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Playground Project Reaches Goal; Volunteers Needed

A large, modern playground structure is the central focus, featuring a central tower with a spiral slide, a large canopy, and various climbing and sliding components. The playground is situated in a grassy field with several trees in the background. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant day for outdoor activities.

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North Walpole Project

Volunteers Revitalize Old Park in North Walpole

On Main Street at the foot of School Hill in North Walpole is park area on land that once belonged to the railroad. Tracks once ran just west of Main Street and crossed the northernmost of the three pedestrian tunnels in the town. The old redbrick vent shaft for the now-closed tunnel still rises as if it were a chimney from some long-gone house. It is all that is left as a reminder of what was there before the rail line was abandoned and dismantled in the early 1970s. Nancy Staniszewski, who has lived her entire life nearby, remembers walking through the tunnel to school. She and other long-time residents remember looking up the vent shaft to see what looked like "stars" from a grating with holes that let light through in the daytime. It was rumored as well that the holes may have been made by gunshots.

The town eventually took over the property, and Kaelan Hansson, currently a graduate student at the University of Michigan, took the park on as his Eagle Scout Project. The Town put up guard rails around the grass- and tree-

covered space, and the scout arranged for donations of what was needed from residents and local businesses to create a green space and a volleyball court.

Today the space looks like a well-kept park, but it hasn't always been that way. Last spring, four long time residents of North Walpole – Bill Gallagher, Bob Breslend, Gary McCormick, and Don Provencher – formed an unofficial group calling themselves 'The North Walpole Village Volunteers', and they took on the project of trying to make the old park more presentable and usable for residents. They started with mowing the grass, and have since cleared brush and litter and leveled the lawn. They want to make it a place for residents to walk and meet and for kids to play. "It's here for people to start using," Gary said.

The Volunteers are now looking for help with their project. Recently LaValley's in Walpole donated a picnic table to help the cause. They now need more ideas on future usage and donations of materials such as loam to make the improvements continue. The group meets on an irregular basis, but anyone with ideas, or who wants to join in and help can call Bob at 445-5417, Gary at 445-5686, or Don at 445-2064.

– Bill Lockwood

North Walpole Village Volunteers; Don Provencher, Gary McCormick, and Bob Breslend at the park Main and School Hill Streets, North Walpole



Hooper Scholarships

Program Sponsors Research Farm Experience

A few years ago I dreamed about meeting Philip Rutter, founding president of the American Chestnut Foundation, and seeing the Badgersett Research Farm in Canton, Minnesota. This farm specializes in domesticating nut trees. And, thanks to the generous support of the Hooper Scholarship Program and my family, I was able to spend four extraordinary days with Philip and his family on his farm. It was nothing short of a life-changing experience.

My reasons for wanting to study with Philip at Badgersett Research Farm were numerous. Fundamentally, I am passionate about the importance of our success as a species on earth in an ever-changing and unpredictable climate. We are faced with a real need to identify a new staple food crop that can be adapted to localized bioregions and their specific climate nuances. I wanted to learn about hybrid hazelnuts and how to grow them in Walpole, as I believe hazelnuts are a tasty way to improve groundwater quality, soil stability, and carbon sequestration. The list of benefits to exploring these possibilities was certainly worth pondering, and my trip to Minnesota helped me to learn more.

At this point, you are probably asking, "What is a hybrid hazelnut?" The varieties I studied are an offspring of Badgersett Research Farm's swarm of many different hazelnut bushes: European hazels, American hazels, and our local native beaked hazel. Philip has been selecting seeds from the most promising hazelnut bushes, and planting those offspring over six generations of hazelnut bushes. It takes about 3-5 years for hazelnut bushes

to bear nuts, and longer to demonstrate what they can do when more mature at about 10-12 years. The plants can live for hundreds of years – and still do in my birth country, England, apparently planted by the Romans centuries ago.

The approach to breeding hazelnuts is interesting and exciting, and the benefits to cultivating hazelnuts are significant. I was excited to learn more about the long-term planning considerations to contemplate when establishing a hybrid hazelnut planting.

I am eager to share my new knowledge with the community, as I believe that there are possibilities to apply the concepts I learned at Badgersett Research Farm right here in Walpole. To find out more and see interesting

videos of Badgersett Research Farm, visit their website at www.badgersett.com.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with local interested growers to swap notes on cultivation techniques to employ in order to further understand how to harvest a great crop of hazelnuts with a mechanical harvester in our bioregion.

Also, I will be giving a talk soon in Walpole to outline strategies I have learned about hybrid hazelnuts, their potential here in our community, and agroforestry in general. Keep an eye out for details of this upcoming event!

And again, thanks to the Hooper Scholarship Program for their generous support of this wonderful learning experience! I encourage others to apply for a scholarship to support their agronomist visions.

– Daniel Hartigan



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School Of Hope

On hot and muggy Sunday afternoon, August 14, a riveted audience was again entertained by the Hope Haitian Choir. Performing before the last Concert on the Green for the season, the choir's visit was co-sponsored by the First Congregational Church and the Savings Bank of Walpole.

Since 2012, this group of youngsters, in age from 7 to 15, has come to the U.S. to share their faith and hope through their music in English, French and Creole. I was captivated by their smiles, enthusiasm, and voices. The group tours the northeast during August along with chaperones, and founder Barb House of Boothbay, Maine.

Barb spoke to the group partway through the concert, and I was moved by her story. She and her husband adopted a boy from Haiti. As he grew up he wanted to connect with his homeland and biological parents. Trips to Haiti found the family. Four people living in a 9 foot by 9 foot building (using that description loosely). Poverty, hunger, lack of adequate shelter, little access to education; but, Barb and her husband,

Chuck, saw hope on faces, faces that had faith in Jesus. One thing led to another, and the couple formed Hope Haitian Ministries, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

In addition to finding funds to help with the basic necessities of life needed in Lamarre, Haiti, Hope Haitian Ministries has completed a new school, **School Of Hope**, which will provide pre-schoolers and children of kindergarten age the opportunity to begin their education. Only thirty dollars a month is needed to sponsor a youngster for a year. Following the program a number of audience members responded, writing their checks.

You receive requests for help continuously, but you may recall the horrific devastation in Haiti by the 2010 earthquake. Help has funneled to Haiti, but when you see and hear the work of a few individuals making a difference in a small focused way, you want to help them accomplish that mission. I encourage you to visit the website of Hope Haitian Ministries – <http://www.hopehaitian.com> – learn more, and consider how you can help others attain some of what we take for granted.

– Ray Boas



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The New Hampshire State Library is running a friendly competition around the state to see which library can bring in the most new users this September. Already a library patron? We'd love to see more of you, and we'd love to see your neighbors and friends! We hope the library offers something that you value and that you are happy and willing to talk up to the people you know.

Walpole library cards are free if you live or work in Walpole, North Walpole or Drewsville, otherwise you can still get a library card with us for just \$15 per year. Our library cards work at both the main library on Main St. in Walpole and the branch library on Church St. in North Walpole.

Stop in anytime to sign up for a library card. All you need is proof of residency (your driver's license or a bill). You'll be able to check materials out that same day!

Questions? Justine Rogers, the Library Director, would be happy to hear from you. You can e-mail her at jrogers@walpoletownlibrary.org or call the library at 756-9806.

September Special Programs:

On Saturday September 3 we'll be making flower pens from 10AM to 12PM. Drop in anytime and make a pen with us. Each pen takes about 5 minutes to make, so you'll be in and out quickly! Supplies will be provided.

We have two movie nights in September. The movies as well as popcorn will be free. Friday, September 9 at 6PM we'll be showing *A Street Car Named Desire* and Friday, September 16 at 6PM we'll be showing Disney's *Inside Out*.

Starting September 24, our monthly Saturday Story Time will be Family Fun Story Time. While we were pleased to have some fathers attended our Daddy and Donuts Story Time, we are hoping this new branding will encourage all working parents and caregivers to spend some time with their children at the library. We'll read stories, sing songs, and do a craft!

If you have any questions, comments or recommendations please contact Justine by e-mail at jrogers@walpoletownlibrary.org

– Justine Rogers

Boston Cane Winner

At its weekly meeting, Thursday, August 25, the Walpole Select Board announced the new recipient of the Boston Cane, which recognizes the town's oldest citizen. Based upon nominations, and senior to Tucker Burr by just months, Charmian Trundle has now been determined to be the town's oldest citizen. Charmian will turn 100 years old next March 22. A formal presentation will soon be made, and photo coverage will be provided in the **Clarion**.

– Sarah Downing



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Lola's Pizzeria

Opens in North Walpole

On August 23, Lola's Pizzeria opened at 16 Church Street in North Walpole. The building has housed numerous restaurants and eateries over the years. Ed Yoeger, the proprietor, says his new pizzeria featuring "pizza, subs, wings, eat-in, take out, and delivery" had "a good opening day response". The business is named after his granddaughter, Lola, who wanted him to open a restaurant in her name. Ed says she is "CEO and does quality control on the whoopee pies".



In answer to the question of 'why, with three pizzerias in Bellows Falls and one on Rt. 12 in Walpole, would a fifth pizzeria be needed here,' Ed says he prepares hand-tossed Italian pizza, not the Greek style pizza like the others in the area. He says he is providing high quality and large portions that give the customer "a bang for your buck" - an alternative to the other fare. He says he enjoys small towns, and he "likes to know his customers by their first names".

Ed is from Westmoreland, and he has a twenty-year history as a restaurateur. He worked as a banquet manager for Marriott, and a manager for Little Caesar's. Six years ago, he tired of having to work holidays and went out on his own. He feels strongly that "holidays are for the family", and Lola's will be closed on major holidays as well as Mondays every week. On his own, Ed has run pizza and sub shops in the southwestern New Hampshire area. They include Fat Boy's Pizza and Subs in Ringe, Troy, and Westmoreland; Pugy's in Westmoreland, and Crossroads Pizza and Subs in Fitzwilliam which he closed last October with the idea of retirement. But Lola convinced him otherwise.

Lola's is still advertising for more help, though the staff appeared efficient and fully-skilled on opening day. Ed has started with just two delivery drivers, which he hopes to expand. They can be reached at 445-7151, or www.lolaspizzeria.com.

- Bill Lockwood

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The Bellows Falls, Vermont Elks Club #1619 is once again sponsoring their annual Soccer Shoot for all area kids (7-13 years old as of August 1, 2016).

This event is open to all Walpole, Bellows Falls and Fall Mountain area players. You don't have to be on a soccer team to participate, just be eager to show your soccer ball-kicking skills. This fun and fantastic event takes place on Saturday, October 1 at the North Walpole Middle School.

Open to all boys and girls, in three age group divisions (under 10, 10-11, and 12-13). Each player will be given the opportunity to "shoot" (kick) for points, at measured distances, by scoring goals (without any goaltender). Registration is from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, with the competition from 10:00 AM to noon. The winners who score the highest points in each age division will receive trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Our first place shooters have the opportunity to advance on to the District Competition. The 1st place kickers can then move on to the highly competitive Vermont State Shoot, the winner of that having the right to enter the Regional Contest (New England) later in the Fall.

- Ernest Aumand

Art After School

Walpole Art After School is celebrating 10 years of art enrichment programs for children in the community. The Fall 2016 semester begins on Wednesday, September 7, 3:15 - 5:00 PM, in the Parish Hall of St John's Episcopal Church, 26 Elm Street.

Any child in first grade or older is welcome to participate in this unique program that encourages creativity, stimulates imaginations, and explores the many kinds of art media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, and paper and clay sculpture. If you have a young artist who loves to draw or paint, or loves to cut and work with glue, this is a program your young artist will love.

There is no fee or tuition for participation, though parents are encouraged to consider making a donation of any amount toward the financial support of this proven art enrichment program. Registration forms will be available on September 7, or can be downloaded from the website: www.walpoleartafterschool.org.

For questions, please call Susan Kershaw, 756-2962.

- Susan Kershaw



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Ms. Lyons is a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist who lives and practices in Concord, New Hampshire. For 26 years, Lynn has specialized in the treatment of anxiety disorders in adults and children. With a special interest in breaking the generational cycle of worry in families, she is the coauthor of three books on the subject. She also presents internationally to mental health and medical providers, educators, school nurses, and parents. She is known for her focus on providing concrete, usable skills and her integration of humor, homework, and clinical hypnosis. <http://www.lynnlyonsnh.com/>

This free program will provide strategies to parents, grandparents, caregivers and educators for working with children of all ages. This event is paid by Title I Grant funds.

– Tammy Vittum



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Benefit Concert

Foot-stomping, gospel-driven, blues-influenced Portland, ME-based bluegrass band, 'The Ghost of Paul Revere', will perform at The Rockingham Meeting House at 3:00 PM, Sunday, September 25. Limited seats for this 100% acoustic show are available by contacting tinyurl.com/ghost925. General admission seats are \$20, kids under 12 are \$10. Partial proceeds to benefit The Rockingham Meeting House Association.

– Karin Mallory

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Harvest Dinner

The Walpole Grange, with the help of the Fall Mountain JROTC, will once again be hosting its annual Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 1, at 6:00 PM at the First Congregational Church. The menu will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and apple crisp for dessert. Proceeds from this dinner go to the Fall Mountain JROTC and to the Walpole Grange scholarship fund. Tickets are \$12 each, and are sold in advance, so pick yours up today at Galloway Real Estate, or call Gwen at 756-3677.

— Kathy Yardley

HCS Offers Flu Clinics

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will hold flu immunization clinics in Walpole on Friday, September 23 at Applewood Senior Housing from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, and at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

It is important to get a flu shot every year because the viruses that circulate may vary each season and protection from vaccination declines over time.

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

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services provides wellness services throughout southwestern New Hampshire. For a complete listing of clinics, visit HCSservices.org or call 352-2253.

— Susan Ashworth

St John's Episcopal

St John's Episcopal Church, on the corner of Elm and Westminster streets, is anticipating a great Fall kick-off on September 11. The celebration begins with Holy Communion at 10 AM. Fellowship time follows during the second hour. At the same time, young children, up to age 7, are invited to take part in a weekly *Messy Church* activity. *Messy Church* invites children to learn about faith by engaging in creative activities. Racheal Scott and Kelli Wilson look forward to leading these young ones in a fun activity.

A new group is beginning on September 11 for children and youth, aged 8 and older. *Faith Explorers* engages young people in activities and conversation that helps them discover the basics of Christian faith and the Episcopal expression of that faith. St. John's Rector, the Rev. Susan Kershaw, will lead the *Faith Explorers*.

St. John's is committed to supporting local food programs. During September, we are collecting diapers, any size or brand. All donations will be delivered to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf in Langdon and Our Place in Bellows Falls.

For information on St John's Church, please go to www.stjohnswalpole.org.

— Susan Kershaw

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet at the First Congregational Church in Walpole at noon on Monday, September 19, for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share with the members. We will welcome Larry Clark as our speaker. He will lead us through a wonderful exploration of Bellows Falls, Vermont and area as seen through videos and pictures titled *The View from Table Rock*. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin

Alyson's Orchard

Annual Apple Festival & Apple Pie Competition

Bring your *homemade pie* to Alyson's Orchard on Sunday, September 25, between 9:30 and 11:00 AM for judging & prizes. Adult and Kid's categories. (Kid's 12 years old and under) No pre-registration necessary! Other events include pie sampling, cider making, PYO apples, wagon rides, face painting, BBQ from the Pit Stop, wine tasting and more! Fun day for the whole family! For details: www.alysonsorchar.com or call 756-9800.

— Fran Imhoff

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Walpole Unitarian

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Friday evening, September 9, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Hastings House: *The Great Story*, a 47-minute film on the sacred story of the universe as a "cosmic liturgy", in the words of the late Thomas Berry. Berry was a pioneer in the field of spirituality and ecology. He reminds us that the entire natural world – mountains, rivers, birds, fish and all living beings – are not a collection of objects, but a communion of subjects. There will be time for discussion following the film.

Saturday afternoon, September 10, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Church: *The Work That Reconnects*, a participatory workshop on Faith in Action for a congregation and friends. Break at "half time" for simple refreshments.

Sunday morning, September 11, at 10:00 AM: *Holy Waters*, the annual Water Communion service led by the Rev. Kitsy and the Worship Committee. We are each, as individuals or families, invited to bring a sample of water gathered this summer from "sacred places near and far", and to speak briefly of the water's meaning as we pool it with the other waters into the great glass vase.

Questions? Call Antonia Andreoli, 756-9036

September Worship Services

Worship at the WUC promises a rich and diverse menu this year! We have three supply ministers: Rev. Douglas Wilson and Rev. Elaine Bomford will each come once a month for Sunday worship. Rev. Kitsie Winthrop will come once a month for a three-day weekend, beginning on Friday evenings.

- September 4: Family First Picnic Brunch, led by Dorothy Read and Virginia Carter
- September 11: Ingathering and Water Communion, led by Rev. Kitsy Winthrop. See story above.
- September 18: Rev. Doug Wilson
- September 25: Rev. Elaine Bomford

– Antonia Andreoli

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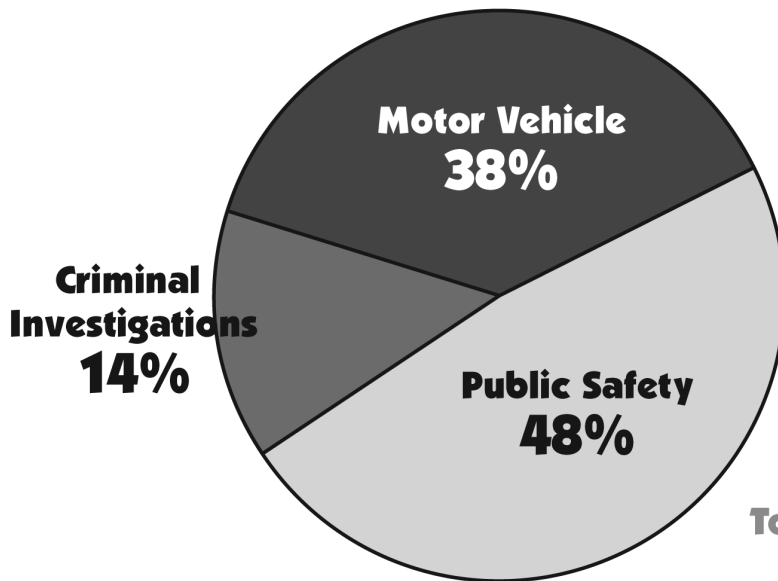
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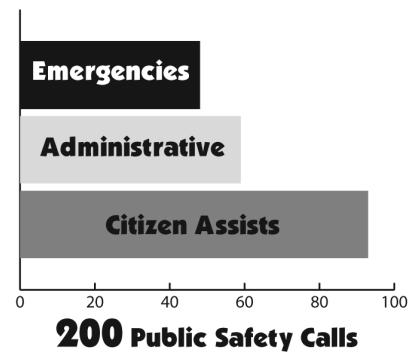
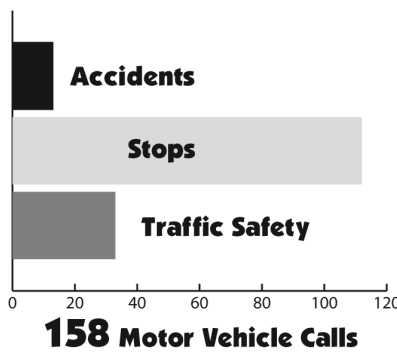
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The Walpole Police Department provides workload statistics to the Walpole Select Board. Those numbers will now also be provided monthly in chart format to the **Clarion**, which will show a breakdown of calls for the month leading up to the board meeting when presented, and just prior to the **Clarion** deadline for the next issue.

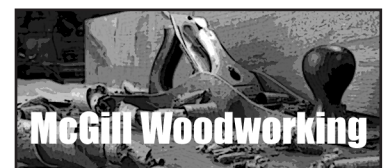
Walpole's full time police department consists of three officers, an Administrator and the police chief. Chief Paquette oversees and administers the force, and about half of Sgt. Sanctuary's time is with similar functions. Both assist, as needed, with calls and detective work. Raw numbers can be misleading. Calls to the force for assistance, emergencies, or crimes take varying amounts of time. An hour at an accident scene on the highway will involve more hours, or even days, of additional investigation and paperwork back in the office.

Calls for service are broken down into three major areas, as seen in the pie chart: Motor Vehicle, Criminal Investigations, and Public Safety. Criminal investigations consume approximately 80% of the department's time, and include: Drugs/Alcohol (DWI, Possession of narcotics, and related offenses); Crimes against a person (harassment, criminal threatening, assaults and sexual assaults); and, finally, Crimes against property (thefts, burglaries and vandalism).

The Motor Vehicle category includes: Accidents (multi and single car crashes), Vehicle stops for traffic violations, and Traffic Safety (road hazards, operation reports, and motorist assists). Finally, Emergency Calls (building alarms, medical and fire, 911 hang ups), Administrative (paper service, VIN verification's, sex offender registrations), and Citizen Assist (child custody issues, citizen welfare checks, animal complaints, etc.) are some of what are included in the Public Safety Calls category.

These are just examples of what Walpole's police force is dealing with, and will be reported monthly. If you have specific questions, or thoughts on what you would like to see reported here, please contact the **Clarion**, and answers will be provided here.

– Ray Boas



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We will have a plethora of memorabilia for our members at the banquet. As always, we will hand out our updated and highly anticipated poster, which lists the names of our members in order of seniority. Again this year, Mr. Harold Putnam is our longest-serving member and the leader of our fearless Riders. We will also have for each member a 200th anniversary certificate, which will be suitable for framing. And finally, we'll also have for each member a brass medallion honoring our 200th anniversary. The certificates and medallions will each contain a notation of our 200th anniversary, and a small copy of our Horse Thieves artwork, which is near the top of our poster.

We will be handing out all of these mementoes to our members as they check in at the banquet: a highly trained and efficient team will check you into the banquet, and hand you all of these souvenirs as you enter the hall. You won't need a steamer trunk to hold all the loot, but you may need a couple of extra hands. Of course the greater challenge will be to keep all these gifts from getting mixed into our meal as we dine on the delicious foods prepared by the dedicated and hard-working banquet team. However, we know that many members are already itching to see the new posters and other tokens, so we will hand them out at the beginning of the banquet.

We have one special announcement for members who may be interested in something even more special to remember our 200th anniversary: The Horse Thieves are ordering a small number of silver medallions to commemorate the occasion – I'm not sure of the exact number, but I think it's six (6). These are available for purchase by any current Horse Thief on a first come/first served basis. We won't know the exact cost of a medallion until they are cast (because the price of silver varies daily). If you are interested please contact Bob Kimball, President (603-756-3155). You can put your name on the list for one of these fine objects. About the time this article is published, Bob should have the price.

Our speaker this year is Ray Boas, who is known to everyone in town both for his work with the Walpole Players, his bookstore of antique and collectible books, and as owner and publisher of the Walpole *Clarion*. Ray is also the author of *As it Was... And Still Is... Walpole, New Hampshire*, which was published in June 2014. As a historian, he is fascinated as to why a town or building is where it is. In his talk at the banquet, he will focus on the development of our village, which followed a different path than other communities. Along that path, he will share details and the history found in late 1800 and early 1900 photographs and postcards that document that development, and often reveal surprising details.

Invitations have been mailed to all current members, although several have been returned because the address on our files is not active anymore. If you did not receive your invitation and reservation form, please contact Lewis LaClair, Clerk at LLaclair@advancedrisk.com, or call him at 756-0001. This year reservations should be returned to Ray Boas, P.O. Box 757, Walpole, NH 03608, or you can hand them to Ray when you see him around town.

If you are member of the Horse Thieves and are unable to attend the banquet but would like all these wonderful mementoes, you may contact Lewis LaClair after September 27 and he'll make arrangements to meet you somewhere in town and hand over your keepsakes. Unfortunately, we will not be able to mail these.

Not a member and don't want to miss this great event? 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).

We'll see you at the banquet!

– Lewis LaClair

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Walpole Town Pool
(during summer season)
14 Bundy Lane

Walpole School – Primary
18 Primary Lane

North Walpole School
17 Cray Road, NW

Walpole Town Hall
34 Elm Street

Walpole Recycling Center
Rte 123, North Walpole

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...it was the passage of the

Somersworth Act in 1848 that helped hasten The Walpole Academy closing? It was not until the mid to late 19th century that a high school education, as we now know it, was publicly offered in New Hampshire.

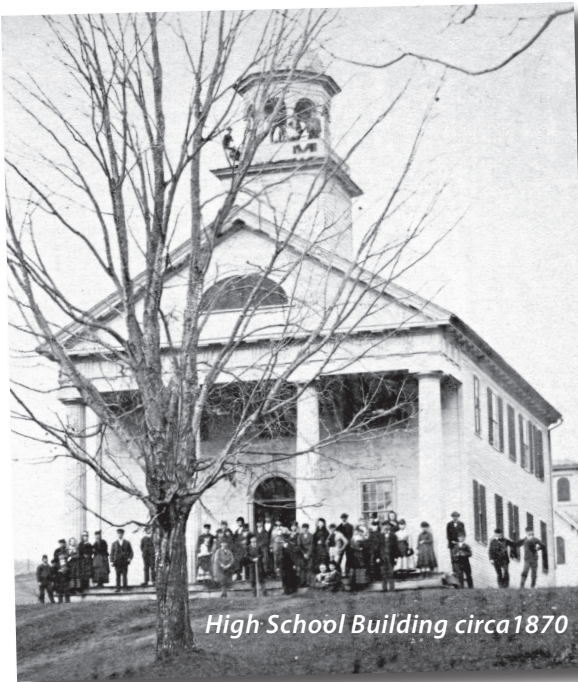
Public education in the early 19th century usually ended with the eighth grade. Schools were often ungraded, with attendance optional during a shorter school year based upon farming cycles. Higher education was at private schools or academies. In 1831, a charter was granted to Thomas Bellows, Abel Bellow, Nehemiah Giles, and others to establish The Walpole Academy to "receive scholars in branches of higher education."

When ground was broken at the top of the rise on Main Street for the new Academy building, they "came upon a wooden bin half full of a white substance like white lead paint as sold in kegs." It was learned that the odoriferous remains were from Caleb Bellows' plan to make whiskey from potatoes decades prior, during the War of 1812, when there was an embargo on spirits from Great Britain. He buried several hundred bushels of potatoes in this pit for use in the spring – but the war was over first, and his distillation no longer necessary. Back to the sobering story.

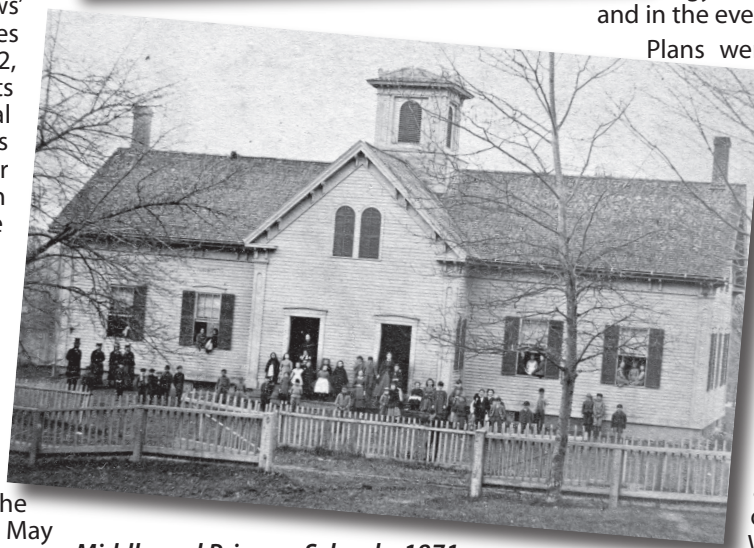
The Academy opened upon completion of Aaron P. Howland's impressive building. Students arrived from many Vermont and New Hampshire towns, and were boarded throughout the village. Caleb Bellows' home on Prospect Hill Road housed students; and, for many years, was known as the "Boarding House" (later Louisa May Alcott performed there).

The 1837 catalogue for the school lists the names of 107 students (40 in the Female Department and 67 in the Male Department). The catalog further proclaimed, "Maps, Globes, Orrery [mechanical model of the solar system], and a very respectable Chemical, and Philosophical Apparatus, belong to the institution. Lectures, on the various sciences, are given occasionally, through the year. Youth are instructed in the languages, fitted for College, teaching, or business."

With four eleven-week terms each year, tuition was \$5.00 in the languages, and \$4.00 in the English branches. Tuition was half price for children under the age of eight. Boarding, including washing, was \$1.75 per week.



High School Building circa 1870



Middle and Primary Schools, 1871

The Somersworth Act of June 19, 1848, established high schools in New Hampshire, and an amendment July 8, 1850, extended the act to include all New Hampshire school districts. By now, the men who had established and run The Walpole Academy were old or deceased. A legislative act followed June 30, 1853, allowing Walpole's School District #1 to purchase the Academy Lot for use as a high school and other schools. In September, the lot (including the Academy building) was sold to District #1 for \$300.

Following the purchase, a new schoolhouse for the primary and intermediate schools was constructed on the rear of the lot (now scheduled for demolition). In the fall of 1854, the high school was opened. The lower floor of the Academy had been laid on a angle for the desks, but later the desks were removed and the floor leveled. The upper floor was then fitted out for desks. Charles P. Howland, in 1897, provided for the refitting of the lower level as a gymnasium for use after school and in the evenings.

Plans were completed for a new elementary and high school building in 1948, and a bond issue passed for its construction the next year. The new school (now the Walpole Middle School) was completed in 1950. The old Academy was put up for auction with the winning bid coming from The Walpole Historical Society. Commanding one of the more impressive spots in town, all are welcome to visit the old Academy, and join The Walpole Historical Society.

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Bridge Mystery

More Discoveries, And An Apology

I have a constant need to learn, and a desire to share what I have learned. Last month I shared two different views of the Hale Bridge. Built in 1785, it was the first bridge over the Connecticut River. Never satisfied until all facts are triple-checked, I serendipitously found two more views of the bridge after last month's piece was published.

"Two hundred miles from the Sound is a narrow of five yards, only, formed by two shelving mountains of solid rock; through this chasm are compelled to pass all the waters... the passage is about 400 yards in length, of a zigzag form with obtuse corners." Thus an Englishman describes the site of the bridge in his 1781 History of Connecticut to encourage stage travelers to view this wonder. Similar words were used a century later to convince railroad passengers to journey to the wonders of Niagara Falls.

Contemplating the two views, I cannot help but think the original bridge was rebuilt at some point prior to being replaced by the covered Tucker Bridge in 1840. If so, that rebuild may only be documented in the conflicting images. Last month I questioned how Tucker's bridge could have been built over Hale's. But I have learned how the Tucker Covered Bridge was built over the earlier bridge, and this is where my apology comes in. Lyman Hayes, in his 1907 History of the Town of Rockingham Vermont, states the original bridge "was much shorter and stood from twelve to fifteen feet lower, with sharp pitches in the road at each end." This made it easy for Tucker to build his Covered Bridge 12 to 15 feet above, making the floor of his bridge level shore to shore. When Tucker's bridge was completed in July 1840, the supports of the decayed bridge were cut away, the bridge dropped, and it was then carried away down river.

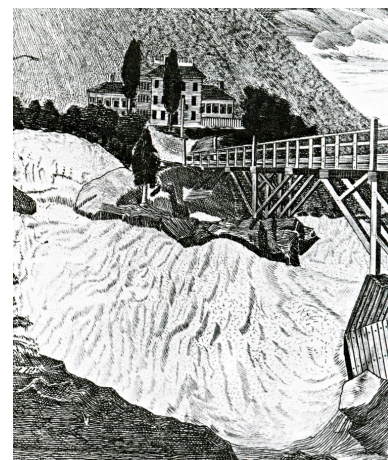


A watercolor circa 1810 currently in the University of Vermont Library "shows the similarity of construction between Enoch Hale's first bridge and a second built to replace it after 1797." On the New Hampshire side is Frederick Geyer's Mansion House Hotel (removed in 1848 with the building of the railroad). The bridge in this sketch looks similar to the 1791 sketch in the August CLARION, reportedly by John Trumbull.

But I also found the engraving that inspired Frederick J. Blake's painting. Edward Ruggles published, c1817, *NEW-HAMPSHIRE, From Late SURVEY; To the CITIZENS of which this MAP Is most respectfully dedicated...* Published by the Author, Walpole, NH. On this map there is only one illustration – the illustration that inspired Blake. But, the mystery continues. In 1816, Philip Carrigain, following ten years of work, published his famous map of the State of New Hampshire. Shortly after Ruggles' 1817 map appeared, it was reviewed in the New Hampshire Patriot.

That review, by or encouraged by Carrigain, claimed that Ruggles had pirated Carrigain's work, depriving him of compensation. The article further pointed out errors in the "ugly picture," and that it was obviously copied.

Questions still remain in my mind. If Ruggles pirated Carrigain's New Hampshire map for his own use, why was the only illustration on the map the first bridge over the Connecticut River? Who was Edward Ruggles, who claims his map was published in Walpole, inferring residence, but I can



find no record of his ever being here? Was there a second bridge built prior to Tucker's covered bridge, as the University of Vermont caption states? And, most importantly, if Ruggles willingly pirated a map, can his illustration of the bridge be trusted?

The mystery continues. Please search your attics for more illustrations and clues.

– Ray Boas

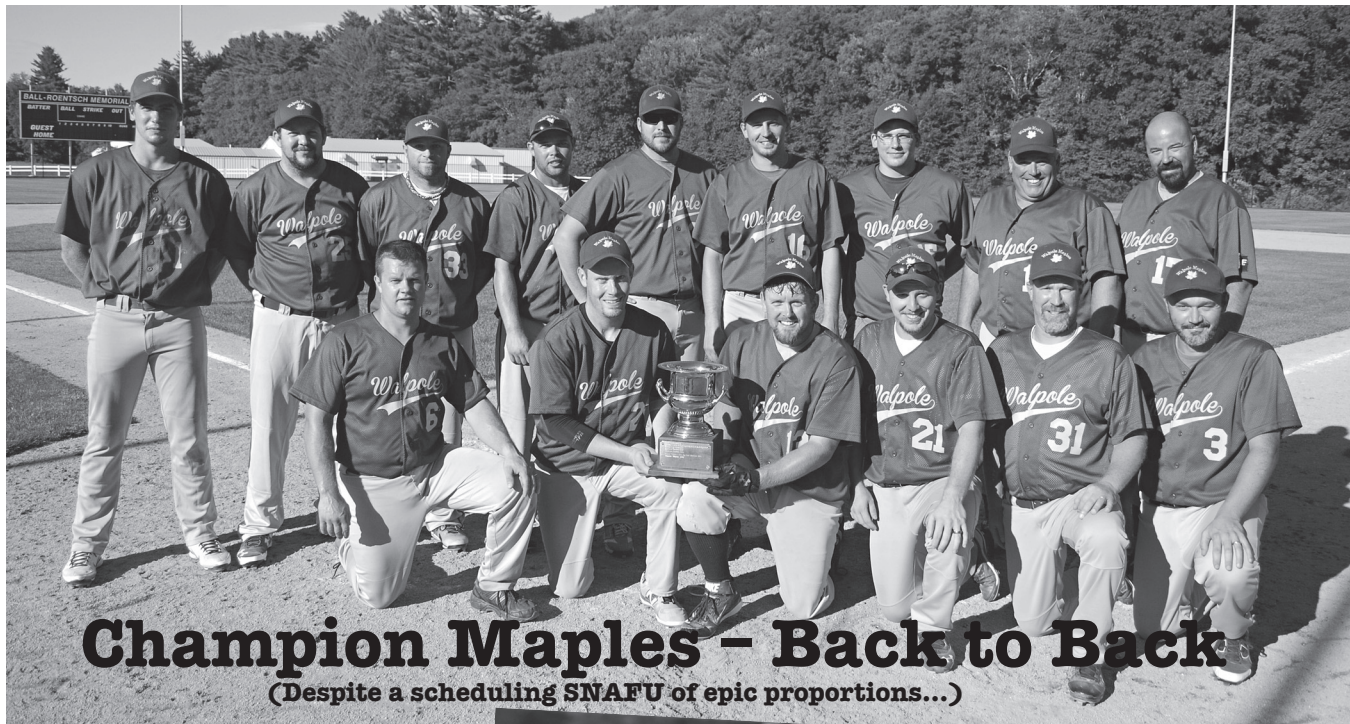
Christmas In September

Walpole Heritage Museum Gift Shop celebrates Christmas in September! Come visit us from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday September 17, and get a head start on your holiday shopping. Weather permitting, we will be on the lawn by our roadside sign with new and sale items to tempt you for your Holiday decorating or gift giving. We have new Christmas cards and napkins from Caspari, locally crafted note cards, ornaments and framed pictures – and candles and votive candles, too.

We have Ray Boas' book about Walpole, Louisa May Alcott booklets written by Ray Boas. We also have books written by Louisa May Alcott for your reading pleasure. Walpole mugs and wine glasses, Walpole note cards, local honey and little bags of sweet tiny candies – great stocking stuffers! This year we have Dellmano painted glassware. And you must see our beautiful new scarves and beaded necklaces that will give just the perfect touch to any outfit.

Come and browse our Louisa May Alcott exhibit, and check out the many "Louisa" items in our gift shop as well. You are sure to find something you will want to bring home or wrap up for the perfect gift! Come to the Museum on Saturday the 17 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and enjoy a Christmas cookie or two with us!!

– Sally McGaffigan



The Maples' regular season came to an end with the team in 5th place and a 9-5 record. That brought a first round playoff match-up with the fourth seeded Walpole Wild Blue, with whom we split our two regular-season games.

In the playoffs, our pitching came up huge and our bats came to life. Steve Corey started against the Wild Blue's Adam Kuhn. The Maples scored in the 1st inning with a Garin Clough double and a John Maciejewski single for a 1-0 lead. In the 2nd inning, we upped our lead to 5-0 thanks to hits by Jake St. Pierre, Hank Bailey, Steve Corey, Tyler Benner and Garin...again.

A five run lead with Steve on the mound is usually pretty safe. However, this was no ordinary game – one run would have been enough. Although we added four more runs to win 9-0, the biggest story of the game was that Steve not only pitched a complete-game shutout, he gave up no hits. A no-hitter... what a great way to get the playoffs started.



Our semi-final challenge was the first place Claremont Cardinals. In the regular season, we also split our two match-ups. Once again, we sent Steve Corey to the mound as the starting pitcher. Steve didn't toss another no-hitter, or even a shutout, but he didn't need to. We hit – a lot.

Once again, we scored in the first, via hits by Jed St. Pierre, Garin and Adam Kobeski. But in the bottom of the inning, Claremont answered with two runs to tie the game at two. We went ahead by one run in the third; then broke the game open in the 4th. We score five runs in that inning with two outs. The big blow in the inning was a three-run home run by Jed. We added three more in the 6th, three in the 7th and three in the 9th for the final 17-2 win. Steve got the complete-game win, and we all got to defend our title from last year.

We faced Keene Summit Athletics (who beat Putney in the other semi-final game) for the championship. During the regular season we lost both meetings to Summit. We hoped for a better result this time, and after a harried 2-hour search for umpires the league had somehow neglected to schedule for its championship game, we took the field.

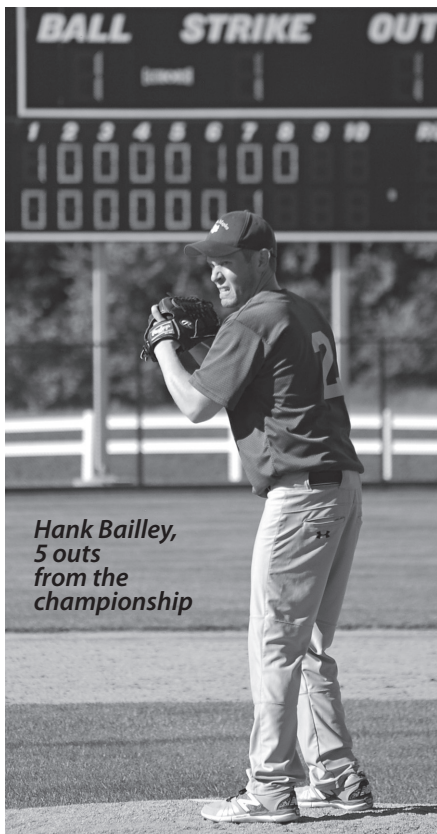
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– Yogi Berra



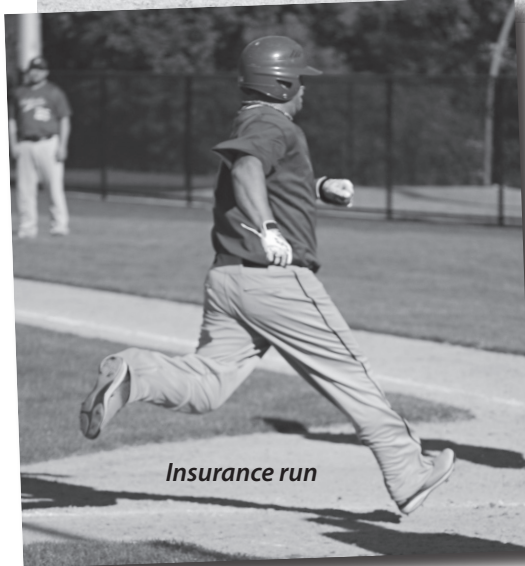
*Hank Bailey,
5 outs
from the
championship*

We sent Hank Bailey to the mound. As we did in the first two playoff games, we got on the board in the 1st inning. Jed led off the game with a double, moved to third on a ground out, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Shane Salmonson. The game would remain 1-0 until the 6th inning. Jed hit a triple; then scored two batters later on a sacrifice fly by Shane.

Summit rallied with a run in the 7th, and it stayed 2-1 until the 9th, when we gave ourselves and our fans some breathing room with five more runs to lead 7-1 into the bottom of the 9th. Summit put a man on, but did not threaten; Hank earned the complete game win, and we claimed our second straight CRVBL title.



Jed St. Pierre makes contact



Insurance run



One out to go...

Walpole Maples baseball was sponsored by McGill Woodworking, Graves Trucking, Pinnacleview Equipment, Servpro of Cheshire County, Matt Beam Plumbing & Heating, M. E. Matthews, E.E. Houghton, Robert Kimball P. C., and Walpole Veterinary Hospital.

Our 2016 roster: Coaches: Ken McGill and Glenn Yardley; Scorekeeper: Elizabeth McGill; Players: Mark McGill, Shane Salmonson, Hank Bailey, Jake St. Pierre, Colby McAllister, Jed St. Pierre, Steve Corey, Adam Kobeski, John Maciejewski, Tim Carey, Caleb French, Billy Smith, Garin Clough, Kevin Russell, Tyler Benner, and Matt Barnes.

The Maples would like to congratulate the Walpole Wild Blue on a great season of competitive baseball. We would also like to say thank you to all our sponsors and fans for your continue°d support in another incredible season; to Dave Adams for doing a great job announcing our games, and Frank Brown for doing another great job maintaining the field we share with the Wild Blue.

– Mark McGill



High-fives all around

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school parents and community members working together to raise a playground for the children of Walpole. The committee is soliciting at least 100 volunteers for Friday, September 30 and 100 volunteers for Saturday, October 1. All types of volunteers are needed. Volunteers can unwrap and sort playground parts, assemble playground components, mix cement, measure and level playground sections, move assembled pieces into place, help with food and drink, and just support one another. There is a job for everyone.

Walpole, We Need Your Help. If you can help on either Friday, September 30 or Saturday, October 1 between 8:00 am to dusk, please call the Walpole School at 756-4728 or email Christy Bardis at cbardis@sau60.org or sign up at the following link, <http://signup.com/go/qJbtJL>.

If your company wishes to send a crew to help volunteer on these days, please contact us. We appreciate all the help.

Please call if you have any questions.

– Walpole Playground Committee

Chickens On The Loose

On your **mark** your calendars, get **set** to have lots of fun, **go!** Come join us on Saturday October 15, for the Walpole School's annual fundraiser 5K race, *Chickens On The Loose*. Walk, run or jog through beautiful downtown Walpole. Lots of games, prizes and a BBQ to follow.

Race begins at 10:30 AM at the Walpole Elementary School. Pre-entry fee is \$20.00, and same-day race fee is \$25.00. All proceeds benefit the Walpole Schools. Volunteers and sponsors are always welcome!

For more information you can contact walpoleptg5K@gmail.com or call Andrea at 381-1274. To register online and more information on the race go to:

<http://g2racereg.webconnex.com/chicken5K2016>.

For a printable application go to:

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Hope to see you there!

– Carol Browning-Lent



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Our student correspondents will return in our October issue.



What's Happening in

Walpole Schools



Memory...

It's not what we think it is

The process of writing memoir has everything to do with memory. But memory, it turns out, is not what we have long understood it to be. In her essay "Memory and Imagination," Patricia Hampl asserts: There may be no more pressing need in our culture than for people to become sophisticated about the function of memory. But, as Hampl adds, memory is not, after all, just memory. And what memory is is vastly more complex than a cache of recollected moments. It is unreliable and enigmatic. How then can the genre of memoir be taken seriously, given the subjective nature of the one thing upon which it is based?

Defined by all the vagaries of the world, memory can be fallible, suggestive, elusive, biased, persistent, fleeting. It can be altered, suppressed, recovered, conflated, or blocked. Memories can seem to reside outside the brain, in the muscles or the gut, and can be roused by an image or smell. Over repeated tellings a memory becomes distorted, with some elements remaining, others vanishing, and entirely new details appearing.

When we recall a memory, we are not unearthing a perfect record of a past experience. Instead, we are effectively whispering a message from our past to our present, reshaping it each time. Some details will be correct, but when our memories change, research suggests we only "hear" the most recent version of the message, and yet we may assume that what we believe now is what we always believed.

Nevertheless, our memories determine our access to experience, shape our relationship with our previous selves, and therefore influence in the deepest ways our paths forward. If we are defined by what we understand about our selves and our past, our capacity to grow rests on a healthy relationship with that past. How we interact with our memories becomes our identity, and, because language encodes meaning, that process, if linked in some way to writing, can be life-altering. But how can memory be useful as our main source as we go forward with the deep exploration of our lives – which is the central task of memoir?

– Pam Bernard

The first in a series of articles about writing. For information about memoir workshops: visit www.pambernard.com

Walpole Business Notes

Walpole Village Tavern: Breakfast and Expanded Hours

Breakfast is coming to the Walpole Village Tavern beginning Tuesday, September 6. Owners Tom and Sue Bentley recently brought to the Tavern Walter Martin, former executive chef of the Union River Grill in Belfair, Washington, and Sandra Lefebvre, who previously owned three breakfast and lunch restaurants, including Dusty's Cafe in Claremont, NH.

Wally and Sandra, along with the current creative staff, including Chris Foster (kitchen manager of ten years), are tailoring the menu to add a new pub and breakfast menu along with the old favorites and daily specials. Breakfast will now be served Tuesday through Saturday beginning at 6 AM, and Sunday at 8 AM. The Tavern closes Monday through Wednesday at 9 PM, Thursday through Saturday at 9:30 PM, and Sundays at 4 PM.

A welcome addition to the village, do stop for breakfast at the Walpole Village Tavern beginning, Tuesday, September 6.

Abenaki Springs

On August 16, Abenaki Springs reached 100% occupancy, two months ahead of schedule, and now has a waiting list. The vast majority of apartment homes were leased by those from the immediate area, with some moving from outside the region to be closer to family members and friends living in Walpole. We look forward to serving beautiful Walpole and the surrounding communities.

– Cassandra Bittner

The Restaurant at Burdick's

Has mounted a Ken Burns Retrospective – posters from more than 30 years of documentary film production in Walpole can be viewed in the restaurant. The exhibition runs from August 15 through September 30.

– Paula Burdick

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

Baillargeon Graduation

Ryan M. Baillargeon, son of Arthur and Suzanne Baillargeon of Walpole, graduated from Southern Maine Community College in May with Associate in Science degrees in Fire Science and Paramedicine. Ryan, a 2012 graduate of Fall Mountain Regional High School, was a member of Walpole Fire & Rescue, where he participated in the Junior Fire Fighter program. He was a recipient of Charlestown's Fire Department scholarship in 2012.

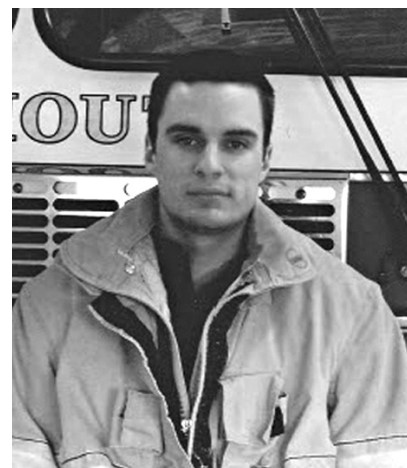


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During his four years at Southern Maine, Ryan was a live-in student at the Yarmouth Fire & Rescue department, where he received Fire Fighter of the Year in 2014, and was the recipient of the Chief's Excellence Award for his dedication and loyalty to the community and station in 2016. He passed the National EMS Certification Exam for Paramedics in May. Ryan has accepted a full time position as a Firefighter/Paramedic for the Town of Scarborough, Maine.

– Suzanne Baillargeon

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Summer Basketball

It was another exciting year for the Walpole Summer Basketball League. Last year, the Walpole Recreation Committee came up with an idea to help keep kids active, meet new people, and bring the community together. There were 50 participants in 2015; this year the league attracted 75 participants from Walpole, surrounding towns, and Vermont.

Four local companies sponsored a team and purchased their uniforms: Chroma Technology, Applied Bolting Technology, Athens Pizza (VT), and Diamond Pizza.

The Whitcomb Park parking lot was full of cars every Monday and Tuesday night with parents and spectators there to enjoy a game. The games were full of excitement and positive cheering from the spectators.

Diamond Pizza finished the regular season in first place, with Applied Bolting Technology in second, Athens Pizza in third, and Chroma Technology in fourth. The regular season got everyone really excited for a competitive week of playoffs.

The playoffs were a single elimination tournament. Every game came down to the wire. Diamond Pizza beat Chroma Technology by four, and Athens Pizza upset Applied Bolting Technology by three.

The championship game celebrated an amazing season. Players who did not participate in the game were encouraged to come to eat pizza, play knock-out at halftime, swim at the pool, and cheer on both teams participating in the championship. The game was close during the first quarter, but the hot shooting from Sophie Bardis and the inside presence of Jimmy Ronning was too much for Athens to stop and Diamond Pizza won the 2016 WSBL Championship.

A huge thank-you to our sponsors and all of the volunteers who helped coach, ref, and keep score. We hope to see everyone again next summer!

– Justin Cassarino

Damian Nadeau found every bottle in Invisi-Bottle



Jade Nadeau celebrates winning Ping Pong Scramble

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Town Pool

Community Family Game and Movie Night

The Walpole Town Pool was extremely busy this summer, with swimmers from all around coming to the pool to enjoy the sun and cool off.

This year, the Recreation Committee wanted to do something special to end the summer – a Community Family Game and Movie Night. There was swimming, games with prizes, and a movie under the stars. Athens Pizza even brought their food truck down to sell some of their food. Their Mac-and-Cheese was a huge hit!

We asked patrons to bring in a non-perishable food item to have access to the pool, games, and movie for free. All of the items that were collected were then brought to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. We were able to collect two bins full of food. We truly have a great community that is always looking to give back and help others.

We started off with swimming and listening to music and then played five games. These five pool games were a lot of fun for the participants and the spectators. The five games were The Biggest Splash, Invisi Bottle, Ping Pong Scramble, Hula Hoop Race, and Floatie Race. Everyone did a great job and the winners received a trophy.

We ended the night with the movie *Zootopia*. Families either grabbed a chair or watched the movie from the small end of the pool while enjoying drinks and snacks.

The pool staff and I want to thank everyone who came to the pool this summer. We look forward to another great summer next year!

– Justin Cassarino

WRAP

All Good News This Time!

First of all, our Recycling Center is producing compost for us to make our yards beautiful and our gardens productive. Okay, so tell me about it. What is compost? Nationally syndicated Public Radio host, Mike McGrath, has written a whole book on compost. Really. "Mike McGrath's Book of Compost," 120 pages of How to Produce It, and How to Use It. Lots of folk in town have a compost pile (even me). We take the leaves we rake up, the grass clippings and pruned garden plants, and put them in a big pile. Give them some time and they'll "rot" into compost. Black Gold - such a deal! Now you have a resource to improve the hard or sandy soil in your lawn or garden. It's nutrient-rich, so it makes good, non-chemical fertilizer, too.

But producing your own compost, while worthwhile, demands patience - more patience than I have; and it involves hard work which, at my age, is a pretty steep demand. We could go to our local garden store and buy some soil-conditioner. Sounds pretty good until you have to pay the bill for it. But now, our recycle center provides you screened compost for just \$15 per "yard" (a cubic yard) - that amounts to 55 cents per cubic foot. Our favorite outdoor store is selling a one cubic foot plastic bag of soil conditioner for \$10 - that's almost twenty times as expensive. Doesn't take much time for me to make up my mind on that one!

Next piece of good news: The "going price" (market price) for "cardboard" has gone **up**! Yes, **up** - and you'll never guess why. But first, what is cardboard? No, it's **not** the flat stuff like cereal boxes, etc. It has a corrugated strength layer in the

middle like heavy duty cardboard boxes. That stuff is called "kraft", and has a fiber content (usually rags). Cereal boxes and the like are "jute" and with no fiber content are flimsy and easily torn. So why the big demand for "kraft" boxes? Ready? Amazon.com, and all the other internet marketers provide the customer's order in a box to be delivered by UPS or FEDEX, etc. They don't ship in flimsy boxes that are easily torn. As internet merchants continue to improve their business volume, brick and mortar retailers are having a harder and harder time. So, there you have it: the Law of Supply and Demand! Amazon and their kin have effectively sucked dry the supply line of cardboard (kraft). So which way does the price go? Up, of course. That's good for Walpole, because our Recycle Center takes in (and resells) a **huge** amount of cardboard every month. So, even this small increase in income for your Recycle Center helps pay for all the things they do for our town.

- Charlie Blount

The Committee Wants YOU!

Walpole's recycling programs were brought into existence by a group of Walpole citizens nearly thirty years ago; and, although officially run by the Town of Walpole, citizen volunteers essentially keep those programs alive today.

The Committee of Walpole Recycling Activities Program has two positions available on its board, and is seeking citizens who are interested in participating as Committee members. Please call Walpole Recycling Manager, Paul Colburn, during regular business hours at the Center, 445-5197, for further details.

Consider joining one of Walpole's most active services to the community. Thank you, on behalf of WRAP

- Donna Drouin

Save The Date

Auditions for the Walpole Players' production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21, 6:30 PM, Walpole Town Hall. No previous acting experience necessary, just a desire to have fun and give back to the community. For more information, call Ray at 756-4545, or Tara at 756-4861. All ages welcome. We hope to see you there.

- Tara Sad

Dining Field Trip

Popolo Presents "The Great Outdoors"

If the mountain won't come to Popolo, Popolo will go to the mountain. On Saturday, September 10, the restaurant is presenting an evening in the Great Outdoors at Coolidge State Park in Plymouth, VT.

The night starts with a prix fixe five-course dinner featuring New England game and area vegetables prepared and served by Popolo's fine kitchen and service staff. Every course comes from area farmers, fisherman, and artisanal producers.

"We're serving a woodsy selection of dishes custom-designed for dining al fresco on the top of a mountain. It's going to be a once-in-a-lifetime feast in a transcendent open-air setting," reports Tim Cocheo, Popolo's head chef. The menu is available at popolomeanspeople.com.

Dinner will be served in high style on china and linens in historic old Ski Shelter on Bradley Hill. The shelter's handsomely restored timber construction and two massive stone fireplaces open onto awesome westward sunset views of Killington and the breathtaking grandeur of the Green Mountain National Forest.

After the sun goes behind the mountains, renowned national touring artists, Arc Iris, will take the stage and debut their long-awaited album, *Moon Saloon*.

Reservations are required and seating is limited. Tickets are \$68, which includes five courses and the musical performance. For the true Epicureans, a wine pairing is available for an additional \$40.00. If you please, camping is free of charge. There's a full cash bar serving traditional and event-specific signature cocktails.

Popolo will be closed for lunch and dinner on Saturday September 10, to create this special event in the mountains. If inclement weather causes the cancellation of the event, tickets are fully refundable.

More info and tickets are available at popolomeanspeople.com and in the restaurant at 36 The Square, Bellows Falls or by phoning 802-460-7676.

- Gary Smith

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Gleanings

From the Town Minutes

From the Zoning Board of Adjustment August 17, 2016

- Ms. Samantha Wilhelm, representing Unity Homes, a subsidiary of Bensonwood. Ms. Wilhelm asked if the company could display a 2-by-3-foot sign, on 4-by-4-foot posts and 5 feet high on the right side of the driveway on Wentworth Road. It would be one-sided and would not be lit. Unity Homes has a model home on the property, which is used as a showroom for potential customers. It is not occupied. Ms. Leclerc made a motion to accept the request as presented. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the entire board.

- Joel Stoddard requested a 3-foot-by-10-foot sign to be placed above one of the bays at his garage on Route 12. It will be placed four feet off center of the bay because the sign is 96 feet from another sign in the front by the road. The ordinance requires that it be 100 feet or a special exception is needed. It was approved by the board as presented with two conditions: That Mr. Stoddard get the signature of the owner of the building, and that the sign be placed four feet off center to the right of the bay

From the Select Board

- Effective August 8, 2016 Selectman Joe Aldrich resigned from the Select Board for personal reasons. We thank Joe for his willingness service the community and for his contributions to the Select Board, and wish him all the best.

In accordance with RSA 669:63, the Select Board has appointed Whit Aldrich to fill the vacancy effective August 11, 2016.

This is the time of the year that the Select Board begins the budget process, Whit was selected in part for his current knowledge of the budget process along with other processes and procedures. Additionally, the Select Board felt that we would give someone an unfair advantage in the next election should we have selected someone with an interest in running for the open seat created by Joe's resignation.

Whit will remain in this position until the March 2017 elections. In 2017, an individual will be elected for two years to complete Joe's unexpired term.

Reader Commentary

Do you experience slow internet service at your home or business in Walpole? Would you like to participate in a committee that will make a recommendation to the Walpole Select Board? If this interests you, drop me an e-mail at Lew_0202@yahoo.com. Thank you.

– Paul Looney

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

In my review of this month's issue, I must comment that in this issue we have a very wide mix of articles and announcements of upcoming events for you to consider attending or supporting. You should find something of interest to read on these pages, if not devouring it all.

Also, you will see some new advertisements, along with repeats. In renewing his ad, Phil Shaw, Master Painter, wrote me, "I believe one has to keep his name out there on a regular basis for people to have name recognition when that particular service is needed. Also, I enjoy your publication and think it is important for small town businesses to support each other." Thank you Phil.

The Walpole Tavern will begin serving breakfast on September 6, and has chosen to share that news with you on our pages. Burdick's is also advertising Oktoberfest the end of the month. And joining the **Clarion** is McGill Woodworking offering a range of construction services.

As Phil stated, "...it is important for small town businesses to support each other."

– Ray Boas, Publisher

Another New Discovery...

My friends know I am constantly exploring and discovering, and I share those experiences on my website *Shunpiking with Ray*. Three weeks ago, I was in the New England Air Museum adjacent to Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. I could not believe my eyes. Do you recall my 'Did You Know That...' article on page 18 of the April 2016 issue? There, prominently on exhibit in the museum, was Silas M. Brooks' Balloon Basket, circa 1870. A pioneer balloonist from Plymouth, Connecticut, he lived from 1824-1906, and flew all over the area.



PHOTO: RAY BOAS

The card on the display reads in part "...It is the oldest surviving balloon basket, and the oldest surviving aircraft in the United States." Could this be the same basket that hovered over the Walpole Town House on October 8, 1871, snatching and escaping with Walpole's Revere Bell? We will probably never know for sure.

– Ray Boas

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Our First Camping Trip – Part II

When we left you in August, we were at Coolidge State Park in Plymouth, Vermont, and getting ready to spend the night in the pouring rain in a lean-to at the end of a wind tunnel.

I had just eaten the last bite of coffee and was heading for bed when Fran said, "We should make a trip to the bathrooms and get a jug of water for morning".

Water! I started mumbling the "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" – "Water, water everywhere", etc. etc. We left the site in a light drizzle, but halfway to the bathrooms, the skies opened and rain, heavier than before, fell. During our earlier excursion, we never noticed there were no light switches in the bathrooms. Why were there no switches? Because there were no lights! Our flashlights, which we now discovered had weak batteries, gave off just enough light to make it difficult to see more than a foot in front of us. Yup, add to soggy list, 'check batteries'.

Being a gentleman, I let Fran use the ladies' side first while I waited outside, hoping no one came along and took me for a pervert lurking in the dark.

Thunder and lightning continued with heavy rain.

Soon it was time to proceed to the men's side where Fran would bravely guard the door. Meanwhile the batteries in my light gave up and died. I groped my way through the dark and into a stall and dropped my drawers.

Ten seconds later, the night was filled with a blood-curdling scream. I lunged from the stall into a totally black, unfamiliar room with wet soggy trousers down around my ankles. "What is the matter, what is it?" I yelled, trying to pull up my pants while attempting to run through the dark room.

"Sorry" Fran said, "Just a flash of lighting. The ensuing comments are left to your imagination as they are unprintable."

Soon afterwards, we were tucked into our slightly damp sleeping bags, and I muttered, "Sorry this has turned out so badly". From somewhere in the pitch black lean-to the only answer I heard was the slow, steady breathing of someone sleeping soundly.

By three in the morning the rain had slowed to a light drizzle, and by dawn it had quit. I decided to get up and try to boil some water for coffee. It seemed that sooner rather than later we would be heading home from our first and last camping excursion. With some dry paper from the car and the aid of two quarts of charcoal starter fluid, which I found under the kitchen sink, the twigs started burning. As Fran rolled off the cot, I said, "Hey, coffee is ready. Would you like a slice?" Obviously a sick attempt to start the day with a little humor. So little humor in fact that the only laughter I heard came from two deranged chipmunks.

Believe it or not, a year later we were camped at Thompson Lake in Altamont, New York, among skunks, huge raccoons and monstrous hail storms, in a ten by twelve foot tent. And my cooking skills on an outdoor fireplace had not improved.

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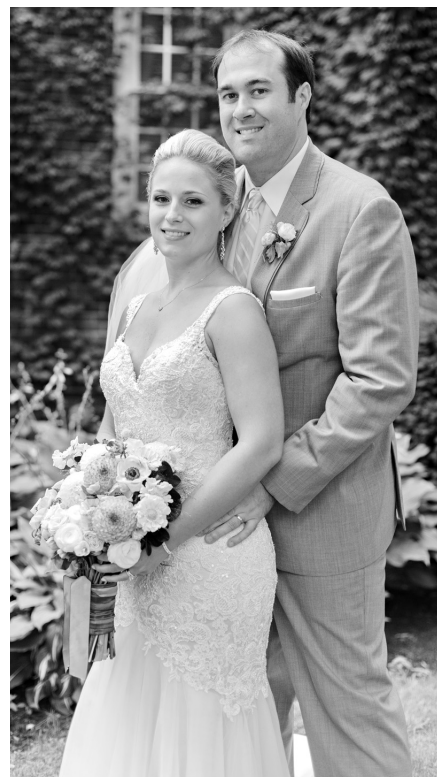
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& David A. Huoppi**
were married

in Exeter, New Hampshire
on August 13.

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of Walpole.

The groom is the son of
Rich and Margie Huoppi,
of Pomfret, Connecticut.

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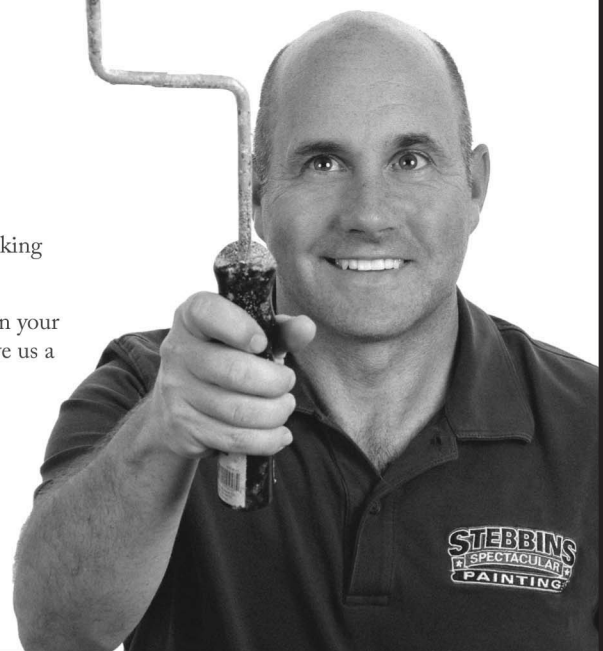
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