



## Smash and Grab?

Jake's Targeted by Break-in.

### Partnership for Everyone's Safety

Shortly before 5:00 AM Easter Morning, the first 911 call was received. "Something is not right," the caller said, "there is a car near Jake's Market that should not be there." A cruiser was dispatched to investigate the suspicious activity. While en route, the burglar alarm signal was received. "Now assuming it was not a false alarm," Sergeant Justin Sanctuary told me, "a backup unit was called in from Bellows Falls."

Other citizens in the area observed what was happening (even at that hour), and were able to help with the investigation. A number of burglaries occurred down the river that night, and this was probably the last by the more than two suspects that were observed. Police cruisers arrived minutes after the suspects fled.

"Burglaries are among the toughest crimes to solve because usually there are no witnesses," Sanctuary told me. "Usually we only have what evidence was left behind, but at Jake's we have information from many witnesses."

As we continued our discussion, the important lesson to be shared Sanctuary told me is, "To be effective we need the help of the community. Working together we can keep the community of Walpole safe."

I am going to repeat what he said. If something does not seem right, if something is out of the ordinary and suspicious – notify the authorities. Our Police Department needs our help and information. Let's build a strong partnership for everyone's safety.

– Ray Boas



### Science Olympiad Team Earns Trip to National Competition

Since October of this school year, nineteen Walpole Elementary School students have been studying in the fields of Anatomy and Physiology, Forensics, Dynamic Planet, Fast Facts, Food Science, Hovercraft, Invasive Species, Rocks and Minerals, Towers, and Wind Power. In addition to their own studying, students have had experiences in touring the Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Plant, studying geology with professor Dr. David Howell, working through design challenges with engineer Loren Bauer, studying the nervous and endocrine systems with Cheshire Medical Center nurse practitioner Kate Ingram and Chroma scientist Brian Manning, building hovercrafts with educator and parent facilitator Becky Sethi, and getting challenged in the area of food sciences with Chef Vaughn Metcalf and nutritionist, Rebecca Hunt. Leading the Science Olympiad team along the way has been WES 7th and 8th grade Science teacher Kim Lewis.

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### Principal Sam Jacobs Honored

The night before hundreds of educators gathered for the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) annual conference, on Wednesday, March 29, Walpole Principal Sam Jacobs was awarded with the 2017 A+ Administrator Award for his years of diligent service to students, teachers, and the entire Walpole community.

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## Healthy Lifestyles Week

### Promoting Healthy Choices at FMRHS

In May, Fall Mountain Regional High School will be devoting time to focus on promoting healthy lifestyle choices. Each day a new group of speakers will come to FMRHS and meet with the students to discuss a variety of health topics.

Beginning Monday, May 22, students will listen to *Alex's Story*, a presentation by Plymouth State University and funded by the Fall Mountain Education Endowment, about a NH teen who was a heroin addict. Following *Alex's Story*, there will be time to answer students' questions.

Chris and Kathi Sullivan will be coming on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 PM to share *Taylor's Story*. Kathi lost her daughter, Taylor, to a night of excessive binge drinking. Chris was a Patriot's player who went to two Super Bowls. He will discuss dealing with anxiety and depression along with his alcohol and drug use. They will give a presentation to the entire school, and then a free evening presentation at 6:30PM for parents and community members at the High School.

Wednesday, May 24, a medical professional and poison control expert will speak to the students. They will discuss the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body, teen pregnancy, and other health topics.

Walpole Police Department's Chief Paquette, a State Trooper, and a Sheriff will be presenting on Thursday, May 25. Some topics for discussion: distracted driving, dating violence, drugs and alcohol.

Finally, on Friday, May 26, we will have a field day and cookout to promote physical activity and build camaraderie among the students. Time will also be provided for healthy discussions with faculty and peers following the presentations. We would like to thank the Fall Mountain Endowment Association for helping to support this week

– Heidi Westover

## Women's Tennis League

### Seeking New Members

If anyone is interested in the Women's Tennis League, please email carolmalnati@yahoo.com. We play at the courts in Walpole at the Frank Whitcomb Park, near the pool. We have had members who are no longer playing and we are in need of some new faces. We play on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. It's a lot of fun! Hoping you will join us.

– Carol Malnati

## WRAP

Well, it's Springtime - the calendar tells me so. As I write this, there's still a lot of that white stuff lying around, but I expect that as you read this in the Merry Month of May, green grass will have emerged once again.

Springtime is the time we clean out the basement and the garage. I can't believe all the stuff we have collected over the past year. Some of it is good stuff - like that stack of seven pairs of work gloves. But put them in the trash? *Never!* Take them to the ReUse Trailer and hand them to the **volunteer** there who will mate those gloves up with a hard-working gardener who really needs them. The ReUse Trailer is located in the "front yard" of the Recycle Center, out on the road to Drewsville. It is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

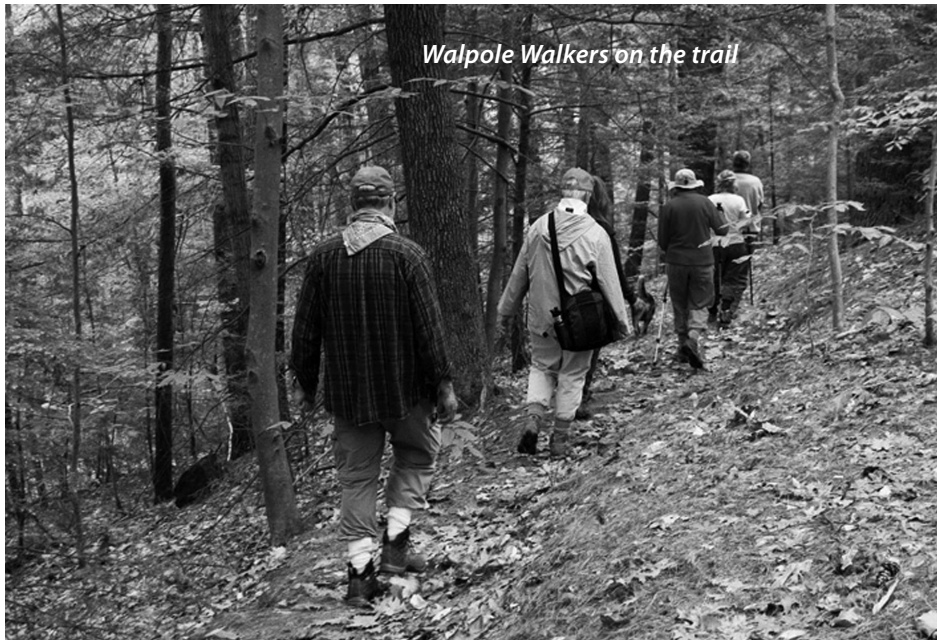
So, the ReUse Center is there for you and for all of us - for those who need a walker, for those who need a couple of toys for a youngster, for those who have a teenager in need of a bicycle, and for those who just need a pair of garden gloves. The ReUse center is there for all of us to donate good things from your basement cleanup.

**But the reuse center needs volunteers** who can spend a couple of hours per month helping out young people just getting started in the springtime of their lives. If you can join your friends and neighbors in volunteering at the ReUse Center, please call Mike Nerrie at (603) 756-4179, or e-mail him at mnerrie@gmail.com.

– Charles Blount

## Walpole Old Home Days 2017

The first Old Home Days celebration was held in New Hampshire in 1899 to encourage people to return to their roots. Walpole participated then, and in the recent past has celebrated Old Home Days every three years. This is the year. Save the dates June 21 through June 25. The schedule for the celebration may be found on the CLARION's website. Link to it from the home page, and, for updates, make sure to follow instructions on the right column to "follow this blog."



Walpole Walkers on the trail

PHOTO: LOWELL BAUER

## Premiere Reading

Local author (and Clarion contributor) Bill Lockwood's second Historical Fiction novel, *Megan of the Mists*, will have its local premiere reading and book signing event at Village Square Booksellers, 34 The Square, Bellows Falls at 7:00 PM on Friday May 19. A resident of southeastern Vermont and Bellows Falls since 1992, Bill has recently moved to North Walpole. His first novel, *Buried Gold*, sold out when it premiered last fall.

While Lockwood's first novel was set in rural Long Island, in the 1980s, his new book is set in Northern Ireland during "the troubles" of the 1970s.

Megan helps run contraband over the border for the illegal Irish Republican Army, trusting the ancient fairies of the mounds along the way to see her safely home. As she is drawn farther into rebel plots, she falls for a British soldier and is horrified to learn the IRA plans for him and his fellows to be blown up at their favorite bar—with a bomb she delivers and sets off.

Andrew, of the Queen's Own Sixty-First Highland Division, is not happy with the assignment to Northern Ireland, and longs for his hometown in Scotland. When he meets Megan, the two have an instant attraction. He hints at the possibility of marriage and a peaceful life elsewhere, an idea she is ready to consider. But how far must she run to escape the influence of the IRA?

Paperback copies of both books will be available at Village Square Booksellers during the event. Paperback and electronic reader copies can be ordered through the publisher, The Wild Rose Press, [thewildrosepress.com](http://thewildrosepress.com), or through Amazon.

— Jeanie Levesque

## Community Garden

Dreaming of a garden plot? The Hooper Institute is the spot! The Walpole Community Garden is gearing up for a 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, or you're 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.

We still have a few garden plots available. The cost is \$20 per family. The funds are used to pay for the organic compost and other supplies the group agrees to buy. Contact the Hooper Institute at 756-4382, or [HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net](mailto:HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net) with questions.

— Eloise Clark

### NOTE:

The Selectboard Meeting of May 4, 2017 is moving to Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00PM due to a training date conflict.

## Walking Group

### High Blue Hike

Are you interested in hiking with others in Walpole and on nearby area trails? The Walpole Walking Group meets at 8:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please join us on Saturday, May 6, to get acquainted and hike the High Blue Trail. At 8:00 AM sharp, walkers will meet at 56 Old North Main Street and carpool as a group to the trailhead. Afterwards, baked goods and breakfast beverages will be served at the Andros home on Old North Main Street. Hiking footwear and appropriate outdoor clothing are recommended. For more information, contact Debbie Hutchings at 756-3573.

— Debbie Hutchings

## End Of An Era

### The Cows Are Gone...

In 1761, moving from Saybrook, Connecticut, John Graves bought property in Walpole. Adding more property along a brook, Great Brook Farm came into existence beginning a tradition of dairy farming. Now, after nine generations and 256 years the cows are gone. Peter Graves now maintains but 50 young head on the farm. He will also continue his haying operation. Dave Westover, and his son Andy, will continue running the sugar house on the farm.

Eight years ago in a 2009 interview for the New Hampshire Farms Network, Peter's sister, Cindy Graves Westover said, "Preserving a dairy farm these days is not easy; there are so many pressures and there is always the question of who will be the one to give up."

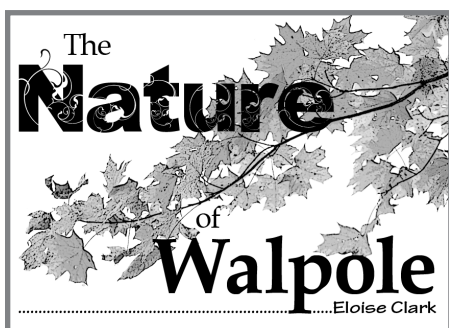
Although the dairy farm operation has come to an end, memories of the Graves family history will endure. The family is to be congratulated on over a quarter of a millennium of hard work.

— Ray Boas

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I sometimes refer to the month of May as "high spring." Ponds are alive with the shriek of toad's trilling, the "gunk" of green frogs and the "jug-o-RUM" of massive bullfrogs. Marsh plants emerge from pond muck. They create cover for the frogs from the great blue heron that stalks along the edge. Otters cruise the open water, also on the hunt.

Fields and meadows are greening up, lawns beg to be mowed. All will explode to knee-high height if left untended. In the forest, tree buds are popping, first with flowers and later leaves. Tree flowers dangle with pollen laden anthers to catch the spring breezes, as they rely on wind for pollination. If you're allergic to tree pollen, you'll know when the season arrives!

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Walpole has several different tree communities. One of the most precious spring phenomena occurs in our "sugar bushes" at the feet of mature sugar maple trees. When the snow melts from the forest floor, it's time for the spring ephemeral wildflowers to emerge. You may find the mottled leaves of trout lily as early as mid-April. Also look for the small elliptical leaves of spring beauty, or perhaps the dark green lobular leaves of hepatica. Bloodroot is the first spring wild flower that emerges along river corridors.

These very earliest of perennial wild flowers are never more than ankle high. The plants have much to do in the interval between when the ground thaws and the overhead canopy leaves out. They must send up shoots of leaves from their underground bulbs, flower, attract pollinators and develop seed. By the time the shade deepens, their growth diminishes and the cycle is done for the year. Back to the earth they go!

Flowers have many ways to attract pollinators. While we are susceptible to the allure of aromas, bright colors and intriguing shapes, many pollinators see things a bit differently. Many of these spring ephemerals have small, white clusters of flowers. Woodland anemone, spring beauty, toothwort and Bishop's weed come to mind. These light colors stand out against the dark brown leafy forest floor. Clusters of flowers make it worth a pollinator's effort to stop and visit, always on the hunt for nectar and pollen. Spring beauties even have the added strategy of pink "ray lines" etched on the white petals. These guide the pollinators to the nectaries.

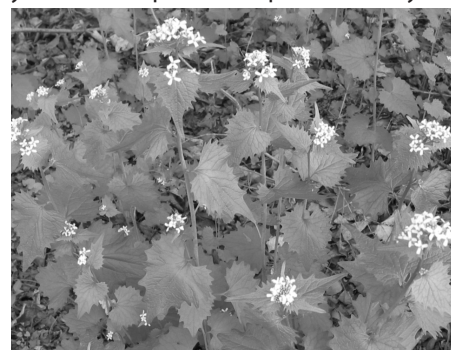
In the canopies of these maples and other deciduous trees, listen for the clear song of the northern oriole. This "neotropical" migrant is one of many who return to us each May to take advantage of our rich food chains of bugs, buds and seeds. There's enough for them to nest and raise young. They bring a flash of the tropics with their bright colors. Rose-

breasted grosbeaks, scarlet tanagers, great crested flycatchers and the parade of warblers really excite the senses in the month of May. It's all right here in Walpole. Get outside and enjoy.

## Green Invasion

### Garlic Mustard Invades Walpole

Garlic mustard has been spotted along roadsides and even along some paths through the woods in Walpole. Garlic mustard is an aggressive invader and is difficult to control once it is established. If left unchecked it will quickly dominate a woodland understory; its seeds remain viable in the ground for more than 5 years. The plant is allelopathic, which means it emits chemicals that prevent the growth of other (native) plants. It is a biennial plant, which means it needs two years to complete its reproductive cycle.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The second year plants are easy to identify and pull from the ground. They have a flowering stalk 1-4 feet tall. The alternate leaves are heart-shaped to triangular with coarsely toothed edges. They emit a garlic smell when crushed. Small, 4-petaled white flowers form on the end of the main stem and on side branches and bloom from April to June. Seed capsules appear soon after flowering and quickly expand into long, narrow pods containing about 16 seeds.

If you find garlic mustard, work to control the infestation before it spreads. For small infestations, hand pulling garlic mustard is effective. The ideal time for hand pulling garlic mustard is late April to mid May after the leaves emerge and the flowering stalks are visible, but before any seeds start to form. The plants pull out of the ground easily unless the ground is hard. Grab the plant near its base and pull firmly to grab the whole plant – including the root. Multiple years of removal and monitoring at an infested site are required because of the plant's biennial nature and long seed viability.

If there are any flower buds on the plants, there is a chance they will produce seeds, so bag the plants and dispose with your trash. **Do not dispose of plants in yard waste, backyard compost, or other sites where garlic mustard could spread.**

For more information see [http://newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org/sites/default/files/tssneguide\\_invasiveplants\\_garlicmustard.pdf](http://newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org/sites/default/files/tssneguide_invasiveplants_garlicmustard.pdf)

– UNH Cooperative Extension.

## Local Artist On Exhibit

*Breaking New Ground/Modularities* by Walpole artist Bruce Blanchette is on exhibit through May 13 at The Christine Price Gallery at Castleton University in Castleton, Vermont. The exhibition features works exploring manufactured, recycled or reinvented media which has been appropriated in the form of modular reliefs.

"The idea of a work in relief is to present the viewer with art that pushes into their space ever so slightly. Enough perhaps, to separate it from the sheer verticality of its support wall or away from the illusionistic appearance of painting," says Blanchette, further stating, "I have always emphasized surfaces and texture. Regardless of the expressive form, they are always key elements in my relief art. However, in 2016 I decided to develop a collection of modular shapes cut from thirty year old white-board panels that were still taking up space in my studio. These Modularities required an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 analogous shapes sized and cut to eight conformable configurations."

The Christine Price Gallery is open Mon. thru Fri. 8 AM to 4:30 PM

— Ray Boas

## Cookie Bake-off

### Old Home Days' Event

The Walpole Unitarian Church is bringing the Cookie Bake-off back by popular demand! Be thinking about the wonderful cookie recipes you'd like to enter into this Old Home Days' bake-off.

**Date: Saturday, June 24**

**Cookie drop off:** 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM at Hastings Memorial Parish House (Union St. behind the Unitarian Church with the clock tower on Main St.)

**Entry fee per recipe:** 6 dozen (72) cookies, in a disposable container, with full list of ingredients, and category(ies) entered. The baker receives one free ticket for cookie sampling/judging per entry. (Note: no cookies requiring refrigeration, please.)

Cookie sampling and judging by *everyone* at Hastings House (time to be announced). Cost to sample and judge: \$5 per 7 cookies of your choice, and 3 tokens to vote your favorite. All proceeds go toward the Lou Andreoli Memorial Old Home Days Concert.

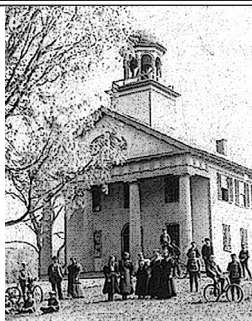
Winners will be announced at the concert intermission (approximately 6 PM). You need not be present to win.

Cash prizes for the top three "Most Votes" (\$40, \$25, \$10), and Ribbons for "Best of" categories: Gluten-Free, Vegan, Youth under 18, Best from a Native Walpolean, Oldest Recipe, Favorite Family Recipe, Original Creation, Most Visually Attractive

For entry form and questions: E-mail [cartervirginia@msn.com](mailto:cartervirginia@msn.com)

— Virginia Carter

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### Beekeeping Workshop

Linden Apiary's Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 13. Topics of discussion will be finding queens, requeening and two-queen colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, NH 03602. The workshop will be inside if it is raining. Registration required: [lindenap@gmail.com](mailto:lindenap@gmail.com) or call 756-9056.

— Charles Andros

### Come To The Cabaret

Like to sing? Play an instrument? Dance? Read a poem? Or maybe you just like to be entertained. Either way, the Spring Cabaret is the place to be! Come enjoy some great local talent on Saturday, May 13, at 7:00 PM at the First Congregational Church. Admission is by donation (suggested \$5 donation) and refreshments will be served at intermission. If you would like to perform please contact Kathy Yardley to sign up. 756-3677 or [grayreiner@myfairpoint.net](mailto:grayreiner@myfairpoint.net)

— Chuck Shaw

## 2017 Committee Vacancies

The Town of Walpole Selectboard is looking to fill vacancies on several Town of Walpole Committees.

Any Walpole, North Walpole or Drewsville resident interested in volunteering should forward a letter of interest along with relevant experience to the Town of Walpole Selectboard.

Letters of interest can be emailed to [sdowning@walpolenh.us](mailto:sdowning@walpolenh.us) or mailed to Town of Walpole Selectboard Office, PO Box 729, Walpole, NH 03608

Letters of interest will be accepted through May 19, 2017 or until open seats are filled.

### Vacancies:

**Walpole Recycling Action Committee:**  
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**Hooper Scholarship Committee:**  
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**Hooper Institute Committee:**  
Two (2), Three Year Term Seats

**Recreation Committee:**  
Two (2), Three Year Term Seats

**Conservation Commission:**  
One (1) Three Year Term Seat

## LOVE YOUR MAMA:

*A Wellness and Beauty Expo*

**Love Your Mama, A Women's Wellness and Beauty Expo**, will be hosted at the Walpole Town Hall this May 13. Feeling inspired by Mother's Day, the Walpole Village School has gathered some of the best local exercise instructors, and beauty/wellness vendors that the area has to offer. Come try out a Zumba class with Ajlan Beer at 9:00 AM, a boot camp class sponsored by Westminsiter Fit Body Boot Camp at 10:00 AM, or some Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Samantha Blanc at 12:00.

Participating in classes are a great way to try out a new program you may have been curious about, but haven't done yet. Classes are held by donation, and will include a complimentary water bottle while supplies last.

After a good workout upstairs, come downstairs to the main floor where there will be multiple vendors, including but not limited to: 221 by Annette Grenier, BeautyCounter, Diana Bascom with Shop.com, DoTerra, Golden Aura Photography, Javita, Lipsense, LuLa Roe, Pampered Chef, Perfectly Posh, Phat Racks, Plexus, Roden & Fields, Sacred Falls Massage Therapy, Scentsy, Terra Flora, and Usborne Books. There will be a complimentary refreshment table complete with a light mimosa bar and treats. You'll find everything you'll need for the perfect gift for the special mom in your life, as well as health and wellness professionals to help you feel and look your best.

– Andrea Vickers-Sivret

## Walpole Unitarian

### Worship Services... and a Maypole!

**May 7: Family First.** This is a morning program including breakfast at Hastings House. We meet at 10:00 AM for the traditional Maypole ceremony on the lawn at the corner of Union and Main Streets, weather permitting. Breakfast follows in Hastings House.

**May 14:** No service on Mother's Day.

**May 21:** Rev Kitsy Winthrop visits us once again from Portland Maine. Worship service in the church at 10:00 AM.

**May 28:** Music service led by Jared Stolper in Hastings House at 10:00 AM.

Call Antonia Andreoli at 756-9036 for more information.

– Antonia Andreoli

## St. John's

### Aging at Home presentation

On May 7 at 11:30 AM at St John's Church, Peggy Pschirrer will speak about the Aging at Home effort that is evolving in Walpole. This is a pertinent topic for every Walpole resident, and all are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

### Art After School & Narnia After School

In May, St. John's afterschool programs will be completing the annual program. **Art After School** concludes for the school year on May 31. **Narnia After School** concludes on May 25. Both enrichment programs have been very successful this year. Racheal Scott and Susan Kershaw have been ably assisted by Marilyn Wilking and Joanne King. We have been fortunate to have worked with imaginative young artists in the Art program and eager Narnia fans in the Narnia program. The programs will resume on September 6 and 7, 2017, at 3:15 PM.

– Susan Kershaw

## Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on May 15, at the First Congregational Church. We will welcome Mike Paquette, Chief of Police, as our guest speaker. We look forward to his presentation on *Living Safely in Walpole*. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share with the members. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

– Jan Martin

## Got Drugs?

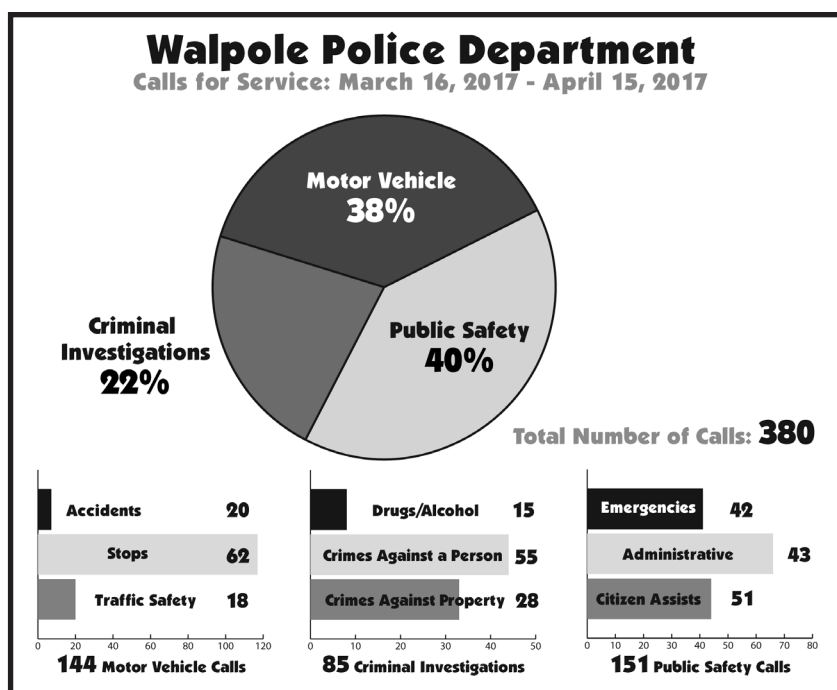
The Walpole Police Department is again participating in National *Drug Take Back Day* sponsored by the US Department of Justice-Drug Enforcement Administration. This year we are providing two drop off locations – Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM: The Walpole Police Department at 4 Russell Street, North Walpole and at the Walpole Fire Station, 278 Main Street in Walpole. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue and can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse. Unused drugs should not be just thrown away where they can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed can contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment. For more information on prescription drug abuse go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov). or call the Walpole Police Department at 445-2058.

– Janet Clough

## Raining Poetry!

Beginning in May, our New Hampshire Poet Laureate, Alice Fogel, invites you to take a walk in the rain and look for poems in front of the library – but you'll only see them if it's raining! More information on this project will be forthcoming in our next issue.

– Alice Fogel



## Clean Up Day

April 22, was a cool and dry day – perfect for picking up garbage from the sides of our roads! And picking up garbage is exactly what more than 20 volunteers did to help celebrate our 5th Annual Walpole Clean Up Day.

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

They collected: many blue bags of trash, a cracked and broken big screen TV, many rusted car parts, tires, a three-legged park bench, fencing, enough beer cans and bottles to sink a ship, and, of all things, an envelope marked *Arizona Medicinal Marijuana*. (How in the world did it make its way to the roadsides of Walpole?) Amazing!



Adam Terrell sits atop a mountain of trash.

PHOTO: TARA SAD

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

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

– Tara Sad

## Home Sales Workshop

### Toying with the Idea of Purchasing a Property?

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This is **free** to all who sign up. Space is limited, so sign up early! To sign up stop by Galloway Real Estate offices or email [robin@gallowayservices.com](mailto:robin@gallowayservices.com) or call 603-756-3661.

– Robin Sanctuary

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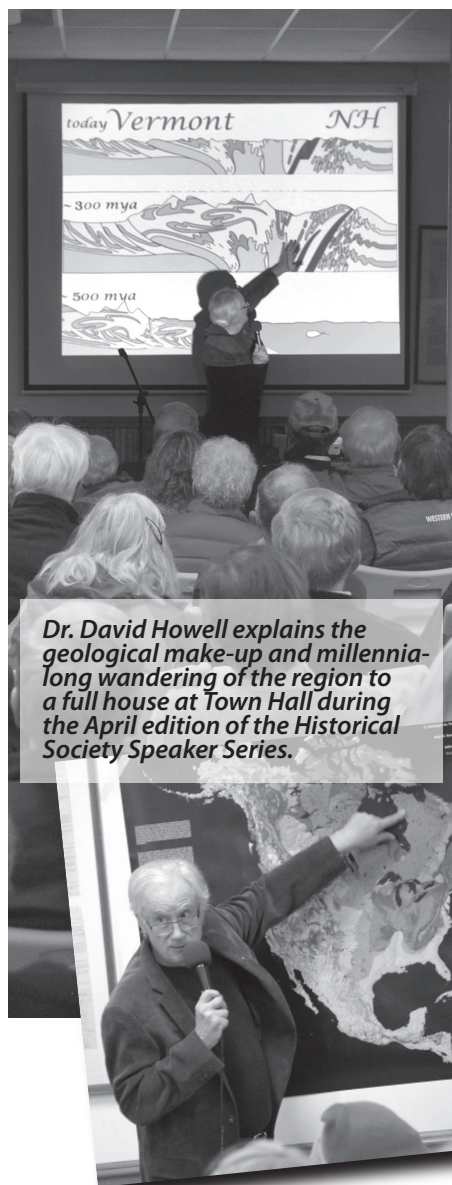
## At the Library...

### Knitting Group

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Are you looking to learn? Either way, the knitting group would be happy to see you Mondays between 2 and 4PM at the library. Any and all skill levels are welcome. The group is incredibly supportive and very knowledgeable. Come to learn a new skill, work on a project, ask questions, or just enjoy some great company.

### Buying or Selling a Home?

Join us at the library Saturday May 6 at 9AM for some information about buying and selling a home. We'll have information on septic inspections, finances, realtors and general building, water and radon! The event is co-sponsored by Galloway Real Estate. Please contact Robin by e-mail at [robin@gallowayservices.com](mailto:robin@gallowayservices.com) for more information and to sign up for the event.



*Dr. David Howell explains the geological make-up and millennia-long wandering of the region to a full house at Town Hall during the April edition of the Historical Society Speaker Series.*

### Cookbook Challenge Group

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 30 at 6PM. Copies of the new book will be available at the library as of April 26. 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 30 for delicious food and great company. Questions? E-mail Justine at [jrogers@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jrogers@walpoletownlibrary.org).

### Amnesty Days

Do you have late books or movies that you are dreading to return to us? Not to worry! We'll waive any late fines if you return the materials on Friday May 12 or Saturday May 13. Bring them into the library or drop them in the drop box on the porch. Either way, we'll wave your fines and we'll be happy to have the materials back!

### Friends of the Library Plant Sale

Just in time for Mother's Day, our annual plant sale will be held on May 13th at the library from 9 to 11AM. Plant donations can be brought to Malnati Farm and any questions can be directed to Carol Malnati at 756-9537

### Forever Fit

Join Lisa Dumont at the library on Monday May 22 at 1PM for a fun health and fitness program for all ages. Learn how to put more years in your life and more life in your years during this interactive workshop. You'll leave with new tools to improve the quality of your life! Lisa Dumont owns Westminster Fit Body Bootcamp.

### Summer Reading Program!

Mark your calendar! The Kids Summer Reading Program at the library is scheduled to start June 23rd. The full schedule will be in the June Clarion, and it will also be on our website [www.walpoletownlibrary.org](http://www.walpoletownlibrary.org)

### North Walpole Fiction Collection

Are you looking for some popular, best selling fiction? While the Walpole Library on Main Street gets many of these titles, the North Walpole Branch Library on Church Street does too! Your Walpole Library card allows you to check out materials from either library, and often the North Walpole library has shorter wait lists for new titles. Visit the library Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-4PM and Saturdays from 1-4PM.

— Justine Rogers

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- Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock, VT [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org)
- Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org)
- Eric Carle Museum in Amherst, MA [www.carlemuseum.org](http://www.carlemuseum.org)
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— Jana Sellarole



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# Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

## ...the fountain in the middle

the fountain in the middle of Main Street in Village Square was a gift from Charles Prentice Howland in 1905? Although he was not himself a native, Walpole was the ancestral home of the Howland family, and he visited often in his youth. It was reported in the 1963 History of Walpole that the fountain was a gift in memory of his father, Henry E. Howland. That is not the case, as his father died in 1913. That error, I believe, came from misinterpretation of two different news clippings pasted next to each other in Molly Bellows' scrapbook. The titles of each, reading in a line across the page: "The New Drinking Fountain" – "In Memory of Henry E. Howland." The article "In Memory of..." refers to a list of books given to the Walpole Library. So now I've set that record straight.

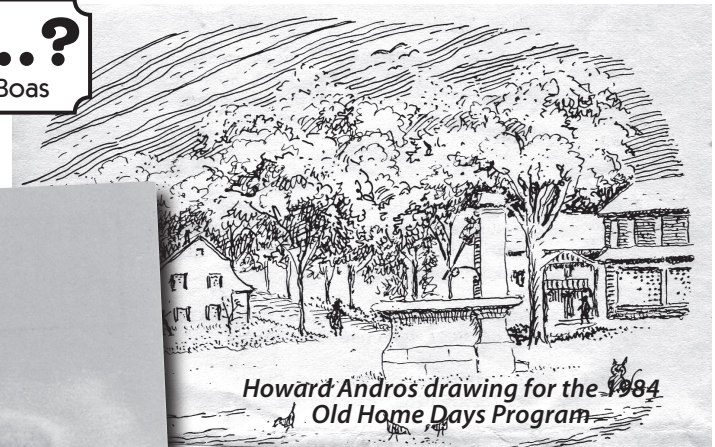
Prior to the fountain, a Band Stand was in that spot in the Square where bandleader and conductor of the local brass band, Frank Spaulding, in 1885, gave concerts. Maintaining the band became difficult. The members could not easily gather for practices, living as they did great distances from each other. In 1889, they dissolved the group, and the Band Stand was removed. Remaining now in the square was only the lamppost that had stood alongside the Band Stand.

At the biennial town meeting held November 8, 1904 it was "Voted that the town accept the offer of Charles P. Howland of a drinking fountain for horses and human beings at the intersection of Main and Westminster streets, and the town supply the water and maintain it, to be ratified at the town meeting March next." Article 6 in March 1905 ratified the acceptance.

Mr. Howland worked closely on the design of his gift with the NYC architecture firm of Delano & Aldrich. He desired something "simple and beautiful in its proportions." "The material used is a warm cream colored granite, known as 'Branford Red Granite', from the quarry at Stony Creek, Conn. The main feature is a semi-circular basin, 8 feet in diameter, supported upon a granite base which in turn rests upon a solid foundation of concrete... The shaft rises to the height



*The Fountain, Walpole, N. H.*



*Howard Andros drawing for the 1984 Old Home Days Program*



*Bandstand in the 1880s*

of 9 feet above the concrete base... On the west side of the shaft is carved the massive head of a catamount more than life-size. From its open mouth projects a bronze tube, supported by an ornamental bronze bracket. The supply of water pours constantly through this tube..." Originally on the east side of the shaft were drinking spigots for people and dogs.

The passage of time was not kind to Walpole's fountain. In 1948, the Garden Club filled the fountain with pine, and

by the 1960s the basin was planted with flowers in the summer. At some point, the catamount's head fell off. It was subsequently stored in the Water Department's garage, but eventually disappeared back into the wilds.

Now in need of repair (and a new head), a "Restore the Fountain Fund" was established in 1983. Co-chairmen for the 1984 Old Home Days, Peggy Graves and Elizabeth P. Prentiss, coordinated the project's fundraising and repairs. Thanks to the article saved by Molly Bellows, granite was obtained from the same quarry to re-fabricate the catamount's head. Following the Old Home Days Parade on June 30, 1984, "Dedication of [the] Fountain" took place at 11:30 AM.

(My thanks to Charles Howland Montgomery (Charlie) and his wife Mary Lou for providing me information from the Howland family archives.)

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## Walpole Maples

As the weather is beginning to warm up, another baseball season is about to start and the two-time defending champion Maples are ready to try and defend their title again. Many of the same guys are returning for the 2017 season along with some new faces. The 2017 Walpole Maples roster is: coaches- Ken McGill & Glenn Yardley; Scorekeeper- Elizabeth McGill; Players- Mark McGill, Shane Salmonson, Colby McAllister, Hank Bailey, Derek Paul, Adam Kobeski, Gene Vaughn, Steve Corey, Garin Clough, John Maciejewski, Steve Corey Jr., Dan Robel, Nico Senerchia and Dom Senerchia.

The 2017 CRVBL is a 7 team league: Walpole Maples, Walpole Wild Blue, Claremont Cardinals, Putney Fossils, Summit Athletics, Brattleboro Baseball Club and the new team to the league this year, Connecticut River Ironmen.

The Maples opened the season on April 23 against the Ironmen. The second game was April 30th against Claremont at home.

May will be a good month for fan support as we have three game at home. On Saturday, May 6, we have a rematch of last years championship game against the Summit Athletics at



3PM. Our next game is Saturday May 20 against Brattleboro at 3PM; then finish May against the Walpole Wild Blue on Thursday May 25 at 6:30PM.

The Walpole Maples would like to thank our fans for their continued support as well as our sponsors for 2017: Matt Beam Plumbing and Heating, Walpole Veterinary Hospital, Graves Trucking, Robert Kimball P.C., E. E. Houghton, and Pinnacleview Equipment. Thank you to all.

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# What's Happening in Walpole Schools



## Spring Play

On Wednesday, April 12th, Walpole Elementary School held its annual school play. The play was *The Pirates of Penrith*. The play, which consisted of fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, showcased humor, strong acting, and the incredible hard work of all those involved.

Mrs. Sweetland and Ms. Silverwood both developed and directed the play as the leaders of Walpole's Drama Club. The cast consisted of actors such as Madeline Wilson, Enrique Ingram, Rebecca Page, Jaina Read, Chelsie Loves, Grace Conety, and many others.

The story of *The Pirates of Penrith* revolves around a group of retired pirates escaping from their retirement home, which serves as a prison. Perused by the menacing Sir Kit Breaker, the ragtag group of pirates runs around an island in a desperate attempt to find their hero, Konny Grant. The play is a blend of balanced chaos, with three different groups all searching for something, whether that is treasure, freedom, or escaped pirates. With a stellar cast and crew, the play was certainly a site to see - whether you went to the school show (held during FLEX periods during the day) or the one at night.

- Lillia Wilson

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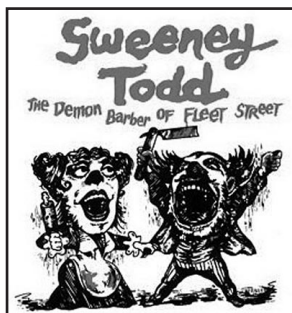
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## Play Review

### Sweeney Todd

On March 18, for \$5, I enjoyed a night of theatre at the Bellows Falls Opera House.



*Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler, is the first live performance hosted by the BFOP in more than 20 years. This performance by Mainstreet Arts in Saxtons River, Vermont and directed by David Stern, tells the macabre tale of Sweeney Todd, a barber seeking revenge on the world after

being wrongly imprisoned by the evil Judge Turpin in an attempt to steal his beautiful wife and baby daughter for his own.

Upon returning to London in the mid 1800's, Todd establishes his shop above Mrs. Lovett's failing pie shop. The two strike up a twisted relationship that, while bloody, benefits both: He takes out his vengeance by killing customers, and Mrs. Lovett's business soars to success using a secret ingredient known only to she and Todd. Along the way, Joanna, Todd's daughter, now a beautiful young woman, is threatened by marriage to the evil Judge Turpin, her captor and adoptive father. Todd plots to murder Turpin and rekindle his relationship with his daughter, but his thirst for revenge blinds his judgment and ultimately costs him what he holds dearest.

The production took place in two acts. The scenery was (seemingly) structurally simple, essentially a pivoting set with several faces that rotated from scene to scene. The music was performed by a live orchestra of local musicians. The actors ranged from young to old and included members of the New England Youth Theatre.

There was lots of singing and dancing, laughter, and empathy for the characters. From what I could see, everyone was having a good time, and the theatre was sold out. On a scale of 1-10, my mother and I gave this a 9.5, only because there's always room for improvement. We can't wait for Main Street Arts and others to perform more plays at the Bellows Falls Opera House. It was awesome!

- Enrique Ingram

Continued from Page 1: Sam Jacobs

Charlestown Middle School Principal, Paula Southard-Stevens presented Jacobs with the award. She reminisced about their careers together while also highlighting all of the qualities that have made Jacobs such an integral part of the Fall Mountain School District. "Sam works hard. He has high expectations, yet his advice is always grounded in reality," said Southard-Stevens. "He works diligently to improve student learning and teaching by always being present and truly caring." Those qualities, his presence and his caring (for students and staff and community), rise above all others.



Principal Jacobs

Southard-Stevens concluded by comparing the job of principal to a rose, which has both beauty and thorns. The truly great administrators can endure the thorns while still being grateful for the beauty. "That's why we do this. They're incredible kids. I'm very lucky. I work with wonderful colleagues and, of course, my staff. I look for passion, for a love of kids, and that's what I have around me. And every single day those kids, and my staff, make me a better administrator."

"NELMS seeks to honor administrators who value, understand, and support effective middle level education that promotes powerful learning for young adolescents," according to Executive Director of NELMS, Jerry Frew. It is a value of Jacobs for his students not only to excel academically, but also develop into genuinely nice human beings.

"There hasn't been a day that I haven't looked forward to going to school... for 37 years," said Jacobs. That excitement was evident as he went on to offer advice to the dozens of educators and administrators sitting before him, some in the dawn of their careers while others enjoying the twilight of it. "Maintain that passion, that excitement, every single day."

- Jake Gagnon

Continued from Page 1: Olympiad

The breadth and depth of the material that these seventh and eighth grade students are expected to learn is extremely demanding, and the exams at the Science Olympiad competition require high school and college level understanding of scientific topics. The students are unfazed by all of it. They continue to work without hesitation. That work ethic finally paid off in March when, after their state competition, the Science Olympiad was asked to take part in a national level competition in Dayton, Ohio in May to represent New Hampshire. "Well, it was pretty incredible and I remember when it was announced everyone was running into the hallway to call their parents, and at first it was a daunting task to raise the money to go but once we got the go fund me page up, it was smooth sailing," said seventh-grader Marcus Flynn, when asked about how he felt about going to nationals.

Marcus brought up a great point. We (the Science Olympiad team) were all wowed by the thought of winning but had to immediately start planning out how we would get the money to go. Jacob Bradley had a great idea to go and get a Go Fund Me page set up and with that all set up, money came flying in from all sorts of places, including friends,

## Screen-Free Week

The Walpole Elementary School hosted their annual Screen-Free week on from April 3rd to April 7th. During this special week, students were challenged with having no screen (TV, computer, phone, etc.) and finding other ways to spend their free time. Of course, there was the exception of doing work with a computer.

There were several activities that WES put on for the kids during the week, such as Candy Bar Bingo on that Monday night. "The candy bar bingo night was a really good night and was super fun," said seventh-grader Jake Bradley.

Another event was a show by visiting magician, Jason Purdy, on Wednesday. Purdy's show was incredibly interactive with the audience, as he took many volunteers, mostly kids, to partake in his magic tricks.

The annual basketball game between the teachers and the Walpole fire and police took place on Thursday. The game was competitive and fun, with the teachers topping the fire and police in the end. The entire community was very supportive and loved all the activities throughout the week. We are all looking forward to the next screen free week.

— Maddy Manning



Victorious WES Science Olympians

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family, and our incredibly supportive Walpole community. Local dentist, Peter Bowman, even donated money to help us get to nationals. We have also held a bake sale, which brought in some money. The team also held a global warming talk on Saturday, April 22nd, which helped raise awareness and support not only for us but for Earth Day as well.

Our coach, Ms. Lewis, is amazed at the perseverance and enthusiasm of these students and ultimately the depth of knowledge that they have acquired. "The fact that these nineteen students started in October and are still here in March, staying two or more nights a week until 5:00 or 5:30 to study is incredible. They have learned so much

about their individual subjects, but also about the challenges of design, the need to understand concepts more deeply, the necessity to investigate and research independently what they do not know, and how to work as a team," said Lewis. "They are passionate, curious, positive, and independent learners. The potential for success in anything they choose to do in the future is limitless!"

Seventh-grader Ruby Frithsen sums up the Science Olympiad experience well: "It is a fun experience where kids can show off their new learnings of the science world and compete and win, because who doesn't like to win?"

— Grace Conety

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## Great River Co-Op

### Subject of KSU Architecture Challenge

Every April, the students from the Collaborative Architectural Project class at Keene State College choose individual and community organization construction projects to gain real-life experience in solving architectural challenges. This year, they chose the Great River Co-op, a start up cooperative grocery store coming to Walpole.

Under the leadership of Professor Donna Paley, five students (Arelis, Chris, Connor, Olivia and Brandon) visited multiple existing co-op locations for inspiration and ideas. They've also been working with Randall Walter, Head of Design and Architecture for Bensonwood and Adjunct Professor of Architecture for KSC. And, they've received great support from Robyn O'Brien, General Manager of the Putney Food Co-op, and Michael Faber, General Manager of the Monadnock Co-op.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to work with a real client, and an opportunity for the Co-op to get a more detailed and *visual* idea of what the store could be."

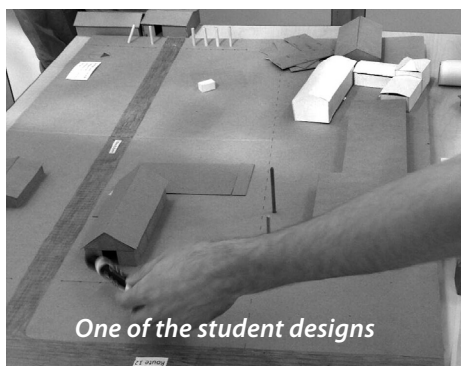
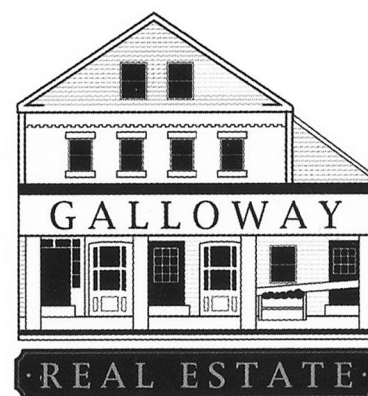


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While the students' designs are not the final word in the co-op design, they present ideas for what is possible. Bensonwood and Monadnock Economic Development Corporation have partnered with the Great River Co-op to build the store, and member-owners will have a say in what the building looks like.

Next steps for the Great River Co-op include hiring a Project Manager, and continuing to grow the membership. To learn more about joining the Great River Co-op, please visit <http://www.greatriverfoodcoop.com/> and follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GreatRiverCoop](http://www.facebook.com/GreatRiverCoop).

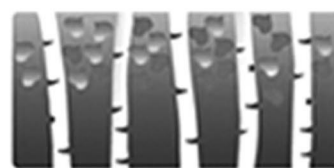


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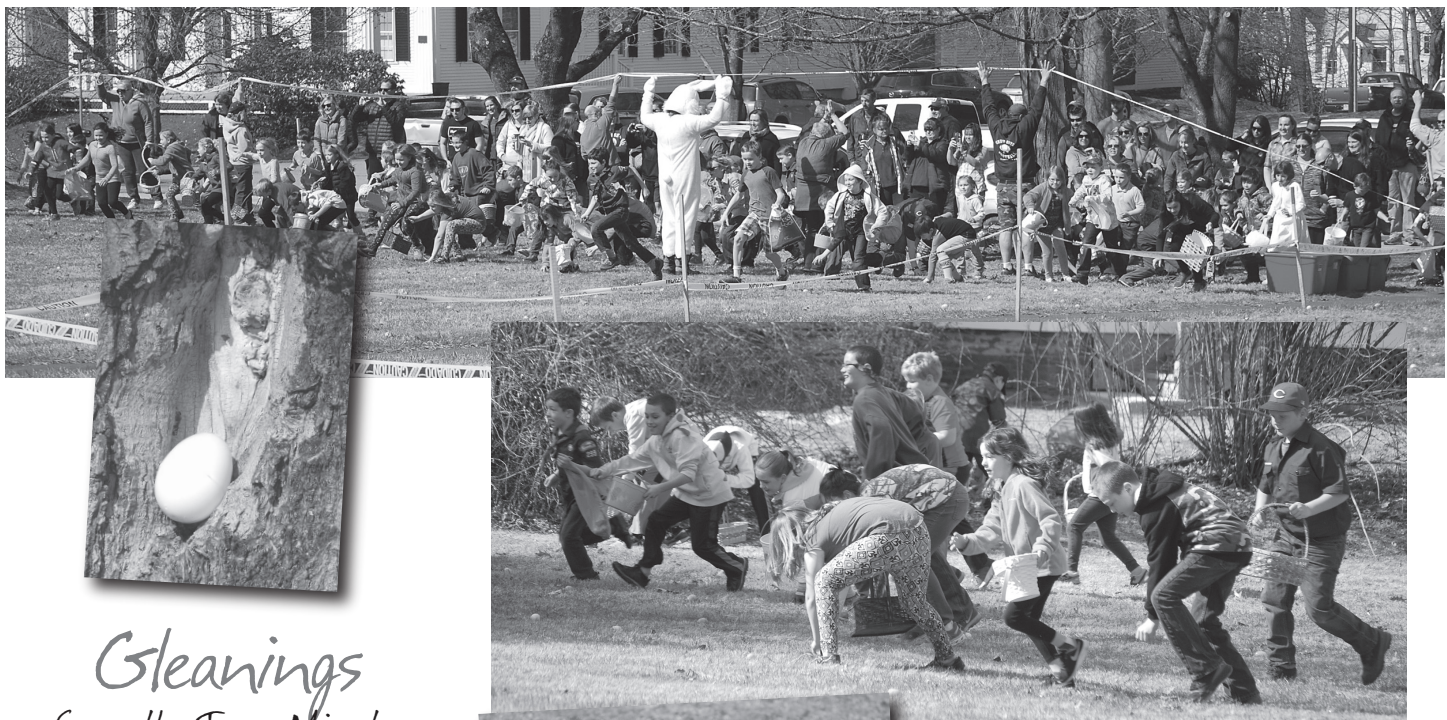
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## Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

- Mascoma Savings Bank has requested a Public Hearing in May. Changes are proposed to the current Drive-Thru to alleviate traffic backing up out into Main Street. Proposed are three lanes to be added in the back of the bank. One will be for an automated tube-type teller, one for an ATM and one for a bypass lane. The space between the lanes and Jakes will be green space. The bank purchased the needed property from the Walpole Foundation. The bank also wants to extend the porch in the front of the building the width of the building, not just over the entries. This will be in keeping with the general architecture of the town. (Planning Board April 11)

- The Select Board intends to accept the Central Plating property (behind several structures to the north of the Tavern) from the Nils Westberg estate contingent upon the following conditions being met: The results of Phase II and Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Analysis of Brownsfield Clean-up / Alternatives / Remedial Action Plan show that the site's clean-up is feasible using EPA grants and/or gifts/donations. Once the site is "cleaned" it will be utilized for downtown merchant and customer parking. (Select Board March 30)

- The Southwest Regional Planning Commission is working with the town on the Complete Streets Policy. They desire to test the project during Old Home Days when there are a large number of people in the Village. This project is to place bike racks around town for "Sustainable Transportation." (Select Board March 30)

– Ray Boas



*The lure of chocolate is strong... Dozens of Walpole youngsters made short work of several hundred Easter eggs on the grounds of the Historical Society... some cleverly hidden, most pretty obvious.*



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## Heights

I was thirteen when it first happened. I was on the roof of a two-story house, with my father.

He was putting on new shingles and I was walking back and forth carrying shingles as he needed them.

I approached the end of the roof and looked over the edge. The house started spinning, my knees got weak and somehow I managed to lie down on the roof.

"What are you doing? Dad shouted. "No sleeping on the job!"

I managed to tell him I could not move. I was stuck to the roof like glue. Dad helped me to the ladder and got me to the ground. That was the beginning of my acrophobia.

Several years later, I found myself on the second level of a forest ranger lookout tower. As I sat there while the tower shook from a heavy wind, I heard Fran yell up, "There is no wind!" It was then that I realized that it was me that was causing the tower to shake because I forgot and looked down as I reached the

## From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

second landing. I finally got off the tower by closing my eyes and sliding down one stair at a time.

Skipping ahead several years, we are visiting Mount Snow one summer. A family friend whom I had not seen in years appeared and asked if we were taking the chair lift to the top of the mountain. He added that it was a beautiful view from the top. He then said the magic words to me; "I work here and I can put you on as my guest, if you want to go."

Free! Everything else blanked out of my mind as I said "Yes!" Fran gave me a look that said, "Are you sure about this?" By then I was sitting on the chair lift, and away we went. Half way up the mountain reality set in and I looked over the edge. "Oh MY Gosh! What the H@#\$ am I doing?" By the time we reached

the platform at the top, I was soaked in sweat. I swear the bar was bending from my grip and the operator had to stop the lift in order for me to get off.

The view was beautiful, and soon the time came to head back down. "Hey, there is a trail, we can walk down", I said with hope in my voice. "No way", said Fran. "We rode up, we are riding down!"

Once seated on the chair lift, not realizing that one was catapulted off the platform and dropped down what seemed like several feet, my stomach reached the lodge at the bottom a good twenty minutes before the rest of my body.

Once we landed, Fran looked at me, pale and sweaty as I was, and said, "The next time someone suggests you do something like this, what are you going to say?" I managed to stammer, "No Thank you!"

I can assure one and all that the following are *not* on any bucket list of mine: zip lining; sky diving, and walking out on the glass-bottom observation deck at the Grand Canyon.

## MILESTONES

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## Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, May 26, at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be roast turkey with gravy, stuffing, green beans, and pound cake 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 May 25.

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

## Reader Commentary

May 1-5 is Teacher Appreciation Week! Almost everyone has a story about a teacher who has touched his or her life. The Walpole Parent Teacher Group encourages you to take time to recognize the Walpole School staff and show your appreciation for all of their effort and passion. Recognize them for their countless hours, their commitment to our children, and for providing inspiration to the next generation of incredible teachers. Whether a grand gesture or a simple thank you, this is the week to show your appreciation! The WPTG would like to thank Walpole teachers and school staff for their tireless dedication and daily enthusiasm; you are greatly appreciated!

– Tiffany Parker

## Walpole Business Notes

### Yoga in Walpole

Join Josephine Russell for the end of this “yoga year”. Classes are held on Thursday evenings, 5 - 6:30PM, at the Hastings House. Classes are weekly through June 15. For information, call Josephine at 352-1684.

### Wine Tasting Room Reopens

Walpole Mountain View Winery welcomes visitors to the reopening of our tasting room at 114 Barnett Hill Road on Saturday, May 27! We'll be open Saturdays and Sundays, 12 noon to 5 PM, until Christmas. A wide selection of fine estate-grown grape wines awaits you – from the driest dry to late harvest dessert sweet – reds, whites, blushes, roses, and blends. Our mountain views overlooking the Connecticut River Valley are spectacular. Casually walk through the vineyard, take photos, bring your summer visitors. A lovely offering of cheeses, meat-wrapped cheeses, olive tapenade, a variety of crackers, and sweet treats are available to enhance your wine tasting experience. Contact walpolewinery@gmail.com, or call 756-3948 for more information. – Virginia Carter

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*Your 100 word submission of “business notes” is welcome for possible insertion.*

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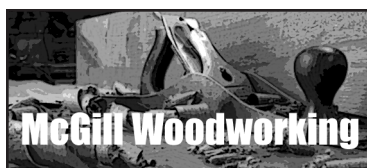
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### PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Another issue with a wide spread of articles for you to peruse. May I welcome, as supporters of your **Clarion**, Homestead Farms on River Road, which is opening May 4th for the season. If you are new to town (or a native), please visit them and while there say you saw their ad here. Also, welcome back to Bowman Dental, located in the Plaza on Route 12.

As regular as the locusts, but every three years instead, is Walpole's Old Home Days the end of June. Events are planned for your enjoyment, and to welcome back past residents. The schedule is on the **Clarion** website, and will be included in the June issue along with other pertinent for the weekend. And, if you wish to advertise in the June issue, which will not doubt become a souvenir keepsake, please contact me. Thank you.

– Ray Boas, Publisher



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## CVTC

### Recognized for Exceptional Community Service

*(Editor's note: This organization, is our local Volunteer Rider-Driver Program. Please consider volunteering to drive our neighbors to needed appointments.)*

The NH Center for Nonprofits presented four important awards at its Nonprofit Impact Celebration on April 4 in Concord, NH. The awards recognized individuals and nonprofit organizations from the 600 members of the Center that have made outstanding contributions to their communities.

CVTC (Community Volunteer Transportation Company) of Cheshire and Hillsborough counties, under the direction of Executive Director Ellen Avery, received the Healthy Community Impact Award. Presenting the award, Dr. William Brewster, VP-New Hampshire Market of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, congratulated Ms. Avery and CVTC...“for helping communities in the Monadnock region become healthier and stronger by providing transportation services for medical and other important services to those in need CVTC’s innovative ability to address these community needs removes a significant barrier to good health.”

Based in Peterborough, CVTC strives to meet unmet transportation needs in the Monadnock region by providing “no fee” transportation for people who do not have access because of age, ability, economic situation or other limiting circumstances. Trip purposes include non-emergency medical and social service appointments, as well as trips to the grocery store and pharmacy. For more information, call 1-877-428-2882 or visit the website at [www.cvtc-nh.org](http://www.cvtc-nh.org). CVTC is a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency.

– Ellen Avery

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