

Moved And Seconded...



Newly elected Town officials being sworn in

PHOTOS: RAY BOAS

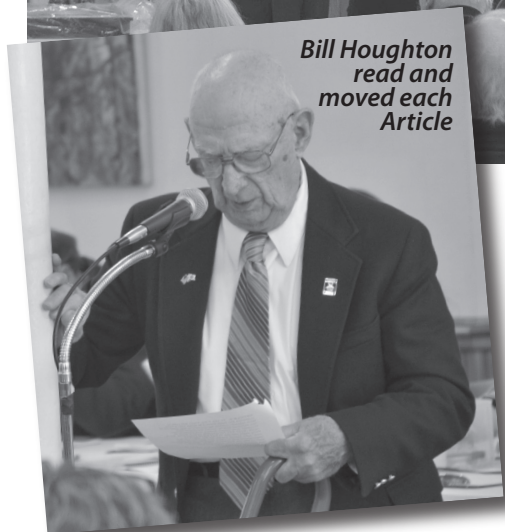
The Hungry Diner Nearing Completion

Sandwiched between Pinnacleview Equipment, Inc. and Diamond Pizza, and set back a tad from Route 12, is a building that, in the 1950s, served Hubbard Farms as a laboratory, and most recently as a Scoop Shop. Interior renovations have been underway for months by owner Bensonwood converting the building to a restaurant.

By late May, Caitlin and Chris Caserta will be opening The Hungry Diner. "We will be serving quality food at a fair price and served within fifteen minutes," Chris recently told me. "Today people want their food fast." Entrees will be priced from \$10 to \$16. "Vaughn Metcalf is our executive chef," Caserta continued, "and we will employ about 20 full- and part-timers in the restaurant."

Raising their sons on Walpole Valley Farms, Caitlin and Chris both have a foodservice background. In his 40s, Chris became interested in farming about 20 years ago, but said, "I have always wanted a restaurant, too." Most of the meats served will come from their farm on Wentworth Road.

Bill Houghton read and moved each Article



Vilas Bridge Funding Solved

A bold new plan has been presented to the New Hampshire State Legislature by Windyham County (Vermont) State Representative I. Sono Pirla. "We have lost too much time," Pirla stated at a recent press conference in Montpelier. "Modern technology has made my proposed plan plausible," Pirla pronounced. A vote to accept the proposal is scheduled for the New Hampshire legislature later this year.

The last revenue-raising plan for funding of the Vilas Bridge repair, as detailed in the **Clarion**, involved the construction of tollbooths on the

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The March snowstorm caused concern as plans were being made for Election Day, Tuesday, March 14, but the decision was made to have the polls open as currently legally required. Of the 2,703 voters on Walpole's Checklist, 331 cast ballots on Tuesday. In 2016, 963 ballots were cast. Besides the ominous road conditions, there were no "races" for any of the open positions on the ballot further contributing to the lower voter turnout. Also on Tuesday's ballot was the question of adoption of a Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit zoning ordinance proposed by the Walpole Planning Board. This Article passed with 255 'yes' votes to 54 'no'.

Following the closing of the polls, Town Meeting was adjourned and reconvened at the Town Hall, Saturday March 18 at 1:00 PM. At the last moment, town voters appeared filling the room. Following the opening ceremonies of presentation of the colors and introductions, the new town officials were sworn in. The remaining Articles were then read in turn by Bill Houghton, just as he has done for as long as I can remember. All Articles passed as presented.

There was a great deal of discussion about pay increases included in the town budget. Town employees are receiving

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Library

Poetry at the Library

April is National Poetry Month and to celebrate we have three local poets coming to the Walpole Library for a reading. Join us Thursday April 6 at 6PM as we welcome Toni Ortner, Vincent Panella and Lee Bramble.

Toni Ortner who lives in Putney, Vermont taught in the English Department of numerous colleges including the University of Connecticut. She is now retired and writes full time. She has 20 books published Most recent are *Traveling, A Perspective* by Kelsey Books and *A White Page Demands Its Letters* by Mayapple Press from which she will be reading. Forthcoming are *Stories We Tell Ourselves to Survive* and *End Rhymes for End Times* by Knut House, Inc. then *Fractured Woman* by Word Tech Communications. She hosts *Write Action Radio Hour* on 107.7 FM on the fourth Sunday of each month where she interviews writers and they read their work. Her website is toniortner.com; her most recent writing can be found on her column *Old Lady Blog* at vermontviews.org.

Vincent Panella lives in Marlboro, Vermont and grew up in Queens. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University where he earned a degree in engineering, then served for two years in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War years. He received a M.A. in English from Penn State and went on to the Iowa Writer's Workshop where he studied under William Price Fox. His stories have appeared in several literary journals. Three of his books are a memoir, *The Other Side*, a novel, *Cutter's Island*, and *Lost Hearts*, a story collection. He blogs at vermontviews.org under the heading *The First Glass* and has a web site at vincentpanella.com.

Lee Bramble, the pen name of Tom Ragle, is the author of a CD called *Twenty Poems, A Reading* and a book *Take This Song*, a collection of his poems from which he will be reading. A graduate of Harvard and Oxford, until his retirement in 1993 he was a professor of English literature and academic administrator here and in Europe and Asia, and has lectured also in Austria, East Germany, Japan, and Malta. He and his wife live in Guilford, Vermont in the 1780 farmhouse in which she and their seven children grew up. He says he earned his living as a professor and administrator but is at heart a poet, however undistinguished.

Spring Vacation Kid's Movie

Join us at the library on Tuesday, April 18th for a kid's movie at 10AM! Check our website for an announcement of

which movie will be showing www.walpoletownlibrary.org We'll provide some snacks, but feel free to bring your own.

Cookbook Challenge Group

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25 at 6PM. Copies of the new book will be available at the library as of April 3rd. New members are always welcome to join us, just pick up a copy of the book, sign up for which recipe you'll be making, make your dish and bring it along with a personal place setting (plate, drink, napkin, utensils) to the library on the 25th for delicious food and great company. Questions? E-mail Justine at jrogers@walpoletownlibrary.org.

— Justine Rogers

Hooper Institute

High School Summer Work Program

Hello high schoolers and your parents. April 24 is the deadline to submit your application for the High School Summer Work Program sponsored by the Hooper Institute. Hooper sponsors Walpole teens to gain work experience in the agricultural field. There are jobs at dairy and horse farms, and farms with other types of animals. For those who prefer to work with plants, there are jobs at an apple orchard, vineyard, organic produce farm, landscaping and florist. Students also work at the Walpole Recycling Center. We need counselors to help at the summer camps run by the Hooper Institute between June 26 and July 7.

More than two hundred individual Walpole teens have participated in this program since its inception almost 20 years ago. We typically employ about 24 students each summer. Many work multiple years during high school, exploring one or more interests. Many students have been subsequently hired by their mentors. Some have pursued their agricultural interests in a higher education setting thanks to their summer work experiences.

Students are paid \$7.50 per hour. They are considered seasonal employees of the town, thus are covered by Workman's Compensation. No taxpayer dollars are involved. The program is funded by the Hooper Educational Trust fund and donations from business sponsors and private individuals. We are hosting a talk with Chris Rimmer on Friday, April 21 at 7:00 PM about the songbirds of our area. Tickets for this benefit cost \$15 per person. If you would like to contribute to this effort financially, please contact the Hooper Institute at 756-4382, or mail a check to P.O. Box 135 in Walpole. Thank you!

— Eloise Clark



Lucy Weber and Jack Pratt present a State of New Hampshire clock to Tara Sad for her ten years of service as a NH State Representative

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a 2% pay increase, except for a few key positions. Recently, salary compensation paid by other New Hampshire communities was compared to the compensation paid by Walpole. In several instances (e.g. Police Chief, Road Agent, Head Librarian), the compensation paid by Walpole was significantly less than other communities. Some of our key employees and police officers have been "courted" by other communities with salary increases and signing bonuses. To remain competitive, keep our well-qualified individuals, and avoid training costs and learning curves if we lost those individuals, selected salaries will be increased so that Walpole remains competitive. Also included in the town budget was an additional much-needed police officer. The budget was approved by voice vote, with only a few 'nays.'

Also garnering discussion from the floor were articles for the purchase of equipment for the highway department, and the new approach for the purchase of police cruisers (see March 2017 *Clarion*). The select board and Road Agent thoroughly explained the advantages and long-term savings of each purchase. The purchase of a police cruiser required a written 2/3 ballot vote to pass. There were 11 'no' and 105 'yes' votes, showing strong voter support for Walpole's Police Department and the challenges it faces to continue to provide quality service to the community.

If you have never taken part in a Town Meeting, you are encouraged to do so in the future to truly understand how your government works.

— Ray Boas

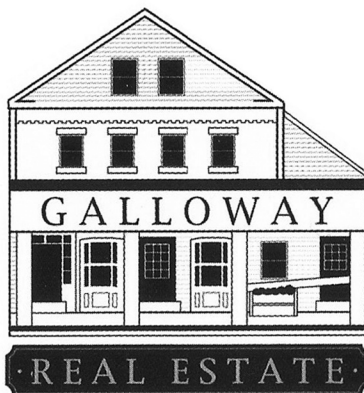


Road Agent Mike Rau and Peggy Pschirrer, Selectboard, discuss the Highway Loader

Bridge Repairs

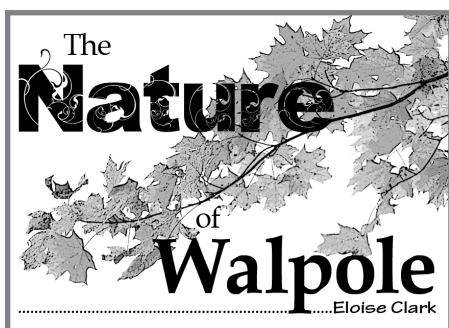
Beginning Tuesday April 4 the Bridge over the Connecticut River between Walpole and Westminster, Route 123, will be reduced to one way alternating traffic. Cold River Bridges will be removing and replacing expansion joints, strip pavement and repair any deficiencies found. Signals will be operational to control traffic. New pavement markings will delineate the new pattern through the work zone. In addition, barriers across the bridge will define the work zone and travel flow. The work is scheduled to be completed prior to August 11, 2017

— Rick Oberst
NH Department of Transportation



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April is the first full month of meteorological spring, and my, does spring really rev up! Not that we can't be dumped upon by significant snows...April Fools! But the longer days stretch toward the Summer Solstice. Dormant plants awaken and resume growing. With buds and flowers, bugs can't be far behind. They provide the warp for many a food web.

Many animals have avoided winter by lying dormant in soil, pond muck, under logs or bark. Frogs are some of the earliest to stir from hibernation and resume their place in the food chain. The bell-like chimes of spring peepers usually greet us toward the end of the first week of April. Their whistle or peep is easy to recognize. Peepers are our tiniest adult frog, only about an inch long. There is a darker pigment "x" on the back, which gives it the Latin name *Hyla crucifer*.

Peepers are one of two tree frogs in our area. The other is the gray tree frog who emerges later in spring. Tree frogs like to climb when they call. With their suction-like toe pads they scale cattail stalks, trees, buildings. Have you ever found one on a sliding glass door? Their ability to "throw" their voice is uncanny. One can be standing close by and never see it.

Another very early frog to emerge is the Wood Frog. These are the light tan frogs with a dark brown mask across their eyes that flee your footsteps when you amble through the forest. Wood frogs are our most resilient species of frog. They are the only species of frog that lives near the Arctic Circle. Popsicle frogs, their bodies can freeze without damaging cell

tissue. Their liver produces glucose and creates antifreeze for the cells. The heart even stops beating! After thaw, the heart starts up again and re-animates the frog! Double wow! Wood frogs are easy to find by their "quack", a cacophony of quacks really. You wonder, "What are ducks doing in the forest?"

As their name implies, wood frogs tend to be found in the woods. They use vernal pools as their nursery spot. Vernal pools are depressions in the forest floor that accumulate snowmelt and rainfall. These temporary pools dry by summer. They lack the aquatic predators of permanent ponds. Without fish or bullfrogs, the tadpoles have a much better chance of surviving. Some of these pools have been used by many generations of amphibians. If you discover one you may find masses of silvery egg "jelly". Look for the embedded black embryos. If it's a dry spring the vernal pools may dry up along with the eggs.

Salamanders are the other amphibian in our area. They also need a watery environment or damp moss for their shell-less eggs. It's always an exciting surprise to find the big, black yellow spotted salamander. If you find one in a window well or other spot where it might not survive, it can be gently moved to safety. The much rarer Jefferson's salamander also uses our vernal pools. Spotted salamanders spend the majority of their lives underground, perhaps using mole tunnels in their hunt for earthworms and soil insects. It's been calculated the "biomass" of amphibians in a forest is huge. This means they are a large and integral part of the food chain as both predator and prey.

The importance of vernal pools as a type of wetland has gained recognition over the past forty years. If you are interested in visiting vernal pools and marveling at the abundant life they harbor, Distant Hill Gardens has some that can be accessed. Check out what they have to offer online or look for notices in the *Clarion*. The Nerrie's have done an extraordinary job with their piece of Paradise, right here in Walpole.

Earth Day Film

From Hurricane to Climate Change will be shown, Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 at 7 PM at the Walpole Town Hall. Sponsored by the Fall Mountain Alliance, the showing is free, and all are welcome to attend.

This film documents how the Monadnock region currently addresses the changing climate and its challenges. It highlights regional responses, which will be helpful in years to come. Experts, local residents, and Bill McKibben all weigh in on what we can do to best support the environment.

Important from both an environmental and historical perspective, the film includes scenes from the Hurricane of 1938. That hurricane was the most dramatic meteorological event in recent memory in the region. In its aftermath, towns came together to rebuild streets and construct the McDowell Dam, as well as other projects.

Local citizens recently organized the Fall Mountain Alliance out of a renewed concern for the need to protect our environment and natural resources.

For more information contact Diane Nichols at diane.nichols53@gmail.com

– Diane Nichols

5k District Dash

5k Walk/Run at Fall Mountain

Come one, come all to the first Annual 5k District Dash at Fall Mountain Regional High School on Sunday, April 30th. Walk/race will start at 10AM. There will be a walk through at 8AM and kiddies walk around the track at 9AM.

We welcome anyone who supports education and fitness to join us for the morning. We are offering a free T-shirt to the first 50 registrants. Several businesses have offered prizes including Ted's Shoes & Sports in Keene and free month membership from Westminster Fit Body Boot Camp.

I'm sure the day will be lots of fun in the sun and make another successful enterprise for the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association. Just in the past school year, FMEA has awarded over \$17,000 in grants to students in the district. Be a supporter-join the District Dash.

Register online at fmea.com.

– Patricia J. Royce

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Historical Society

Speaker Series

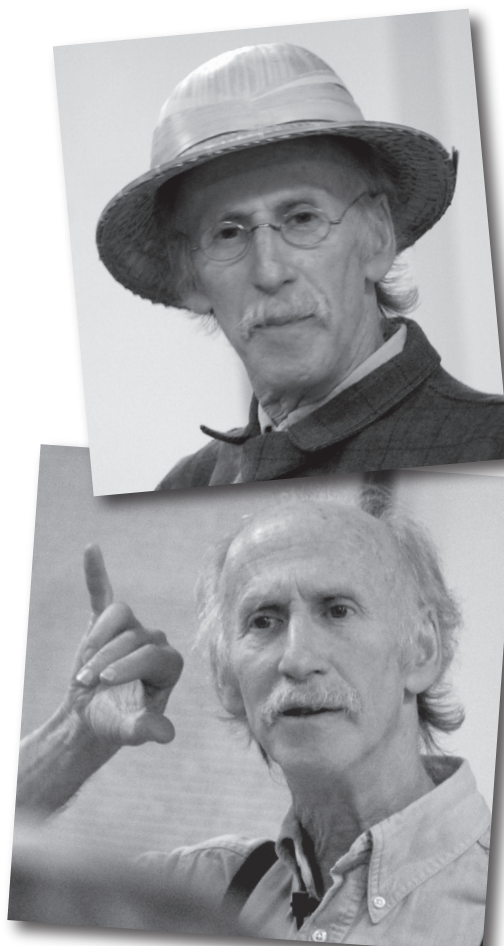
The History of Geological Change in New England with David Howell

On Friday, April 7, research geologist David Howell will relate how the New England we know today has been on a continuous journey for 350 million years. Dr. Howell is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the U.S. Geological Society of America and was a consulting professor at Stanford University.

"The region around today's Walpole is essentially a 350 million year old 'ledge,'" explains Dr. Howell, "In the Walpole region, we have opened and closed ocean basins, witnessed volcanic eruptions, experienced giant earthquakes and the Earth cracking beneath our feet, been over ridden by the bull dozing of continental crust, and more than once been buried beneath a mile of ice." This Speaker Series presentation will provide an opportunity to understand both our region's geological development and the resulting geology in which we have lived in Walpole in recent centuries. Dr. Howell welcomes questions.

The Walpole Historical Society Speaker Series is free, and the public is invited to attend. The event begins at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 7, at the Walpole Town Hall.

— Christie Winmill



Jackson Gillman (as Rudyard Kipling) performed Just So Stories and shared insights into the author and his home in Brattleboro at the March offering of the Historical Society's Speaker Series.

Guest Exhibitors Wanted

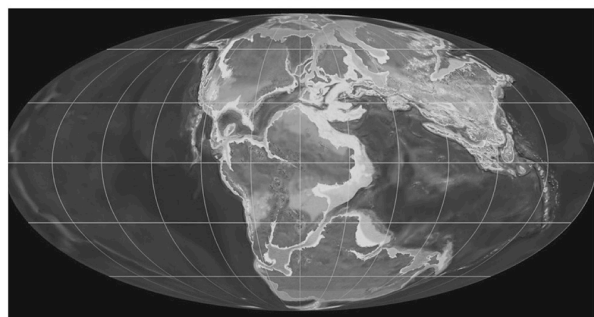
The Walpole Historical Society invites residents to share their hobbies, interests or collections in a special area now set aside at the Academy for Guest Exhibits. Successful at libraries, county fairs and historical societies around the country, such exhibits provide a great way for people to share their passions and educate their neighbors.

Already we know of collectors of treen ware, bookmarkers, and redware pottery who may wish to share. The more unusual and little known the area of collecting may be, the more potential for learning by Historical Society visitors. Children too are invited to submit their hobbies for display. Youngsters' interests need not be historical; and, for example, may include Lego structures, marbles, and Barbie dolls. One's imagination for a hobby is limitless. The important thing is to have a hobby. The next best thing is to share that hobby.

Exhibits will rotate throughout the summer. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite exhibit. At the end of the season the exhibitor with the most votes will be awarded a gift certificate to the Walpole Historical Society's Gift Shop. For more information contact: newsletter@walpolehistory.com and Christie Winmill at 756-9019.

— Ray Boas

WALPOLE HAS BEEN WANDERING...



Geologically speaking, the land beneath our feet has been on a 350 million year journey. Fueled by opening and closing ocean basins, erupting volcanoes, heaving giant earthquakes, cracking continental crusts, and being buried beneath a mile of ice, we have now settled into our little spot on the globe.

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WALPOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on April 17, at the First Congregational Church. We will welcome Julie Davenson, Director of Stonewall Farms, as our guest speaker. We look forward to his presentation. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share with the members. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin

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The main entrance will be the doorway at the northeast corner of the building. "We want a stunning interior, but in a casual way," Chris explained. As you enter, the order station will be at the opposite wall. "This is an important part of our concept," Chris told me. "You order, pay, pick up your drinks (including craft beers or wine) and find your seat. Your quality meal will soon be ready." There will be seating for 65, and an outdoor pavilion will be added, possibly within a year.

Caitlin has recently set up a Facebook page for The Hungry Diner. To stay up to date on their progress, "Like" the page.

– Ray Boas

WRAP

Rewarding!

When my husband and I were looking for a home to purchase, I called Sandy at the Town Hall, who gave me very useful information about Walpole. She also suggested, if we did move here, volunteering would be a great way to meet people. She mentioned the Library, the Recycling Center and other places.

Well, we did purchase here in Walpole, and, following her advice, I started volunteering at The Recycling Center. I've met many of you already, and am so happy that we decided to move here. I had heard that *Walpoleans are serious recyclers*, and now I can certainly attest to that fact. The volume of people who recycle their plastic and glass bottles, jars, paper, boxes, cans and other recyclable items is amazing!

With all of you helping to keep not only Walpole but New Hampshire itself free of unsightly containers and papers from cluttering our roadways and lawns, we are in need of some more volunteers to sort out the various items. (It's easy!) There is a lot of work that gets done at the Recycling Center, but as the saying goes, 'Many hands make light the work.' The staff is friendly and helpful, especially Paul and Tom who always answer my questions cheerfully. The time just flies by when I'm there, and I do feel that I've done my part to help our community. Only two hours a month is what is requested, but if you can do more, that's great!

We're sending out this request because there have been a number of empty slots on the schedule and we could really use *your* help. So come on over and volunteer! We all look forward to meeting you! The Recycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8 AM – 4 PM. The number is: 445-5197. Call soon!

– Cynthia Herron



Interior of Hungry Diner. New main entrance in center of image in far corner

PHOTOS: RAY BOAS



Hooper Hill Hoppers

Golf Tournament

The Hooper Hill Hoppers are excited to announce that they are holding their first annual Golf Tournament on June 1 at Hooper Golf Course. There will be raffle prizes, lunch, beverages, and the chance to sink a hole in one and win a snowmobile!

Our members have been working hard to collect local business sponsorships to help make this event a success. Some of the giving options are: *\$100 hole sponsorship*: gets your name on a sign at one of the 18 holes; *\$200 food/drinks/cart/t-shirt sponsorship*: gets your name on a t-shirt and additional signage at the event, or donation of raffle prizes to include in our giveaways.

HHH is a nonprofit organization that maintains all Walpole snowmobile trails. These trails are also used by cross country skiers, horseback riders, hikers and many other lovers of the outdoors. Any money raised by the club goes back to the trails in the form of grooming, trail trimming, bridge building, and equipment maintenance and repair. This off season, the club has at least three bridges that are in need of major repairs if the trails are going to be able to open next year. As the winters have gotten shorter, the Club has had to get creative with our fundraising and is lucky to be surrounded by such a supportive community!

For details on sponsorship or putting together a foursome to play the tournament, contact Katie Beam at Katie@gallowayservices.com



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Congregational Church

All are invited to these Holy Week events at the First Congregational Church UCC on the Common: Palm Sunday, April 9, 10:00 AM; Maundy Thursday, April 13, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM; Good Friday Prayer Vigil, April 14, in the Sanctuary from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 16, 6:00 AM, 8th tee Hooper Golf Course; Easter Sunrise Breakfast, Sunday, April 16, 6:30 AM, Fellowship Hall; Easter Sunday, April 16, church service at 10:00 AM.

Spring Rummage Sale will be held Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, in Fellowship Hall. Friday's sale, called "First Picks" is from 4-6 PM; Saturday's sale is 9-1. The popular bag sale begins Saturday at 11:00 – fill a paper bag a for \$5, or a trash bag for \$10. Saturday there will also be a food table with lots of yummy baked goods and pre-packaged soups for sale.

Donations of spring and summer clothing as well as tag sale items may be made Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 and 27, from 9-6, and Friday, April 28, 9-1. We ask that all clothes are clean and in excellent condition. **Not Accepted Are:** fall/winter clothes, shoes, underwear, furniture, anything with a cord, anything broken, cracked, stained, torn or dirty. No leftover yard sale items, please! For more information, contact Ellie Shaw, 756-4866.

Community groups are invited to consider booking our lovely Fellowship Hall for meetings and events. Handicapped accessible, with bathrooms available. The newly renovated space can easily accommodate up to 70 people. For more information, please contact our Office Administrator, 756-4075.

– Chuck Shaw

St John's

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 9 – 9:30 AM

Join in as we move from the festivity of a Procession with Palms around the Common (weather permitting) to hearing the devastating sadness of the Passion Narrative. We will gather on the corner by the church to bless the palms before processing.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 – 6:30 PM

The Agape Meal beginning with Communion: All are welcome to a simple liturgy and a meatless meal of soup and bread as we remember Jesus' last night before his crucifixion. The meal concludes with the Stripping of the Altar, to lay it bare and abandoned in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 14 – Noon

We remember Jesus' death on the cross through the meaningful liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer.

Easter Sunday, April 16 – 10 AM

Christ is Risen! We raise our voices with alleluias as we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection. The Easter service is followed by a brunch. Everyone is welcome.

– Susan Kershaw

Property Revaluation

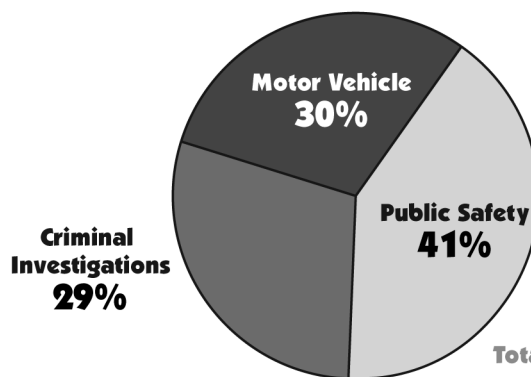
The first phase of the required revaluation of the town has been completed with the measuring and listing of properties. Currently underway is the next phase with a review of sales and properties under construction. In May, those property owners who were not available during phase 1 assessing visits will receive a letter with contact information for arranging an appointment for inside building inspections with an Avitar assessor.

The third phase will begin in August with the mailing of a "Notice of Preliminary Assessment Values" to property owners. The letter will include a website address for viewing and downloading draft property tax cards. This letter will also contain contact and date information for making an appointment to discuss new tax cards. During the appointment, a "runner" assessor will be available for property inspections if questions should arise. The revaluation will be finalized in the fall. Changes to valuation will be reflected in the fall tax bill.

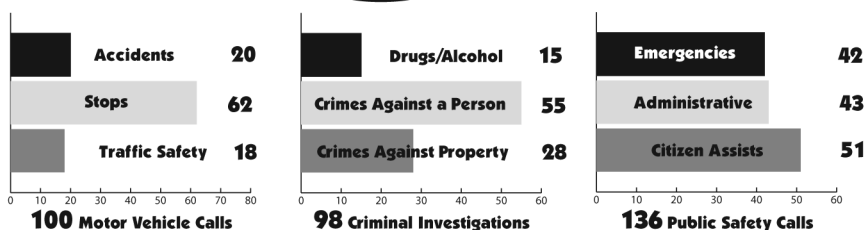
– Sarah Downing

Walpole Police Department

Calls for Service: February 16, 2017 - March 15, 2017



Total Number of Calls: 334



FAST FACT

Jelly Beans were first introduced by candy maker William Schrafft in 1861. He urged people to send his "jelly bean" candies to Union soldiers during the Civil War. Jelly beans did not become commonplace until they became associated with Easter in the 1930s.

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River Theater

You Can't Take it With You

The Charlestown-based River Theater Company will present the classic comedy, *You Can't Take it With You* by Kaufman and Hart in the Charlestown Town Hall Theater Saturday, April 29, Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 PM, and on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10. General Admission, with a Family Pass (2 parents and children) for \$25, and are available at the door. This production promises to be upbeat and enjoyable family entertainment, appropriate for ages 12 and up.

Fireworks, Russians, snakes, visitors who drop in and never leave, guests who show up on the wrong day, questionable ballet routines, bad novels, and FBI agents arresting everyone in the house – this is just a typical day at the Sycamore house! It's all in good fun, and there is plenty of laughter to go around. This much-loved Pulitzer Prize winning play, set in the 30's, with its lovable characters was also made into a film, which won Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Director.

The cast features actors hailing from Charlestown, Walpole, Acworth, Claremont, Springfield, Saxton's River, Bellows Falls and Mount Holly. They include Ray Boas as Grandpa, Fran Kemp as Penny (a whimsical would-be playwright and artist) and Samaira Aldrich and James Durrett as the young couple who are in love. They are supported by Mike Cirre, Liz Wilbur, Rich Smith, Gregory Higgins, Stanley Marro, Mike Delaney, Michael Conant, Liz Durrett, John Luther, Irene Ramen, Tara Sad, Carolyn Norback, Ruth Pratt, Fred Ramen, Alex Maskell, Eli Lalonde, Daniel Curtis, and Jay Maskell. The production is co-directed by River Theater Company Board member Jeanie Levesque and her husband, Bill Lockwood. Both have been involved in many area productions. Stage manager is John Blair. Carolee Williams is coordinating props, and Sam Maskell is providing design, graphics, and photography expertise.

Five of the cast members also appeared in The Walpole Players 2008 Old Home Days production of the play. Boas is repeating his portrayal of Grandpa, a role mirroring his personality and philosophies of life. Delaney is again Mr. De Pinna. Norback, Kemp, and Sad were also in that production (but in different roles). Tickets are available at Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company, Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, and at other locations. For more information call Jeanie Levesque at 445-7037.

– Bill Lockwood

Saving our Songbirds

Please join us on Friday April 21 at the Walpole Town Hall at 7 PM for a presentation on *Saving our Songbirds* by Chris Rimmer, discussing changes in bird populations that have occurred over the past century in our region.

The long-awaited chorus of spring songbirds will soon unfold around us as migrants return from their southern winter quarters. Sadly, this magical chorus has lost volume in recent decades as many of our most iconic songbirds have declined, some of them dramatically. This richly illustrated talk will examine songbird population changes – both natural and human-caused – and what is being done to address the myriad threats facing our songbirds. A “full lifecycle approach” to conservation will be highlighted by two species – the Bicknell's Thrush and Bobolink – that The Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE) has studied intensively for the past 25 years.

Chris Rimmer is the Executive Director of VCE, which advances wildlife conservation with the combined force of scientific research and informed citizens. Their biologists (and a legion of volunteer citizen naturalists) study wildlife from Canada to South America.

The Hooper Institute provides educational opportunities for youth in Walpole based in Agriculture, Conservation, Soils and Ecology. Most of this programming is provided during the school year, in classrooms in the Walpole Schools. They have summer programs, which feature day camp sessions, Hooper Hikes, and a wood shop program.

Please join us for an educational talk and support a program that focuses on educating our youth. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Karen Galloway at 756 4781. Tickets are \$15, and may be purchased at Galloway Real Estate, The Walpole Grocery Store, or Jake's Market.

– Holly Gowdy

Community Garden

Are you dreaming of a garden plot? The Hooper Institute is the spot!

The Walpole Community Garden is gearing up for its new year of gardening and would like to invite you to join us. Perhaps you are new to gardening or organic gardening? Perhaps you are downsizing from a larger garden and would prefer a smaller plot? Perhaps you are an ambitious gardener who needs a bit more space? All gardening levels are welcome! Our membership has a diverse background of growing experience. We love to share what we've learned with others, and we love to learn what you have to share. We hope this the year for you to join us!

We are located behind the Hooper Institute building at 165 Prospect Hill Road, across from the golf course. Sitting on an old glacial drumlin, the site overlooks the Hooper Pond and meadow. The soil is spectacularly productive thanks to seven years of well-composted manure in place. We practice a no-till style of gardening using organic amendments

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Please contact the Hooper Institute at 756-4382 or HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net with questions.

– Eloise Clark

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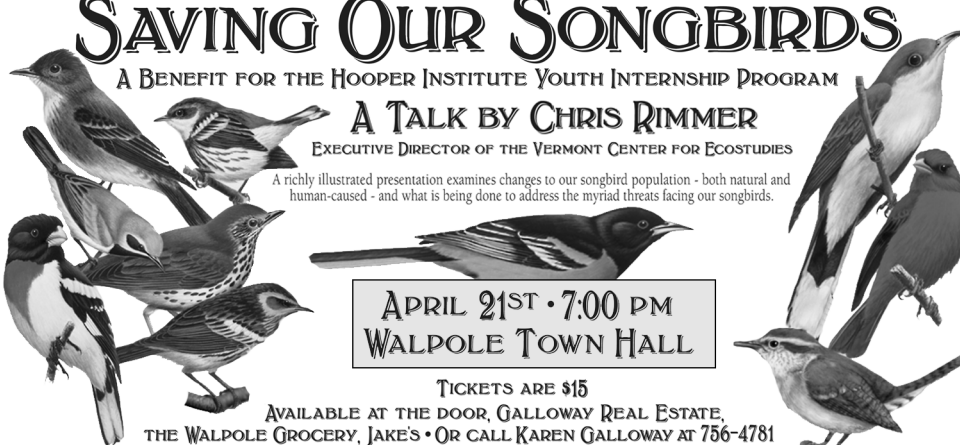
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Walpole/Westminster Bridge. Lack of funding for the toll booth construction, disruption to traffic flow during construction, and then the problem of making change at the booths further bottlenecking traffic, served to kill that plan.

New 'transponder' technology has changed all that. With the simple installation of the devices to capture data from the thousands who cross both the Walpole/Westminster Bridge and the "new" Arch Bridge each day, millions of dollars will be generated in no time for the repair of the crumbling Vilas Bridge. Construction vehicles and equipment are already in place on the Walpole side of the Westminster Bridge, as you have no doubt seen. The minute the word comes from Concord that the proposal has passed, the work will commence!

If you have not recently been forced by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to purchase a transponder to traverse their turnpike in Massachusetts, here briefly is how transponders function. Often referred to as "EZPass" the improved system works with the use of overhead gantries to read the transponder, or capture license plate numbers. No longer do you have to slow down through a toll barrier to be read. You just cruise along, have your transponder read, and the toll is deducted from your account. No transponder? No problem. An image of your license plate is captured by the cameras on the gantry, and you will receive a bill for your toll in the mail.

The tolls for crossing the Connecticut River on the existing bridges (to fund repair of the third) will operate in the same way. Vermont and New Hampshire residents are encouraged to purchase and install transponders in their vehicles. If you choose not to obtain a transponder, and you do not pay the toll when you

receive the bill in the mail, when you go to renew your license or registration the tolls and fines will be added on to the amount due. Toll rates will, naturally, be higher for the "pay by plate" category.

"But it gets even better," Pirla proclaimed. "Computer technology is so advanced that we can now charge drivers based on their ability to pay, just like some of the larger on-line retailers and Uber do. We will really be able sock it to tourists from Westchester or Fairfield Counties. And watch out if you are driving a Rolls or BMW! Golly, if you can afford those wheels, you can obviously afford to pay more." The tolls charged will be structured around both your zip code and value of vehicle. "Sports cars with 'antique plates' will be exempt from tolls. Vermont and New Hampshire like those little 4 banger throw-backs," Pirla pined.

A member of Pirla's task force recently leaked that, once the Vilas Bridge is repaired, the tolls will not go away. They have their eyes on Dunshee Island, formerly Native American land, which can be seen in the middle of the Connecticut River just behind Homestead Farms. Our confidential informant said, "You know what we can do on tribal land. Our preliminary engineering studies indicate we can build a 30 story casino!"

— Ray Boas

Historic Book Group

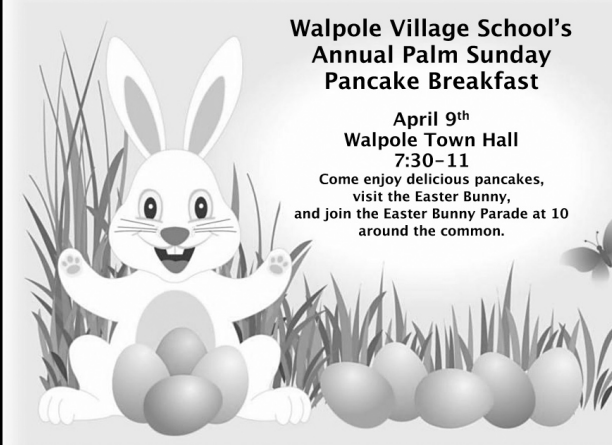
The Walpole Non-Fiction Historic Book Group will meet Tuesday April 11, 7PM at the Bridge Memorial Library. Discussed will be *Income Inequality - Causes, Direction, Options* by John D. Sutter. Sutter writes that Income Inequality refers to how evenly or unevenly income is distributed in a society. The United States has a relatively high level of income inequality because the very richest people take home a large share of the economic pie - and there is a relatively large gap between them and some of the poorest people in America.

Mary McMahon will be leading the Walpole Historic Book Group as we launch a study of what some prefer to label as "economic inequality. For more information call 758-3695, or email ronmachlachlan03608@gmail.com

— Ron MacLachlan

FAST FACT

To what did President William Howard Taft, who topped 350 pounds, attribute his massive weight? "I favor those little sugar pills in various colors that my Dad was given when a Union soldier," said Taft. — June 5, 1925 TIME Magazine



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Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

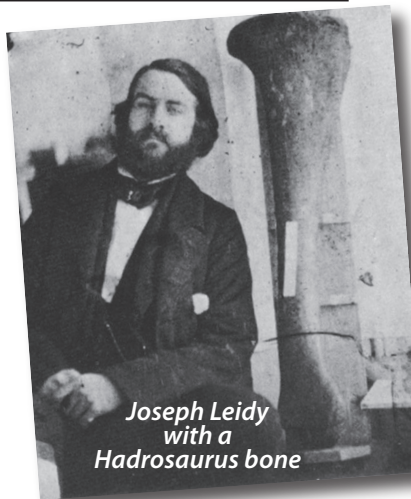
...the first nearly complete

skeleton of a dinosaur unearthed in the Americas was in Haddonfield, New Jersey in 1858? Well, I knew because I lived just blocks from the site in the 1980s.

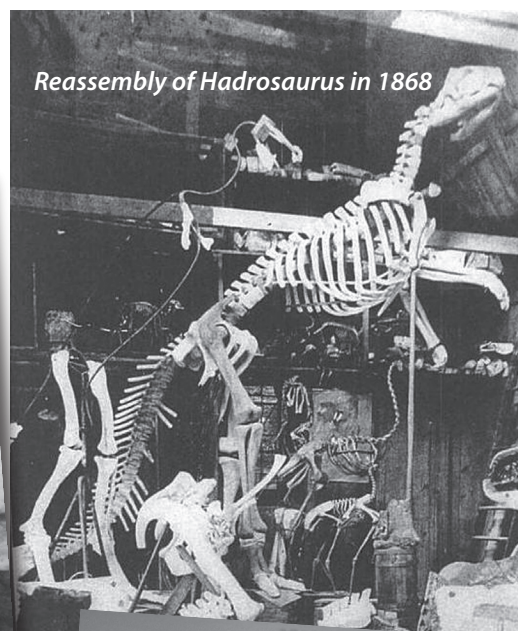
In 1838, John Estaugh Hopkins was digging in a nearby marl pit (the calcium-rich mud was then blended into his farm fields). While digging, he uncovered some very large bones. Intrigued, he brought them home and placed them on display. Twenty years later, a visitor to Hopkins' home, William Parker Foulke, became fascinated, and wanted to find more. Foulke contacted Joseph Leidy to assist in the excavation. Leidy was a professor of anatomy at the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1846 the first person to ever use a microscope to solve a murder mystery. Together in the pit (later dated to be around 80 million years old), they found an almost-complete set of limbs. Leidy realized they were similar to bones found years earlier in England that had been identified as a dinosaur, but the Haddonfield discovery was far more complete.

Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, the English sculptor and naturalist known for his life-size models of dinosaurs, came to the then Philadelphia Academy of Sciences in 1868. There, working with Leidy, he designed and assembled the nearly finished skeleton of Hadrosaurus. The construction was as a biped, as opposed to the accepted opinion that dinosaurs were quadrupedal. This was the first-ever mounted dinosaur skeleton. Attendance at the Academy tripled with the new exhibit – a testament to the fact that dinosaurs have always fascinated the public.

Now the Walpole connection. In the summer of 1841, Zenas Hopkins traveled from Walpole to Haddonfield to visit his uncle. Zenas was a student at the new Walpole Academy (now the home of the Walpole Historical Society). Like generations of youngsters, Zenas could not stop looking at and caressing the monstrous bones. When it was time to head home for the fall term, John gave his nephew one of the bones to share with the science students at The Walpole Academy. He attached a note to the bone, documenting the original finding and passage to the Academy as a gift for scholarship. Soon, due to falling attendance, the Walpole Academy closed in 1850.



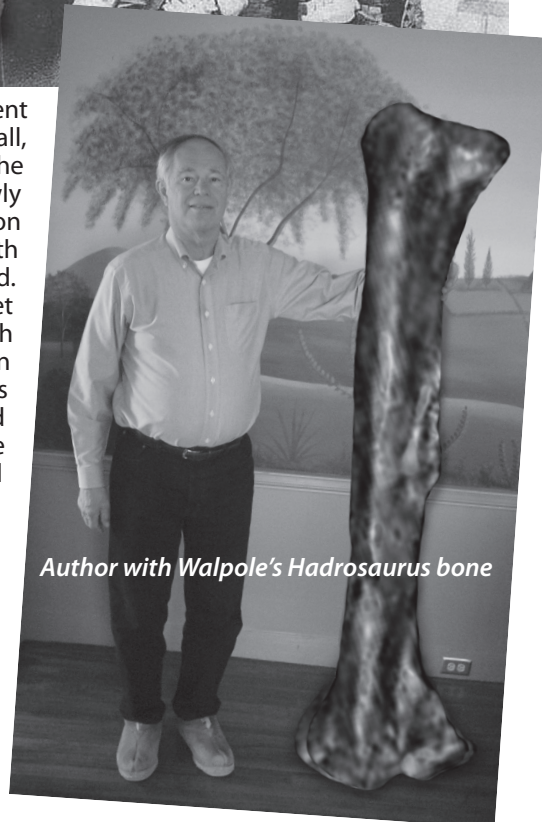
Joseph Leidy
with a
Hadrosaurus bone



Reassembly of Hadrosaurus in 1868

I am now at liberty to share that, while "digging around" in the basement of the Academy building this past fall, something white protruding from the earthen floor caught my eye. Slowly removing earth around it, I soon extracted the monstrous bone, with John Estaugh Hopkins' tag still attached. This re-discovery has been kept quiet while negotiations commenced with the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. It is hoped that this missing bone will soon be reunited with the rest of the skeleton. Adequate remuneration to the Walpole Historical Society is the only remaining barrier.

Walpole's Hadrosaurus Foulkii bone will be on display for the first time in 170 years during Old Home Days this summer. The bone (or a suitable model if the transfer to the Academy of Natural Sciences occurs first) will be part of Prof. RAB's Wagon of Wonders of Historical Artifacts. The exhibit will be on the Common June 24, sponsored by The Walpole Historical Society.



Author with Walpole's Hadrosaurus bone

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Walpole Players

30th Anniversary - Memories Wanted

The Walpole Players' first production was *George Washington Slept Here* presented at Old Home Days in 1987. To commemorate the Players' 30th anniversary, this classic Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman play will again be staged for Old Home Days 2017.

A Thirtieth Anniversary Souvenir Book is in preparation documenting the first thirty years of The Walpole Players and Junior Players. Posters or programs for all but six of the Players' performances to be included in book have been located.

This one last appeal is being made asking you to check your archives for posters, programs, cast pictures, or other ephemera related to the Players' history. Particularly wanted is a poster from the 1987 production of *George Washington Slept Here*, and *On the Razzle* presented the following year. Also please help us find: *The Odd Couple - Female Version* (1995); *Once in a Lifetime* (1996); *Alice in Wonderland* (1998); *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (1999).

To share any posters, programs, or photographs, please contact Ray Boas at 756-4545 or rayboas@comcast.net

– Ray Boas

Library Plant Sale

A Sure Sign of Spring

This year's Library Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 11 am at the Library. We are currently seeking donations of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, small shrubs and ground cover. Please call Carol Malnati (756-9537) for more information.

– Jana Sellarole



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What's Happening in Walpole Schools



Science Olympiad

WES Students Compete in Statewide Competition

The Science Olympiad program takes place at least once a week after-school and during Flex Time, and has a devoted group of around 20 students. This group is run by WES Science teacher (7th and 8th grade) Ms. Lewis and she, as well as the students, devote a lot of their time to the group. This time is put to use preparing for a statewide competition on March 25 at St. Anselm College in Manchester.

In the days leading up to this competition, we have been working harder than ever to be as prepared as possible for this competition. However, before the competition in March, we were invited to a separate competition in Lebanon on February 11. I am thrilled to write about that amazing experience.

After months of preparing, my Science Olympiad teammates and I boarded the bus to Lebanon around 6 in the morning, and we were on our way. After setting our belongings and test materials down, we settled down, physically and mentally, for our individual tests just hours, and about 50 miles, ahead of us. The twenty-or-so of us are split into 10 different categories, including Anatomy and Physiology, Dynamic Planet, Invasive Species, Towers, and Rocks and Minerals. After about an hour of relaxing, talking, and doing some final minutes of studying, we were there.

We were guided to our Walpole School room, where we sat and prepared for our competitions. Personally, I was in the Dynamic Planet category, and my

partner and I were preparing for our test. When the time for the competition came, we grabbed what we needed for the test, took a deep breath, and walked down the hall to the competition room. We sat down, took out our study papers, and began the test. We used a little bit over half of the time allotted for the test – 45 minutes – and handed it in. Then we walked back to the room, stayed until all of the other competitions were over, and went to the Awards Ceremony before heading back home.

I interviewed Enrique Ingram, who attended the competition in the Anatomy and Physiology section. "In my opinion, the test we had to take was much easier than I expected it to be. After studying a college-level book, and competing in a Division-C test (high-school level), this test felt like a breeze," said Ingram.

Cameron Fry, who was in the Towers category, stated that "depending on what category you are in, it could be hard, but for Towers, it was relatively easy, as we had to make our tower, get it to the competition safe, and make sure that it did well."

Overall, the Science Olympiad has been an amazing experience that I always look forward to every week.

– Jacob Bradley

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Spring Play Progress

This year at the Walpole Elementary School, students are planning for another play this spring called *The Pirates Of Penrith*.

The progress of the play is going well. Students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades have been rehearsing steadily in preparations for the play, which will be held in the WES gymnasium on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30PM. Mrs. Sweetland and Ms. Silverwood are the teachers that are directing and organizing the play.

The students practice twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a couple of hours after school. The parts are filled and they are excited for the performance.

The story takes place when a group of mischievous pirates come to take over a mobile hairdresser. In their search for riches, it is intriguing to find out just what will unfold between clashing factions.

"I think the people who are in the play like to do it and are glad they are in it, but we are competing with other groups like Science Olympiad for rehearsal time so we never have a full cast at rehearsal so it's hard to see the full picture yet," said Grace Conety, a seventh grader, who plays Konny Grant in the play. This has caused some problems as far as practice goes, but they are trying to work around the busy schedules to ensure that they are able to put on the best possible play. As all of the student actors know, the show must go on!

– Maddy Manning

FAST FACT

Henry VIII's last suit of armor indicates he had a 52 inch waist. At twenty-something his waist (again from armor studies) was 32. Because of this increase in size, and his good humor, Henry VIII became known as the "Jolly Old Belly." Ridiculing him, opponents called him a "Jelly Bean," thus leading to the name of the popular sugar treat the King enjoyed.

– March 25, 2017 Daily Mail

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Academic Fair

Every school has a certain period of time where everything about school becomes stressful and strangely fulfilling. For medical students, there's nonstop assessment and practice and for other schools there might be weeks of non-stop exams. For Walpole School students, that time is Academic Fair, and Blitz Week, which is the time leading up to it.

On Wednesday, March 8, the Walpole Elementary School opened their doors to showcase the culmination of their learning to the public - an hour long display of booths open to family, friends, and the general public. Students collected research over several weeks during the days leading up to March, wrote a paper on their topic to demonstrate their learning and research. Following February break, Walpole sixth, seventh, and eighth graders participated in Blitz week, the week directly before Academic Fair, which is focused on making the fair as great as possible.

During that week, students assembled a trifold poster on their topic, displaying the knowledge they had gathered and adding pictures, most of them drawn (including their "Big Picture," which was done in Art class) for emphasis. The sixth grade students focused on their respective countries, while seventh grade students researched a variety of science-based topics, ranging from brain disorders, to black holes, to jellyfish, and nearly everything in between. The eighth grade students had the opportunity to showcase their learning on topics that they chose themselves.

Academic Fair is an annual event for Walpole School, with different requirements for each grade. Overall, it is a beneficial experience for both the students and the public, as everyone gets to learn something in the process.

- Lillia Wilson



Unexplained snow circle.

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Stranger than Science

Paranormal investigators quietly probed the Walpole landscape in mid-March (in the wake of the region's untimely blizzard) in an attempt to unravel a late-winter phenomenon. Although the research team would not reveal the exact location - to discourage the curious and respect the landowner's privacy - they did share a photo of their discovery and early details of their work.

"We've been fortunate to investigate several crop circles over the years," said team leader Dr. Lazlo Pangloss, "but this is our first snow circle. It's quite extraordinary. In fact, I don't think anyone has ever reported one before. I know our colleagues at the University of Southwest Florida had never heard of such a thing. We're quite fortunate to beat other researchers to the punch."

"The diameter of the circle is precisely 6.2832 feet - twice the value of pi. A coincidence? I think not. We're on to something here. We've examined the edges of the circle closely and I can say without fear of contradiction that they were not made by any tool known to

man. Electromagnetic readings inside the circle have been inconclusive, but it's too early to dismiss the possibility that they match the stunning findings at Milk Hill, UK in 2001."

"I probably shouldn't reveal this yet," Pangloss said, "but it's rumored that the same entity or entities responsible for the circle may have erected what appears to be a crude representation of a man - or woman - the figure does not seem to be gender-specific. We've been told the figure has lost its arms but the trunk and head are intact: three nearly perfect spheres of snow stacked vertically, with the uppermost sphere, which is slightly smaller than the others, bearing what might be facial features."

"Our team's Astro-Alignment and Cyanics Expert is currently taking measurements to verify an alignment along an axis joining the southern edge of the circle, the topmost sphere of the snow figure and the tower atop Fall Mountain. He suspects such an arrangement points to the sunrise of the summer solstice. Remarkable, just remarkable."

- K. Passa

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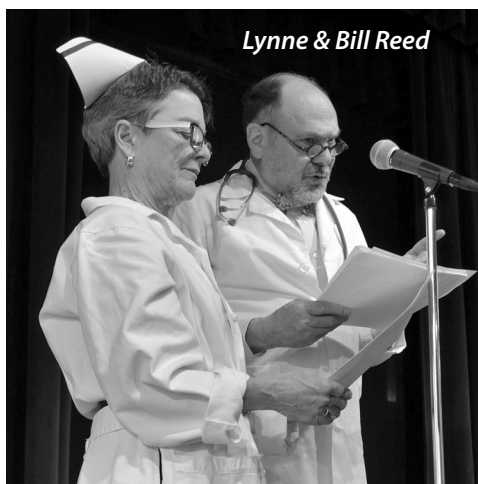
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Radio Follies 2017

The Walpole Players performed *Cabin Fever Radio Follies* for the fifth time, Saturday, March 18 in the Helen Miller Theater in the Walpole Town Hall. Crowding around the dining tables were 140 quests arriving before show time with their meals, munchies and beverages.

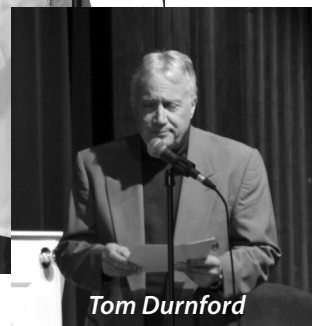
The Players went "on the air" at 7PM. Fibber McGee was in quite a predicament with his thumb stuck in a bowling ball, and John Bickerson again barely survived his wife Blanche. Burma Shave commercials sponsored a number of recreated skits including Abbot & Costello's *Who's on First*, and Our Miss Brooks in *Puppy Love*.

The Walpole Players realize there will have to be a sixth Radio Follies after Town Meeting in 2018 to satisfy their listeners. But before that, *Christmas On The Air* will be aired for a second time in December for the benefit of local area food-shelves.

– Ray Boas



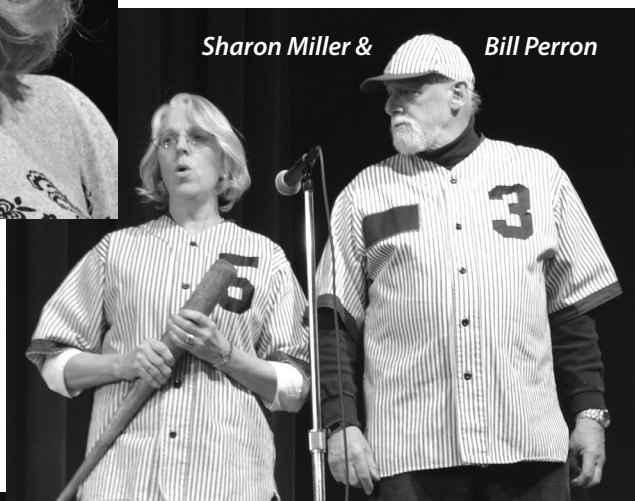
Juliana Stevens



Tom Durnford



Carolyn Norback



Sharon Miller & Bill Perron



Samaira Aldrich

PHOTOS: RAY BOAS



Off the air for another year: The cast takes a bow on a stage littered with discarded scripts.

Walpole Business Notes

Gallery Exhibition

On exhibit through April 29 at Cynthia Reeves – The Barn at 28 Main Street,, are paintings by Lianghong Feng, a contemporary Chinese artist. Feng, is inspired by a heady mixture of ancient Chinese philosophy, calligraphy, Eastern and Western art history, and urban graffiti. He covers his canvases with beautifully complementary passages of color and all manner of marks, including fat, paint-laden brushstrokes; thin, sketchy scribbles; drips; daubs; and splatters.

Oriental Rugs

Lori Frandino will be entering her 25th year of offering Antique Oriental Rugs to the trade and to the public here in Walpole. She generally maintains a collection of 140-150 rugs, with a variety of sizes and types available. You can find large room-size carpets, as well as scatters both large and small, and runners. She has both village and tribal weavings, including a number of nomadic pieces, and also some very affordable carpets with slight to moderate wear. There are absolutely no contemporary rugs. She is happily open by appointment 756-3982, or frandino@comcast.net

Estate Planning

Jessica Fuller, of Edward Jones on Main Street, is hosting *Preparing your Estate Plan* with Pamela P. Little, Esq. Topics to be covered include: will considerations, benefits of trusts, reducing estate taxes, and more. The presentation will be held at The Upstairs at Burdick's Thursday, April 27 at 6 PM. The presentation is free, and refreshments will be served. For reservations or additional information, call 756-2513.

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Naptime

Walpole Sleepeasy (with a "leap", and not a "peak") is coming to Main Street with its Nap Pods. Franchisee (and new resident) Imogene M. Dosing is bringing this fast-expanding craze to our small community. She has assured the Planning Board that the franchise-required flashing neon sign will not be part of her presence. Imogene recently told the *Clarion*, "Walpole business owners do not have the space to provide the energy rejuvenating Nap Pods for the 20 minute naps employees are now expecting and demanding. I am going to provide 4-6 pods within walking distance of everyone in downtown."

The futuristic pods block out noise and light by way of a hooded dome. The goal of a power nap in the middle of the workday is to increase productivity and improve workers' overall health. "I have my eye on the old Clark-Mortensen offices," Ms. Dosing said, "but I hope a space with better Main Street visibility opens up."

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Dreams do come true, or...

OMG! I cannot believe that I am standing at home plate at Jet Blue Park, in a Red Sox uniform. Out of hundreds of applicants, I was picked to play in one of the preseason games. And against the dreaded New York Yankee only makes this day even better.

"STTTTRIIICK ONE!"

I turn and look at the umpire and say, "The least you could do was wait until the pitcher throws the ball!" The catcher opens his mitt and reveals the ball and says, "At 98 miles per hour, they are pretty hard to see!" "Any chance you can get him to slow the next one down a mite to maybe sixty?" Gary Sanchez rises from behind the plate and walks to the mound to talk with CC Sabathia.

Seconds later, pitch number two is headed my way and I can actually see it coming. I swing and a miracle happens. I hear a loud crack as the bat and ball connect. I stand there, mouth open, as I watch the ball sail over the second baseman's head and land in center field. I barely make it to first when the throw arrives, but I hear the referee call out, "Safe!"

Wow, feeling invincible, I start thinking; 'I wonder if I can steal second base?' The pitcher winds up and throws and I hear, "Sttrick one!" I watch as he throws strike two and I realize that, once he reaches a certain point in his wind up, he is committed to throw toward home. Well if I am ever going to try to steal, it should come as Sabathia releases the next pitch.

I step off the bag, take a good lead, and this little voice says to me, "Now, Run!" Sabathia winds up, spins around, and throws toward second. The only problem is that his throw is off, and the ball hits me in the head and down I go.

The next thing I know someone is shaking me and slapping my face. I manage to get my eyes open, and Fran is standing there.

"I am okay", I mumble.

"You will not be", she yells, "if you don't get out of that bed. The alarm went off ten minutes ago and you will be late for work!"

I become fully awake and realize that my big moment as a Red Sox is all a dream! Great way to start April!

...maybe not!

Earth Day Clean Up!

Once again it is time to get outside and help clean up the streets and roads of Walpole. Saturday, April 22, Earth Day, is the date to bring your work gloves, your weather gear (if needed), and your enthusiasm to the Walpole Transfer Station at 8:00 AM, where you will be treated to coffee and donuts. Then choose your maps of roads to tackle, and head off to clear the candy wrappers, beer cans and soda bottles from our roadsides.

At 11:00, come back to the transfer station with your booty, and see if you win one of the great prizes for most trash collected, most unusual or heaviest pieces, among prize categories. It's a fun day, and it helps keep our beautiful town a place of which we can be proud.

Groups are encouraged but not necessary. Call Tara at 756-4861 with questions.

- Tara Sad

Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, April 28 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be Caesar salad, house-made minestrone soup, turkey & cheddar hoagie, and cheesecake with berries & cream for dessert.

Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns, and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential, as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by noon on April 27.

Arrive early and have your blood pressure taken at the Nurse Is In clinic. A wellness nurse from Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will be available from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and general health concerns you may have.

The Friendly Meals and Nurse Is In clinics are programs of Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, a Monadnock United Way agency.

- Lara Larson

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Reader Commentary

To the Editors:

Although I do not read your publication, it has come to my attention that one of your contributors has repeatedly portrayed me in an unflattering, if not libelous light.

According to my sources, your column entitled *From the Far Side of Walpole* purports to relate my behavior on numerous occasions in the company of the author. It would be an understatement to say that I am routinely portrayed as some sort of archetypical bumpkin... uneducated, crude, naive in the ways of the world; in short, a laughing stock.

As a graduate of Dartmouth ('65), the Wharton School, and Phrenology Professor Emeritus at the University of Southwest Florida, I take umbrage at this gross mischaracterization. Consider this a formal request to cease and desist. I would prefer not to involve my attorneys in this matter.

And the name is spelled E-L-W-O-O-D.

– Full name withheld by request

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Welcome to our Annual April Appearance of the **Clarion**. It only happens once a year – 'no-foolin'. We pride ourselves of having no "fake news" here, but we also pride ourselves with some creative writing. There may be some in this annual April issue – but you have to decide.

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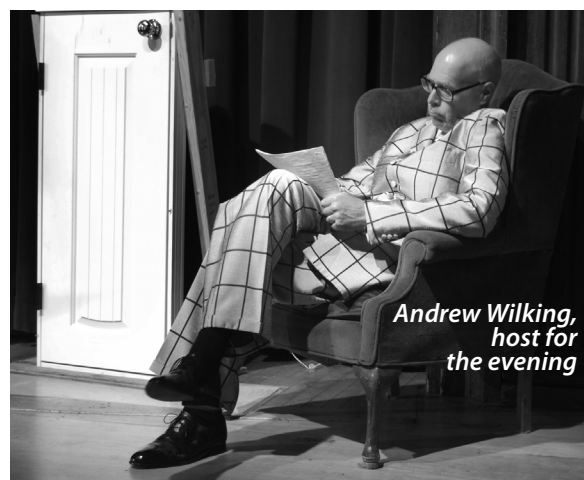
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