

The WALPOLE Clarion

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Humanity Not Hate



Vigil Honors the Legacy of Dr. King...and More

Farmland and Local Inspiration

One man's love of the land is helping keep local, young farmers in business. The story could have ended differently. The property could have ended up as a parking lot or a big box store – but instead, this rich farmland along the Cold River in Walpole will remain part of the area's long agricultural history. Owner Perley Lund's 9-acre field is a key parcel for John and Teresa Janiszyn, who rely entirely on a network of leased land to grow vegetables for their well-known farm stand, Pete's Stand, on Route 12 in Walpole.

"So much farmland is being developed and paved over," John said. "If we don't all work together to do something about it, it'll all be gone."

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Garbage Redux

At its January 12 meeting, a revision was made to the Planning Board's December minutes. The following paragraph was inserted: Mr. Marcom said, "that approvals of site plans are based on the assumption that the applicant will adhere to the terms of that approval. That assumption of trust is critical in this case. Ruggerio was granted a special exception by the Zoning Board in 2011. Conditions, as stated in a letter from that Board, included that the operation could not be changed or expanded without returning to the ZBA for approval. When Ruggiero add[ed] a 2,000 square-foot building they not only violated the town's rules on building permits but also broke at least one of the conditions of the Special Exception.

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The growing shrillness and frequent mendacity of today's political discourse have disturbed many and motivated some in Walpole to organize in order to combat what seems to be a growing tide of intolerance. Humanity Not Hate held a vigil on the Common recently not only to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, but to make a statement...

More than 50 Walpoleans and other neighbors from the area braved the cold to gather on the Common on Sunday, January 17, in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to stand up for Humanity Not Hate.

By candlelight and flashlight, Revs. Craig Breismeister and Susan Kershaw spoke about the legacy of Rev. Dr. King and the importance of continuing his work to honor our country's promise of

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Town Of Walpole Public Hearings

The Public Hearing on Walpole's 2016 Annual Budget and Warrant Articles will be held Thursday, February 4, at 6:30 PM at the Walpole Town Hall – first floor. The Walpole Fire District will hold a special budget hearing at the fire station, Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 PM to review the operating budget and any special articles to be placed on the 2016 warrant. *All are encouraged to attend, and contribute to the process.*

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Walpole Grange #125

Receives New Hampshire Humanities Grant

Walpole Grange #125 has received a grant from New Hampshire Humanities to present *New Hampshire's Long Love-Hate Relationship With Its Agricultural Fairs*, to be presented on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 PM at the Walpole Town Hall. The public is invited to attend the program, which will be followed by refreshments.

The first agricultural fair in North America was held in what is now Londonderry in 1722, and it would become a wildly popular event lasting for generations until it came to be so dominated by gambling, flimflam and other "scandalous dimensions" that the legislature revoked its charter in 1850. But fairs have always had strong supporters, and eventually the state came around to appropriating modest sums to help them succeed. Temperance groups and others would continue to attack the fairs on moral grounds, and their close connection to horse racing was a chronic flashpoint. Steve Taylor will discuss the ups and downs of the fairs down through the years, and how public affection for rural traditions helps them survive in contemporary times.

New Hampshire Humanities nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

For more information, contact Jane Trombi at 357-8540 or nh_youth@yahoo.com

— Jane Trombi

Historical Society Scholarship

Each year the Walpole Historical Society offers a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating high school student residing in the Fall Mountain School District who is planning on studying History and/or Documentary Filmmaking. Applications must be submitted by April 16, and include a high school transcript, proof of college acceptance, and an essay. The subject for the essay may be: 1) Why do I want to study history or documentary filmmaking?, 2) Why is the study of history or film-making important to society?, or 3) What historical event (or documentary film) has impacted me most and why? For more information, please contact Lisa Ranauro, Guidance Director, at Fall Mountain Regional High School."

— Bill Ranauro

W.R.A.P.

Another fun day at the Recycling Center. I am happy to be here, enjoying the balmy weather and saying hello to neighbors and friends. Tuesday morning 8:00 am, there is a steady stream of cars pulling up to drop off the yellow Walpole bags. Most everyone heeding the rules, staying to the left for bag drop off, and then going around and coming back to access the recycling bins on the right. Thank you to those people who avoid accidents in a very busy corridor.

Speaking of the bins, it is sometimes easy to forget there are staff and volunteers behind that "keeping out the cold" plastic. So we thank you for not tossing glass into the bins, but instead carefully laying down the bottles, etc., so as not to break them. Both staff and volunteers empty those bins by hand. Although my favorite job is glass crushing, it's very nice not to have to handle broken glass.

Also a big thank you to those recyclers who very nicely separate the Vermont refundables (both plastic and glass) from the non-refundables. Doing this saves hours of man (or woman) hours these from the others. On the subject of plastic, those McCafe plastic containers of ice coffee, complete with straws, are not recyclable and belong in your yellow Walpole trash bags. Please do not include those items with your plastic #1's and #2's. And something I learned just this past Tuesday - those paper coffee cups are waxed and can no longer be included in the household cardboard recycling. So we can all learn something new about what and what not to recycle.

Again, if you have questions, staff and volunteers are always happy to provide answers. Please remember to stop in the Reuse Trailer where there is lots of interesting stuff. If you have the time and would like to volunteer, stop in and sign up. I can guarantee you will have an enjoyable two hours meeting and greeting friends and neighbors, and being with a great group of Recycling Center staff.

— Carolyn Norback

I don't know
 where I'm going
 from here,
 but I know
 it won't be boring.

— David Bowie



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life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by supporting efforts to be a respectful, civil and tolerant society. Former Cheshire County Commissioner Jack Pratt, who actually worked with Rev. Dr. King during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, spoke of his experience and reminded those gathered that the work of equality and dignity for all must continue. The event concluded with a moving rendition of "We Shall Overcome," led by the children who attended.

The candlelight vigil, sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Walpole, St. John's Episcopal Church and Walpole Unitarian Church, was the first of a series of events being planned in Walpole in 2016. #HumanityNotHate seeks

to bring Walpole area citizens together in a variety of ways through our public spaces to affirm the importance of religious freedom, respect for diversity and civility in the face of a national discourse that has become increasingly hostile, divisive and fear-mongering. The happening occurred as a result of a few concerned Walpole citizens who started talking amongst themselves about how to bring a positive voice and attitude out into our public sphere, particularly to counter messages of Islamophobia.

More details of future events will be announced as the clergy and Walpole citizens involved in the planning finalize them. If you have any questions or would like to take part in #HumanityNotHate, please contact any one of the churches.

– Jenn Breismeister

PHOTOS: RYAN HARRISON



Residential Primary: Tuesday, February 9, 8AM to 7PM. Polls open in Walpole and North Walpole.

Parked In Walpole

New Hampshire's Poet Laureate

Continuing Walpole's centuries long literary history, New Hampshire's Poet Laureate, Alice B. Fogel, now resides in Walpole. She was appointed by Governor Maggie Hassan to the position starting in 2014, serving through 2019. Also living in Walpole is Pat Fagnoli, NH's Poet Laureate from December 2006 to March 2009.

The honorary five-year position of New Hampshire Poet Laureate was created in 1967. The appointment is made by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, from a list submitted by the Poetry Society of New Hampshire. The state's poet laureate serves as an ambassador for all poets within the state, working to heighten the visibility and value of poetry in New Hampshire. Individuals chosen have made outstanding contributions to the field of poetry.

In submitting her nomination, Kyle Potvin, president of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, said, "Alice is a nationally recognized poet and teacher with a gift for making poetry accessible, inclusive and relevant to a wide audience..." Alice has an extensive and impressive list of publications, awards, honors, and teaching credentials that can be found on her website: www.alicebfogel.com.

Contacting the **Clarion** recently, Alice said, "It's nice to be in Walpole, and I'm happy to answer any questions anyone might have about poetry."

— Ray Boas



New Hampshire Wildlife

Gary Speed, Walpole outdoorsman, entertained more than 70 guests January 14 at the first Walpole Historical Society Speaker Series event for 2016. With a large array of stuffed species to share, in his talk, 'New Hampshire Wildlife, Yesterday and Today', he discussed changes in wildlife populations over the decades. The audience had many questions about bobcats, bears, and coyotes, but Gary, who is also a member of Walpole's Conservation Commission, shared many interesting facts about smaller less harmful critters. Explaining why we do not see as many rabbits and other smaller animals is a result of the growth of our forests. The smaller shorter vegetation that serves as



PHOTOS: LOWELL BAUER



a food supply for these smaller animals is not able to proliferate as the shade from the taller trees inhibits growth. Think about it. When were you last watching rabbits hopping all around?

The Walpole Historical Society's Speaker Series, with several interesting speakers though out the year, is free and open to the public. Watch the **Clarion** for the next talk's announcement.

— Ray Boas

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Above, left to right: Stacey Gambrel, Conservation Project Manager, Monadnock Conservancy, Perley Lund, Ryan Owens, Executive Director



PHOTO: STACEY GAMBREL

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The Monadnock Conservancy worked with Perley Lund to conserve his land with a conservation easement, which guarantees that the land will never be developed and can continue to be used for farming.

Perley's love of the land and of farming is a big part of his motivation to protect his land. "People need to know where their food comes from, and to be able to enjoy fresh, local vegetables," he said. Perley expressed relief and gratitude about being able to protect his land, which has been in the Lund family since the 1940s. "It's just the right thing to do — for the land and for the community," he remarked.

Many generous supporters helped to make Perley's vision a reality, including the State of New Hampshire's MoosePlate grant program, the 1772 Foundation, the Thomas W. Haas Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the Russell Farm and Forest Conservation Foundation.

— Stacey Gambrel

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Smoke alarms play a vital role in saving lives, and when properly installed, can reduce the risk of fire injury in half. The National Fire Protection Association recommends smoke alarms be installed in every bedroom, outside all sleeping quarters and on every level of the house. Business owners should consult the local Fire Marshall to ensure specific building fire codes and smoke detector requirements are met. Smoke alarms work best when paired with a fire escape plan. A plan allows your family, employees or clients to escape quickly in an emergency situation. For more on emergency preparedness, contact your local SERVPRO® Franchise Professionals.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, including the basement.
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- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," the battery is low and should be replaced right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

*Statistics and tips provided by National Fire Prevention Association

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Library Surprise

Planned Renovation Makes Unplanned Discovery

The Children's Room at the Walpole Library has undergone some renovations in January. Originally, we had planned to rip up the carpeting and install a new tile floor. As work started at the end of December, we discovered asbestos tile underneath the carpet and had to immediately stop work and close the library until we knew it was safe to open. An expert came in, assured us the library was safe to open again, and we scheduled a date to close for the asbestos removal.

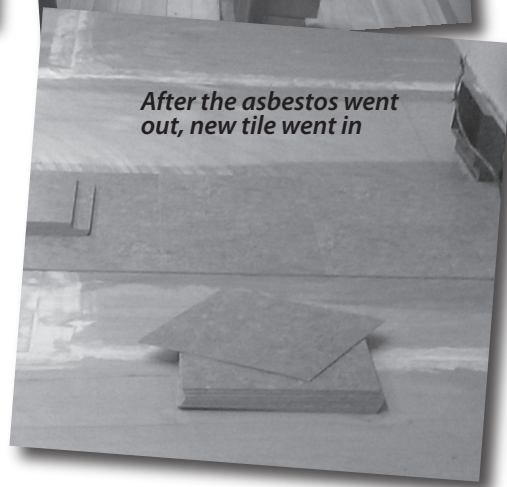
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Early in the process, plastic sheeting was the order of the day



The temporarily not-so-open stacks



After the asbestos went out, new tile went in

We were closed January 14 through 18 for the asbestos removal. We discovered that the tile continued under our built-in bookcases, and those had to be removed from the room as well. While this was unexpected and consumed some time, it also gave us the opportunity to paint the room! Once the air quality test came back negative for asbestos, we opened once again! On January 19 and 20, a new sub-floor and tile flooring were installed. The room is on its way to looking fabulous. Plans for the end of January include painting the walls, reinstalling old bookcases as well as some new ones, and finally getting the materials back on shelves!

Once the flooring was installed and the room remained empty, the Home School Group that meets at the library on Thursday mornings found it to make a great dance studio! They held a great dance class for both the kids and parents. The library was rockin'!

We look forward to showing off our fabulous new space in February! We would like to thank all of our patrons for their continued support and patience as we have worked through these renovations. We know it has been frustrating to have all of the children's materials packed away and to have the DVDs and Audio Books blocked by boxes. We can see a light at the end of this long tunnel, and everything will soon be accessible.

We also need to thank Monadnock Flooring for our beautiful new floor, E. E. Houghton's for all their assistance with old outlets and installing some new ones, Elizabeth Kolodziej for painting, and Jerry Swain for tearing down and reinstalling our shelving. Your hard work is much appreciated!

I would personally like to thank our Library Board of Trustees, especially Jeanne Ramey, who is the chair of the Building and Maintenance Committee, and who spent a great deal of time here at the library with me, coordinating everything so we could be open and

operating again as soon as possible! I also need to thank the rest of the library staff for their positivity and support as we worked in a very chaotic library for a number of weeks.

The Town of Walpole surprises me every day with their loyalty, support and love of the library. Thank you again for weathering this storm with us. We know it has been a crazy month, but we are excited to have a safe, fun, and new looking children's room! Remember to join us Monday mornings at 10 AM for Wiggle Time, Wednesday mornings at 10 AM for Story Time, and Wednesdays after school for Maker Play to take advantage of this great new space!

– Justine Rogers

Age in Motion

Returns to Walpole

Age in Motion (AIM), an exercise program designed for older adults, has resumed in Walpole this winter and will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Walpole Town Hall. New members are welcome to join at any time.

A trained instructor with Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will lead the sessions. Both men and women are encouraged to attend this program to increase strength, flexibility and balance, and everyone is encouraged to progress at their own pace. Older adults from any area town are welcome to participate. A donation of \$2.00 is requested for each session.

Physician approval is required to join. Call Denise at HCS at 352-2253 for a registration packet.

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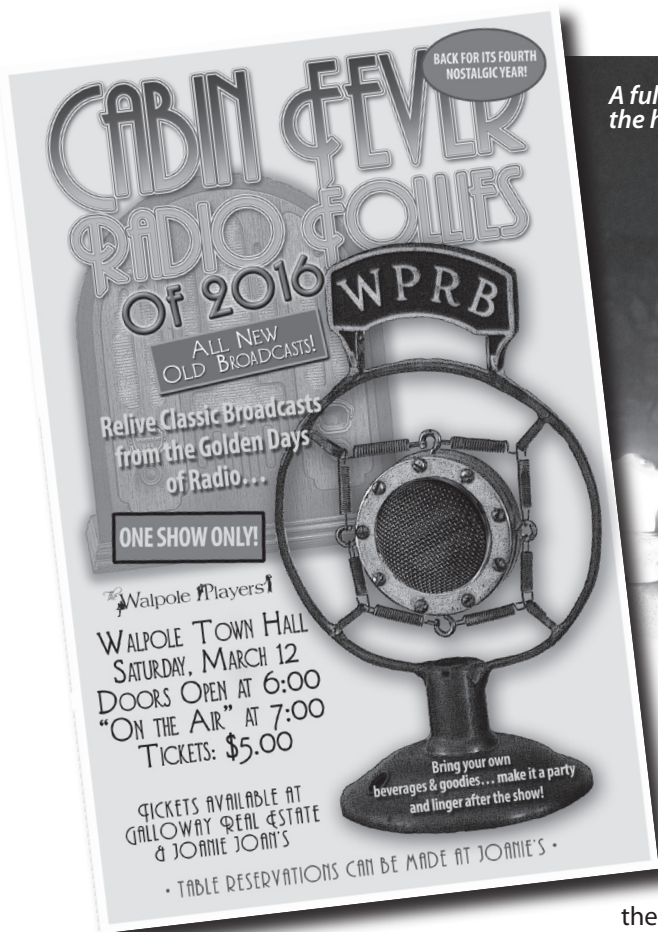
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Radio Follies

Back again for a fourth year, The Walpole Players will go "on air" at 7 PM, Saturday, March 12, in the Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall, presenting Cabin Fever Radio Follies of 2016. The doors will open at 6:00 PM, when audience members may arrive bringing their own dinners, snacks and beverages of choice. Round tables for eight will be provided so all may dine in comfort, then sit back and listen when the Players commence the live broadcast from the radio studio on stage. When we "sign off" for the evening, guests are welcome to linger, visiting with neighbors and chatting with the radio performers.

Reporter on the Street will be with us again, and we understand the *Bickersons* are in another predicament. What show is not complete without the Farm Report, a few classic advertisements and popular hit tunes? The cast is currently selecting and assembling this year's scripts to provide you with laughs and great memories for an hour and twenty minutes (more or less).

The last three years have been sell-outs, and this year the Players anticipate all tickets will be pre-sold. To purchase tickets and reserve a table for your party, or for more information, call Joan Balla at 499-1027 (please leave a message with your name and phone number) or

A full house shook off the epic winter blahs of 2015 with a journey to the heyday of radio



stop in at Joan's bake shop (Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company, 14 Westminster Street here in Walpole). Ticket prices remain at only \$5 per person for a grand evening out. Tickets will be available for purchase

the beginning of February at Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company and Galloway's Real Estate office. Mark your calendars now for March 12, gather your friends, and pack your dinner and beverages to join the fun back in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s when life was a tad simpler.

— Joan Balla



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The Walpole Players

Auditions

1940's Comedy Coming to Walpole Players

Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, a comedy of both Broadway and London Theatre, will be staged by the Walpole Players on the weekends of May 13 and May 20. This hit offers up the antics of cantankerous novelist Charles Condomine, re-married but haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira, who is called up by a visiting "happy medium", one Madame Arcati. As the (worldly and un-) personalities clash, Charles' current wife, Ruth, is accidentally killed. As she "passes over", she joins Elvira, and then the two "blithe spirits" haunt the hapless Charles into perpetuity.

Auditions for the cast of 7 adults (5 females and 2 males), will take place at the Walpole Town Hall on Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19, at 6:30 PM. Ideally, interested actors will audition for specific roles using excerpts from the script. Please contact the Walpole Players at WalpolePlayers@gmail.com to get copies of the excerpts.

The Walpole Players are also looking for a Director, Producer, and Stage Manager for this play. Look into your crystal ball to see if it is in your future to be a part of this hilarious production!

— Lisa Bryan & Mike Delaney

If only life could be
a little more tender
and art a little more robust.

— Alan Rickman

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Bishop Visits St John's Church

The Rt Rev A. Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire will be visiting St. John's Church on Sunday, February 7. He will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10 AM service. A luncheon will follow the service. On his blog, Bishop Hirschfeld describes himself as "...a husband, father, painter, writer/poet, sculler and the Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire." Bishop +Rob is a visionary leader, an advocate for ministry in the neighborhood, especially ministries to children, and a powerful preacher. St John's congregation invites everyone in our community to come to St John's on February 7 at 10 AM. and meet our wonderful Bishop! St John's is located on the corner of Elm and Westminster Streets, opposite Town Hall. We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire in the Anglican tradition.

Annual Pancake Supper

St John's is observing Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 9, at 6 PM. in the church's Parish Hall. Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday is the last day before the beginning of Lent is a marks the end of celebrating and feasting from Christmas through Epiphany. Originally, Shrove, which comes from the word "shrive", meant a time of confession and absolution, or a period of cleansing. Over time, Shrove Tuesday has become that last chance to celebrate (Mardi Gras) before the restrictions and fasting of Lent—you better get in as much frivolity and fun as possibly before the long weeks of Lent! It became the custom to clear the pantry of all the ingredients for cakes and desserts and other temptations. Pancakes were the perfect way to use up flour, sugar, and maple syrup. Come out and enjoy delicious pancakes at St John's

on February 9, at 6 PM. There will be a basket for donations toward the cost of the meal.

One of St John's special traditions on Shrove Tuesday is to burn the palms left from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The ashes of those palms are used during the liturgy for Ash Wednesday.

Don't forget to vote in the primary election first!

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday will be observed at St John's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, February 10 at Noon. The powerful liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer invites us to consider our sin and brokenness. The imposition of ashes is offered to all who wish to receive this sign of repentance. The service concludes with Holy Communion, offering hope and the promise of God's forgiveness for all. This is a moving service, and all are welcome to participate. If you are interested in attending and have questions, please contact St John's Rector, The Rev. Susan Kershaw, rector@stjohnswalpole.org. St John's is a welcoming and inclusive church in the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire, part of the Episcopal Church.

— Susan Kershaw

Walpole Art After School

The young artists participating in Walpole Art After School are having a great time working on projects that teach diversity: designs made from traced hands, focusing on how we are all different, but when we work together, we are part of something greater than each one of us. Win February, we will be working on winter themed projects, Valentine's cards and designs, and paper sculpture. Any child in first through sixth grade is welcome to join in. There is no fee for the program, although parents are asked to consider a donation to support the costs of WAAS. We are grateful to St John's Church for offering space and utilities. Walpole Art After School is an independent non-profit education enrichment program. We meet in St John's Parish Hall on Elm Street, every Wednesday afternoon that school is in session, 3:15 - 5 PM. Please note that there is no session on Feb 17 due to school vacation. If you need more information, please contact WAAS executive director and teacher, Susan Kershaw, info@walpoleartafterschool.org.

— Susan Kershaw

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Friendly Friday

Shake off your winter blues with fun, fellowship and good food! Rev. Craig and his family invite Walpole families of all kinds to join them at the First Congregational Church of Walpole for a game night on Friday, February 26, 5:30 to 7:30 PM. We'll play group games that are fun for kids of all ages, and their grown ups too! Bring a side dish or main dish to share. The church will provide drinks and dessert. For more information, "like" the Friendly Fridays FaceBook page, or contact the church at 756-4075, walpolechurch@yahoo.com. Additional upcoming Friendly Fridays are March 18 and April 29.

– Jenn Breismeister

The Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church in Walpole at noon on Monday, February 15, 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. Since our luncheon was cancelled in January, we will plan on discussing trips available for 2016. Bring your ideas for some outstanding trips, so that this can be a banner year for travel by the Walpole Seniors. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

– Jan Martin

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HOP IN & SEE WHAT WE'RE MAKING!

North Walpole Library

Name That Tune Returns

Name That Tune again returns to the North Walpole Library, Tuesday February 2, at 2 PM. For 'Jazz Standards', Steve Damon will provide cryptic (yet appropriate) clues and tunes. "You provide the titles, we all provide the fun."

– Rose Werden

Book Group

For Non-Fiction History Buffs

Join The Non-Fiction History Book Group for a lively "brain jogging" two-hours at the Walpole Library on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM. The Non-Fiction History Book Group tackles both current and ancient history. Each Book Group member, in rotation, selects and introduces the monthly topic. Reading material can be a book, a studied opinion, a theory, a map, narrow or broad. Two months in advance of the meeting, the Library Director, Justine Rogers, is notified of the book, article or study materials required in order to make copies available at the library.

The subject for the next two meetings, Tuesday, February 2 and Tuesday, March 1, is *The Rise of ISIS*, by Gregory D. Johnson, Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions 2016, Chapter 2: Pages 12-24. Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS): Also known as Islamic State (IS), Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) or Daesh. What are its origins, beliefs, objectives? How does it continue to attract thousands of adherents? What dangers does it pose to the Middle East and the World?

Ron MacLachlan, Book Group member, selected February's subject from the *Great Decisions 2016* annual publication of the Foreign Policy Association. Keene State College *Life Long Learning Mini Session*, CALL is studying FPA's eight selections of the *Great Decisions* for 2016. The "Rise of ISIS" is a 12-page studied paper with excellent maps, supported opinions, and facts. Although the selection is only 12 pages long, it provides ample room for discussion on this vital topic. The group would welcome participants at either or both meetings.

– Ron MacLachlan

Walpole Business Notes

Having been prominent in downtown Walpole for forty years, Clark-Mortenson recently announced they are closing the Walpole office location effective Monday, February 1, 2016. "A number of clients are working in communities where we have other office locations, and with the advent of technology, we're finding more of our clients conducting their business with us online, via email, or over the phone." In conclusion, their announcement states, "...this transition of the Walpole location will not change our commitment to be supportive of Walpole and its residents moving forward."

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The first is a Wildlife Tracking Workshop on Sunday, February 14, from 1 to 3 PM. February begins the breeding season for many wild mammals in the Monadnock region. It is an excellent time to learn about the animals that inhabit our winter forests. What better day to celebrate the breeding season than Valentine's Day?

Jeff Littleton, Chief Ecologist at Moosewood Ecological and an adjunct professor at Antioch University New England, will lead this winter walk through the fields and forests of Distant Hill Gardens. We will be looking for tracks and other evidence left by wildlife – clues that tell the story of the plants and animals they eat, the places they use for shelter, and their survival in the wild.

The second is a Winter Tree and Shrub Identification Workshop, Sunday, February 28, from 1 to 3 PM. Are you interested in learning how to identify some of the common trees and shrubs of the Monadnock region in winter? It's easier than you may think and a great way to learn more about the plants that make up our forests, fields, and wetlands.

Steve Roberge, Forest Resource Specialist with Cheshire County Cooperative Extension, will be discussing the key things to look for when attempting to identify woody plants without their leaves – such as overall form, bark, twig features, leaf scars and fruit remnants.

All ages are welcome. Bring snowshoes, warm clothes, and your curiosity. There will be a limited number of snowshoes available to borrow, including a few small pairs for children. The suggested donation for each workshop is \$10. Registration is required. Call 756-4179, or email distanthillgardens@gmail.com. For directions to Distant Hill Gardens visit: www.distanthill.org

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The purpose of this parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control routes.

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Continued from Page 1: Garbage Redux

'Beyond that this company, as was made evident in a letter sent to them by DES, operated for approximately 2½ years without the knowledge of DES, among other violations of site regulations.' For these reasons, Mr. Marcom felt that the company could not be ensured to keep their agreements and therefore approval should not be granted to them."

A related petition warrant article was written and circulated by Ms. Pauline Barnes. A public hearing was held on January 26 to explain the article, which will be voted upon at the March Town Meeting. Proposed is an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance stating in part "... recycling centers and/or transfer stations shall be permitted uses in the Industrial Zone subject to meeting the Town's site plan review regulations and shall be submitted to the Planning Board for site plan review provided such facilities are owned or operated by the Town ... or by a Regional Solid Waste District whose ownership or operation thereof is governed by and agreement entered into pursuant to RSA 149-M124." At the Planning Board meeting on January 12, Ms. Barnes stated, "Because of the nature of solid waste it is important that the facility be operated only under town ownership and town control."

– Ray Boas

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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...the hundred acre farm

of Charles A. Watkins (Watkins Farm) was profiled in *New Hampshire Farms for Summer Homes* in the 1913 edition? With 160 head of full-blooded Merino sheep, it was "the largest flock of sheep" the writer had seen. Besides the sheep on Watkins' farm, there were, "half a dozen cows, a hundred hens, forty tons of hay, six acres of corn and as many of oats, six hundred pounds of maple sugar, plenty of potatoes and other vegetables; and a fine mountain view across the river." Watkins purchased the estate in 1876, and sold it in 1916. After six more owners, Howard and Alice Petrie purchased the property in 1957, and operated their gift shop, Autumn Hill, in the barn.

In the late 19th century, New Hampshire farms were being abandoned at an alarmingly rapid rate. The State Legislature, in 1889, authorized a "Commissioner of Immigration", whose duty would be, "the repeopling of the rural districts of the Granite State." At that time, there were 1,342 abandoned farms in the state. Children were leaving the farms for work elsewhere, farmers without someone to take over the farm were retiring to neighboring towns or villages and other owners were simply leaving and placing their farms for sale.

The Commissioner's remedy was to prepare and distribute catalogues of farms for sale, targeting prospective buyers who would either be new farmers, or those, "whose investment was... the securing of a pleasant and healthful home for the whole or some part of the year." The first publication, in 1889, was a *Price List of Abandoned Farms in New Hampshire*. This was followed, in 1891, with a 68-page booklet, *Secure a Home in New Hampshire, Where Comfort, Health,*

and Prosperity Abound. Following the two-paragraph introduction, attesting to the fact that all, "descriptions were furnished by the owners and accompanied by a sworn affidavit," farms for sale were listed by town. Four Walpole



Autumn Hill Gift Shop in 1965

properties were listed. E. K. Seabury could be contacted about 100 acres with a 9-room house for \$3,500; 62 acres with an 8-room house was available for \$1,500; and, E. J. Hammond in Keene could be contacted about two farms, one of 40 acres, and the other 170.

In another attempt to lure people back to New Hampshire, in 1899, Governor Frank West Rollins initiated Old Home Week, which, in some towns, was celebrated as Old Home Day (Walpole's first Old Home Day was Wednesday, August 30, 1899). Everyone who had ever lived in New Hampshire was invited

to return and visit with friends and the land. The hope was they would move back to their roots

From 1902 to 1916, the State annually published *New Hampshire Farms for Summer Homes*. In 70 pages, the first booklet extolled the beauty of the mountains, lakes, hills and sea and introduced a number of abandoned farms and their possible use as summer homes. The Commissioner of Immigration's first twelve years of effort was also applauded. Hundreds of moderately well-to-do people had purchased small farms and repaired them for summer use. In addition, grand summer estates were created by wealthy, philanthropic individuals, many of which we cherish throughout the state today. The figures compiled showed that 849 farms had become occupied as summer homes, representing an investment of \$2,000,000. People found "in a New Hampshire farm all the opportunities for gratifying any worthy desire in establishing a home for comfort, health, or pleasure."

* The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture is reprinting this *Did You Know That...* in its *Weekly Market Bulletin*.

FLORENTINE FILMS

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Walpole Village School

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As the leaves have fallen, long covered by snow, we can't believe that we are ready to celebrate 100 days of school next month. The year is flying by, as it always does, and we are taking time to note that we are 100 days smarter than when we started in August.

Our preschool has been working through the year with Miss Allie and Miss Jody, learning letters, numbers, days of the week, and about the weather. In December, all of the students performed together at the Christmas concert. Even our littlest kiddos, at two-years-old, stood next to their friends and sang songs such as *Jingle Bells*. It is amazing to see what they are able to accomplish when given the opportunity. The cold weather has been a perfect chance to learn about the Arctic, and the letter "P". Penguins and Polar Bears have been a popular topic of conversation as well as inspiration for our artwork. Maybe soon we can move on to learn about warmer climates!

In the pre-K with our "big kids", Miss Melissa brought out the actor and actress as they performed *The Night Before Christmas*. Nobody missed a line. Walpole Players here we come! After all of that hard work, the kids have now moved onto learning about the human body. Students have created an anatomy apron, where they have labeled the different organs. Science is always a favorite, and with half of the year left, we will surely be putting on our lab coats many more times to make more discoveries about the world around us.

Here is what a few of our Pre-K students said they have learned this year:

Zane: "Mostly not to squish bugs"

Mia: "I learned about the heart, the lungs and the pipe" (the intestines)

Austin: "I learned about the letter 'I' - iron, ice cream, invitation, insect"



Playing in the greenhouse

Although the winter has come full force, and sometimes leaves our playground icy, we still are able to get out into the greenhouse and enjoy the crisp air. It's the perfect place to ride our big wheels, play ball, and draw with chalk!

As the kids get older, spaces open periodically. Call the school to check for availability, or to get on the waiting list for next year's program. Our pre-K is offered in the afternoon, which works well for families who attend the morning pre-K at the Walpole Primary School. Call 756-4246, or go to www.walpolevillageschool.org

One hundred days has brought us 100 laughs, 100 questions, 100 snacks, and 100 smiles. We can't wait to see what the second half of the year will bring us!

— Andrea Vickers-Sivret

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What's Happening in Walpole Schools



Spelling Bee

Eighth-Grader Hannah Sethi Wins 2016 Bee

It all came down to *serpentine* - the 2016 Walpole Elementary School Spelling Bee championship word.

Four competitors each from Grades Five through Eight participated in the competition held on Friday, January 15, in the Walpole Elementary School gymnasium. Grade Five participants included Isabella Waltz, Mia Decamp, Foster Willett, and Morgan Smith. Grade Six spellers included Teddy Stahl, Cam Fry, Jake Bradley, and Emelia McIntire. Grade Seven included Jakob Newell, Rachel Watson, Chelsie Loves, and Kaylee Lintner. The Spelling Bee cast was rounded out by Eighth Graders Amanda Hodgkins, Hannah Sethi, and Niko McPherson. "It was nerve-wracking," said Hodgkins, a three-time contestant and a finalist this year.

After eight rounds, all but for four students had been eliminated. Only Hannah Sethi, Jake Bradley, Amanda Hodgkins, and Isabella Waltz remained.

Ultimately, Hodgkins took third place while Waltz finished in fourth. After many back and forth rounds competing for the championship, Bradley misspelled the word *acquiesce*, allowing Hannah to win with the championship word of *serpentine*.

"I was really happy and proud I won," said Sethi, who will advance to the New Hampshire State Spelling Bee. Due to scheduling conflicts, however, Hannah cannot attend. Runner-up Jake Bradley will take her place at the State Competition on February 27 in Concord. "I was slightly terrified when I found out I was going to the State Spelling Bee," said Bradley, whose 2016 has been a big year thus far. Bradley also recently won the National Geographic Geography Bee held at the Walpole Elementary School over the winter. He has advanced to the State Geography Bee on April 1. Bradley's success has not gone to his head, however, with friends like Enrique Ingram, who describes Jake as "a real Albert Einstein." "I can still beat him in Mario Brothers though," added Ingram.

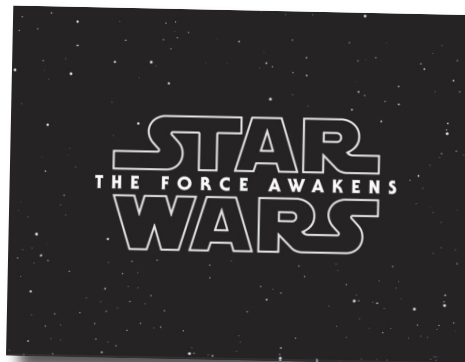
— Maria Mendez

Movie Review

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, Star Wars returns with an all-new, awesome adventure. Years after the Evil Empire was destroyed, a new threat rises. Luke Skywalker, the last of the Jedi, disappeared, and the evil Kylo Ren formed the First Order (the Dark Side). The Resistance is then formed in an attempt to find Skywalker and destroy the First Order.

Meanwhile a storm trooper attempts to run away from the First Order by saving a pilot that was being kept prisoner. The storm trooper, named Finn, then escapes, but crash-lands in the middle of a desert. Finn meets a stranger named Rey in an outpost, who has a droid named BB-8 containing the whereabouts of Skywalker. The two meet up with Han Solo and Chewbacca and team up to help the Resistance and try to destroy a new Death Star, although this is a daunting task.



This movie is an awesome, action-packed thrill ride from start to finish. You'll laugh, cry (in sadness and joy), think BB-8 is the cutest, and love the blending of old and new characters. Think of it as your Star Wars now; your parents had their turn, and now it's your turn to enjoy the show. "May the force be with you!"

— Emily Heath

*Courage is the ladder
on which
all other virtues mount.*

— Claire Boothe Luce



Book Review

...for young adults

Silver by Chris Wooding

A boy is bitten by a strange beetle and turns into a violent, man-eating creature that terrorizes a boarding school. This student is the first and will not be the only victim of this deadly virus that turns you into a human-devouring creature; however, this is no ordinary virus... this virus turns flesh into metal.

Paul, the new kid at school, knows how to deal with threats and is one of the few survivors. He is put in a serious situation where he is forced into the same group along with an annoying bully, his crush, a secret admirer, and a nerd.

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— Abigail O'Brien

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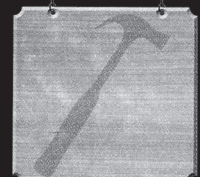
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Happy New Year!



Walpole Basketball

Teams Continue Strong Seasons

The Walpole Basketball teams have had a great mid-season and keep growing stronger as they prepare for the postseason.

The Walpole girls' team is now 12-2 on the season. The Lady Chicks have found new ways of defeating the teams they face by relying on a number of players to contribute. Since returning from December break, both teams have scored impressive victories, and both teams have beaten Vilas, Hinsdale, and Charlestown Middle Schools.

The girls' squad had a hard time in the beginning against Vilas, giving up a big point deficit in the first minutes. They rebounded in the second half to control the remainder of the game and cruise to another victory. The girls, who had lost to Chesterfield earlier in the season, recently beat them with great hard defense. The girls' team also displayed great offensive power in a win over the Westmoreland Bulldogs. The Lady Chicks have used teamwork and persistence to gain control of each game. Seventh-graders Hillary Berry and Morgan Beaugard have had amazing seasons. They are the team's leading three-point shooters, and can always be depended upon to take a big shot. Eighth-grader Taylor Hill has come up big in games with critical points during hard times, and continues to be one of the leaders on the team.

The Walpole boys' have lost to Chesterfield and Westmoreland, but have not given up in any game this season, regardless of the score. Seventh-grader Alex Flynn has had a great season on defense. Eighth-graders Fermin Gomez-Mendez and James Ronning have been key contributors on both sides of the ball.

Both teams are focused on improvement and preparations for the Championship tournaments in February.

— Kaylee Lintner



*Autumn Cummings
cooly sinks a
foul shot.*



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layup.*

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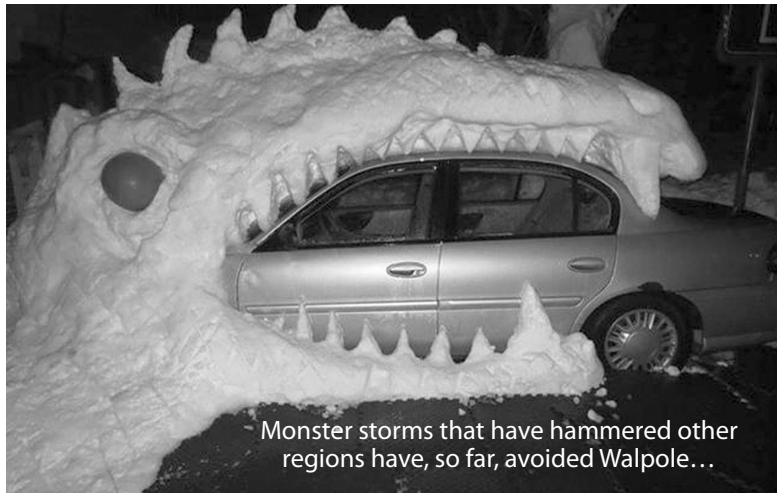
Conservation Easement

Shortly after we went to press this month, the Hooper Conservation Easement with the Monadnock Conservancy was scheduled to close after years of everyone's effort. Full story in March.

MILESTONES

Passed: Walter W. Curley - 92 - January 12, 2016

Engaged: Hannah Kobeski & David Huoppi, January 5, 2016



Monster storms that have hammered other regions have, so far, avoided Walpole...

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— Eleanor Roosevelt

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Where did January go? And where is the snow? It would be nice to have a pristine fluffy snow cover - a couple of feet would be nice -but something easily cleaned off the roads with no coating of ice underneath.

The diversity of your submissions continues to impress us, and hopefully is pleasing for you, our readers. In the works are a number of important things in town, which we will be sharing with you in future issues. I have file folders set up for each coming month with my notes of upcoming news and ideas for articles. Here are some teasers: Louisa May Alcott; conserved lands and farms; business ownership changes; Academy Ravine - just to name a few. If you have an idea for something you would like to know more about in town, or if you have something to share, please send me a note and I will add them to my file folders.

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— Ray Boas, Publisher

From the Far Side of **Walpole**

Observations by William Moses

Spring is Coming in Six Weeks!

Okay, let me start off with a few facts. Marmots, groundhogs, woodchucks are not meteorologists! Punxsutawney Phil is not a true marmot. He is a kept woodchuck. He has much better living quarters than forty percent of the people in the world and eats better than eighty percent.

Also, the people of German descent who settled around Punxsutawney, PA, were celebrating Candlemas around the first of February and not waiting for a groundhog to predict the end of winter. They did notice that the groundhog poked his head out of his hole in the ground around the first of February. They soon realized that the reason for this timely appearance was due to the need for food and for female companionship. It was soon noted that groundhogs mated once a year and that time was around the beginning of February.

Predicting spring planting season was/is not unique to America. For example:

From Germany:

For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day,

So far will the snow swirl until May.

For as the snow blows on Candlemas Day,

So far will the sun shine before May.

According to the old English saying:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,

Winter has another flight.

If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,

Winter will not come again.

From Scotland:

If Candlemas Day is bright and clear,

There'll be two winters in the year.

And from America:

If the sun shines on Groundhog Day;

Half the fuel and half the hay.

However; Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated annually on February 2. It celebrates three occasions according to Christian belief: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the temple; and the Virgin Mary's purification

How we changed a Christian holiday to a celebration of a groundhog's coming out day has always puzzled me. Everyone knows that on February 2 the poor old groundhog has only two things on his mind: obtaining enough food to build his strength back up, and to find a willing groundhog of the opposite sex for reproduction purposes.

That is all groundhogs except for old Punxsutawney Phil, who is stuck with a bunch of stuffy old Pennsylvanians, bright lights, news reporters and nothing else. Well that is not quite true. Phil gets plenty to eat, but it has been 128 years since a groundhog's second favorite activity has been enacted upon poor Phil.

And to add insult to injury, he is housed in a shack on "Gobbler's Knob". Did anyone you know ever hear a groundhog gobble?

*Laughter
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— Victor Hugo



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