

The WALPOLE Clarion

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Another Championship Season? Maples & Wild Blue Open CRVBL Season



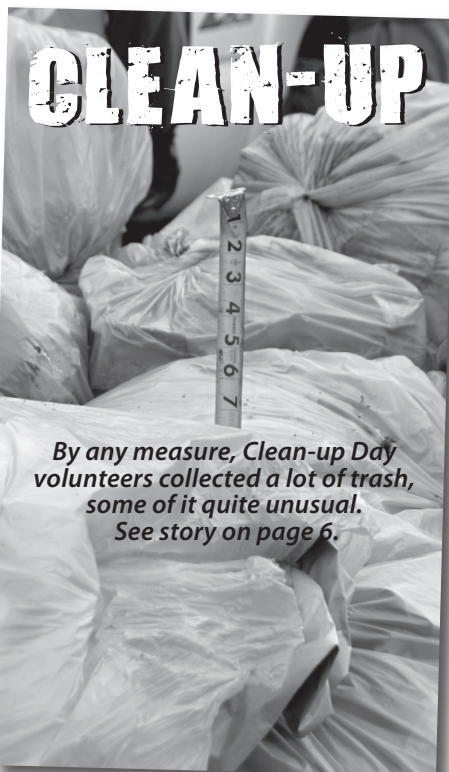
Hank Bailly delivers for the Maples



Last August, the Walpole Maples celebrated their first Connecticut River Valley Baseball League championship, outlasting the Claremont Cardinals 6-3. The trophy has been snug in the McGill home all winter. But that's all history now, and a new CRVBL season is underway. The trophy is once again at risk, and both the Maples and the rival Walpole Wild Blue hope to keep the trinket in Walpole.

The teams opened their seasons against one another at an immaculate Hubbard Park on April 23. Well-bundled fans were treated to a tight contest dominated by pitching on a clear but blustery day.

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CLEAN-UP
*By any measure, Clean-up Day
volunteers collected a lot of trash,
some of it quite unusual.
See story on page 6.*

CPR/Narcan Training

Saturday, May 14, the Walpole Fire Department is hosting a CPR/Narcan training at the Walpole Fire Station between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Those interested may come at any time. No pre-reservation is needed for this free training. Mark Houghton, Assistant Chief, recently said, "I know Narcan can be a touchy subject, but I have come to accept the importance of this education." A representative from the Cheshire Medical Center will be leading the training, which is designed to provide attendees the opportunity to "learn about hands-on CPR and Narcan... what it can and cannot do, dispel myths, learn how to administer this life-saving medication and receive an anonymous kit free of charge."

In addition to hands-on training, there is a six-minute video, and the opportunity to ask questions. In addition, the free kits will be available for those who may need one. To obtain one, there are two questions needed by the state: *What county do you live in?* and *Is the kit is for you, a family member, or other?*

Houghton encourages all to attend on May 14, stating, "We can teach in about 10 minutes on a "walk in" basis a skill that can save a loved ones life!"

— Ray Boas

June Issue Closes May 20

Due to the May calendar and Memorial Day Holiday, the closing date for the Clarion's June issue will be May 20th

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Herbicide Treatment

National Grid Scheduling Walpole

National Grid has notified the Town of Walpole that they have scheduled vegetation management treatments (application of herbicides) along its Right of Way #1451 in the Town.

In accordance with administrative rules of the State of New Hampshire Pesticide Control Board, no application of herbicides shall be made to rights-of-way during the months of June through October 15, without first providing notification to Town officials, the public and residences near the right-of-way. This announcement serves to provide notification to the public that National Grid will conduct maintenance on Right of Way #1451 in Walpole beginning June 13, 2016.

Individual landowners whose property abuts the right-of-way, or over whose property the right-of-way passes, may request and receive individual notification 30 days prior to any treatment. Notification request coupons along with additional information may be obtained from the Town Hall. The information will be on the counter and available whenever the Town Hall is open. Coupons must be received by National Grid no later than June 1, 2016.

(Editor's Note: Maps of National Grid's Right of Way #1451 are posted on the CLARION website)

— Board of Selectmen

Walpole Grange

Walpole Grange #125 will be honoring several members of our community at their annual Community Awards Night on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The awards presentation will be followed by a short program and refreshments. Please come help honor and celebrate these deserving folks!

- Community Citizen: **Michael and Kate Nerrie**
- Educator: **Russell Pickering**
- Business: **Andrea Daley**
- Agriculture: **June Houghton and Doug Phelps**
- Young Farmer: **Emily Britton**

Walpole Grange will also be hosting our third installment of *Coffee With A Cop* on Friday, May 20, at 9:00 AM at the town hall. Bring your questions for Chief Paquette, and enjoy a cup of coffee and some goodies on us!

— Kathy Yardley

1st Annual...

Walpole Student Council Chili and Pulled Pork Cook Off

On Saturday, May 21, from 12:00 to 2:00 PM, the Walpole Elementary School's Student Council will be hosting a Chili and Pulled Pork Cook Off as a way to raise funds for the student group. This event will take place on the Walpole Commons or, if spring rains threaten the afternoon, in the WES Gymnasium.

J.S. Automotive, who has agreed to buy supplies needed for the Student Council to host the event and raise as much money as possible, sponsors the Cook Off. Student Council is looking for families, businesses, and groups to participate. It is free to enter a chili or pulled pork. Tasting cups will be provided for the competitors. A donation is needed per family to taste and vote for the winner. At the Cook Off, there will be also be live music, a 50/50 raffle, grilled hot dogs and drinks for purchase, and games to play. There is also a possibility that one of those games could be "dunk a teacher" if a dunk tank is available.

The event will collect money for a wonderful cause. Student Council uses the money raised to fund field trips, assemblies, playground balls, equipment and supplies for homeroom/pep rally competitions, geography and spelling bees and more. Questions or to register a team, contact Nick LeBail, Student Council Advisor, at nleball@sau60.org or 756-4728.

— Nick LeBail



**Walpole
Grange #125**
invites you to share

Coffee with a Cop

**Walpole Town Hall
May 20
9:00 AM**

Town Employees

New Faces in Familiar Places

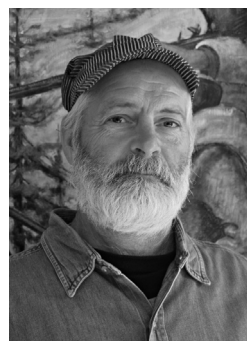
Walpole has welcomed several new people to various town departments since last fall.



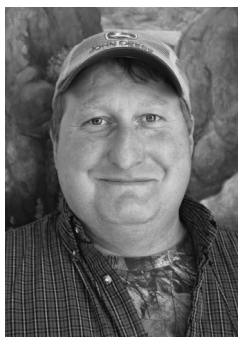
Sarah Downing is the new Manager of Administration at Town Hall, replacing Janet Clough, who has moved to the Walpole Police Department as Administrative Assistant. Sarah lives in Walpole and most recently worked at Landmark College. Early in Sarah's career, she served as Secretary to the Planning and Zoning Boards in Peterborough.



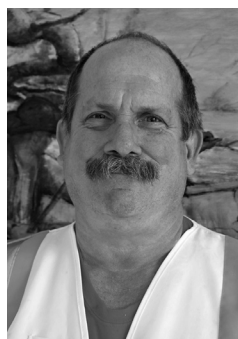
Mike Rau joined the Highway Department as Road Agent in January 2016. Mike has formerly worked with Jim Terrell as Foreman before Mike left to join the highway department in Westmoreland. A resident of Alstead, we are happy to have Mike back.



Harry Clark is an Operator in the Highway Department, coming to work for Walpole after a number of years working for Hubbard. Harry brings experience and knowledge of the area to the job.



Keith Hebert, a laborer in the Highway Department, grew up in Walpole and after a stint in Boulder, returned to Westmoreland to work at the Chickering Farm. Keith is happy to be working in Walpole with a ready smile and enthusiasm.



Wayne Croteau, a resident of Walpole, worked as an active volunteer for the Recycling Center before he became an Operator for the Department. Wayne's past experience includes working for LenTex and Bascom Maple Farms.

– Peg Pschirrer

*Spring is when you feel like
whistling even with a shoe
full of slush.* – Doug Larson

Town of Walpole

Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of Walpole has three open seats on town committees for which we need volunteers to fill. They are:

WRAP (Walpole Recycling Action Project)

One 3-year term seat

Those interested in becoming a WRAP Committee member should call Paul Colburn at the Recycling Center (445-5197) or via e-mail at transfer@myfairpoint.net

Conservation Commission

Two 3-year term seats

Those interested in becoming Conservation Commission members should contact Tom Beaudry (756-9582) or tombemf@gmail.com

If you have been interested in supporting your community through volunteerism, please consider applying for these open seats. As with many small towns, the Town of Walpole relies heavily on the donated time and talents of its citizens to ensure that Walpole remains a wonderful town in which to live.

– Sarah Downing

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Walpole Library

Plant Sale

** Celebrate! 125th Anniversary of the Walpole Library **

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FOR MORE INFO: CALL CAROL 603-756-9537 OR JUSTINE 603-756-9806

HELD RAIN OR SHINE

Library Plant Sale

A Sure Sign of Spring

The Friends of the Walpole Town Library will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM on the library lawn on Main Street – rain or shine.

A wide assortment of locally grown plants will be available. We welcome donations of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, houseplants, small shrubs and ground cover. Please label all plants by type and color. You can also donate garden-related items, such as decorative pots, ornaments, hand tools, seeds and bulbs. Donations are accepted until May 4. Please drop off donations at the Malnati Farm across from Agway.

This year the plant sale will take place in concert with a celebration commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Walpole Town Library! An Anniversary Reception will be held in the library from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please plan to join us on this special day!

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

– Jana Sellarole



Childfind Screening

The Fall Mountain School District will hold a Childfind Screening on Wednesday May 18, 2016, at the Fall Mountain Early Learning Center. All children ages 2½ through 4 (not attending Kindergarten in the fall) who are residents of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon and Walpole are welcome to attend. The purpose of this free screening is to briefly assess the overall development of the preschool child in order to identify any children who may have special needs. The screening will also provide the parents with the opportunity to obtain more information regarding typical growth and development. Please call 835-6314, or e-mail tvittum@sau60.org for further information and an appointment.

– Tammy Vittum

Historical Society

Museum Gift Shop Opening for the Season

The Walpole Historical Society Museum and Gift Shop will be open again on June 4. We are excited about our exhibits – focusing on Louisa May Alcott's years spent here in the Walpole area – and we will have some wonderful "Louisa" items in our gift shop. We will be open every Saturday from 12:00 to 4:00 PM starting June 4. You can find our candles, note paper, locally crafted items, Hancock glass suncatchers, new Walpole mugs and exciting glassware. Plus a few surprises too, all perfect for your home or for gift giving. Please plan to come often – browse both our shop and the exhibits, and enjoy visiting with your friends at the Museum. See you soon! P.S. We will have a table with some of these gifts from our Shop at the Annual Meeting and Dinner on Thursday May 19!

– Sally McGaffigan

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 – Robin Williams

Library

Amnesty Days

"Lost" library books always seem to turn up during Spring Cleaning! We don't care if you found a book that is a week late or a year late; we'd just like it back! Any late materials returned Friday, May 13 or Saturday, May 14 will have all associated late fines waived. No explanations necessary!

Keep Kids Reading Party

Join us at the library on Saturday, May 14 at 1:00PM for a party to celebrate your success with our *Keep Kids Reading* program! Whether you're 5 books in or 500 books in, we'd love to celebrate your achievements and make sure you receive any earned prizes! Join us for face painting, music and refreshments!

NEW Cookbook Challenge Group!

The Walpole Library is planning a new program, a Cookbook Challenge Group. This is a popular program across the country, and we're excited to bring it to Walpole. Each month a different cookbook will be ordered. Anyone wishing to join us will be able to borrow a copy of the book from the library. Each person will be asked to sign up to make and bring one dish from the cookbook. We'll have a monthly lunch meeting where we will enjoy tasting all of the different dishes and talk about the cookbook! Each person will be responsible for one dish as well as their own place setting (plate, utensils, napkin, cup and beverage). Our monthly lunch will take place the last Tuesday of each month beginning June 28. The first cookbook will be available for pick up starting May 30. Please call

the library to register for this program so we know how many books to order! Contact Justine by phone or email: 756-9806 or walpolelibrary@comcast.net



PHOTO PROVIDED

First Winner, Nancy Mackler!

Congratulations to our first Reading Challenge winner, Nancy Mackler! Nancy received a \$10 gift certificate to Mazzio's Bake Shop on Main St. in Walpole! Want to be part of the fun? Grab a punch card next time you're in the library and start reading! For each of the 52 challenges you complete, you earn one raffle ticket. We'll pull three more winners before the year is up!

– Justine Rogers

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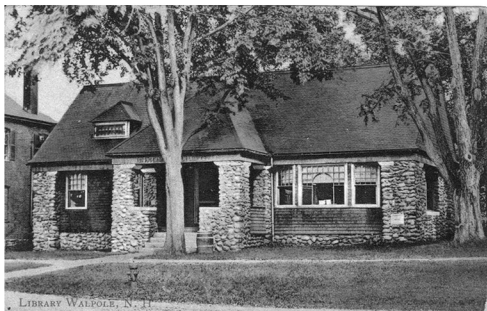
– Jana Sellarole

Historic Book Group

The Walpole Historic Book Group will meet at the Bridge Memorial Library at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 10 to discuss *Abraham Lincoln: The Brokered Convention of May 16-18, 1860*. "Fire the salute! Abe Lincoln is nominated! Murat Halstead reports the Republican National Convention in Chicago, May 16, 17 and 18, 1860." Prior to the meeting you may read the book free on-line book at: <https://openlibrary.org/search?q=Fire+the+Salute>. For more information email - ronmaclachlan03608@gmail.com

– Ron MacLachlan

HAPPY 125TH BIRTHDAY WALPOLE TOWN LIBRARY!



Join us for refreshments and a little nostalgia as we celebrate the library's more-than-a-century of service to Walpole.

MAY 7TH • 9AM - 1 PM

(Stop at The Friends of the Library Plant Sale outside.)



Clean Up Day

4th Annual Volunteer Event

Saturday, April 23, was a cool and dry day – perfect for picking up garbage from the sides of our roads! And picking up garbage is exactly what more than 75 volunteers did (20 of whom came from C&S Wholesale Grocers – thanks guys!) to help celebrate our 4th Annual Walpole Clean Up Day.

All gathered at the Transfer Station bright and early for coffee and scrumptious donuts (from Joanie Joan's Baked Goods) for energy to tackle the trash. Adam Terrell had organized maps and the best routes for likely roadside trash. Blue bags from Northeast Resource Recovery Association were handed out, and off the volunteers raced to see who could collect the most trash.

Three hours later, the volunteers returned with their booty – and booty there was!

They collected: 212 blue bags of trash, 14 tires, 2 TVs, many odd car parts, one recliner that had seen better days, piles of mixed metal, a vacuum cleaner, a muffler, a broken chair, a snowboard, a tricycle, a couch, tractor cushions, railroad spikes, an old radio, dirty diapers, and lots of bottles and cans. Someone actually found a bottle with a plant growing inside. Amazing!

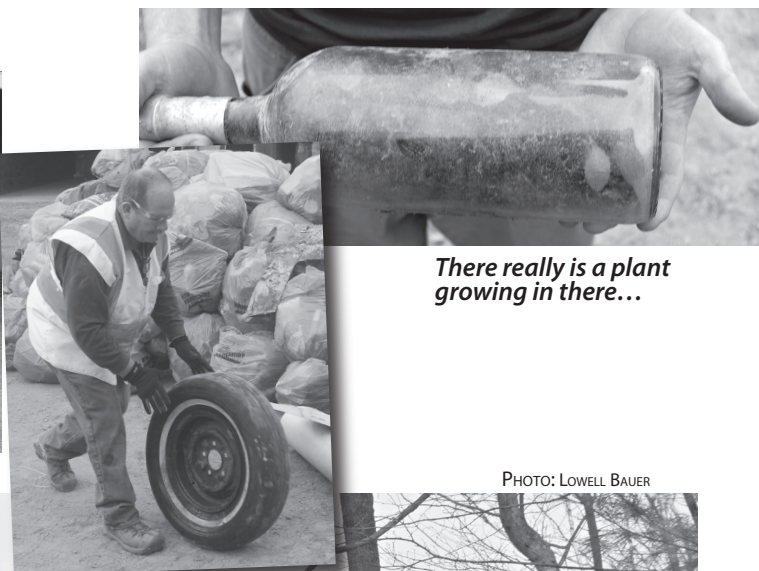
Prizes from L.A. Burdick, Bellows House Bakery, A Village Blooms and Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company were awarded for most bags, most tires, and other categories. Thank you, sponsors!

A big 'thank you' to Paul Colburn and his great staff at the Transfer Center for their help in organizing the event, and for disposing of the piles trash that we left behind! And the biggest thanks go to our fantastic volunteers who made our Clean Up Day such a success. Great work, everyone!

– Tara Sad



C&S Volunteers



There really is a plant growing in there...

PHOTO: LOWELL BAUER

Walpole Walking Group

High Blue Hike

Are you interested in hiking with others in Walpole and on nearby area trails? The Walpole Walking Group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 8:00 AM. Please join us on Saturday, May 7 to get acquainted with the group and hike the High Blue Trail. At 8:00 AM sharp, walkers will meet at 56 Old North Main Street and carpool as a group to the trailhead. After the walk, bagels and breakfast beverages will be served at the Andros home on North Main Street. Hiking footwear and appropriate outdoor weather clothing is recommended. For more information, contact Sarah Downing at 756-3634.

– Debbie Hutchings & Sarah Downing



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May Day

Spring Celebration at the Hooper Institute

On Sunday, May 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, the Hooper Institute will host a spring celebration. All ages are welcome to join us at this time of "high spring." We will have a Maypole to dance around and weave our ribbons. There are May baskets to create. We may have some special guests to show us some traditional May Day dances! There will also be activities to do within Hooper Hall, and displays to learn about the many programs the Hooper Institute offers to the youth of Walpole. Tour the Community Gardens and walk the grounds. Meet the people who helped the conservation easement happen on the Hooper Golf Course property.

There is still time for Walpole high school students to apply for the High School Summer Work Program. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 25. The work program pairs students with work sites in agricultural settings and related businesses. There is also an opportunity to be a camp counselor for our two-week Summer camps or work at the Town Recycling Center. If you think you might like to be outdoors this summer, contact the Hooper Institute for

more details. (756-4382). The program is open to students entering grades 9-12.

If you have children currently in grades K-7, the Hooper Institute hosts three camps for that age group. This year, the camps run the weeks of June 20-24 and June 27-July 1. Camp programs and registrations will go home with all children who attend the Walpole School in early May. Registrations will also be available in the "drop box" by the Institute's front door. We are located at 165 Prospect Hill Road, Walpole. Any questions? Please call 756-4382 or e-mail us at HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net.

— Eloise Clark

Distant Hill Gardens

May Schedule

Distant Hill Gardens will be hosting a number of free walks and workshops on select days throughout the month of May.

- **Bird Watching With Wendy Ward**
Sunday May 15, 8:00 to 10:00 AM
- **Cheshire County Conservation District's 'Bloom Tour' Open Garden**

Friday May 27, 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Visit www.distanthill.org for more information about each event.

— Michael Nerrie



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First Congregational Church

Reverend Craig Breisemeister

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

All Saints Parish

Pastor, Reverend Steven M. Lepine

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

Sat., 4PM; Sun., 8:30AM

St. Peter Church, North Walpole;

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

St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown

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

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

St. John's Episcopal Church

Rector, Reverend Susan de Puy Kershaw

Communion Service: Wednesday, Noon

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

Walpole Bible Church

756-4837 • www.walpolebiblechurch.org

Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

Walpole Unitarian Church

Reverend Lisa Mobayed, M.Div.

Service: Sunday 10 AM

Library Hours

Bridge Memorial Library

Monday: 1:00 - 8 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 - 6 PM

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

Thursday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Friday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

North Walpole Branch Library

Tuesday - Wednesday: 2 - 4 PM

Saturday: 1 - 4 PM

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First Congregational

Come join us in May! There are lots of good reasons to carve out time on Sunday mornings to attend church. We think our church is particularly caring and supporting. The prayers are without a doubt one of the most meaningful parts of our service. One goes to church, sometimes reluctantly, thinking that he or she is the only one with problems. At the time of prayers and concerns, names of people are lifted up for prayer. No longer is anyone alone. On top of that, joys are expressed as well. We don't want anyone to think we dwell on bad news. On the contrary, we celebrate the joys expressed and the hand of friendship is extended to each other. Then there are the children! We thank God for them, and we really want and need more children, because if they come maybe the parents and grandparents will come too!

Be sure not to miss the Rummage Sale on April 29 and 30, the Community Ham Supper on the evening of April 30, and the Silent Auction fundraiser that has been going on from April 17 through May 1. The auction items are in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you.

— Chuck Shaw

Next Friendly Friday

Rev. Craig and his family invite Walpole area families of all kinds to join them at the church on May 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM for an evening of fun, fellowship and great food. This month we're hoping to play outdoor games in addition to hearing stories of our faith and enjoying a potluck dinner. Bring a side or main dish to share. Church provides drinks and dessert. Upcoming Friendly Friday dates are June 20 and July 22. For more information, "like" the Friendly Friday FaceBook page (www.facebook.com/FriendlyFridaysWalpole) or contact the church: 756-4075, walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

— Jenn Breisemeister

Growing a Life of Faith for Youth:

Second and Fourth Sundays, 9-9:30AM

Are the young people in your life asking questions about faith as they gain more independence? Are you looking for ways to nurture your teens' spiritual development as they venture farther out into the wider world? Rev. Craig and the Christian Education Committee at the First Congregational Church of Walpole are offering a new program for youth age 12 to 15 to nurture the seeds of faith that have been planted in our young people as they transition to a mature expression of faith. The goal of the youth program includes getting ready for Confirmation by exploring what it means to live into the Christian faith with love, grace, mercy and justice. All youth in the Walpole area age 12 to 15 are welcome. Family membership in the church is not required.

Youth meet the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 9:00 to 9:30AM, with Rev. Craig and a parent helper. Teens and their families are then welcome to join us for worship at 10:00AM. We also anticipate monthly fellowship and service activities, which may include youth from other nearby churches.

For more information, contact Cheryl Watson via text at 903-9474 or email at ccfordjd@aol.com or "like" the church's FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

— Cheryl Watson

NOW LEASING ABENAKI SPRINGS

You're Invited!

The Residences at Abenaki Springs will hold its **OPEN HOUSE** Saturday April 30th • 9:30AM to 12PM.

Please feel free to stop by and view the facility (still under construction), see these 1 & 2 bedroom apartment homes in Walpole and have questions answered.

The Alliance Asset Management Team will be available to assist with applications, questions and viewings.

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All Saints

As you read this, we are close to finishing up another year of Religious Education for the youth of our parish. First Holy Communion will be held Sunday, May 8, at the 10:30AM Mass in St. Catherine's Church.

Pilgrimage to Canada

The dates for the Annual Pilgrimage to Canada will be August 1 - 4 (4 days and 3 nights). Just \$425 per person based upon double occupancy. We will be visiting the Shrines of Sacred Heart, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal, St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, and more. The Pilgrimage includes two full meals a day, accommodations with private facilities, taxes, and more. The coach bus will leave from St. Mary Church in Claremont. For more information, please call Juanita Sweet at 826-4486 or email: juanitajoy@comcast.net.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

The Knights annual Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 5, at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, Vermont. All proceeds will benefit the Richard L. Beauregard Memorial Scholarship Fund. We are looking for players, as well as hole sponsors and patrons. For more information, contact Russell Lacroix at 835-6789.

For more information about our beautiful parish, log onto: www.allsaintsnh.net

— Juanita Sweet

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church in Walpole at noon on Monday, May 16 for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share with the members. We will welcome Sam Jacobs, Principal of the Walpole Middle School as speaker. He will be speaking on behalf of the Walpole Community Playground Project. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin

Bereavement Support

Hospice at HCS offers an ongoing grief support group in the Walpole area for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the First Congregational Church on the Common in Walpole. Discussions are facilitated by Lorena Cuevas, M.Div., BCC. The next meetings will be Wednesdays, May 4 and May 18.

There is no charge to participate. For more information visit www.HCSservices.org, or call 352-2253.

Hospice at HCS is a comprehensive non-profit hospice program, providing end of life care to patients and support to family members. Care is offered at home, in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

— Susan Ashworth

Walpole Business Notes

Drewsville Store:

A Gathering Place for Friends and Family

The Drewsville General Store has recently remodeled their Deli, serving breakfast and lunch, with a table and benches for you to sit and visit. Pizzas are made in-house, including their own breakfast pizza! Open at 5:30AM for those on their way to work, the deli closes at 3:00PM. Special orders may be placed for pickup after 3:00PM. Owner Brenda Damaziak recently said, "Staying connected to our community is very important to us. The store has a great staff of people who are always willing to help folks out." The Drewsville General Store is located at 78 Whitcomb Road, Walpole (across from the Drewsville Common). 445-5120.

Vacation on a Dairy Farm

The Graves family has been farming at Great Brook Farm in Walpole for over 250 years, and now your family or friends may experience that life. A newly-renovated apartment provides a unique opportunity to experience life on the farm. Guests may visit the milking parlor, see how cows are milked, try their hand at milking, feed the calves and visit the sugarhouse. The apartment sleeps 4 and has a kitchen and dining room. For more information, google Airbnb Listing #11436449 or call Karin at 802-376-9255. (NH Rooms and Meals License #060968).

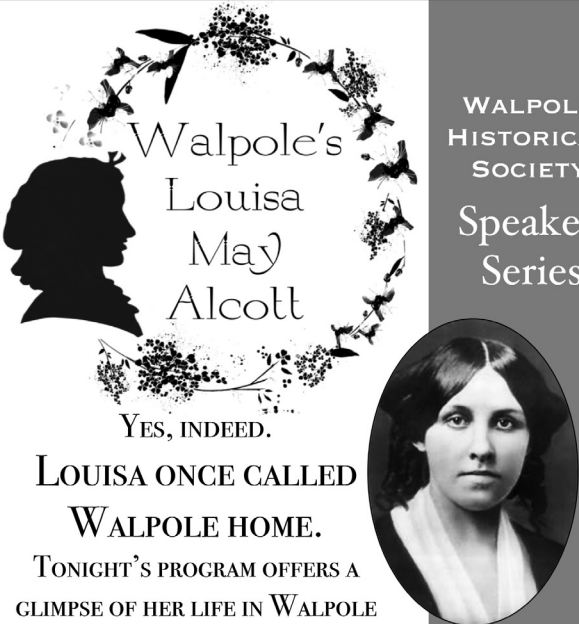
— Karin Mallory

Grand Opening

Golden Phoenix School of Chinese Martial Arts (behind Aubuchon in North Walpole, NH) is throwing its Grand Opening Celebration on May 21, 2016, from 11:00AM - 5:00PM. This memorable event will include a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (12:00PM), Inflatable Obstacle Course (11:00AM - 2:00PM), Martial Arts Demonstrations (12:10PM and 2:00PM), Cake Cutting (12:30PM), Wellness Seminar (4:00PM), and delicious pizza baked fresh on-site by Goodman's American Pie wood-fired brick oven truck all day! The first 300 people to sign in at the Information Tent on event day will receive a voucher for a **free** Slice of Pizza and a Drink (otherwise, drinks will be \$1 and pizza \$2 a slice or \$12 for a pie). All other attractions are free and open to the public. Call 445-7122 for more information. We hope to see you there!

— Emily Sadders

Your 100 word submission of "business notes" is welcome for possible insertion.



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A Call for Artists

The Walpole Artisans Cooperative, a local arts and crafts not-for-profit gallery on Main Street in Walpole, NH, is looking for new members. Artists and craftsmen who are interested in applying for membership are encouraged to visit the gallery, to look at the displays and talk to the artist on site. Seeing the space first hand reinforces the positive impression that members and customers have the minute they step in the door. Interested artists can pick up an application and ask questions in person. Applications are also available online at: www.walpoleartisans.org and the group wants everyone to "like us" on Facebook.

The cooperative's artists and craftsmen are linked together in like-minded purpose and kindred spirit. The members are the heart and soul of this retail gallery. They work in the shop, they set the cooperative's policies, they serve on committees, organize events, challenge each other to fulfill the creative drive inside each of them and have fun doing what they love.



Artist Carolyn Kemp and customer Diane Mason

PHOTO PROVIDED

The retail shop has been described as a "magical" place. One visit to the gallery will confirm that this adjective says it all: great lighting; an intimate setting; a variety of mediums; and most of all a smiling member artist on site everyday to enhance the "art" experience for customers who are looking for something unique and handcrafted. There are no paid employees in this shop; the members do it all.

New members are juried into the gallery by a group of member artists who look at the applicant's work and

evaluate the applicant's interest in being a working member. Some of the many benefits of membership include:

- The members are the shop, they make all the decisions, set the hours, pay the bills and do the advertising
- The commission for sales is substantially lower than a "for profit" gallery. The rate varies with the number of days per month the artist works, but is as low as 15%
- Members can participate in an annual "Tour" in November to showcase their work in one of the best tours in the area
- The cooperative is a member of local Chambers of Commerce in Keene & Bellows Falls
- Members sponsor and participate in community events

If you are interested in being part of this group applications are available at the shop as well as online at the cooperative's website: www.WalpoleArtisans.org.

Shop hours are Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00AM - 5:00PM and Sunday, 11:00AM - 4:00PM. Phone 756-3020. – Carolyn Kemp

Walpole Village School Summer Programs

School's out for summer! Not quite yet, but soon enough, and the Walpole Village School has your family covered. This summer we are offering four fun-filled weeks of hands-on exploration. Each week has a theme that will be carried out through projects, crafts, and outdoor play. Kids will spend a great deal of time outdoors and indoors, having fun all while exploring the theme of the week using their senses and their imagination! Our four weeks include:

Session 1: July 11th-15th, Young Scientists Week

Science is all around us. We will explore, predict, and experiment using simple science experiments. Children will learn what kinds of reactions are happening all around us each day.

Session 2: July 18th- 22nd, It's a Jungle Out There

We will learn all about the different animals and their natural habitats around the world. The rainforest, African plains, and the arctic are just some of the place we will explore. Children will create art projects and learn facts of their favorite animals, and compare traits and their uses.



Session 3: July 25th- 29th, Young Artists Week

Art can be explored through so many different mediums; we will use this week to delve into many of them. Whether it be water color, clay, pastels, or paper we will see where our paintbrushes or hands take us. Each day will include a group art project, sensory art, and incorporating nature in our art. At the end of the week there will be an art show to display the pieces created.

Session 4: August 1st-5th, Nature Scouts week

Let's scout out the nature around us. Our geographic area is so unique, we will have a week of learning and exploring the local animals and plants that live in

our backyards, who they are and why they do what they do. There will be games, art projects, sing songs, and have fun pretending to be different animals!

Enrollment for each week, from 8:30-3:30, is flexible. Choose five days for \$155, three days for \$125 or two days for \$85. Call Jody at the Walpole Village School: 756-4246, or email her at jodym@walpolevillageschool.org to sign up. Set your children up for an exciting summer!

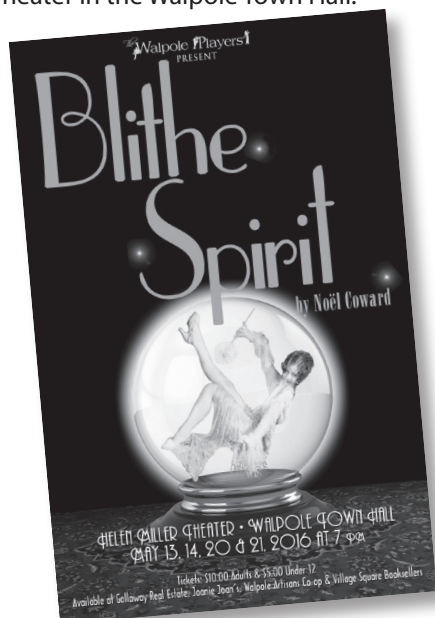
We are looking for one support teacher to assist our certified teacher during the first week of August. If you are over 18, have experience working with children, please inquire by calling the school. References and a background check are required.

In addition to our camps, on Sunday, May 15 we are hosting a paint party as well as a silent auction with items from artists from the Walpole Artisans. At the paint party, participants will be guided by local artist, Kristina Wentzell in painting water lilies. Call the school for reservations to the event.

– Andrea Vickers-Sivret

Blithe Spirit

You will want to be in the room when, during a séance, eccentric self-proclaimed medium Madame Arcati accidentally summons Elvira, the spirit of her host's late wife. The Walpole Players present *Blithe Spirit*, "an improbable farce," by Noël Coward on Fridays, May 13 & 20, and Saturdays, May 14 & 21. All shows begin at 7:00 PM in the Helen Miller Theater in the Walpole Town Hall.



Charles Condomine, a successful novelist who is doing research for his next novel, engages Madame Arcati to hold a séance to learn about her "tricks of the trade." Following Elvira's arrival, the home of Charles and his second wife Ruth is soon turned into a shambles as Elvira settles in to stay. Elvira, whom only Charles can see, does everything she can to disrupt Charles's and Ruth's marriage. The comedic problems escalate as Madame Arcati's unsuccessful attempts to send Elvira back to the Other Side wreak havoc through innumerable spells and séance after séance. And, of course, you will have to attend a performance for the surprising outcome.

The cast includes: Kathy Reilly, Gail Connelly, Mike Conant, Deb Robarge, Jeffrey Squire, Fran Kemp, and, in her first role with the Walpole Players (and her first time on stage since high school), convincingly playing the part of Elvira, Samaira Aldrich.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for the Players' production of *Blithe Spirit* at Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Co., Galloway Real Estate, and the Walpole Artisans Cooperative in Walpole, and Village Booksellers in Bellows Falls. Tickets (Adults-\$10; under 12-\$5) will also be available at the door.

— Ray Boas

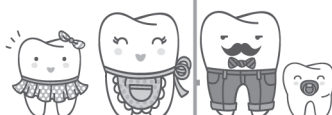


Elvira prepares a surprise for an unsuspecting Ruth and confused former husband, Charles.



Preparing to confront the spirit world – in rehearsal: (from left) Deb Robarge, Mike Conant, Fran Kemp, Gail Connelly and Jeff Squire.

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Cabaret Moments: Top left, Dave Westover introduces the performers; top right, Church Bell Choir; above left, Brody Keller asks if this is your card; above right, Chelsie Loves and Bennett Shriver sing *Count on Me*; below, members of the Church Choir in full voice; at right, Courtney Prentiss

PHOTOS: CHRISTY LOVES



The Church Choir and Bell Choir performed several pieces, including solos by Cathy Gowen, Frank Sibley, Joe Graff, and Dave Westover; a duet with Mike Delaney and Joan Swett; and a Barbershop Trio of Janet Wilson, Frank Sibley and Karen Kitchen. Billy Stahl jammed with his guitar, and Bob Rhodes read a segment of a biography he is writing, *A Sequel to All for the Union*.

But youth stole the show. Nine-year-old David Northcott played *Sonatina* on the piano, followed by solos by Sophia Bruzgis and Courtney Prentiss; a duet of *Count on Me* by Bennett Shriver and Chelsie Loves. The Walpole Elementary School Drum Corps entertained with two selections: *Bacon & Eggs* and *Zombie Squirrels*. Finally, Brody Kellar had the audience in awe with an array of card tricks.

A great time was had by all...with incredible treats at intermission.

– Dave Westover

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W.R.A.P.

Earth Day was just a week ago - April 22. As part of our observation of Earth Day, we scheduled our Fourth Annual Walpole Cleanup Day for Saturday, April 23. The idea is to pick up the amazing amount of trash that accumulates along our streets and roads during the winter. We are not alone in this of course, as similar activities are being undertaken across the country - it's just that for Walpole and our surrounding towns the center of activity is our Walpole Recycling Center out on Whitcomb Road (Route 123).

We have all driven around in other states and towns, and have seen instances where bottles, cans, and cardboard litter the side of the road. Our corner of New Hampshire has, for the most part, not been infested with this disease - our towns, streets and roads are clean and attractive. Is this a result of Earth Day? No, not entirely. Earth Day (and Annual Town Cleanup Day) help, of course, but at the heart of the matter is attitude. That's not just the attitude of the town government, nor merely the attitude of the old timers who have lived here since forever. It's gotta be the attitude of all our Moms and Dads who teach their kids to take pride in the place where they live. It's gotta be the attitude of our school teachers and school administrators who teach their students the importance of citizenship, and inculcate in them a consideration of, and a respect for, the sensitivities of others.

In addition to Earth Day and attitude, there should also be a recognition that we live in a resource-limited world. Two resources come immediately to mind: first, the need for land (a resource) for landfills in which to dump trash and unneeded or excess "stuff." Would you rather live with a pretty pine forest next door or a landfill? Consider the wastefulness and ugliness that a landfill represents.

And second: consider the resources that are required to produce this unneeded or excess "stuff." For example, how many acres of our planet are consumed each year in order to provide the aluminum that goes into aluminum cans? And we must not ignore the amount of energy that goes into the digging of the ore, the melting/smelting required to get that ore into usable metal sheet. And how much oil must be drilled or fracked in order to produce the needed energy for an aluminum can or a glass bottle?

How many trees are used (killed) to make cardboard boxes that are used just once then thrown away, perhaps along the side of a road? And how many trees die to provide us our evening newspaper, which holds our attention for half an hour and then is discarded. Consider, too, that those same trees may someday be what stand between you and the landfill next door.

So, what's the answer to all these tough questions?

All our Moms and Dads must teach their kids to **Reduce**. Any decision to acquire something must take into consideration not only the immediate use, but the ultimate disposition as well - will it end up in a landfill? **Teach** and **Set an Example**.

All our Moms and Dads must teach their kids to **Reuse**. When they no longer need an item, pass it on to another family member or to the kid down the street, or get Dad to take it to the **Reuse** Center out on Whitcomb Road. Okay Dad, **Teach** and **Set an Example**.

All our Moms and Dads must teach their kids to **Recycle**. That empty aluminum can needs to be "repurposed" into sheet aluminum that will be part of the wing of that airplane that takes the family down to Orlando for vacation this summer. That used motor oil from the lawn mower can be "repurposed" to heat the Walpole Recycle Center so that our volunteers don't freeze next winter. That empty, plastic milk jug can be "repurposed" to make a case for a cell phone. Okay Dad, **Teach** and **Set an Example**. Help your kids, and all your neighbors develop the attitude that leads to a healthy planet for all of us, and for generations to come.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (repurpose).

- Charles Blount

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Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening and 2-queen colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required. email: lindenap@gmail.com, or call 756-9056."

- Charles Andros

April is a promise
that May is bound to keep.

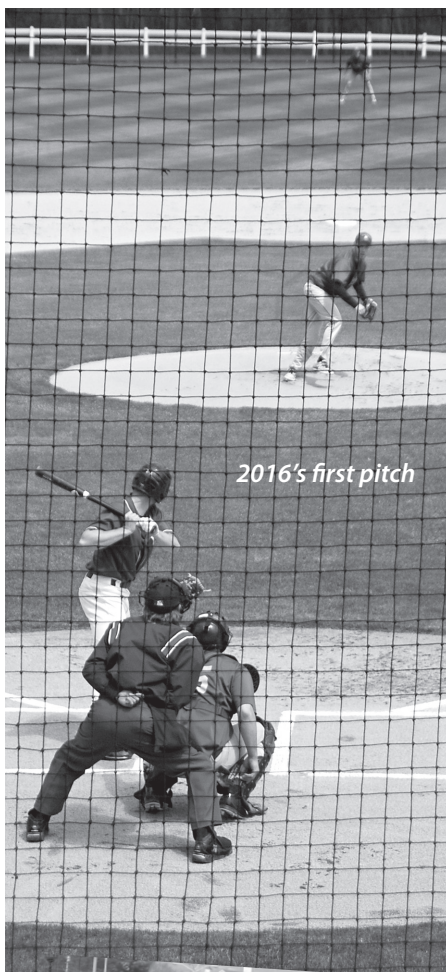
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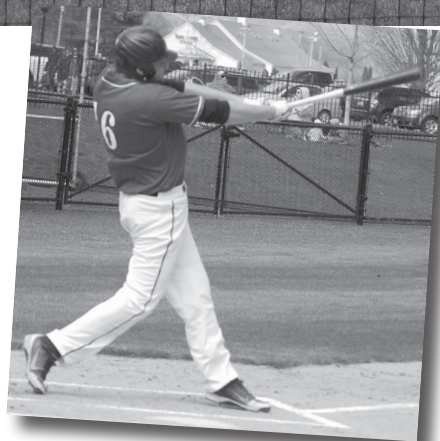
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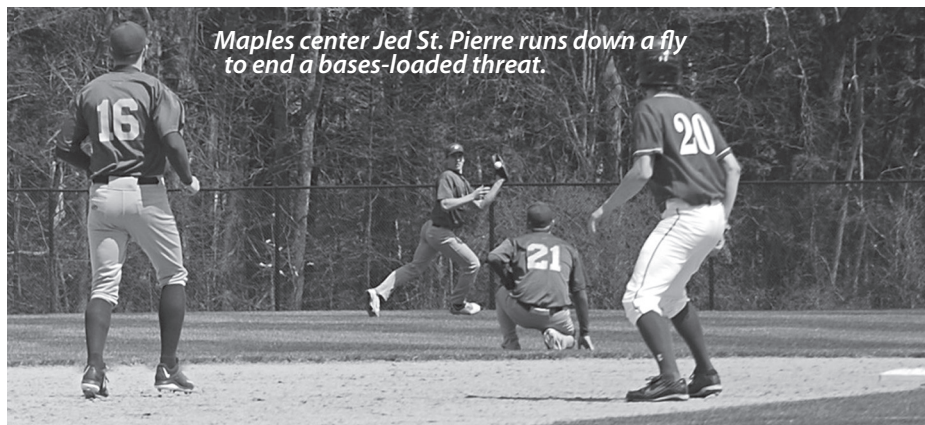
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2016's first pitch



The Blue's Alex Kossakoski makes contact



Maples center Jed St. Pierre runs down a fly to end a bases-loaded threat.

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Hank Bailly started on the mound for the Maples and went up against Adam Kuhn for the Wild Blue. Both teams threatened early, but timely strikeouts and solid defense when it mattered kept the game scoreless until the 4th inning, when the Maples pushed a run across for a 1-0 lead.

The score remained that way until the 7th inning when the Maples were able to score 3 more runs. That ended the scoring for both teams, and the Maples came away with the 4-0 win.

Bailly went the first 5-1/3 innings and got the victory. Steve Corey came on to finish the 6th and completed the game. It was a well-played game on both sides, and a great way to start off the season. Thanks to the fans who came out to watch on a clear but blustery afternoon.

About the Walpole Maples

After the season that we put together last year – winning the championship, we are anxious to get back out on the field to see what this season has in store for us. We have some new faces on the team this year that I think fit in very well with the guys who are returning from last year. Hopefully that will make for another very competitive team this year as we try to defend our title. I hope you are able to make it out to some games. Our full 2016 schedule can be found by checking our Facebook page.



Blue starter Adam Kuhn wiffed 10 Maples through 4 innings.

The 2016 Walpole Maples roster is as follows: Coaches- Ken McGill, Glenn Yardley and Elizabeth McGill; Players- Mark McGill, Shane Salmonson, Hank Bailley, Jake St. Pierre, Colby McAllister, Jed St. Pierre, Steve Corey, Adam Kobeski, John Maciejewski, Tim Carey, Caleb French, Billy Smith, Tom Cote and Garin Clough.

Walpole Maples Baseball is sponsored by: McGill Woodworking, Servpro of Cheshire County, Graves Trucking, Matt Beam Plumbing & Heating, Walpole Veterinary Hospital, E. E. Houghton, Pinnacleview Equipment, & Robert Kimball PC. As always we would like to thank our sponsors and our wonderful fans for your support year after year. Thank you from the entire Walpole Maples team.

There's still plenty of entertaining baseball coming up (in warmer weather), and we're looking forward to continuing support from our fans – as in the past.

– Mark McGill





Walpole Baseball in May

Maples games in May: May 1 vs Sunapee Old Lakers at home (double header); May13 vs Putney Fossils at home; May15 vs Putney, away; May 22 vs Newport Polar Bears away. **Wild Blue** games: May 1 vs Claremont Cardinals at home; May 15 vs Newport Polar Bears at home; May 22 vs Putney Fossils at home. Home games are played at Hubbard Park. Starting times vary.



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CHaD

Local Firefighter Completes 5th year of CHaD Fundraising

Five years ago, Walpole native Mike Snide first started playing for Team Fire in the annual CHaD *Battle of the Badges* hockey game held in Manchester NH. He is among 25 other firefighters from around the state who join forces to raise as much money as possible for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. Every firefighter and police officer who commits to playing in the game is also committing to raising at least \$1,500 for CHaD. They are also paired with children from CHaD – buddies – who help the participants understand the importance of their efforts.

PHOTO FROM CHAD WEBSITE



Mike and his CHAD buddy on the ice.

This year was the 9th year that the *Battle of the Badges* game has been played. Over those 9 years, the firefighters and police officers have raised more than \$1.7 million dollars for CHaD. In the last 5 years that Mike has been fundraising, he has raised well over \$10,000 for the hospital, with this year being his most successful year by raising \$6,800.

The game was played on April 2nd at the Verizon Wireless arena, with Team Police winning the game by a score of 12-5, but the score of the game isn't what the event is about. Representing the Claremont Fire Department, Mike scored 2 goals, but his most important contribution was to the well being of his CHaD buddy and all the other kids at CHaD. Congratulations Mike! Well done.

– Adam Kobeski

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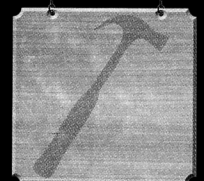
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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...in the late 1880's a horse

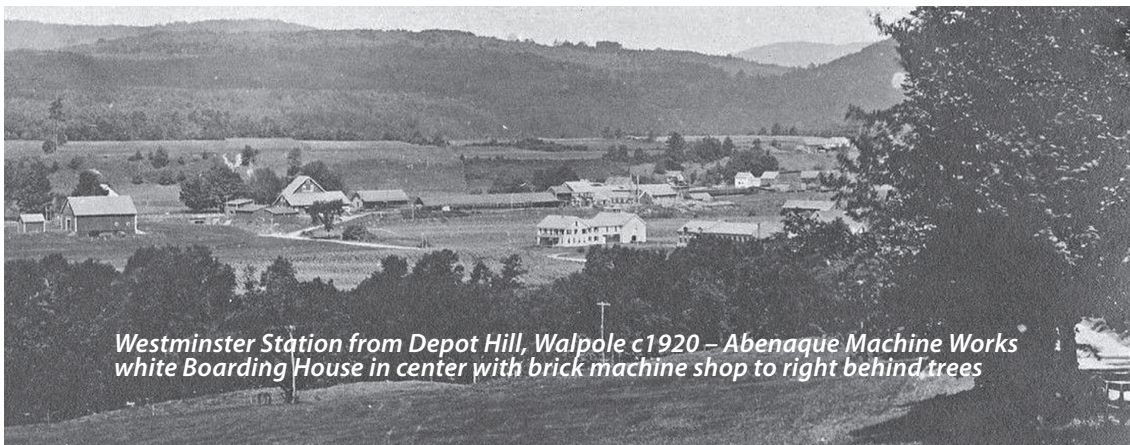
that had contracted pink-eye was boarded in Walpole, which led to the establishment of the Abenague Machine Works in Westminster Station, Vermont? When Frederick M. Gilbert was traveling to Portland, Maine in his four-in-hand coach, one of his horses became sick, and he left the horse in Walpole to be cared for. On his homeward journey through Walpole, he was told the horse had died. In spite of that, Gilbert decided he would like a home in the area. The Gilbert family already had homes in five cities, including Des Moines, Iowa, where they owned a starch-manufacturing business. They were connected with the Colgate family, who were also into starch, but who made their mark with the first toothpaste in a collapsible tube.

Returning and renting a farm for the summer in 1892, Gilbert soon purchased Major J. Britton's estate on Old Drewsville Road. He made extensive renovations to the property, including building an additional house on the rise to the east. Then in February 1893, Gilbert bought 64 acres in Westminster Station, Vermont, between the Connecticut River and the railroad line, bounded on the south by the road leading from the covered bridge. He began the construction of a brick machine shop, woodworking shop, sheds, barns and a boarding house. The local populace thought he was establishing another cornstarch factory, which made sense since the new Baxter corn cannery had just been built along the tracks.

But Gilbert was planning a new manufacturing firm, complete with its own electric plant. The factory was operational the end of 1894, manufacturing: automatic scales, gasoline engines, pumps, and more. Gilbert maintained his office at his Walpole residence. John A. Ostenberg was hired by Gilbert to work for the new

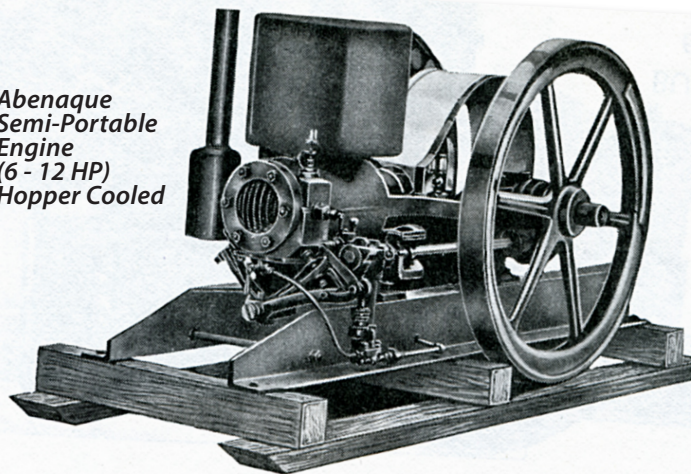
Abenague Machine Works. While living in Des Moines, Ostenberg had received a patent for a starch weighing machine. Moving his family to Westminster, he became the firm's principal inventor. In 1895, Ostenberg designed a revolutionary and totally unique tank-cooled stationary gas engine for Gilbert.

Stationary Gas Engines were a mainstay for power on farms and homes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Ranging in horsepower, these engines with their large flywheels and ubiquitous



Westminster Station from Depot Hill, Walpole c1920 – Abenague Machine Works white Boarding House in center with brick machine shop to right behind trees

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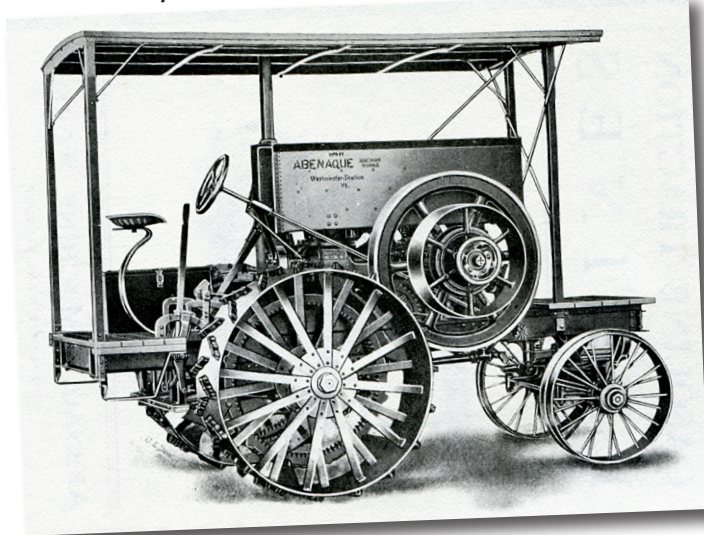
Traction Engines for plowing and road construction (the word 'tractor' had not come into common use). These 'tractors' could also run any machinery attached by belts to its flywheels. The gasoline 'tractor' was a vast improvement over Steam Traction Machines since they would start right up, be used on all terrain without concern about boiler water levels, and accomplish more work with less manpower.

Over the years, a number of unusual financial transactions transferred ownership of the works back and forth between the family and corporations

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established in different states. Frederick Gilbert died in 1902 at the age of 48. His wife managed the business until 1918, when their son, Colgate (born in 1896), became the full owner. There were a number of bankruptcies and recoveries, and eventually Colgate declared the final bankruptcy of Abenague Machine Works on July 8, 1921.

Colgate Gilbert and his wife Esther, who were married in October of 1920, lived in the smaller house to the rear on the Gilbert estate on Old Drewsville Road.

In the 1930s he began experimenting with silver plating in the basement of his home, and developed a small plating business. With the beginning of World War II, he built a complex of buildings between the two houses, and employed as many as thirty workers in his business, plating parts for machine shops in the Connecticut River Valley. After the war the shop closed, and now hardly a sign of this once thriving business remains. Colgate Gilbert died in 1954. Dr. I. Tucker Burr purchased the main home from his heirs in 1955.

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- Flashlight and extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Clothing
 - Dust masks or bandanas
- Plastic sheeting, garbage bags and duct tape
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
 - Hygiene items
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 - Cash
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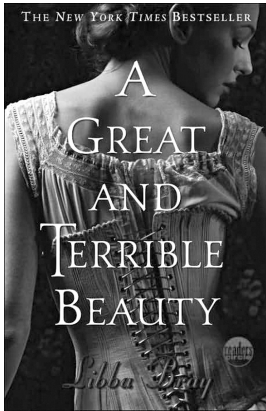
What's Happening in Walpole Schools



Book Review

...for young adults

A Great and Terrible Beauty
by Libba Bray



Based in the late eighteenth century, a young woman named Gemma Doyle moves to England from her upbringing in India, after her mother's death by "suicide." Gemma claims to have had a vision of her mother's death prior to

this, but her older brother, Thomas, simply thinks it is her way of grieving. Soon after, she is sent to Spence, a Christian school for teenage girls to become proper, marriageable women.

Gemma is now living in a gothic castle with a clique of snobby British schoolgirls. She is snubbed by powerful Felicity, beautiful Pippa, and even her own dumpy roommate, Ann. Gemma is also concerned that she has been followed from India by man named Kartik, a handsome young man who warned her about her visions in India. He tells her to block them out and all they will bring is hurt and pain to those around her and eventually herself.

She tries to block the next vision, but fails. She sees a little girl with a worn-out diary, revealing a magical power called the Order. She is also told of another realm that she has the ability to go to.

Gemma finds out she is the key into the realms and takes her clique group of girlfriends with her for a bit of "fun".

Well, this fun becomes pure misery.

Will these girls become power hungry off magic?

Read the story to find out!

— Abigail O'Brien

**Always remember
that you are
absolutely unique.
Just like everyone else.**

— Margaret Mead

Softball Preview

An interview with Assistant Coach and 7th grade student Spencer Harrington

Q: So how are players performing so far?

SH: Performance is great, pitching is strong, and the runs are fast.

Q: Is there any room for improvement?

SH: Not really. It is the beginning of the season, so it's tough to tell what exactly needs improvement and what is just rust.

Q: How did you become assistant coach?

SH: I had already been assistant coach of the girls' soccer team, so I had some experience working with them and coaching. I like working with Mr. Cassarino (WES Head Softball Coach).

Q: What was your favorite part of coaching this year?

SH: I guess going to the soccer championship tournament. It was exciting to see all of the players' hard work pay off.

Q: Who are some softball players that are you expecting to have big seasons?

SH: Eighth-grader Amanda Hodgkins is a really good pitcher. We also have two solid catchers with seventh-graders Grace Beliveau and Kaylee Lintner.

— Emily Heath

Movie Review

Batman vs. Superman

For me, Batman vs. Superman was a good movie, despite its mediocre critical reviews.

It had every aspect that an action movie should have, while also containing the important elements of a comic book-based movie. The movie is perfect for young adult viewers and adults alike.



In the movie, you will see Batman and Superman in their daily lives and personal elements. As the story progresses, the viewer is treated to seeing both superheroes doing what they do best: protecting their respective cities.

While their personal differences set the tone for an epic battle, they must both defend the city on "Doomsday" from the nefarious Alexander "Lex" Luthor.

In my opinion, Lex Luthor, played by Jesse Eisenberg, was not depicted or represented as well as he should have been. It was far different that how I imagined him being from the comic books.

All in all, the movie was good and I highly recommend it.

— Shea Gallagher

Project Graduation

Golf Tournament

FMRHSClass of 2016 Project Graduation is having a golf tournament fundraiser on Saturday, May 14 at Hooper Golf Course. The scramble format tournament will start at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$40 per golfer, which includes 9 holes of golf and a meal.

We are looking for sponsors and golf teams of four. This is a great opportunity to support Project Grad and have fun doing it! Contact: Terry Zehr, 904-4087, terry_zehr@yahoo.com

Also, the FMRHS Class of 2016 would like to thank Jayson and Marcia for their generous donation to Project Graduation

— Terry Zehr

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School Play

Professor Thyme and the History Mystery

On Thursday, April 14th, the Walpole Elementary School's Drama Club, led by teacher Brandie Sweetland, enacted the comedy *Professor Thyme and the History Mystery*. Families, students, teachers, and community members all turned out to view the lone performance.

This performance of *Professor Thyme*, a play by Richard James, had the crowd laughing throughout the evening while still maintaining a sense of perpetual anticipation over what would happen next. The play's protagonist, Professor Thyme (played by eighth-grader Gabe Andrus), begins the play by introducing his latest, and greatest, invention: a time machine! Thyme's lead antagonist, Count Downe (sixth-grader Lillia Wilson), along with her sidekick, Drongo (classmate Teddy Stahl), manage to trick the professor and steal the time machine with the sole purpose of changing history, and not for the better. It is then up to Thyme, along with his niece, Sally Pigeon (fifth-grader Miranda Andersen), and sidekick, Boffin (seventh-grader Chelsie Loves), to reclaim the time machine and save the world as we know it.

The highlights of the performance were Downe's hilarious banter with the slow-witted Drongo, as well as Andrus's ability to bring enthusiasm to each scene. Andrus's portrayal of Thyme was like a mix between Professor Frankenstein and Bill Nye, the Science Guy.

Thanks to time travel, a number of famous people from history made cameos throughout the play, including William Shakespeare (sixth-grader Marcus Flynn), Queen Elizabeth (seventh-grader Emily Heath), and Albert Einstein (fifth-grader Kaidyn Alexander). The main supporting cast also included fifth-grader Jordan Smith, classmate Pearl Aldrich, and sixth-grader Jaina Read. Many other Walpole students were incredibly critical behind the scenes to help make the play a success.

— Jacob Gagnon

Playground Project

Safe Play Matters Update

Thank you Walpole for over one hundred generous donations toward our new playground. Currently, with the \$25,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$17,889 from donations, we have raised \$42,889. While this is a great start, we still have a long way to go to reach our \$80,000 goal. With input from all parties, especially the kids, the playground committee will be ordering a playground by Wednesday, June 1. The new playground will be installed on Saturday, October 1 and will be a community installation project.

Students at the primary school are excited to hear the details about their future playground. Some of their comments:



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"We are excited for a bigger and faster slide."

"Hooray for Ziplines!"

"We would Love More *space* to *climb*."

"We want a *new* Fire Pole!"

"Lots of kids use it."

"The bridge will be back."

"Our slide is too slow."

The committee is busy with upcoming fundraising activities.

- **Parents Night Out** for students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade on Friday, April 29 from 6 - 9PM.

- **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** for students in third through twelfth grade on Saturday, May 7.

- **Afterschool Ice Cream Social** for students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, Friday, May 20 from 3-5PM.

- **The Walpole Fire versus Police Department Baseball Game** Saturday, May 21 beginning at 5PM. at Hubbard Park.

Author Visits WES

On Monday, April 11, Marty Kelley came to visit the Walpole Elementary School to talk to students about how to become both an author and an illustrator. Kelley is the author and illustrator of multiple children's books such as *Cape*, *Twelve Terrible Things*, and *Fall is Not Easy*.

As part of his career, Kelley gives lectures on how to be an author and illustrator, often in a hilarious way that showcases the amount of hard work is needed to succeed. "I thought he was funny and I enjoyed it a lot," said seventh-grader Rachel Watson.

During his visit, Kelley discussed the ups and downs of being an author, how he got into writing and drawing, and his past jobs, which include being in a heavy metal band, a balloon delivery guy, a second grade teacher, an animator, and quite a few more. About halfway through his slideshow presentation, he displayed some of his artwork, which featured lots of portraits of his friends, family and the occasional strangers. "His artwork was great," said eighth-grader Sean McAllister.

At the end of the presentation, Kelley asked the audience a question: "If you could make any device, what would it be and why?" Lots of hands went up and ideas were suggested, such as the peanut butter and jelly sandwich maker by sixth-grader Lucas Gay, and the Light-Saber-Taser by seventh-grader Emily Heath. Emily was asked to come to the front of audience so that Kelley could draw up Emily and her nefarious Light-Saber-Taser. Everyone at WES, especially Emily, got a good kick out of it. "Overall the presentation went over well and I would like to have him back to the school," says sixth-grader Enrique Ingram.

— Maria Mendez

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Come join us for these activities. If you would like to have more information on any activity, please call the school at 756-4728.

Please help us make a difference. You can send a check made payable to the Walpole School Playground Fund P.O. Box 549 Walpole, NH 03608, or visit www.gofundme.com/tqmweb4c and/or follow us on Facebook: Walpole Playground Structure. Please call us at 756-4728 if you need any information.

Thank you for your support.

— Walpole Playground Committee

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Reader Commentary

Comments and Questions on the Abenaki Springs Development

It is heartbreaking to drive down once scenic Route 12 and observe the former farmland now occupied by the eyesore that is Abenaki Springs housing project; and it's only just begun.

Mr. Franks would like us to believe, as has been quoted on more than one occasion, that this development is an altruistic endeavor to benefit our community. It would be interesting to learn the dollar amount that Mr. Franks and his investors received from New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) funds, as well as Federal LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits) funds to build this philanthropic housing project.

In my opinion, taxes will necessarily increase due to the negative impact on our schools, police and other resources. The most adversely affected by the increases will be retirees and those on fixed incomes.

The needs study used by the NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) to justify this project, relied not on Walpole's needs per se, but rather the needs of several communities outside Walpole's boundaries. As a matter of fact, forty percent of the people in the "market area" defined in the study reside in Rockingham (Bellows Falls) VT and Westminster, VT. Mr. Franks, please explain how recruiting potential tenants from other communities and states benefits Walpole.

"Workforce Housing," as coined by our government is misleading, as it implies that the tenants of these units will actually be "working." Not so, according to Julian Morgan, NHHFA program manager, occupants do not have to be employed, as that would be "discriminatory."

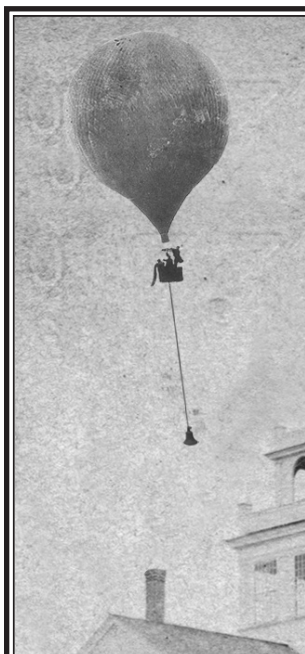
As said by Jack Franks, and reported by Mr. Boas, in the article, "Residences at Abenaki Springs," this housing project is not subsidized housing. Really?

To qualify for the tax credits, Mr. Franks and his investors were obligated to meet a set of specific requirements. One such requirement as outlined in the NH Public Notice that appeared in The Union Leader on June 25, 2015 states: "...Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701U, mandates that opportunity for employment and economic opportunities generated by its housing and community development assistance programs be directed toward low-income and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assisted housing. Avanru Development will comply with Section 3 requirements referenced in this public notification..."

Perhaps Mr. Franks can explain where opportunity for employment for his future tenants will be found; it is certainly not in the Walpole area where employment opportunity is lacking.

One can only imagine what other "beneficial projects" Mr. Franks has in store for Walpole – I wait with bated breath.

– Jan Hicks



No, the State Legislature isn't repealing Murphy's Law, nor are Walpole Elementary students lobbying in favor of the semicolon for official state punctuation mark. And, although it made for a nifty story and doctored photograph, Walpole's bell was never swiped by balloon...

Our thanks for helping with this year's April mischief go to the Library's Deborah Kelsey for her O Canada ad concept, the WVFD's Mark Houghton for going along with the beefcake calendar, Joanie Joan's for agreeing to be part of the Donuts from the Skies ad, and Abe Boyd for letting us share his ice fishing saga.

Hope you enjoyed – or at least weren't terribly annoyed by – our annual silliness. Either way, we'll probably do it again next year.

* OK, OK, the ice fishing story was bogus too...

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Dream Come True – The same interests have followed threads throughout my life. As a pre-teenager I got my first printing press and photographic darkroom. I was hooked starting with a blank piece of paper, and creating something on it. I started to hand set type in 1957 for my first newspaper; but, I quickly found it hard with a 3x5 inch letterpress. More printing presses and darkrooms followed. I printed most everything needed in my high school, and had a printing business in college.

My interest in books and writing developed, too, at an early age. In the 1980s, I published my first book, several booklets, and was published in several magazines. I started publishing book catalogues in 1980, which led to my becoming a full-time bookseller in 1990. I brought *Walpole as It Was... and Still Is...* to you two years ago, and my booklet on Louisa May Alcott just went to press.

Honing these interests over decades has culminated in bringing you the **Clarion**. It is hard work - almost a full-time job to do it right, but a true pleasure to do this for the Walpole Community.

– Ray Boas, Publisher

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

I woke up this morning to a beautiful, sunshiny day, full of hope and promise. Then I went to the local coffee stop and met up with my buddy Elwud, and things started going downhill. It does not seem possible that one man's thought train can be so, ah, what's the word I'm looking for? Messed up.

"Well sir", he says, "I am thinkin' on runnin' for some political position in the upcomin' election." "What in the world position is open that you could run for, much less fill?", I asked.

"Well sir", says Elwud, "they is several. There is the Information relay at the four corners of east/west and north/south. If I got elected, then all them tourists would stop and ask directions, and I could tell them where to go. Or I could be the ash bucket inspector. You know the one who makes sure that anyone that has a woodstove has a bucket and shovel and disposes of their ashes properly. I would show up on their doorstep at two o'clock in the morning and yell, 'Git your hot ashes out of the house!'"

"Do you have a campaign slogan or some promise to get everyone to vote for you?" I ask.

"You bet your rock bottom bass I do", Elwud yells. "I am gonna promise to protect our fishin' rights and build a wall and keep them pesky Vermonters from fishin' in our river. Yes sir, the Connecticut River belongs to New Hampshire, and I plan on keepin' them Vermonters from fishin' in it without purchasin' an out of state license."

"How do you plan on doing that, when they can walk down to the edge of the river and flick their lure into the water?"

"Well sir, them Vermonter's days of lurin' the New Hampshire fish onto their shores will be over once I build the WALL! Yes sir, we will build a wall ten foot high with 220 volt electrified wire running along the top. Yes sir, all the way from the First Connecticut Lake all the way to the Taxachusetts border."

I just shook my head and said, "I do not think Vermont people are going to let you build a wall along the length of the Connecticut River and close off their State!"

"We already started, albeit gradually. We already shut off one or two of the bridges between the two states, and working on a couple more this summer, and they didn't do nothin' to stop us. Heck the wall will be up in no time and we will be the Sovereign State of New Hampshire once again!"

Shaping America

Shaping America, a new exhibit at the American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont, opens May 28. The exhibit explores how the machinists and tool builders of this region's "Precision Valley" influenced the course of American history, helping drive rapid industrialization; the emergence of the United States as a world power; and the development of our consumer culture.



Windsor is known as the "cradle of precision manufacturing", and developments there led to the founding of the machine tool industry in America. That industry, in turn, led to mass production, which made possible mass communication, rapid transportation, modern standards of sanitation and medical care, abundant food and clothing, and the leisure for universal education. The exhibit features the machines and the people who operated those machines that helped win two World Wars.

Open daily 10:00AM to 5:00PM from Memorial Day through October, there are many special events planned throughout the year. There is an admission charge. For more information visit: www.americanprecision.org

— Frank H. Hoffman

Roots on the River

The 17th Annual Roots on the River Music Festival returns to Bellows Falls, Vermont June 3 - 5

"Roots" music, sometimes called "traditional" or "Americana", is a musical style that incorporates early blues, bluegrass, country, folk, rhythm and blues, gospel and rock. Each June, Bellows Falls, Vermont hosts a music festival that celebrates the genre. In 2014, *Acoustic Guitar* magazine picked this "little gem of a festival" as one of its 50 must-attend events around the country. Top-notch artists perform in an incredibly intimate setting for an audience that listens appreciatively and attentively. This year nearly 20 bands will perform under a tent behind The Rodeway Inn on Rte. 5, and at the historic Rockingham Meetinghouse. For tickets and information, go to www.rootsontheriver.com

— Karin Mallory

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at right, blossoms
outside a Walpole
home on the 20th.*

