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Trees and other plant life in New England are being infested and destroyed by invasive species, such as bittersweet, at an alarming rate. In Walpole proper and along Rte 12, you can see trees totally covered with this vine that will eventually bring them down.

These plants have no biological enemies that can be called into action, and so direct human intervention the only way to stave off a potential major die-off.

On Thursday August 11, County Extension Forester Steve Roberge will be heading up a twilight walk at the Cheshire County Farm in Westminster to identify invasive plants that are having a devastating effect on our tree stocks, as well as invasives that are beneficial to the land and wildlife. Time: 5:30-7:30PM. Location: At the intersection of River Road and Partridge Brook road in Westmoreland, near the Maplewood Nursing Home entrance.

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The Walpolean Become a Follower

Although not the original, in the present format The Walpolean is in its fourth year. (Not commenting on the editorial staff, but it is younger than The Clarion.) I trust that red banner is familiar to a lot of you. I know for sure that nearly 240 people recognize it because they are "Followers". By Followers, I mean that they have registered and receive an email each time something new is posted on this Blog. It should be noted that by opening that email, you are only able to see that post. You won't be on the Home Page where the red banner is located.

You, too, can be a Follower. You just need to go to www.thewalpolean.org to enter your email address in the box at the top right hand corner of the Home Page, and click the box that says "Register Me". If that doesn't work, email me and I will send you a special invitation that will make it even easier!

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Oldest Resident Sought:

**Walpole, North Walpole
or Drewsville**

Walpole's oldest resident and holder of the Boston Post Cane, Agnes Cicalone, recently passed away at 100 years of age. Walpole is again in search of its oldest resident to receive this honor, which has been bestowed since 1909.

Edwin A. Grozier (Editor and Publisher of The Boston Post) sent 700 letters to Selectboards in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in August 1909. In a fascinating publicity move, he asked if they would be trustees of one of the 700 ebony, gold-topped canes he recently had made. Grozier stipulated the canes were to be given to the oldest citizen in the town. Upon that person's death, the cane would return to the town to be presented to

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Horse Thieves

200th Anniversary Banquet

The Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Hen Roosts and Clothes Lines ("Walpole Horse Thieves") will hold their blowout 200th anniversary banquet on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at Alyson's Orchard Event Center. The evening will be filled with good food, pleasant conversation with friends and neighbors, recognition of our 2016 "Riders"; and of course a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Walpole Horse Thieves.

Our speaker for the evening is Ray Boas. Ray will share seldom-seen images of life in Walpole in the 1800's to early 1900's, and examine details and the history found in those photographs and postcards. Much of what you will see has been found after Ray published his book *As it Was . . . And Still Is... Walpole, New Hampshire* in June 2014.

The Walpole Horse Thieves formed September 7, 1816 at a local tavern with a group of between 68 - 89 men from town. Among those first members were men with names such as Hubbard, Graves, Chase, Drew and Bellows. At the time, horses were quite valuable, and police or sheriff's departments were unreliable (if they existed at all, especially in remote areas). An average horse may have been

worth \$40-60, and good quality horses went for \$100-700. Horses were the most valuable single item in many households. Rustling horses was a serious problem by the early 1800's, and as a result, societies to combat horse thieving developed here in Walpole and throughout the country. But few remain.

As in the past, the banquet will be mostly cooked by the Walpole Horse Thieves onsite, and there will be an entrée choice of roast beef or vegetarian lasagna. A cash bar is available at Alyson's. Early reservations are encouraged and will be taken on a "first come / first served" basis. Walpole Horse Thieves members may make reservations and bring as many guests as they'd like. Reservations (\$20/person), must be paid in advance. Reservations are non-refundable. Invitations to the banquet along with reservation forms will be mailed to all members at the beginning of August.

If you are a Horse Thief and have changed your address in the last two years, please contact Lewis LaClair, Clerk to update their records. Not a member? You can still join! E-mail Lewis LaClair at LLaclair@advancedrisk.com, or call him at 756-0001. The only requirements are that you be a male, of age, a resident of Walpole and you pay your lifetime dues (two whole dollars).

— Lewis LaClair

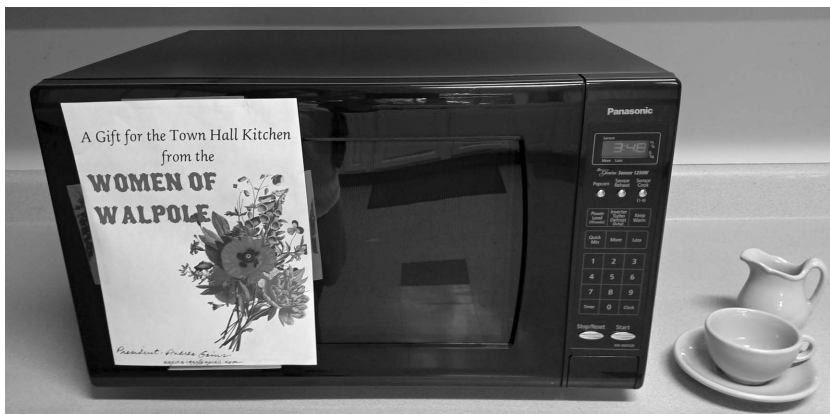


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Donation

The Women of Walpole (WOW) recently donated two large microwave ovens for use in the Town Hall kitchen. The Selectboard of Walpole wishes to officially publicly acknowledge their appreciation

for this gift. These additional appliances will make meal preparation quicker and easier for those using the Town Hall for various functions and events. For now, the pretty WOW donation notes will be left on the microwaves for all to see.

— Sarah Downing



The town pool was a popular place in July

Meet Bill Lockwood

Moving back to the area recently, and settling in North Walpole, are Bill Lockwood and his wife, Jeanie Levesque. Retiring in 2015 from social services work for both the States of Maryland and Vermont, at night Bill is an avid amateur theater participant and writer.

Moving to Vermont in 1992, he had short stories published in literary magazines, and wrote for *The Commons* in Brattleboro, and for the *Bellows Falls Town Crier* from 1990 through 2006. His articles in *The Crier*, as well as other publications, covered the arts, personalities and rural downtown

development. In 2006, Bill was presented the Greater Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award for his work as Chairman of the Bellows Falls Opera House Restoration Committee.

Bill's first novel, *Buried Gold*, will be published on August 26 by The Wild Rose Press. In this work of historical fiction, we find Evie, a single thirty-something, has stolen a map from her father's New York City home after he dies. The map is the principal clue to where a box of ten-dollar gold coins was buried during Prohibition, just before Revenuers raided her great grandfather's illegal rum running business out on Long Island. Evie and her daughter end up in a race

with Evie's brothers to find the family treasure. Murder and intrigue follow at every turn.

You can find Bill's first contribution to the **Clarion** in this issue on page 7. His wife, Jeanie, served as a judge in a recent Southern Vermont Idol Competition, in which a number of Walpole residents were contestants.

If you have news or human-interest stories to share with the **Clarion's** readers, particularly happenings in North Walpole, Drewsville and Bellows Falls, please contact Bill via the **Clarion**.

– Ray Boas

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the "new" oldest citizen. Originally, the senior Grozier's intent was that only the oldest male was eligible to receive and use the walking stick, but in the 1930s his son, Richard, extended the eligibility to women.



Walpole received one of the Boston Post Canes, and luckily still has it. In the past 107 years, a good number of New Hampshire's canes have gone missing. To negate that peril, as is done elsewhere in New Hampshire, Walpole's cane is maintained on display in the Town Hall following recognition of our oldest citizen and presentation of a certificate. In the works is a plaque honoring Walpole's holders of this honor. But records are incomplete, and your help is needed to fill in names of previous "holders of the cane." Names, dates (birth, death, and when named "oldest citizen"), and particularly pictures would be appreciated. Besides Agnes, previous "oldest citizens" of record include: Joseph Francis Bushway; Nathalie Elaine Nelson; Marion Fennessy; Anna Leach; Edwin H. Pearce; Emma Boynton; Mary Houghton Aldrich; Carrie Lucy Knowlton; John Prentiss; and Oliver Hubbard. If you can assist in completing the list in any way, please contact the Selectboard office.

Most important, to continue the tradition here in Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville, the search begins again. If you are possibly one of the oldest residents, or know of someone who could be, please contact the Selectmen's office at 756-3672, or by email to sdowning@walpolenh.us. The deadline is August 31.

– Ray Boas

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BBQ Pulled Pork

4th Annual Amateur Competition at Alyson's Orchard

On Sunday, August 28, the 4th Annual Amateur BBQ Pulled Pork Competition will be held at Alyson's Orchard from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Benefiting the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, there is no admission charge, but anyone wanting to sample must bring either a non-perishable food item to donate, or make a cash contribution to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. This fun summer event is sponsored by Alyson's Orchard and The Pit Stop Smokehouse. There is no entry fee for participants, but you must supply 20 lbs. of pulled pork that has been cooked over wood or charcoal, for sampling. Your sauce must be made using fruit – apples, peaches or berries. Call 756-9800, or email info@alysonorchard.com for details if you would like to participate!

There are three prizes for the winners of the People's Choice Award. First place receives a weekend at Alyson's Rochambeau Lodge for up to 18 people – a \$1,500 value. Second prize is a BBQ dinner provided by The Pit Stop Smokehouse for 10-15 people – a \$250 value. Finally, third prize will be gift certificates from the Pit Stop and Alyson's, along with a jug of local Maple Syrup from Stuart & John's Sugarhouse – a \$75 value.

The public is welcome to sample the pulled pork and vote for the People's Choice Award between 12:00 noon and 2:00 PM. There will also be BBQ food for sale to the public from the Pit Stop Smokehouse, a Beer & Soft Drink Tent to compliment the BBQ, and ice cream from Leena's Scoop Shop for dessert! There will be many other fun family activities that day. Visit our website for details:

– Fran Imhoff

The Walpole Players

Still in Search of...

As The Walpole Players approach their 30th anniversary during Old Home Days 2017, they need your help. The search is on for show posters and programs covering their soon-to-be 30-year history. Posters for about half of the productions have been located, but it would be nice to have a full run. Can you help?

This is what's missing: *George Washington Slept Here* - 1987; *On the Razzle* - 1988; *The Man Who Came to Dinner* - 1989; *While the Lights Were Off* - 1990; *Love Rides the Rails* - 1991; *Egad, the Woman in White* - 1994; *The Odd Couple & The Bathroom Door* - 1995; *Once in a Lifetime* - 1996; 1997 and 1998 ??; *Alice in Wonderland* - 1999; *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* - 2000; *Crazy for You* - 2004; *A Midsummer's Night Dream* - 2005; *Arsenic and Old Lace* - 2006.

To share your finds and treasures, please call Becky Pearson, 756-4594.

- Ray Boas

Writers Wanted!

Do you have an idea for an interesting column or have you ever yearned to be a published writer?

The *Clarion* welcomes submissions to entertain and inform our readers.

You may have an unusual hobby or new business (or know of someone who does) whose story needs telling.

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18 Primary Lane

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Walpole Town Hall
34 Elm Street

Walpole Recycling Center
Rte 123, North Walpole

Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic
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6:30-8 PM: **The Jazz Express**

Walpole Library

Coming in August

Cook Book Challenge Group

The Cook Book Challenge Group is shaking things up in August. We'll be meeting for a pot luck dinner on Tuesday August 30th at 6:30PM. Come by the library any time in August to pick up a copy of the cook book and sign up to make a recipe. Bring your dish as well as your own place setting to our dinner on the 30th. Enjoy delicious food and great company!

Summer Reading

Can you believe the summer is winding down already? Join us Thursday August 4th at 6:30PM for **Family Movie Night**. The movie and popcorn are free! Then join us Saturday August 6th from 10AM to 12PM for **Library Olympics**; we'll have some competitive games and a fun craft! Wednesday August 10th we'll have Rachel from the Grafton Museum here for an interactive program on **Abenaki Life** at 1PM. Our **End of Summer Party** will be Thursday August 11th at 1PM. This will be your last chance to move your ball up our reading field and you'll have until Friday August 19th to collect your prizes! Thanks for reading with us this summer!

Photo Contest

Thank you to all who submitted a photo and to everyone who came into the library to vote! We had 14 photo submissions, and just over 100 votes. The winner is... two photos! We had a tie! We've ordered the new library cards. Once they arrive you'll have your choice of these photos or a third pre-made graphic with books! Thank you again for participating in this fun event. We can't wait to show off the new cards!

— Justine Rogers



The winning library card posters

PHOTOS PROVIDED



Friends of the Library

Book Sale

We are currently accepting donations of clean, gently used books at the former RN Johnson's (in bays 14 and 15 to the left of the main building) on Wednesday mornings from 9 - 10 AM, and on Thursday afternoons from 3 - 4 PM. Please no cassette tapes, VHS tapes or encyclopedias. If these times are not convenient for you, please call Cheryl at 756-4066 to arrange an alternative drop off time.

We also need your help sorting books. The book sorting takes place at RN Johnson's each week during the same hours that we accept donations. Please see above. Each year there are many, many books to sort into categories. It is an interesting task and one that is more fun with more people participating.

Tag sale tables are available again this year for \$25.

—Jana Sellarol

Walpole Business Notes

Art Exhibit

Form and Abstraction: A Two Person Show – June 25 - August 27, at The Barn at 28 Main Street, Walpole. Cynthia-Reeves has announced a two-person show entitled, *Form and Abstraction*, which focuses on the work of two established artists: Willard Boepple and Lloyd Martin. Both are widely recognized and frequently exhibited in New York City; Cynthia Reeves has included their work in numerous art fairs both domestically and internationally. The gallery address is The Barn at 28 Main Street in Walpole, NH, and it is open to the public year round Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Movie Nights at the Barn

Walpole Valley Farms, 663 Wentworth Road, Walpole. Walpole Valley Farms is hosting a movie series on Thursday nights through August 25. Food and games start at 5:00 PM, the movie begins at 7:00 PM. Free, bring your own chairs, blankets and pillows. Walpole Valley Farms Hotdogs and Grass-Fed Beef Burgers will be available for purchase. Further details at www.WalpoleValleyFarms.com, or Facebook.

Joanie Joan's

Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company will be closed on Saturdays through August 27th. Hours on Monday through Friday are 6:30 AM to 2 PM.

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

A Window on Walpole's Past

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Southern Vermont Idol

Walpole Hopefuls in Competition

Daniel Hartigan of Walpole and Elizabeth Varone of North Walpole have been competing against entrants in the amateur singing contest from Bellows Falls and southern Vermont and New Hampshire. Producer of the event, Susan Macneil of Bellows Falls, says, "The talent we've discovered this year is stunning. We are thrilled not only with the caliber of the contestants but also the generous community engagement."

After 12 successful years as Keene Idol, the contest moved this year to the Moose Lodge at 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. The elimination rounds are Saturdays at 7:00 PM, with the final competition Friday, August 5, in conjunction with Rockingham Old Home Days in Bellows Falls. The contestants are competing for a grand prize of \$1,500 and a day's recording session at Guilford Sound. Runner-up prizes are \$750, \$500, and \$250 respectively. Judges at each session have 50% say, and the audience makes up the other half of the vote. The MC is Wade Garrett from Keene, and one of the Judges through the elimination weeks is Jeanie Levesque of North Walpole.

The first elimination round on July 9 drew an enthusiastic full house of 200. Our contestants from Walpole were among the nineteen who made it to the second round on July 16. Again, they performed before a boisterous full house. Daniel Hartigan said it would "be fun to have a day in the studio. My baby daughter's watching. I want to show her – keep trying. Also, it's a great cause." He sang "Skinny Love" by Bonnie Vier. Elizabeth Varone said of being in the competition, "It's kind of just for fun." She sang "Girl Crush" by Little Big Town. Both got positive comments from the three Judges. Then the votes of the Judges and the audience were tabulated. Sadly, Elizabeth did not make the elimination, but Daniel went on to the third round on July 23. After the fourth round on July 30, only four finalists will face off on August 5.

Doors open at 6:00 PM, with the show starting at 7:00 PM. Food and drink are available through the Moose Lodge with no outside food or beverages allowed. Proceeds benefit RAMP, Rockingham Arts and Museum Project, the nonprofit arts organization in Bellows Falls. For tickets and information call 313-0052 or check out susan@svidol.com.

– Bill Lockwood

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Walpole Memories Wanted

I am working on a new history project, and I need your help. The last full history of Walpole was written in 1963, and not only has much happened since that time, but not everything was covered in that history.

Specifically, at this time I would like to know your memories of businesses around the village square, your dinners and parties at the original Walpole Inn on Westminster Street, functions on the common, and fascinating tidbits in town, North Walpole, Drewsville, and throughout the hills of Walpole. If you have an interesting anecdote, or detailed memory, I would love to have you write it down and send it to me (you need not be a professional writer). Also, I would love to see any pictures or paper ephemera you may have of the village, and North Walpole businesses and activities.

The whole idea is to share and document our wonderful heritage, so please help. You can send your memories to rayboas@comcast.net or call me at 756-4545.

– Ray Boas

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The goal of The Walpolean is very simple. It is for "Keeping the community up to date on community topics". Minutes of our local board meetings – Conservation Commission, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Selectboard – are posted, thus making it unnecessary to go to the Town Hall or peruse the bulletin board outside the Post Office. (Other local boards or organizations are welcome to forward their minutes for posting as well.)

The Walpolean is also a good place to post information about upcoming events. There are months when the deadline for publication in The Clarion may pass you by, but through this Blog, you can still get the information out to a large number of people. Again, send me an email and I can post it – usually within 24 hours. It is like sending an email to a minimum of 240 individuals because that is how many subscribers we have.

I welcome your suggestions and ideas. Even after three plus years, The Walpolean remains a work in progress and welcomes new ideas and subscribers. Email me at ltdecoste@comcast.net

– Lil DeCoste

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Hike

...to Table Rock and Fall Mountain

On Sunday, August 21, join Harris Center for Conservation Education volunteers Russ Daigle and Denny Wheeler for a moderately strenuous two-mile roundtrip hike to Table Rock, with views overlooking the Connecticut River Valley. Bring water and lunch. To carpool, meet at 8:30 AM outside the Walpole Savings Bank in the parking lot of Shaw's supermarket off Route 12 in Walpole. Participants can finish at 10:00 am after descending Table Rock, or continue to Fall Mountain and finish at 1:00 PM. For more information, contact Russ at 477-7506, or Denny at 313-0350.

— Margaret Baker

Hope Haitian Choir

The Hope Haitian Choir will be performing on Sunday, August 14th at 4:00PM on the common prior to the band concert. Directed by Barb House, the choir was started as a way to bring awareness and raise funds for the children of Haiti. The children, most of whom are from the Port Au Prince area, range in age from 7 to 15 and are hand-selected through a tryout process by Barb.

Since 2012 the choir has been coming to the U. S. for the month of August to present their concert series, singing and dancing and sharing the hope of Haiti throughout the northeastern U.S. The children and their chaperones are a joy to watch and hear, and are especially delightful to speak and interact with. Come enjoy a special performance by the Hope Haitian Choir before the Sunday night band concert on the common featuring the Jazz Express. This event is co-sponsored by the Savings Bank of Walpole and the First Congregational Church, this concert is free to the public.

— Kathy Yardley

1st Congregational

Summer is a time of fun, fellowship and good food for the 1st Congregational Church. Please join us for one of the upcoming events or for Sunday worship at 10:00 AM. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Please note: Our Walpole congregation will worship at the 3rd Congregational Church of Alstead, at 14 River Street, on Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 AM.

Band Concert Pie Sales Sundays Starting at 6:00 PM: Come savor our delicious pies at \$2 per slice as you enjoy some great music. You can also help make this year's Sunday Band Concert Pie Sales the yummiest yet! Volunteer bakers are invited to donate a pie (or two!) on any Sunday before the concert. Just drop them off at the church any time after 4:30 PM on Sundays through August 14. Want to be a pie server? Call the church office at 756-4075 or email walpolechurch@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Ongoing events include Mistletoe Mart Crafting, Last Monday of every month at 9:00 AM. Please join Women's Fellowship to make all kinds of fun handicrafts for the annual Mistletoe Mart the group hosts in November. The Men's Hearts Group meets Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 PM to play cards and help raise money to support local organizations and people in need from the community.

"Like" our FaceBook page for more updates and to be part of our community: www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

— Jennifer McCalley

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church in Walpole at noon on Monday, August 15 for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share with the members. We will welcome Judy Francine, Marketing Director of the Hillside Village Retirement Community as our speaker. She will report on the status of this project. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin



Heading to Playoffs

Wild Blue

Since the last ~~Clarion~~, the Walpole Wild Blue finished the season strong, with a 5-0 win against Summit, two forfeit wins over Sunapee, and a 13-1 win over Brattleboro heading into their last game of the season against the Claremont Cardinals at home.

Adam Kuhn went the distance for the Blue and pitched well enough to win, but Claremont scored a run early; threw out a runner at the plate in the seventh; pushed three runs across in the eighth inning, and generally stifled Blue bats with runners in scoring position to win 4-0.

— Jan Kobeski



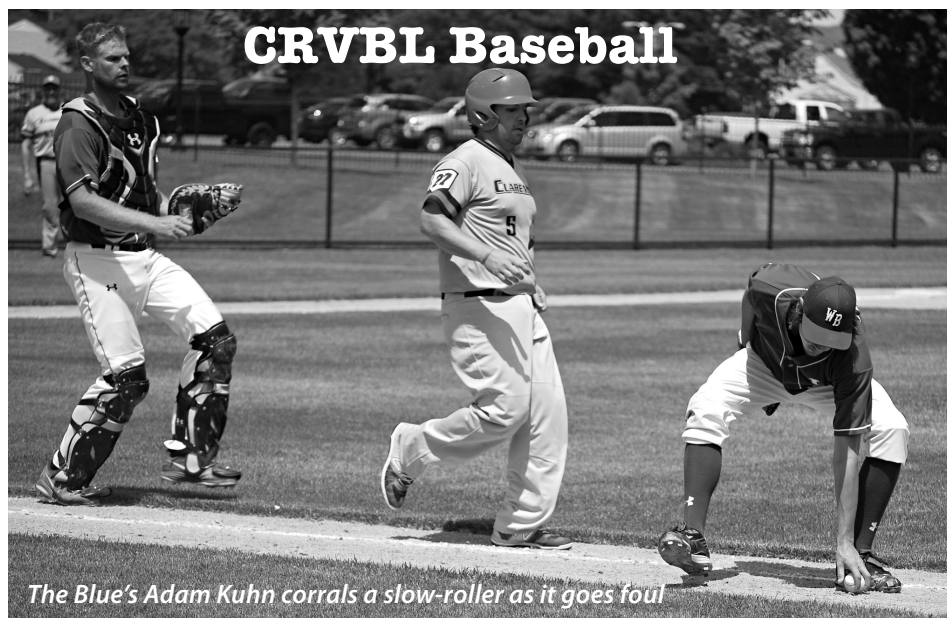
Mark McGill

Walpole Maples

In the final month of the regular season we posted a 2-2 record. The month started out with a double header contest against Summit on a day in which rain was in the forecast. We got game one in and lost by a score of 10-3. In game two, we got the first 3 innings in before the skies opened and suspended play with a 0-0 score. We finished the game later in the month and suffered a tough 1-0 lose. Between those two games was a contest with Claremont. It was a hard-fought game in which we were able to come away with a 5-3 win. We finished the month with a game against Sunapee in which we won 7-0.

The first round of the playoffs start the weekend of July 30 and 31. The semi-finals are on Saturday August 6, with the finals on Sunday August 7. Playoff pairings, game locations and times are still pending. Claremont and Summit are atop the league, with a Putney/Summit game still to be played. Both the Wild Blue and Maples finished with identical 9-5 records (which Putney will match should they lose to Summit...producing a 3-way tie for third place) and will be in the playoffs, but how the teams will be sorted out is anyone's guess at this point. To get information on this you can visit the league website or check out our Facebook page at Walpole Maples. Thanks to ours fans and we hope to see you during the playoffs.

— Mark McGill



The Blue's Adam Kuhn corrals a slow-roller as it goes foul



Third baseman Alex Kossakoski throws to first



Brian Pickering waits for a good one



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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...the most disastrous

freshet in the history of Bellows Falls and North Walpole began Thursday night, November 3, 1927? The heavy rainfall began Wednesday night at 10:00 PM, and continued without cessation until noon Friday.

On that date, the New England Power Company, in conjunction with the Bellows Falls Canal Company, had spent almost two years rebuilding the dam across the river and constructing a modern power plant at a cost of \$4,000,000. About 750 men were working, day and night. The Vermont end of the dam (about one third of the 572 foot length) had been completed. Work was in progress on the remaining two thirds, and on the 1,700 foot canal. To facilitate the work a coffer dam had been erected at its head.

By Saturday, the water worked its way around the Boston & Maine bridge abutments, the north end of the Arch Bridge, and the dam at the North Walpole end. The soil under North Walpole proved to be sandy and gravelly, and easily washed away, the gap between the bridge abutments and firm ground

whole southern section of Church Street was also washed away. The rails of the Boston & Maine hung suspended for two to three hundred feet from the north end of the railroad bridge across the washed out area. Gone too was the approach and roadways to the Arch Bridge, and its abutment settled in about five feet of quick sand.

Further south, halfway between Green Street and the Boston & Maine roundhouse there was a serious rail



At 1:30 AM Friday, the coffer dam gave way, flooding the canal and the power houses and mills below. The waters breaking through knocked out the power line from Vernon that was supplying Bellows Falls with power during the construction, and seriously damaged the mills in its path. The Babbitt & Kelly mill was totally destroyed, its 65 employees having just enough time to get out. Efforts began to build a dam to prevent water from entering the railroad tunnel under Hotel Windham and the main business section.

widening. With the soil, six or eight dwellings were washed away. On the west side of Vine Street, at the south end, the houses lived in by James Flavin and Michael O'Brien were destroyed. The

washout at the spot known as "Chapin's Switch Branch", where the rail lines crossed the highway. Besides crossing the river at the roundhouse, a rail line ran north from the roundhouse along the New Hampshire shore line, crossing the road again, near the current State Line Grocery, before following Main Street. This line again crossed Main Street near the intersection with Vine Street before connecting with the main rail line north of Mountain View Road. This rail line was dismantled in the early 1970s,

The 1927 Flood was one of the worst seen in the area. Recovery on both sides of the river began immediately, and today you would not be aware of what had been washed away.

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SECONDARY USE OF PLAYING CARDS

For centuries, playing cards have been reused for hundreds of other purposes. Here in New England, used cards were transformed into invitations to social balls, and here in Walpole, seven of those invitations arrived for

Miss S. Lane.



Historian and collector **GEJUS VAN DIGGELE** will present the history of "secondary use playing cards" through the 15th and 20th century with these "small cards, great stories." Included in these stories is the story of Susan Lane, a young lady born in Walpole in 1796.

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM

WALPOLE TOWN HALL

Free and the Public is Invited

Historical Society

The Unknown Side of Playing Cards: A Glimpse into Walpole's Past

For centuries, playing cards, which were once printed on just one side, were repurposed and used for hundreds of other tasks. When a deck became incomplete, the remaining cards were utilized in many secondary ways, both practical and creative. Paper was rare and expensive, and these centuries-old "secondary use cards" can today reveal interesting historical insights into days gone by. Because of this, these second-use cards are eagerly collected, analyzed, and studied.

Gejus van Diggele is one such collector, scholar, author, and lecturer of second-use cards. According to him, thrifty New Englanders adopted this form of recycling valuable paper by using these orphaned playing cards as invitations to social balls. In his collection of over 5,000 cards, he has only been able to glean 52 of these rare New England cards. In other collections, he has found another 70 from towns like Bellows Falls, Alstead, Rockingham, Chester, Charlestown, Claremont, Westmoreland, and several other nearby towns. Eight of these invitations were issued in Walpole, and seven of those, dating from 1812 to 1817, were addressed to the same girl, Miss Susan Lane.

Mr. van Diggele will present a lecture and slideshow explaining the history of these unique little time capsules and show examples of their uses over the centuries. He will highlight all that he has learned about the popular Miss Lane, one of nine children born here in Walpole in the late 1700's. The event is free, and the public is invited to attend. Sponsored by the Walpole Historical Society, this Speaker Series event is Tuesday, August 9, at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall.

— Andrea Goins

Save The Date!

The Walpole Historical Society Museum and Gift Shop will be open on Saturday September 17th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for our **Annual Christmas in September Sale!** Look for more details and information in the next issue of your **Clarion**.

— Sally McGaffigan

Walpole Schools

Class Lists Posted: August 10 • Open House: August 24

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**Tree on Colonial Drive
enveloped by invasive vines**

Continued from Page 1: Green Invasion

Time: 5:30-7:30PM. **Location:** At the intersection of River Road and Partridge Brook road in Westmoreland, near the Maplewood Nursing Home entrance.

The event is **free**, but please call Steve at 352-4550 or email steven.roberge@unh.edu to register.

As stated in a document published by the Nashua Conservation Commission: Next to habitat lost to land development and transformation, invasive species pose the greatest threat to the survival of native biota in the United States, and many other areas of the world.

And it's important to remember that these invasions will have a devastating effect on wild life, whose habitats are in these forested areas.

This is a daunting problem, and public awareness and education is necessary if we are going to find a solution

– Eric Merkley

Meeting Waters YMCA

Day Camp Alumni Celebration:

Reaching Out to More Than 13,000 Former Campers & Staff

The final Family Night of Meeting Waters YMCA's 2016 Y Day Camp season will double as an Alumni Reunion for its more than 12,500 former campers and hundreds of former staff. The event will take place on Thursday, August 11th from 7:00-8:30PM at the Y's Lewis Day Camp facility on Route 5/Missing Link Road in Springfield.

This is the 52nd consecutive summer of the regional Y's day camp. In the 60s, 70s and 80s, when camp took place on loaned space in Gageville and Saxtons River, it was known as Camp Weetomp. The name of the camp changed in the late '80s when Meeting Waters YMCA was donated 52 acres of land in Springfield, VT on which the camp has taken place since. At that time, the camp was named Lewis Day Camp to honor the several decades of leadership of Samuel Lewis, the former CEO of Robertson Paper. A few years ago, the name of the camp program was changed to Y Day Camp to emphasize the value of it being a YMCA program while the facility itself retained the name Lewis Day Camp.

Whether one attended or worked at the program as Camp Weetomp, Lewis Day Camp, or Y Day Camp, all are invited to reconnect with other former campers and colleagues as well as with the activities that have been central to the camp programming for 52 years.

"Sue and I have only been here for a little over one-third of all the years our Y has provided enriching summer experiences for area youth and teens," said Steve Fortier, the Y's Executive Director. "But, when we think about the number of lives that have been impacted by our Y's camps over the past 52 years, it is very fulfilling. We, and our Board leaders, are hoping that hundreds of former campers and camp staff will join us to celebrate the rich history that we've created together."

For more information about the Camp Alumni Reunion event, call the Y administrative office at (802) 463-4769 or email info@meetingwatersymca.org.

Meeting Waters YMCA is a charitable, social service organization founded in 1895. Its programs and services focus on youth development, healthy living, social responsibility and family strengthening throughout the Fall Mountain, Bellows Falls, Springfield and Brattleboro regions.

– Steve Fortier

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Household Hints

Summer Safety

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks displays; but along with all the festivities are plenty of visits to emergency rooms. Each year, around 230 people are injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

There is nothing like firing up the grill during the summer months! A backyard barbecue can become dangerous quickly if proper safety precautions aren't considered. Your local SERVPRO® Franchise Professionals want you to have an enjoyable and safe summer. Consider the following tips to help ensure your summer celebrations are disaster-free!

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets away from grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

Never leave your grill unattended.

When using a charcoal grill, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.

Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire. Children should never pick up fire reworks that may be left over as they may still be active.



This month we introduce a new, recurring feature – a food column, Notes from the Grocery.

August is "Eat Local" month in New Hampshire. That's easy for us! The Restaurant at Burdick's proudly features high-quality, locally sourced ingredients in all of our dishes. A few doors down, at the Walpole Grocery, we carry the same deliciously local meats, cheeses, and produce that we use at the Restaurant.

In case you want to celebrate "Eat Local" month at home, our chef Wes Babb would like to share one of the Restaurant's most popular dishes, the Goat Cheese Salad.

This signature salad features locally grown beets and watercress, and goat cheese from the Vermont Creamery. Chef Wes adds some special touches, like the goat cheese that is lightly breaded and sautéed, and the beets that are sprinkled with orange juice and steamed in the oven. (You may have a few beets left over—they taste great the next day.)

Wes Babb's Goat Cheese Salad

(Makes 5-6 servings.)

Ingredients:

- 12 medium-sized beets, trimmed, scrubbed and quartered
- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for sautéing
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups goat cheese
- 2 tablespoons finely-chopped shallots
- 1 cup flour
- 2 eggs, beaten with a few tablespoons of water to make an egg wash
- 1 cup plain bread crumbs
- butter for sautéing
- 2 bunches salad greens, dressed with a light vinaigrette (at the Restaurant we use watercress, but you can add your favorite greens)
- drizzle of honey

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- Cover the bottom of a large baking pan with a quarter-inch of water. Spread out the beets and drizzle with the orange juice and two tablespoons of the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake for 1 hour.

- Meanwhile, mix together the goat cheese, shallots, and 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Roll cheese mixture into 2" balls, then flatten into patties.

- In separate dishes, arrange the flour, egg wash, and bread crumbs. Dredge the cheese patties in the flour, then the egg wash, then the bread crumbs. Sauté the breaded cheese patties in a mixture of butter and olive oil until golden brown.

- Remove the beets from the oven. When they are cool enough to handle, rub them lightly with a towel to remove the skins.

- On single-serving salad plates, arrange the greens, 2-3 cheese patties, and 5-6 cooked beets. Drizzle with honey and enjoy with chilled Vinho Verde Rosé or other light wine. These young wines are light and naturally effervescent because they are aged for only three to six months. The short aging results in a lower alcohol content, which is nice on a hot summer day. Many people are familiar with white Vinho Verde, but with this salad, I find the Vinho Verde Rosé especially delightful.

– Paula Burdick



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First Bridge...

Over The Connecticut River – Who Is Correct?

In conjunction with the 40th Rockingham Old Home Days, *The Art Of The Island* print series will be available for viewing and purchase at Windham Antique Center on The Square beginning August 6, with an opening at 6:00PM.

The Island in Bellows Falls is bordered by the Connecticut River on three sides. At one time considered one of the most beautiful places in Vermont, the current 30-acre landscape now epitomizes industrial decay, but fortunately is beginning a renaissance.

Originally, Native Americans visited The Island for fishing and a sacred burial site. In 1785, the first bridge built over the Connecticut River was built by Col. Enoch Hale connecting The Island with Walpole. Dating from mid-19th century, The Island House was an impressive hotel there to serve tourists traveling by train from New York and Boston on their way to the White Mountains. Many of those tourists later summered in Walpole and Bellows Falls.

The Art Of The Island, a series of five Giclée fine art prints, has recently been created by Stitch In Time of West Townshend, Vermont, to show The Island in its glorious early days. One of the prints depicts *The First Bridge Spanning the Connecticut River*, a watercolor by noted artist John Trumbull in 1791. Trumbull is known for his portraits of George Washington and The Declaration of Independence that appears on the \$2 bill.

Between 1789 and 1793, Trumbull traveled throughout the east coast to capture the likenesses of the nation's living founders for his paintings. In 1791 he was "collecting heads" in the south.

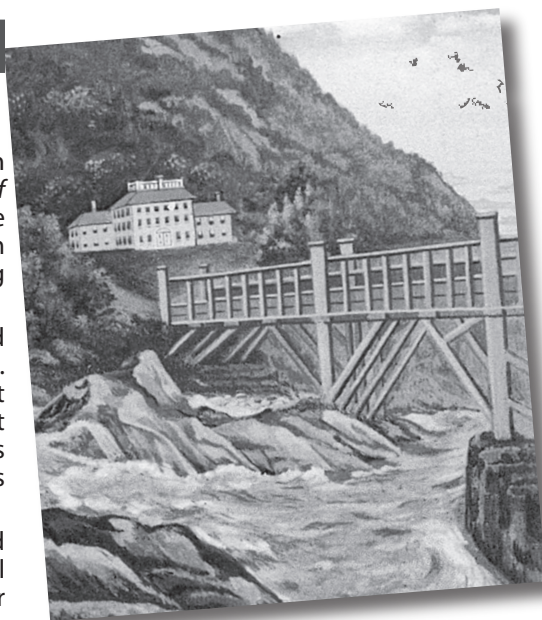


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The City of Charleston commissioned him to paint a portrait of Washington, commemorating Washington's visit there during his 1791 southern tour. Trumbull left Philadelphia for Charleston in February, heading back north to Yorktown, VA, on April 17, 1791.

As yet, I cannot confirm Trumbull's later 1791 itinerary. During the war he was at Mount Independence on Lake Champlain. Both Mount Independence and Fort Ticonderoga were stops for early tourists, and future Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison visited there in 1791. Could Trumbull have also toured Vermont, particularly since it was admitted to the Union as the 14th state March 4, 1791? And could he have come to Bellows Falls and Walpole?

Note the different depictions of the first bridge across the Connecticut River. In the painting by Frederick J. Blake, we see the open toll bridge built of squared timbers, supported at both ends and in the middle. Trumbull's sketch shows a somewhat flimsier arched span, also supported mid-river. Who is correct?

Noted local historian, Lyman S. Hayes, in his 1907 Rockingham history, stated Blake presented his oil painting to the Rockingham Free Public Library, and Blake had based his work on an earlier lithograph, and "recollection of aged citizens." In 1840, the new Tucker covered bridge was built 15 feet over the original bridge to not interfere with traffic. An article in the *Massachusetts Spy*, February 10, 1785, further describes the bridge.

Thus, between those recollections, and the 15 feet distance, the arch depicted by Trumbull, I feel, is unlikely.

In addition to the bridge image, Stitch in Time's collection includes three early images of the island, and a popular published image of the petroglyphs. Visit the Walpole Historical Society to see a copy of Blake's image, and visit the Windham Antique Center for a copy of Trumbull's. Which is the correct representation?

– Ray Boas

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– Michael J. Fox

Artisans Cooperative

New Member Reception

The public is invited to a reception on August 26, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Walpole Artisans Cooperative, 52 Main Street in downtown Walpole, NH. This group of talented artisans is pleased to welcome four new members into their gallery: Susan Roston, fused glass artist; Jason Ballard, custom woodworker; Tim Campbell, folk artist; and Philip H. Morgan, realistic bird sculptor. Guests will be treated to light refreshments as they meet the artisans and enjoy each new member's work.

Susan Roston's work can be seen not only at the Walpole Artisans retail shop, but online at pinterest.com/sroston/; www.sroston.artfire.com, and on facebook.com/shimmerlinglass. A resident of Jaffrey, Susan works in her home studio, firing glass in a kiln that rises to 1500 degrees where separate pieces of glass are permanently joined (fused) to create what she describes as



"a puzzle, combining different shapes of glass to form pictures or designs". These amazing assemblages inspire images of an ice-cold landscapes, a mountain lake or a brilliant sunset. Each piece is freestanding, mounted on a custom-made stand that supports the glass and makes placement totally flexible. Recently Susan added fused glass jewelry to the Walpole shop. The same look and technique that one sees in her landscape pieces is miniaturized in pins and pendants as wearable art.

Jason Ballard, who designs custom woodwork, comes to the gallery from Grafton, VT. Jason's website says it all "My Minds Design" (www.mymindsdesign.com). Small tables, unique in style and material, just perfect as a focus piece in any setting, as well as carved bowls that rival nature's own creations. Jason's studio at 217 Main St. in Grafton, VT showcases this self-taught designer and builder



who started his own business in 2008 and stresses that working one-on-one with a customer creates a personalized design that ranges from the simple to the amazingly exotic. Seeing Jason's work in person is a treat to the eye as well as the hand.

Our third new member, Tim Campbell, is as likely found with his Jack Russell Terrier, Otis, as he is with his art in and around Keene. The two go hand-in-hand. Reading about Tim on his website: tcampbellart.com, reminds one of the lighter side of art. Tim's creations inspire



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thought and humor, sometimes giving found objects a new lease on life and sometimes commenting on the social-political in his folk art. It's easy to see why Tim's work was selected by "Early American Life" magazine as the 2010 Best, and listed in The Directory of Traditional American Crafts. Tim's cards, postcards and giclée prints are a wonderful addition to the shop's collection, and with Tim's promise to include some "Walpole" sites soon, the local customers will be thrilled.

Philip H. Morgan, realistic bird sculptor, goes by the nomenclature "Wooden Wings". With the expertise of an artist and the background of one who has spent his career in the out-of-doors as a park ranger, the realism of Phil's birds is truly awe inspiring. The delicate detail,



the texture and color of each species is what Phil strives for and based on the sales he has experienced throughout New England, it's safe to say he has been very successful. In addition to his full-bodied, life sized carvings Phil produces his "Feathered Friends Backscratchers". These backscratchers have become today's Folk Art, as they not only serve a purpose but are pleasing to the eye. A visit to the Walpole Artisans will be worth the trip to see all of Phil's work.

Walpole Artisans Cooperative is open seven days a week. Sunday Monday from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM, and Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visit Facebook/ WalpoleArtisans for current information; or www.WalpoleArtisans.org, or call 756-3020. For artist who may be interested in joining the cooperative, stop into the shop and talk with the artist of the day, or download an application from the website.

— Carolyn Kemp

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Tooting our horn this month... It recently got back to us how the **Clarion** helped a couple relocate here. After spending the day house hunting with Cindy Westover of Galloway Real Estate, Cindy gave the couple copies of five months of the **Clarion**. Back in their motel room, after reading the issues, the woman announced to her husband, "We are going to live in Walpole." They have now been here for three months.

Well, we're very glad you liked our newspaper - and **welcome!**

And, welcome also goes to The Restaurant at Burdick's and the Walpole Grocery, who have joined the **Clarion** advertising family. Very well known to all, as many of our advertisers are, their support will assist the **Clarion** in supporting the Walpole community. And Paula has promised a food column each month to tantalize our palates.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

Gleanings from the Town Minutes

- As a result of damage and unauthorized alterations to the gazebo on the Common during a recent rental, the Selectboard has increased the required damage deposit for rentals of the Town Hall and Gazebo from \$50 to \$200.
- With no immediate concern on the part of the Selectboard over the flow of wastewater through pipes under the Vilas Bridge, it was still felt prudent to look for alternatives. Mark Houghton has been asked to "begin preliminary engineering on connecting [the] South Walpole Force Main to [the] North Walpole Collection System."
- Judy Trow has been appointed to fill Ernie Vose's unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Her appointment runs to Town election March 2017. Filling Trow's term as an alternate ZBA member, expiring March 2018, is Thomas Murray.
- The Planning Board has approved a lot line adjustment between the First Congregational Church of Walpole and Walpole Chocolate, LLC. A parcel 58.5 by 123 feet, approximately 6,000 square feet, has now been transferred to the church, completing three years of

negotiations starting two owners ago of the adjoining property. The church has been maintaining this parcel whose tree line forms the natural property boundary.

They were biting on the pond



The Porch is Open!

At the suggestion of a Walpole Leadership Academy member, the Hooper Trustees have opened the Hooper Mansion Porch on Tuesday evenings. The first opportunity was June 21st.

Come spend an evening overlooking the golf course while dining and enjoying the company of good friends.

You are free to bring food and drinks to enjoy, but please remember to take all trash with you when you leave. The Mansion will be open for bathroom use only. The Porch has seating for about 50 people and is available on a first-come basis.

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Our First Camping Trip Recalled

Reading Ray's Shunpiking story about July 4th to Plymouth Notch, Vermont, brought back memories of our first camping trip to Coolidge State Park in Plymouth, Vermont.

It was in 1964, and with the following borrowed items; folding cots, pots and pans, a couple of kerosene lanterns, blankets an old aluminum coffee pot, and enough food to carry a large family for a week, we were ready to leave.

Fran said, "Did we forget anything?" "Only if you planned on bringing the kitchen sink", I replied, which we found later at the bottom of the trunk.

The day was slightly overcast but it was warm. We arrived at the lean-to, with the perfect view for our perfect weekend. We unpacked and walked the area to find the water and toilet facilities.

Back at the site, I decided to start a fire, which was to be our only source for cooking. I made up a pyramid of paper and twigs. "Hey, Hon, hand me the matches." "Where are they?" "In with the food supplies." "Nope, I don't see them." Make a note: Pack matches! I pulled the cigarette lighter from the car and with it red hot, plus my hot breath, I managed to get the paper burning. The paper burned but the twigs refused to ignite. Six tries later, I passed out from hyperventilating, but the twigs caught fire. It was a small fire but hot enough to heat a pot of beans.

I put the coffee on top of the grill and soon learned that it is impossible to get a percolator pot to work on a fireplace grill a foot and a half above the fire.

In desperation, I dumped the grounds into the pot of water and sat the pot in the middle of the fire. I had seen John Wayne do that in the movies during

MILESTONES

Passed

Agnes Ciccalone, holder of Walpole's Boston Post Cane, passed away, June 14, 2016. Agnes was 100 years old.

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Wed

On June 4, Nicole L. Clace and Kyle M. Nolin were married at Jay Peak Resort in Jay, Vermont. The bride is the daughter of Jay and Pamela Clace of Walpole. She is a 2009 graduate of The University of Vermont and is employed by Keurig Green Mountain. The groom, son of Matthew Nolin of Georgia, Vermont and Terri Nolin of Colchester, Vermont, is a 2006 graduate of Vermont Technical College. He is employed by PC Construction as a Senior Estimator. The couple resides in Monkton, Vermont.




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cattle drives. As soon as the coffee boiled, I took a swallow, and found out why John Wayne was so damn mean. The coffee was so thick it had to be chewed before you could swallow it!

Supper ended, the rain came, along with the thunder and lightning. It lasted all night. Then the wind picked up. Our beautiful site, overlooking the mountains and valley, became a wind tunnel, drawing the rain up the valley and directly into our lean-to. Within five minutes, everything, including us, was soaked. Note number two: bring a tarp to cover the front of the lean-to. That must be why those 8 penny nails were spaced across the beam on the front of the lean-to!

Once we were soaked, the wind died down and the rain slowed to a steady drizzle. Note number three: Rain gear! I ate another piece of coffee and said, "I'm tired; I'm going to bed".

(Editor's Note: There's more to this incredible adventure! To be continued in next month's Clarion)

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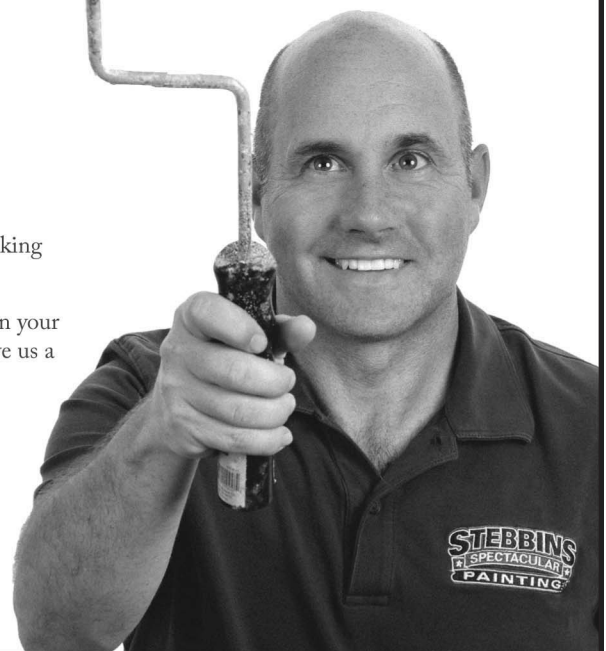
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