The kid-friendly event includes face-painting, cookie-decorating, storytelling, a costume contest, concessions and fun outdoor games. There will be wagon rides through town where you can vote for your favorite scarecrow. Plus, we will be serving a BBQ lunch including BBQ chicken, homemade Mac & Cheese, cole slaw and more thanks to Phat Racks BBQ. All proceeds benefit the Walpole Village School.

This is the Walpole Village School's largest fundraiser. It is a critical event for the school, not to mention a much anticipated good time for the kids. Please help the school by sharing the event info with others and coming by to join us for the event or just to purchase a BBQ chicken meal. Tickets are \$10 for kids (1 and under are free) and \$5 for adults.

Special thanks to all the sponsors for this event and the Walpole Village School, including Applied Bolting and Whitney Blake at the Silver level. Their donations support our play-based learning activities throughout the entire year, in addition to supporting Spooktacula. We'd also like to thank Bowman Dental at the Bronze level. Thank you!

— Alejandra Pallais-Carbone

Riches don't make a man rich,
they only make him busier.

— Christopher Columbus



The FACT8 crew records Confusion in Motion

The Walpole Players

Improv

In case you missed it, the hilarity in *Confusion in Motion* was crystal clear...

The Walpole Players and friends' production intended for television had audience members nearly breathless with laughter in their first offering over Labor Day weekend. Filmed by staff at Falls Area Community Television from Bellows Falls, the nearly 2 hours of comedy and mayhem encompassed everything from parodies of game shows to infomercials to cooking programs, and nothing was sacred. Gail Connolly, Mike Delaney, Fran Kemp, Chuck Lessard, Sarah Manning, Jenny Plante and Mike Wright each strove to outdo his/her comrades in outrageousness. The result was an evening of pure enjoyment and sore cheeks.

Alex Stradling, Executive Director of FACT, plans to edit the footage into three 30-minute programs for broadcast on the community television station. The premier of the show will be Friday, October 23, at 9:00 PM; the rest of the episodes will air on subsequent Fridays in the same time slot. While residents of North Walpole will be able to watch the show on Comcast cable, those outside the broadcast area may tune in via computer by going to www.fact8.com and selecting the program.

Confusion in Motion is intended to be a monthly broadcast, and another live show is tentatively planned for mid-November. Once again, the community is invited to bring dinner and come play its part as the "live studio audience." The exact time and date will be announced in early November.

— Barbara Kasper



Some skits required audience participation

A Christmas Carol

Open Auditions...

For the Eighth Annual Production by The Walpole Players

It's hard to believe without rushing the season, but it is almost time for The Walpole Players' Eighth Annual production of Charles Dickens' classic tale *A Christmas Carol*. This year's performances will be held in the Town Hall on December 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Auditions will be Wednesday and Thursday, October 14 and 15 in the theater, starting at 6:30 PM. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, November 8. To assist in your planning, the full rehearsal schedule has already been posted at — <http://thewalpoleplayers.org>. Look for the link on the right, reading A CHRISTMAS CAROL - 2015 - CAST INFORMATION. All are welcome to audition.

The play is presented, as always, as a benefit for the local area food shelves. The Players have now raised more than \$24,197. If you are planning to audition this year or if you have any questions, please contact Ray at 756-4545, or Tara at 756-4861.

— Tara Sad

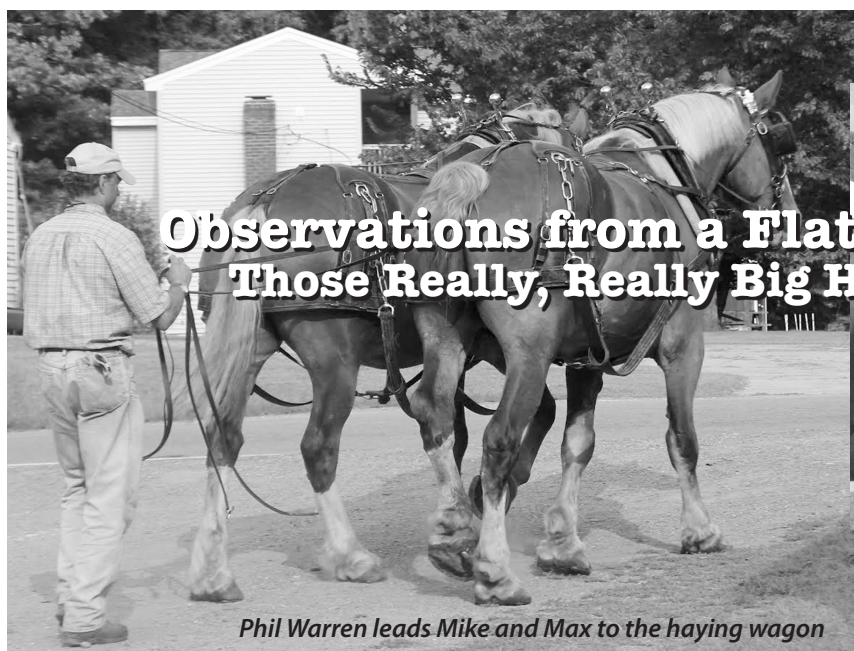
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Observations from a Flatlander: Those Really, Really Big Horses

Phil Warren leads Mike and Max to the haying wagon

PHOTO: JACOB HASSELMANN

Scott and Sally were grazing on some apparently irresistible long grass up at Alyson's Orchard when I approached the fence. Expecting that I could admire these mammoth animals from a safe distance, I was both thrilled and a touch alarmed when Scott -- and then Sally -- decided to saunter right over to say hello. "Wow! These guys are big. Really big. Really, really big!"

Scott and Sally are Belgian draft horses who are owned by Tom Hasselmann. On the weekends, Tom brings his "ponies," as he jokingly refers to them, to work with him at Alyson's Orchard and visitors can't seem to resist coming in for a closer look. A young father lifts his son up in his arms. "Can he pet him?" he asks Tom who answers yes. One can almost read the father's thoughts as he shows his son how to pet Scott's neck... "This horse is huge. Sure hope he's friendly!!" Almost on cue, Tom reassures the growing group of admirers that both his animals like petting and attention. There is just something awe-inspiring about these gentle giants because everything about them says power, strength, and dignity. Happily for Alyson's weekend visitors, Tom often offers wagon rides courtesy of his team of Sally and Scott.

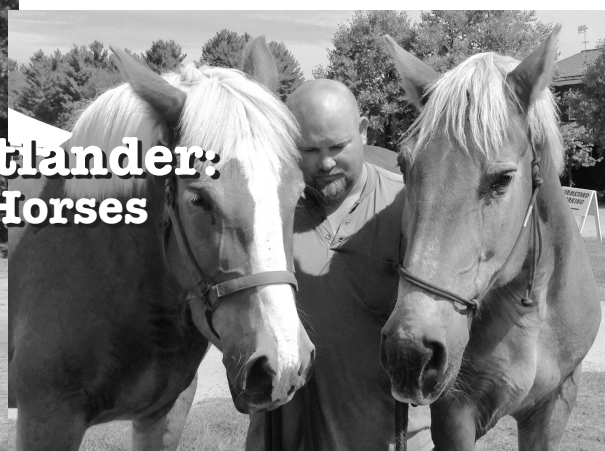
After spending just a little time watching Tom interact with his horses, it's easy to see that the devotion goes both ways. What was interesting to learn is that Tom's calm presence with these powerful animals came from the huge amount of time and training that Tom has invested not only in his Belgians, but in himself as well.

From Tom I learned that there is a deeply bonded group of folks who are draft horse owners here in the surrounding area. They support one another and

their passion for draft horses by offering each other training and advice from their combined years of experience. Like Tom, other owners have a love of tradition and "keeping up with the old ways" that these "drafts" provide.

Tom became the owner of Scott and Sally in an interesting way. As a teen, he had admired Phil Warren's drafts. Many years later, Tom decided to run an ad on Craig's List to find someone to teach him how to drive draft horses. Thanks to that ad, Tom met Gail Allen who had recently purchased a Belgian named Sally who also needed training. Gail's daughter, Jesse, decided the best way to train both of them was to train Tom and Sally together. Later, after purchasing Sally and continuing to learn together, Tom decided he needed a working companion for Sally.

Visits to many prospective horses and farms didn't produce the right draft for Tom until fate stepped up with a Belgian named Scott. Scott was living in rather grim conditions when Scott found him in another state, and his owner offered to sell Scott to Tom for one dollar. It was a very lucky day for Scott, Tom, and Sally. Together they haul logs in the winter, promenade bridal couples in the summer, transport happy families as they select their Christmas trees in December, and plow and hay, and pull and clear in all the times in between. Tom says a working draft is a contented, happy draft.



Tom Hasselmann and his "ponies" Sally and Scott

And it's up to their owners to provide that work for them. Tom invited me to visit his mentor -- the same Phil Warren he once met as a teen -- at his farm in Alstead. Phil's team would be harvesting the hay that had been cut by draft-drawn teams the day before. When we entered Phil's barn, there were four Belgian geldings in their stalls. Phil selected nine-year olds Max and Mike for the day's task. Mike stood patiently as Phil smoothly and deftly harnessed him. Phil told me he had owned draft horses for more than 30 years throughout his working career. Today, Phil often drives his team at events at Billings' Farm and The Woodstock Inn in Vermont.

Now, Tom Hasselmann's Scott is a big horse, but Phil's Mike is a giant. "18 hands," was Phil's response when I asked just how tall Mike was. As the bonafide flatlander I am, I waited to get home to Google "how much is a hand in horse measurement?" "Four inches to a hand at the highest point of the withers." Then I had to Google "withers." The handsome Mike was six feet tall at the top of his shoulder. Not top of his head...his shoulder! When Mike's teammate was led out, Max was just as tall as Mike. Whoa. Those are some really, really big horses...that we are so fortunate to see around Walpole.

- Andrea Goins

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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 3, and the second on Friday night, October 9. The Walpole Artisan Cooperative is hosting the performances, both of which will be held at the Howell Studio, 250 Old Keene Rd, Walpole. Doors open at 6:30 PM

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.



**Andrew Morehouse and Tim Baucom
of Walcrik - Saturday, October 3**

Morehouse and Baucom have built a repertoire of harmony-centric songs inspired by their rural Northeastern roots and time wandering the West.



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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

Scouts

Cubscout Pack 299 News

We will be having Popcorn Show & Sells at the locations listed below. Please come help support Walpole Cubscout Pack 299! On Oct. 3, we will be at the Walpole Recycling Center from 9 - 12. On Oct. 17, we will be at Jiffy Mart on Route 12 from 9 - 12. Price for popcorn varies by flavor.

— Debra Pawelczyk

Walpole Farmers Market

Once again the Walpole Farmers Market (WFM) will be holding a special Thanksgiving Market. This year the market will be on Saturday, November 21, from 9 am to 2 pm, on the Common (no matter the weather). This market is really well-attended; it is held concurrently with the Christmas marts of two churches, the Orchard School Crafts Fair, the Walpole Village School, and the Walpole Historical Society. Last year, despite very cold weather, there was a good crowd all day on the Common.

Even though we are not holding regular WFMs, we would like to continue this special event. We are sending this notice out to invite vendors to attend. Vendors may sell items they produce themselves, including produce, meats, dairy products, eggs, breads, honey, fiber and fiber products, crafts, and locally-sourced medicinal herbs, beverages, baked goods, and prepared foods.

Vendor spaces are 12'X 12', and the fee to participate is \$15.

If you would like to participate in this special market, please reply by Friday, October 30, indicating what you would like to sell. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 445-5104, or via email, Holly@walpolefarmersmarket.com.

— Holly Gowdy

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 donnabascamlund@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.

The Birds Of Halloween

Meet Them...

and Contribute to a Good Cause

The Women of Walpole will hold a major fund-raising event on Saturday, October 31, from 2:00-4:30 PM at the Town Hall. Live, rescued owls and Onyx the Raven will be part of an informative presentation by noted naturalist Mike Clough. It will be an educational and fun experience for all ages. Tickets will be available at Galloway Real Estate, Village Blooms and Jake's Walpole Market. They are \$15.00 per person and children are admitted free.

Women of Walpole is a civic group of women who meet monthly and raise money for worthy undertakings which benefit Walpole. To wit:

- Publication of the first Civic Directory
- Donations to the Walpole Historical Society renovation fund, and the
- Purchase of room-darkening blinds for the Museum
- Landscape plantings at the Museum
- Spring bulb plantings at the Library
- Spring bulb plantings at the Memorial on the Common
- Wreaths for the Town Hall and lights for the Common Christmas Tree
- Donations to the local food shelf
- Donations to the warming shelter in North Walpole
- Donation to the Congregational Church renovation fund
- Summer camp scholarship for an elementary school child
- Donation to the Hooper Institute for a teen summer internship

Any woman residing in Walpole is welcome to join us; there is always room for a new member. Please ask a WOW member or call 756-3160 for information about the fundraiser, or to join our group in our ongoing efforts to support our town.

— Peg Dion



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First Congregational

Friendly Fridays

First Congregational Church of Walpole Schedules More Friendly Fridays: Next gathering is October 16, 5:30-7:30 PM.

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 Breismeister and his family invite Walpole area families of all kinds to join us monthly 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. Our next three Friendly Friday dates are October 16, November 20 and December 11.

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 10:00 AM every Sunday with nursery care available and fellowship in coffee hour after the service. Church school runs during service through the school year.

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

– Jenn Breismeister

Fall Rummage Sale

The First Congregational Church UCC on the Common will host our Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24, in Fellowship Hall. Friday's sale, called "First Picks," is from 4-6 PM, while Saturday's sale is from 9 AM - 1 PM with the popular Bag Sale from 12 - 1 PM. Also on Saturday, we will have a food table with lots of yummy baked goods for sale.

We will gladly accept donations of fall and winter clothing as well as tag sale items beginning Tuesday, October 20, through Thursday, October 22, from 9 AM - 6 PM, and Friday, October 23, 9 AM - 1 PM.

We ask that all clothes are clean and in excellent condition. We will **not accept the following**: spring/summer clothes, shoes, underwear, anything with a cord, anything broken, cracked, stained, torn or dirty. No leftover yard sale items, please!

Be sure to shop at the church rummage sale **and** shop at the Friends of the Library book sale. What could be more fun? For more information, contact Ellie Shaw at 756-4866.

– Ellie Shaw

Hospice Auction

Items Needed for October 17 Event

Antiques and good furniture, jewelry, artwork, other treasures are needed. If you have an item(s) to donate, please call 802-254-8174 to see whether they can be dropped off at the Hospice office on Canal Street in Brattleboro or whether a pick up is needed.

– Barbara Gentry

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&frid=21641>

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

– Ellie Shaw

The Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church at noon on Monday, October 19, 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 our own Marsha Galloway as our guest speaker. The topic will be the "Hooper Hill Hoppers." Marsha will discuss the many actions required to establish and maintain snowmobile trails throughout the town and connection with surrounding towns. Marsha is an experienced snowmobiler and has many stories about her trips to the great north woods, which is the ultimate in variety and extension of snowmobile trails. Please join us for great food and friendly fellowship.

– Janet Martin

Prayer

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and the bolt of the evening.

– Mahatma Gandhi

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Gallery Opening

Cynthia Reeves has opened her second gallery in Walpole, located at the Barn at 28 Main Street, where she has a rotating exhibition program featuring artworks and artists worldwide. She first opened a gallery here in 1995. When she needed a larger space, the gallery eventually landed in Hanover, New Hampshire, concurrent with her primary exhibition space in New York City. She is delighted to be back home, and to bring the benefit of these twenty years in contemporary art to the Walpole community.

In addition to exhibitions, the business also oversees a dynamic public art program with sculpture installations currently in New York, San Diego, Boston, London and Seattle. Permanent installations on corporate, academic, and medical campuses, as well as for luxury hotels worldwide, are ways in which Cynthia seeks innovative locations for artists' works. A 50' long dichroic plexiglass installation, suspended under a 6-story atrium skylight by Soo Sunny Park in Hong Kong, is a project they recently completed. Cynthia not only oversaw the entire fabrication process, but was also in charge of the installation on site. The space in Walpole includes



an office for some of the gallery's staff, where these larger projects and public art exhibitions are planned and executed.

As part of the gallery's ongoing program in sculpture, Cynthia has begun placing select sculptural works on view in Walpole. Her plan is to rotate works which will each be in place 3-6 months. The current work includes two contemporary artworks by New Hampshire's own Gary Haven Smith are also on view now. He uses New Hampshire granite slabs to create his beautiful, gestural works. His two stone works are adjacent to the gallery's doorway and at L.A. Burdick's offices on Main Street.

PHOTO: BARBARA KASPER

The gallery's September exhibition features work by Vermont-based artist Sarah Amos, who is a native of Australia and is a recent recipient of the prestigious Joan Mitchell award. Coming up next in November is a show of photography including beautiful works and art books by Walpole resident, Rutherford Withus. The artists' receptions are free and open to the public.

The gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM., and our gallery on the campus of MassMoCA in North Adams is open Wednesday – Sunday, 11 AM– 5 PM. For more information on both locations, please call CYNTHIA-REEVES at 603 756 4160 or visit The Barn at 28 Main Street. The online gallery is found at CYNTHIA-REEVES.com.



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was created by history;
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– Margaret Thatcher



5TH ANNUAL Walpole Firefighters' Auxiliary, Inc. GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Walpole Firefighters Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came out and were a part of our 5th annual golf event at the Hooper Golf Course on September 12th. We had another beautiful day for golf! This year we had 44 golfers playing with 33 local businesses that sponsored or made donations to the event. Without the great support from the golfers and the local businesses this charity event would not be a success. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you again next fall. Please keep an eye out for more information about our upcoming events and involvement with the community.



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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

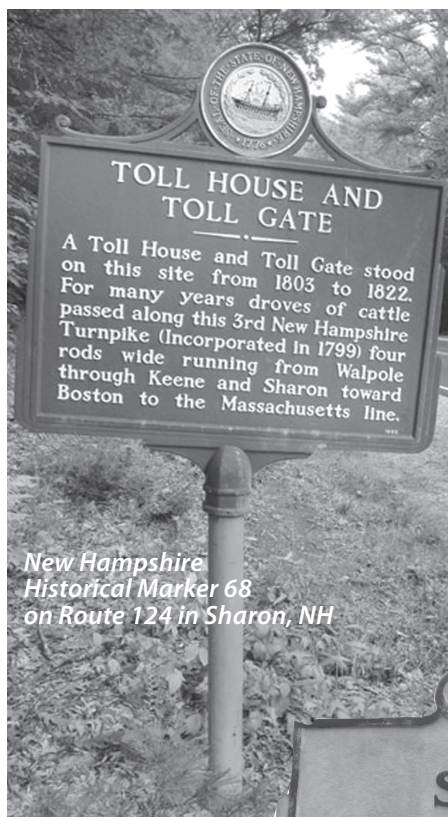
...two turnpikes crossed

Walpole in the 19th century, and at least one toll gate was located at the fork of County and Watkins Hill roads in Christian Hollow? The Cheshire Turnpike (chartered in 1804) entered Drewsville from Charlestown and followed what is now the Valley Road, eventually joining Walpole's Third New Hampshire Turnpike in Keene.

As the colonies began to prosper in the mid to late 18th century, the need to move goods to market became more dire as towns could not afford to build the needed roads. Governments chartered private companies to raise capital to build new roads, collecting tolls from users to recoup the building costs and hopefully turn a profit. An editorial appeared in Walpole's Farmers' Museum on August 26, 1799, reporting that the General Court had received a number of requests for licenses to establish turnpike roads. The editorial further stated, "Gates will be erected at convenient distances at which toll will be collected; the inhabitants of each town through which a road passes will be privileged to pass gratis, except when on journeys or going out of town."

The economic success of Enoch Hale's Toll Bridge (and its successor) crossing the Connecticut River between Bellows Falls and Walpole led Benjamin Bellows and others to seek to join the bridge with a turnpike, thus connecting with the proposed Green Mountain Turnpike from Rutland, Vermont to the bridge. On December 27, 1799, a charter was granted to Bellows and his fellow proprietors to build the Third New Hampshire Turnpike "from Bellows Falls in Walpole, on the Connecticut River, through Keene, toward Boston, to the Massachusetts line." This turnpike was to be four rods in width in the shortest practicable route with "as many gates as needed to collect toll, but none was to be placed on roads now public."

Construction began in 1800 following the corporation's organization in February. Heading south from the bridge and crossing the Cold River, the turnpike entered the village on Turnpike Street (now Main Street) and progressed up Prospect Hill to Christian Hollow, passing the Goldsmith Tavern and continuing to Keene. From Keene, the Third New Hampshire Turnpike crossed Marlborough, Jaffrey, Sharon, New Ipswich, and Mason before crossing the



New Hampshire Historical Marker 68 on Route 124 in Sharon, NH

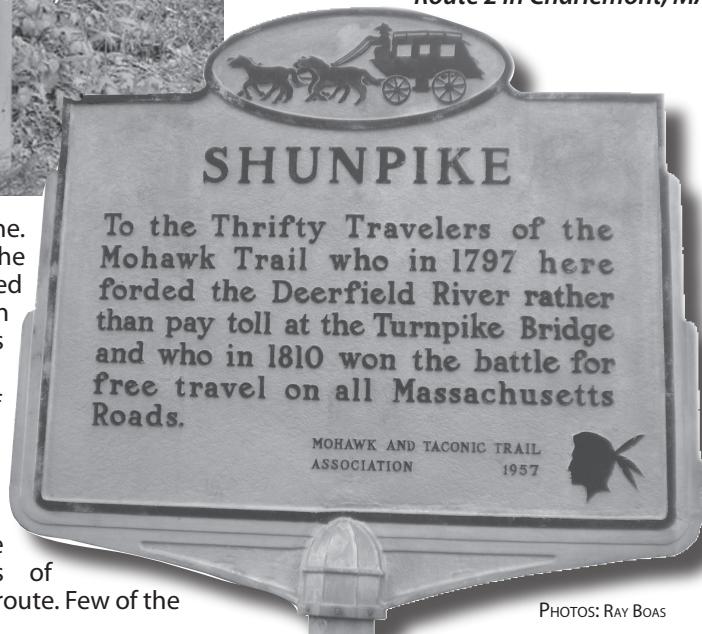
Massachusetts line. The route taken by the turnpike was modified a number of times in the southern parts of Walpole.

The wealth of Vermont and Walpole could now more easily reach the Boston Markets. Besides produce and cider, droves of cattle traversed the route. Few of the

New England turnpikes ever produced a significant profit, and the shares of the Third New Hampshire Turnpike originally costing \$200 each, depreciated to \$12 by 1813. Business was so bad that by 1821, the owners essentially abandoned the turnpike, turning the road over to the towns through which it passed. The charter was surrendered in 1824, and the act of incorporation repealed on July 4, 1837.

Since the shortest routes were often over steep terrain, cattle drivers would circumvent those portions of the toll road to put less strain on their cattle. Elsewhere, others would simply "shun" the "pike," taking a back route in order to avoid paying the toll. Thus, the "pike" would not be "turned" open to permit passage. Shunpiking became a term used for taking a side (or back) road to avoid tolls. Almost five years ago, when I began sharing my back road and traveling experiences with friends, the perfect name for my travel blog was naturally "Shunpiking with Ray."

Shunpike Marker on the Mohawk Trail, Route 2 in Charlemont, MASS



PHOTOS: RAY BOAS

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Walpole Grange

The 7th annual Harvest Dinner will be presented by Walpole Grange on Saturday, October 3, at 6:00PM at the First Congregational Church. For the third year in a row, we are pleased to be partnering with the Fall Mt JROTC on this project, with the proceeds benefiting both groups. The menu once again will be turkey, mashed potato, gravy, squash, cranberry sauce, green beans, rolls and apple crisp and ice cream for dessert. Tickets are \$12 each and are available at Galloway Real Estate or by calling 756-3677.

Walpole Grange will also be sponsoring a Coffee With A Cop event on Friday evening, October 16, from 5 - 7:00PM at the Town HHall. Come meet Chief Paquette, ask him any questions you might have about the police department and have a cup of coffee and a treat. This is a great opportunity to learn about what the department is doing and the services it provides for the citizens of Walpole and North Walpole.

*You're only
as good as
your last pass*

— Brett Favre

Halloween Party

...in Bellows Falls

American Legion Post #37, Bellows Falls, Vermont, is once again sponsoring its Annual Halloween Party at the Legion Post for children 10 years old and under. The date of the party is Sunday, October 25, from 1 to 3 PM.

As always, it will be a frivolous, funny, fantastic, futuristic, frightening and fun time at the family Post. There will be boo-tacular decorations, **candy**, great games, semi-scary music, **candy**, all kinds of snacks, punch for the kids, Halloween gifts, **candy**, and Halloween surprises.

Put this scary date on your calendar, find your favorite and fun Halloween costume and prepare yourself for a spooky good time. Our location is 42 Rockingham Street in Bellows Falls. For more information, please call Louie Boucher or Smokey Aumand at 802-463-9700.

— Smokey Aumand

Found in the Historical Society Archives...

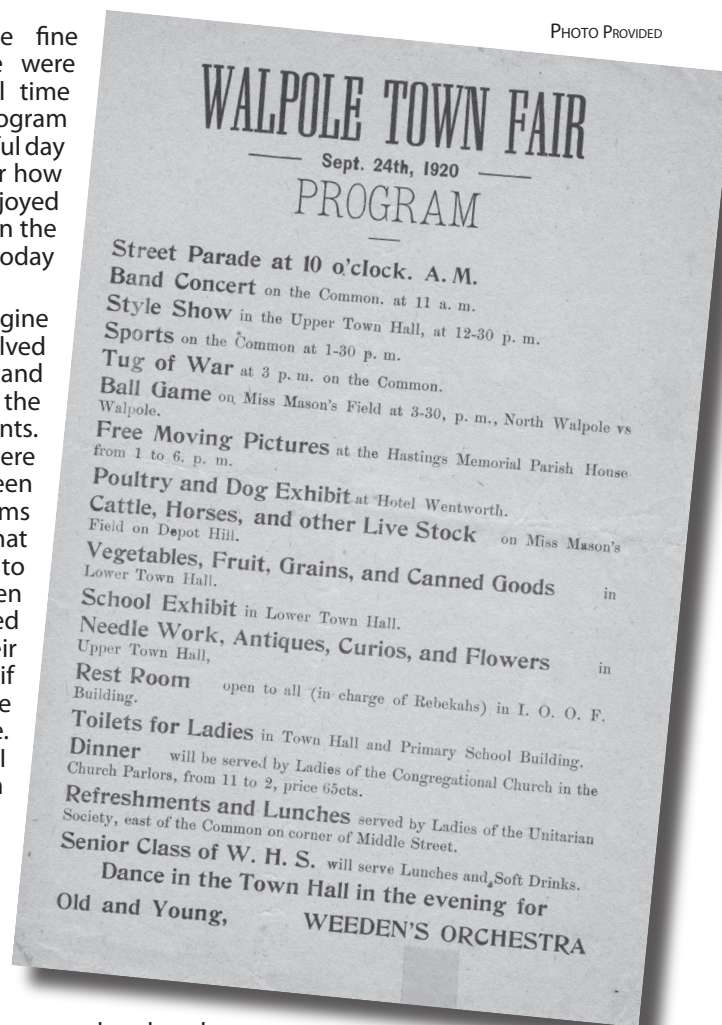
It looks like the fine citizens of Walpole were having a wonderful time 95 years ago. This program from that very eventful day allows us to consider how leisure time was enjoyed during a period when the conveniences of today didn't draw us away.

One can only imagine the excitement involved in the planning and preparation for the parade's participants. I'm guessing that there had to have been several beautiful teams of draft horses that added grandeur to the parade. Children probably decorated and showed off their prized bicycles, if they were fortunate enough to own one. I do so wish that I could have been in the audience for the "Style Show" that took place upstairs at the Town Hall after the parade. As we know from watching the years pass on Downton

Abbey, the twenties were the decade of shocking new fashions and trends. "So Long" to the miserable corset and pinched waistline!

I'm not quite sure why the planners of the big day decided to show dogs and chickens in close proximity to one another at the Hotel Wentworth. I'm supposing that this event was held on the grounds of this large hotel which once stood on the corner Jake's Market now occupies. Not far from Jake's is Hastings House where events are still offered today. 95 years ago, you might have been amazed by the "moving pictures" that were being shown there.

PHOTO PROVIDED



"Old and Young" were encouraged to dance to Weeden's Orchestra at the culminating event at the Town Hall. In fact, in the museum archives there is evidence that dancing and balls were quite a part of Walpole's social scene throughout the years. Sadly, I may have been a bit of a wallflower as the Weeden Orchestra played. Unlike our Walpole ancestors who could probably hold their own on the dance floor, there are just a few dancing opportunities offered today. Too bad.

— Andrea Goins

MILESTONES

Passed: Roger Stevens Weil, September 13



A Trip to Camp Takodah

Walpole 7th Graders

As thirty-eight kids cram into one school bus, fifteen minutes feels like an hour. Everyone is excited and rowdy. There are kids screaming songs, throwing crumpled-up pieces of paper, and acting silly. Sounds like a typical seventh grade class, right?

Once our class at Walpole Elementary School finally arrived at Camp Takodah, we played some team-building games to get to know our groups for the week. It was important to establish a collaborative foundation with these groups.

In the morning, after breakfast, we headed off to the waterfront for canoeing. My only regret on the day was that my sneakers were immediately soaked.

Following that adventure, as we walked to the low ropes course, every student's heart was beating; everyone was nervous. When we got to the low ropes course, we began by standing on a small platform and trying to get everyone on it without it tipping over or touching the ground. It was hard, but our group ended up doing it by the third try.

Next, we did the actual ropes where we stood on a wire with a partner and held a rope to keep our balance. Then, we went to the "peanut butter swamp", where there were a bunch of platforms that we had to get to without touching the ground. We had three planks we could move wherever we wanted and we had one teacher moved for us. We figured out how to get all of us to the last platform. That one took us awhile, but when we did it, it felt amazing. During the ropes courses, we had to depend on and trust the other members of our group to spot us.

On the third day at Camp Takodah, we went on a nature hike through the woods and we played games and learned fascinating things about nature and the world around us.

Following the hike, we participated in one of the best – and scariest – activities of the week: the high ropes courses. We climbed across using one rope for balance; then we climbed atop a catwalk, a giant swing, a rock wall, and a cargo net wall. They were all exciting and both physically and mentally demanding. It was another leap out of our comfort zones.



PHOTOS: GLENN STAN



That night, the final night at Camp Takodah, there was a campfire where we all sat with some of our family, counselors, and teachers, chowing down on fresh s'mores while students sang, or told jokes, or acted out skits together. The entire trip concluded with a hike up Mount Monadnock on Friday afternoon.

The whole point of our week at Camp Takodah was to have fun, learn to be good leaders, accomplish team-building exercises, stretch our comfort zone, and learn more about our classmates. I think this week was a great way to conquer all the obstacles and challenges that were set before us.

– Kaitlin Faulkner

Movie review

Minions

The best movie that I have seen this past year was Minions. It is a hilarious, action-packed movie about the minions that were the breakout stars of Despicable Me. This film is a prequel of what happened to the minions before they met Gru, the protagonist of Despicable Me.



It is a story about millions of minions, but only one minion, Kevin, has a plan. Joined by his friends, Stuart and Bob, Kevin starts looking for an evil boss for his gang to follow. He finds that evil in the form of Scarlet Overkill, the world's first-ever, female super-villain. The movie shows how their super-villain leader turns even more villainous after the minions fail at the tasks they were ordered to complete.

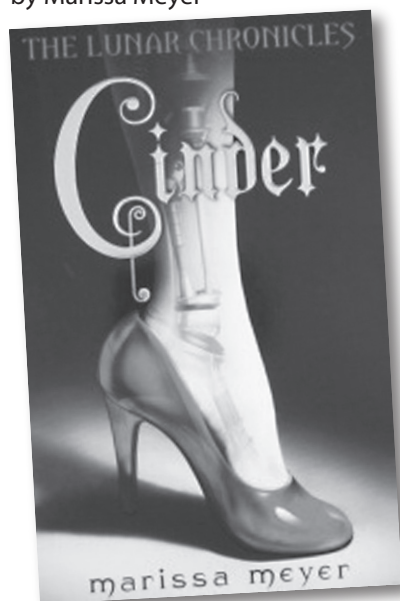
The story even includes a special, surprise appearance from a version of Gru which many fans of the original movie are going to love. I highly recommend this funny, family movie that is appropriate for all ages.

– Brody Keller

Book Review

...For Young Adults: *Cinder*

Book One of the Lunar Chronicles
by Marissa Meyer



Cinder, a wonderful young adult novel, is a cross between the science fiction and fantasy genres. I saw it as a *Cinderella*, *Terminator*, and *Star Wars* book all rolled into one with fascinating space ships, aliens, a glass slipper, a handsome prince, androids, brawls, and much more. *Cinderella* is a love story we all know, but what if the princess was also both a cyborg and a mechanic?

There is a prince, known as Prince Kai. Prince Kai and Cinder both have people close to them die from a deadly disease that comes from the Lunar Planet. The Lunar Planet (the moon) has Lunars on it. Lunars are aliens who are immune to the deadly disease, and the enemies of Earth for spreading the disease through fugitives. These aliens can control people's emotions and actions. Those few whom they cannot control, they kill, and Cinder soon has to face them.

Cinder is a gritty protagonist who acts unselfishly for helping those in danger, while also playing the alluring role of Cinderella in this breathtaking book.

— Abigail O'Brien



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WES Soccer

August-September

The Walpole Elementary School girls' soccer team has had a wonderful start to its season, cruising to victories in all of its games thus far.

The ladies defeated Westmoreland (2-1), Hinsdale (6-1), Charlestown (7-0), Putney (7-1), and Dummerston (5-0). Taylor Hill, Sophia Bruzgis, and Olivia Dunnigan have been playing great offense while Meghan Spaulding and Makayla Waysville are doing an outstanding job leading the defense. Ella Bushee and Morgan Beauregard have also had excellent starts to their season. Goalkeeper Autumn Cummmings has been dominant between the pipes for Walpole in each victory.

The Walpole boys' soccer team started off a bit slower, but has been improving each game. The Chicks, although going 1-3 in their first four contests, have continued to battle in each game. The boys played an especially impressive game against Charlestown and Westmoreland. Jake Dennis and Hayden Anastasio have been a couple of important pieces that have anchored the boys' team so far this season, although each athlete on the field has played hard.

— Meghan Spaulding & Shea Gallagher

Chickens on the Loose

The second annual Chickens on the Loose 5K Walk/Run will be Saturday, October 17, starting and ending at the Walpole Elementary School. Proceeds will help pay for WPTG activities during the school year, including grants to teachers, student scholarships, parent information sessions, and after-school clubs.

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

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

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— Marilyn Shriver





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Cecil the Lion: Myth vs. Fact

In July of this year, the world lost an animal that has since become the object of international attention -- mostly from the United States. Cecil the Lion, a 13 year-old male lion from a game preserve in Zimbabwe, was killed by Minnesota dentist Walter Palmer with a cross bow.

At the news of his death, millions of Americans called for justice for the animal that supposedly was illegally killed after having been lured out of the park by which he was protected. Having recently returned from South Africa and Botswana to receive my certification as a professional hunter, I naturally was fascinated by this story. As both a hunter and Wildlife Ecologist, I feel it is my place to write an article to discuss many of the ideas and facts surrounding Cecil's death, and hopefully to help people better understand the facts and dispel the myths that have flooded the media.

To start, when I was giving my presentation on Africa at Alyson's, I was asked by a member of the audience if I had heard of the famous lion that had been illegally killed after being lured out of the park. Truth be told, the first thought that went through my head was "What famous lion? There is no such thing as a famous lion besides Simba, from The Lion King." In Africa and in the world, there is no such thing as a famous lion. Before July 2015, had anyone actually heard of Cecil? With the exception of the few who studied him, Cecil was not "beloved" as the media seems to portray. While I was in Africa, many folks I met commented on how Americans are so eager to "jump on the next crisis train, while having no bloody clue what the hell they are talking about." We have to realize that this is, unfortunately, actually how we are viewed -- in part because of situations like Cecil. We get involved with the next "hashtag" movement as soon as it is hip to do so, in order that we can feel special instead of actually solving the problems we really should worry about, both domestically and internationally. Has anyone reading this article who is outraged by the death of Cecil donated to conservation efforts since Cecil's death? Ninety percent of all funds for conservation come from sportsmen; it's food for thought...

Another statement I have heard concerning Cecil is that he was lured out of the park. And yes, he was, in all probability. Lions have wonderful scent. However, without knowing the details of the hunt, I would suggest that Cecil was not the target. When hunting lions,



first the PH scouts to find the pug-marks, or tracks, of the lion. When he does find them, they determine size and age of the lion and essentially everything that one needs to know about the hunt. Most likely, Cecil's tracks had been found outside the park, and as a result, a bait pile was set up for the lion. Understand that Cecil was not in the confines of the park at the time he was killed. One thing I learned in Africa is that there are some animals which cannot be contained via fences, among them warthogs, leopards and lions. Cecil could have left the park at any time. His death was very unfortunate, and most likely, an accident. Cecil was outside the park; thus hunting him was, by law, fair. The bait set up was not for Cecil personally, it was for any lions in the area. That is the way that lions are hunted, as there is no other effective way in which to do so. Cecil happened to arrive at the bait at the wrong time while he was wandering outside the park. He smelled the good food and went in for a bite. The media portrays the hunt very incorrectly. If one wants to know how much the media really knows about wildlife, just remember that a story recently run on a major international network concerning how many airlines have stopped importing African trophies into the US had pictures of African wildlife beneath the headline, among them a Cape buffalo, elephant, rhino, lion and American bison. There is one animal in that group that does not fit; I would be hesitant to take the mainstream media as a credible source when it comes to wildlife.

The next question I would pose is this: do you really think the PH would have had Palmer shoot if he knew the lion was collared? That is a clear poaching violation and he would lose

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We're looking for new talent. In the absence of our monthly comic strip "PreTeena," created by Keene artist Allison Barrows, we hope to discover some local, aspiring cartoonists. 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!

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his license, as well as spend many years in prison. You cannot get away with the kill if the animal has a tracker on it. In all the pictures I have seen of Cecil (who was radio-collared at the time), I have never seen a radio collar on him because it is obscured from view by his beautiful mane. His mane made him a wonderful trophy and thus contributed to his demise. No professional hunter would instruct his client to shoot a radio-collared animal if he could see a radio collar on it. People fail to realize this when crying out hysterically that Palmer was a poacher. The PH had no idea there was even a "famous" lion in the park.

I have spoken with professional hunters and game rangers who had no idea Cecil even existed, and are currently rather perplexed at the hysteria over his death. If a professional doesn't know about a particular animal, then there is no way millions of Americans 8,000 miles away know more than he does. Zimbabweans do not care about Cecil being killed; in fact, many of them applaud his death as they have much bigger issues to worry about -- including starvation

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Reader Commentary...continued

and unemployment. Zimbabwe has an estimated 80 percent unemployment rate. For those who would like to read a Zimbabwean's perspective, read the article written for the New York Times entitled, "In Zimbabwe, We Don't Cry for Lions." It will hopefully give the average American a better perspective on the reality of Cecil's death.

Among other rumors I have heard is one claiming Cecil adopted cubs that were not his own and was taking care of them. This is just plain silly! Male lions do not adopt other cubs which are not their own. In fact, they make terrible step-fathers as they immediately kill all cubs not their own. So, this rumor of Cecil makes absolutely no sense to someone who is educated in wildlife ecology.

Lastly, I ask why it is alright for people to threaten the life of Walter Palmer, the hunter, and the lives of his family members. It should be understood that he is a client; and if we are to blame anyone for the death of Cecil, then it should rest on the professional hunter. He scouted the lion, he glassed the animal as it came in to bait and should have seen the collar if it had been visible, and he gave the order to shoot. The client does not shoot until he is told to

do so. Walter Palmer is not a professional hunter; he was merely the man shooting. Frankly, he probably had no idea what he was doing, as most clients don't. One cannot hunt in Africa without a certified and qualified professional hunter. To blame Palmer for the death of Cecil is unfair and uneducated. I was not there, so I can address this topic only from the standpoint of someone who has experience in the field. Perhaps the PH is guilty of poaching, but the blame belongs to him, not Palmer.

Before I conclude, I would like to know if anyone has heard of the recent poaching of six lions in Zimbabwe by natives selling them for the black market. I have, and it gave me great sadness as these magnificent creatures were brutally butchered for no cause at all. Not a penny of the money from their deaths went for conservation, as most of the money from Palmer's hunt did. One of these lions was very clearly radio-collared in the pictures I saw. Why is it that Cecil's life is more valued than those of the six lions? Their deaths did not spark a #catlivesmatter movement.

Not to sound arrogant, but when I was in Africa doing anti-poaching patrols, I like to think I actually did something of value for wildlife and was not just another internet vigilante screaming about some issue of whose facts I was ignorant. If I were not at school, I would go back to Africa in a heartbeat to go on more patrols and once again put my life on the line to help in protecting the wildlife that captures our imaginations and brings adventure into our hearts. One day I will return, and someday, I will be doing just that domestically for a living. The heroes of conservation are the sportsmen and rangers who every day go out and are fully prepared to be shot at or even killed because they want their posterity to have even more wildlife than they did – not those who start a "hashtag" movement so they can feel as though they are doing something without actually having to do anything.

– Levi Frye

Gleanings from the Town Minutes

Minutes of the Selectboard, Planning Board, and Zoning Board are posted in the Town Hall for all to read, and available on-line courtesy of The Walpolean - <http://thewalpolean.org>

Following are some items gleaned from recent Town minutes:

A visit was made by Selectboard representatives to Mr. William Bradley Willard's home on Westminster Street. "In the front section of the home four rooms are clearly a museum with documents and the histories of the Bradley and Willard families. Mr. Willard wants to create understanding on the value of the home and of the two monuments he has built in memory of Steven Row Bradley. He is interested in opening up the property to the public."

At the Planning Board meeting on September 8th, Old Dominion Freight Line presented its plan to "add new office space, loading docks, lighting and pave a good portion of the grounds" at its facility in the industrial park at the south end of town. The plan was approved "... with these conditions. All lighting will be LED Downlit and the three recommendations from the fire chief will become part of the Site Plan Review."

To read more about the above, and to stay up to date with the Town's official business you are encouraged to subscribe (for free) to The Walpolean - <http://thewalpolean.org> Lil DeCoste has maintained this blog following Chuck Bingham's (the site's originator) move to California. To subscribe, follow the instructions at the top of the blog's page. In a recent interview, Lil stated "it would be helpful for them [the boards] to hear from the voters on issues. ... Of course, in order for it to be very helpful, readers need to leave comments."

– Ray Boas

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Cellphone versus Lemon Chiffon!

I am not sure it applies in all states but most, if not all, New England states have banned the use of hand-held devices while operating a motor vehicle. In layperson terminology, that means you can be fined big bucks if caught emailing, texting, searching or talking on your hand-held cellphone, iPad or any other type of pad. Apparently there are a large number of persons who do not listen to the news or read newspapers, or who just ignore all the rules of the highway.

My friend, Elwud, was asking me recently if reading was still taught in school. I replied that it must be after noticing the number of people texting and sending email messages on their computers. "Why do you ask?" I queried.

"Well sir," he says, "t'other day goin' into Claremont, this car seemed to be wicked close to the rear-end of my pickup truck. We were goin' into the big box store and as I moved to the turning lane, I noticed this car movin' over also. Well sir, the light was red so I put on the brakes and stopped. Looking in my rearview mirror, I gasped. All I could see was about two inches of windshield and car roof. I braced for the hit, which fortunately did not come. From my outside mirror I could see this person was using the cellphone with one hand and drinking from a water (I hope) bottle with the other. I am thinking, 'what the heck is she driving with, as both hands are busy?'

I started cussin' and the AA said, 'Shut up and do not dare to park near her and cause a scene.' So I found a space with no other opening near us and we went

into the store. With the help of the AA, I managed to avoid her inside the store, almost.

We was passin' the bakery on our way to check out and I decided to purchase one of them Lemon Chiffon pies. As the clerk was about to hand it to me, this person from the car walks up. Out of the blue, she says, 'So again I find the old coot with the junk heap in my way!' Well sir, I do not stand for anyone insulting my prize possession -- Beulah, my truck. So as I turn to reply, I catch the evil-eye of the AA givin' me that 'keep your mouth shut' look. So I turned back to the bakery counter, picked up my Lemon Chiffon Pie and without a word, I planted it squarely into the face of the mouthy lady. Trust me when I say that it was the best spent \$12 of that day."

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Join us for a special 'Hands-on Invasive Plant Workshop' at Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole, NH, on Sunday, October 11, 1PM to 4 PM. Learn how to identify the many invasive species of plants in the region, the various removal methods available to control them, and the advantages and disadvantages of each method.

You will get try your hand at pulling large invasive plants with a tractor winch, removal of smaller seedlings with tools called 'Weed Wrenches', use an excellent non-spray chemical applicator called a 'Buckthorn Blaster', and hand pulling of some of the smaller seedlings. We will be working on the removal of a number of the most common invasive plant in the area, including glossy buckthorn, common buckthorn, burning bush, Japanese barberry, oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose, autumn olive, and black locust. Control of some other common invasives not found at Distant Hill, like Japanese Knotweed, we also be covered.

Consider wearing long pants, boots, and bring some gloves.

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Registration is requested: 603.756.4179 or distanthillgardens@gmail.com

Go to www.distanthill.org for more information and directions.

– Michael Nerrie

HCS

Conversations with Caregivers

Conversations with Caregivers, topical discussions for family members who are caring for a loved one, will begin on October 6 from 3 - 4PM at HCS, 312 Marlboro Street in Keene. Catherine Braught, RN, Nurse Manager for the Castle Center for Life Enrichment, will lead the conversation. The topic for the October meeting is "Caring for the Caregiver." Future topics will include special concerns about dementia caregiving, juggling caregiving and work, and getting other family members or services involved.

Conversations with Caregivers will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at HCS and is open to all family caregivers, free of charge. Registration is appreciated; contact Catherine Braught at 355-8281. For more information about the Castle Center visit www.HCSservices.org.

Fire Prevention Month

The fall season brings cooler temperatures, beautiful colors, and an abundance of outdoor activities as well as Fire Prevention Month in October. SERVPRO of Cheshire County encourages everyone to plan ahead this season to help ensure it is safe and fire free.

- Fall decorations, like dried flowers and cornstalks, are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

- Keep emergency exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

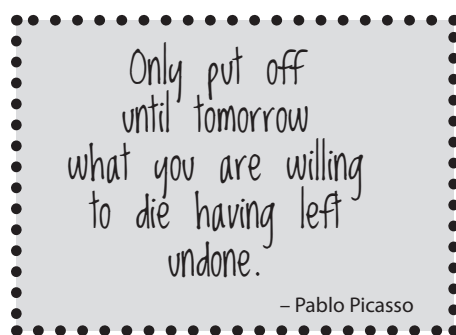
- Teach children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire.

- When picking a Halloween costume, remember to put safety first. Consider avoiding billowing fabric. If you are making your costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or a flame.

- It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. Use extreme caution if using a real candle. Place lit pumpkins away from anything that can burn, and out of the way of doorsteps, walkways and yards.

Keep these tips in mind this October for a safe, enjoyable Fall season!

– SERVPRO of Cheshire County



– Pablo Picasso

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