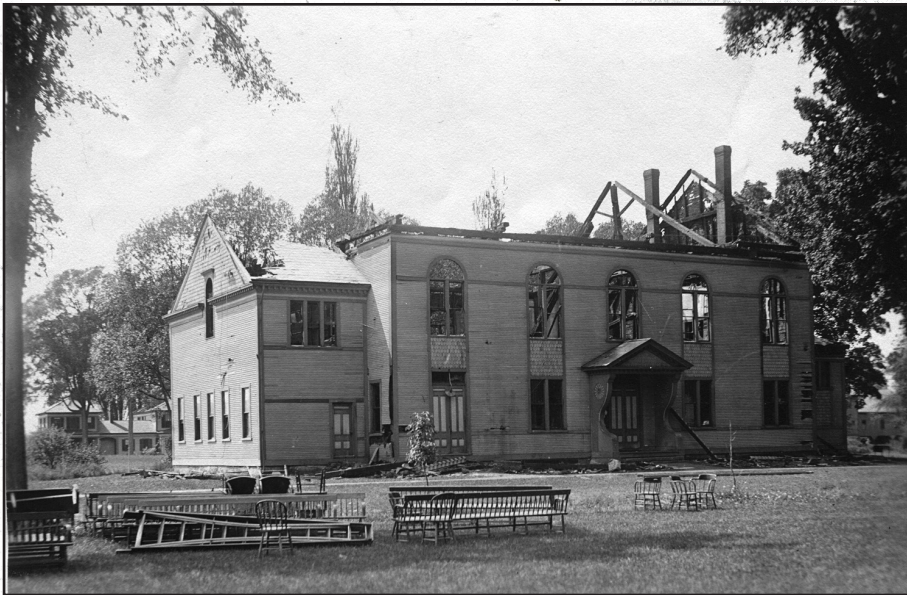




WALPOLE TOWN HALL BURNED

Was Struck by Lightning Thursday—Loss Estimated at \$17,000 on Buildings—Also Loss on Contents—Insurance \$10,000—Town Meeting July 5 to Consider Rebuilding.



Ruins of Walpole Town Hall

**Front Page: Bellows Falls Times, June 21, 1917...
See Did You Know That...? (page 16)**

Saturday June 24:

Lots to do and see in Walpole!

Check out an old road with the Walpole Walking Group.

Tread the town roads with the 5k run!

Bring a chair and sit roadside to watch the 10AM parade.

Then move down the road and around the corner to see the Pet Show.

Make sure your road leads to Walpole Village June 24!

Conserving Farmland for Future Generations

Ernie and Susan Vose worked with the Monadnock Conservancy this spring to help protect their farmland. They love this land and have been caring for it for nearly half their lives.

"I don't want to see our field messed up with houses," Ernie Vose said.

The 22-acre farm property on Wentworth Road in Walpole, is nestled between the woods and rolling fields. Most of the land is open. Abutting the property is the bubbling Houghton Brook. In the winter, when the land is not in use, a locally maintained snowmobile trail crosses through the fields providing access for public recreation.

Vose grew up milking cows on the family farm in Peterborough, but decided to switch to chickens since "they are cheaper and easier than cows." The family transitioned to organic eggs in the '90s. A few years ago, they decided to retire from farming and pursue their dream of conserving their land.

"We've maintained the farm and it is still operating. It probably won't continue as a poultry farm forever, but these flat fields are excellent and they should be used as fields," Ernie Vose said.

To the Voses, conserving the land was a promise to future generations that the rich soil would be saved. "So the farmland will stay that way," Vose reflected.

"We're also directly on top of an excellent aquifer here," he said, "and that should be preserved." The water from the aquifer and the brook has provided them with more than enough water to keep their operations up and running all these years.

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North Walpole Clean up

Village Volunteers Target Park

Saturday morning May 20 brought temperatures in the 50s and bright sunshine to North Walpole for a beautiful day at the North Walpole Village Park by the foot of School Hill. It also brought a half dozen to a dozen community volunteers in a true expression of community involvement and pride to spiff up the park for the good weather days ahead. The North Walpole Village Volunteers are an informal group that took on improving the park as a project last year. This year they announced a beautification day to get their park project off to a big start. Besides general clean up, mulching around trees and the installation of triangular flower boxes – planted with new flowers – at the four corners of the park were part of the day's activities.

Bill Gallagher, who serves as spokesman for the group, said he felt the Volunteers got a good turn out for the project "in a time when it's hard to find people to contribute". Starting at 8:00 am, the group set about eagerly with their tasks. Genevieve Gallagher was in charge of the coffee and baked goods that were obtained from Joanie Joan's Baked Good Company in Walpole, along with a gift certificate that had been won as a prize for effort on Walpole Village Clean Up Day. The refreshments were spread out on the picnic table in the park that was donated by LaValley's last year. Besides the Gallaghers, also participating in the effort were Don Provencher, Gary McCormick, Bob Breslend, Pat Aumand, Terry Roth, and a number of others.

The park was created when a rail line was abandoned and the tracks were removed in the 1970s. Kaelan Hansson, now a graduate student and no longer in town, took on fixing up the area for his Eagle Scout project. Now, years later, the Volunteers have continued the work he started. One dark moment mentioned by Bill Gallagher is that in the week before the event someone kicked over the sandwich board announcing the event and fliers were removed. There was no sign of such negativity on the part of the group that showed up to work on Saturday morning. Bill Gallagher noted the large sand box area. He sees it as possibly a future volley ball court, possibly for organization of a



Vent shaft of an old pedestrian tunnel that ran under the tracks with flowers waiting to be planted

PHOTOS: BILL LOCKWOOD



Pat Aumand and Terry Roth moving in new soil.

team and competition with nearby town teams. Anyone interested in contacting the Volunteers with ideas for other possibilities can call Bill Gallagher at 445-5238.

– Bill Lockwood

Mascoma Savings Bank

Walpole Branch Expansion Plans

The Walpole Planning Board, at its May 9 meeting, approved a Site Plan and Lot Line Adjustment for Mascoma Savings Bank for its property on Main Street. A 28 foot by 40 foot parcel of land, formerly owned by the Walpole Foundation, will be annexed to the bank's parcel to the rear of the bank. This will enable the bank to construct a covered two lane drive-up facility. One lane will be for an ATM machine, and the other for tube-teller access. Also approved was extending the porch across the entire front of the building - six feet wide with columns in keeping with the style of many homes in the village. Interior renovations, and changes to the exterior siding and windows, complete the new plans.

The entrance to the bank and drive-through will become one-way off Main Street, and include a bypass lane to the rear of the property. Customers will then exit to the left and Westminster Street, or loop around to the right and back to Main Street. A landscaped island will be between the drive-through area and Jake's Variety Store. A traffic study had been performed supporting improved traffic flow. The Walpole Foundation provided a letter in support of the project and its new traffic flow.

At the meeting, the bank stated it would be using the entire building in the future. Robert Kimball, CPA, will be relocating his office. During the public hearing, Ms. Myra Mansouri indicated she was opposed to the expansion. "That area is extraordinarily congested," she stated. Closing the hearing, the Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of the plan as presented.

— Ray Boas

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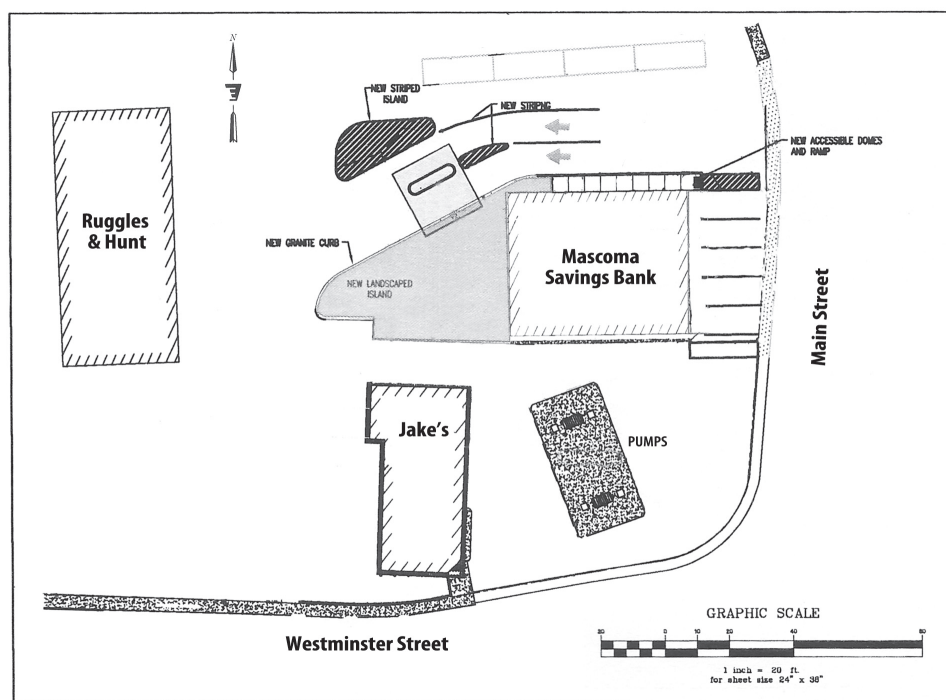


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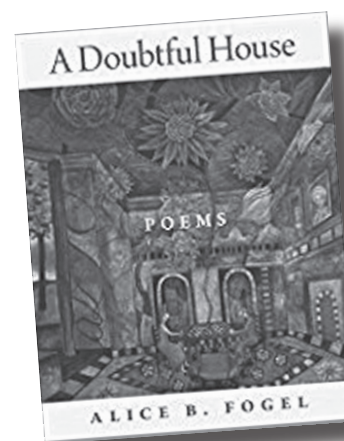


Proposed Mascoma Savings Bank Expansion

Book Release

Walpole resident Alice B. Fogel has a new book out this spring, *A Doubtful House*. This is a description of Alice's new book, which reviewers have called "wildly inventive," "boundary-pushing," and full of "astonishingly lyrical beauty": A marriage houses two distinct entities, each one in turn a form containing its own unruly spirit. Addressing its inhabitants with humor, love, sorrow, anger, confusion, and hope, *A Doubtful House* explores what happens to boundaries—psychological, emotional, physical, even syntactical—when people live together for a long time. Cover art is by Julia Zanes, an artist who lives in Brattleboro.

Alice is the Poet Laureate of New Hampshire. In addition to her book *Strange Terrain*, a reader's guide to appreciating poetry without necessarily



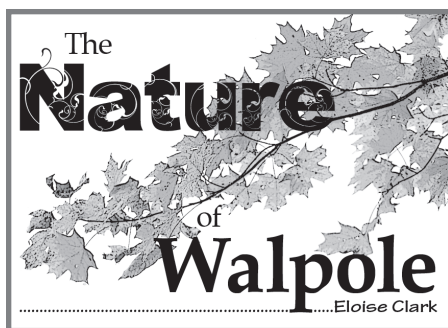
"getting" it, she is the author of four previous poetry collections. These include *Interval: Poems Based on Bach's Goldberg Variations* (2015), which won the Nicholas Schaffner Award for Music in Literature & the 2016 New Hampshire Literary Award in Poetry, & *Be That Empty*, a national bestseller. A nine-time Pushcart nominee & recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship & other awards, her poems appear in many journals & anthologies, including *Best American Poetry*. She works with learning disabled students at Landmark College in Putney, VT, & hikes mountains whenever possible. She's available to work with teachers, students, & townsfolk if they're interested in learning more about poetry.

— Alice B. Fogel

Ah, June. At last the huge sigh of summer arrives with long days, twilight lingering until past nine o'clock in the evening. There's plenty of time for playing outdoors after supper, watching ballgames, fishing, walking the dog, rambling in the woods or watching sunsets.

Plants take full advantage of all the sunlight to power their explosive growth. Leaves compete for sunlight and roots jostle in the soil trying to expand their reach. We take advantage of the plants with our gardens growing rapidly this month. All are accelerating to "make hay while the sun shines." Long days will begin to ebb toward the end of this month.

Food chains quickly become food webs. Many blossoms bring pollinators who are busy gathering nectar and pollen. The happy byproduct is fertilized fruit that expands exponentially. Tender new leaves create dining opportunities and shelter for caterpillars of butterflies and moths. Some bugs hatch from wetlands and feed on animals, including us! Then dragonflies emerge from the same wetlands to feed on those same pesky blood suckers.



Bugs bring birds to our fields, forests and wetlands. By this month migrating birds have settled into nesting territories to take advantage of these abundant food supplies. It is astonishing that these "neotropical migrants" would travel thousands of perilous miles just to eat "our" insects. For those who watch, the landscape is alive with new, colorful and beautiful birds!

Birding is best done by habitat this time of year. Each nesting pair prefers its own territory to meet its requirements for food and cover for nesting. In deciduous or broad-leaved forests, look for the redstart warbler, black-throated blue warbler or chestnut-sided warbler. The ovenbird is the only warbler to nest on the ground. Listen for the haunting song

of the elusive wood thrush at twilight. The winter wren has a complex and beautiful song that bursts through the woodlands. There's also the tiny wood peewee, a flycatcher who says his name very distinctly. A real treat to see is the magnificent scarlet tanager. Evergreen woodlands are preferred by the black-throated green warbler, black and white warbler, northern flicker and "locals" such as the chickadee and red-breasted nuthatch.

Fields and the brushy edge between field and forest attract colorful birds such as the yellow warbler and indigo bunting. The large, handsome brown thrasher also returns to Walpole as does the more common grey catbird. Nearer home you may have a noisy house wren making its staccato call. I'll bet almost every yard has a phoebe. This gray bird with a small crest on its head is easy to identify by the way it flicks its tail as it perches.

Whether by shape, size, behavior or habitat, birds are fun to watch and identify. Then it's time to take it to the next level and learn about their remarkable stories of travel and survival. And it's all happening right here in Walpole!



FLAG RETIREMENT
American Legion, Post #77 will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, Wed., June 24, 6:30 PM at the Walpole Fire Station. The Public is invited. People who wish to turn in their old flags may do so at the E. E. Houghton Co. office.

— Whit Aldrich

Flag Day 1919

Butterfly Release

Salute to Veterans

The Sixth Annual Butterfly Release in Butterfly Park, located at 320 Marlboro Street in Keene next to Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS), will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 4:00 PM.

Be part of the magic as 100 butterflies are released in honor or memory of loved ones. All service members and veterans are invited to attend and be recognized for their service. This event is open to the public and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP or reserve butterflies, please contact Marianne at 352-2253 x294 or send an email to events@HCSservices.org. There are a limited number of butterflies available and orders will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. For more information, visit www.HCSservices.org/events-schedules/.

All proceeds from the event benefit Hospice at HCS, a proud We Honor Veterans partner, providing end-of-life care to patients and their families in southwestern NH with offices in Keene, Peterborough and Charlestown. HCS is a Monadnock United Way agency

— Chaille Cohen

Historical Society

Museum & Gift Shop Open

Our season is about to begin and we hope you will visit us on Saturday, June 3, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. There is so much new to see! Our exhibits are refreshing and interesting. Upstairs will be the children's exhibit – *While We Were Young* – and on the first floor our *Timeline Walpole Exhibit*, as well as an expanded Louisa May Alcott display.

The Gift Shop is brimming with bright and colorful scarves and accessories from Country on the Common. New this year, we have beautiful hand-sewn table runners and baby gifts by local crafter Margaret Bosti. Andrea Goins has designed new note cards and also colorful mugs. Books by Ray Boas, Louisa May Alcott books, adult and children's coloring books, and a wonderful variety of children's fun items and puzzles are here and ready for you to browse through. We still have our candles and napkins, note pads, Walpole Historical Society wine glasses, framed pictures, and wooden signs made locally by the Ideal Board Company – and so much more!

Make our Museum the place to visit regularly. We are open every Saturday 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM, and by appointment anytime. You may call 756-3449 and leave a message, or call Sally at 445-2527 or Joan 756-3078. See you soon!

– Sally McGaffigan

Walpole Grange

Annual Awards Night

Walpole Grange will present its annual community awards on Tuesday evening, June 6 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. This year's recipients are: Community Citizen – Paula Gallagher; Educator – Julie Rios; Unsung Hero – Doreen Durand; Agriculture – The Fall Mountain Ag Students (Barn Crew), and more. Come help us celebrate these deserving folks and thank them for their efforts!

There will be a short program followed by refreshments.

– Kathy Yardley

Heritage Museum

New Exhibits

The Walpole Historical Society's Heritage Museum will open Saturday June 3, 2017, with two brand new exhibits and new additions to the popular Louisa May Alcott exhibit. The main gallery has been transformed into a timeline of over two hundred years of Walpole history. Visitors will learn how Walpole evolved from a Native American seasonal fishing encampment in the 1700's, and how early settlers slowly transformed a wilderness into a prosperous New England village. The timeline highlights the people and industries that formed the Walpole of today. Anecdotal historical observations taken from personal diaries and historical documents will allow the visitor to "go beyond" just dates and facts.

The exhibit "Walpole's Louisa May Alcott" continues, with an additional display that compares Louisa's real Walpole experiences with the drama she wrote about in her famous novel *Little Women*. Upstairs is another new exhibit, "When They Were Young" which features children's clothing from the 1800's to the 1960's. Visitors can admire and ponder how children were ever clothed in such "formal" clothing when compared to today's casual and easy-care styles. The museum owns an extensive collection of children's clothing that is being exhibited, with accompanying information explaining the standards for clothing children in past decades.

The Walpole Heritage Museum is open for the season on Saturdays from noon until 4:00 pm on Saturday June 3, 2017, until mid-October. It is located at 32 Main St., Walpole, New Hampshire.

– Andrea Goins

Hooper Institute

Summer Camps

The Hooper Institute is still accepting sign-ups for the Summer Camps for children entering grades 1-8. The camps will be the week of June 26-30 and July 5-7 from nine to noon. Notices have gone home through the Walpole Schools, but if your child attends another school you might be interested to know about these camps.

Children entering grades 1-4 meet at the Hooper Institute building at 165 Prospect Hill Road, across from the golf course. Join us at camp for the fun and adventure of singing songs, playing group games, crafts and exploring the field, forest, pond and stream on Institute grounds. All activities relate to the five subject areas that are our mission: farming, forestry, botany, soils and environmental studies. It's a great way to get outside in nature and meet new friends.

Adventure Camp is during the week of June 26-30 for children entering grades 5-8. These energetic trips will explore some beautiful places in Walpole including Kingsbury Mountain, the Academy Ravine and Fall Mountain. We will have a cookout at the Hooper Shelter one day, and do a "bike-hike" along the River Road.

If you are interested there are detailed programs and registration forms in the "drop box" by the front door of the Hooper Institute. If you have any questions, please call 756-4382.

– Eloise Clark

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Great River Co-op

Community Involvement Encouraged

The Great River Co-op, a start up co-operative grocery store coming to Walpole, held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at the Walpole Town Hall. The evening focused on how the community can support the co-operative grocery store where all members are owners, and local farms and producers are front and center.

Kim Mastrianni, President of the Board of Directors, encouraged community members to join in the movement and support the co-op by becoming members/owners, making a donation, or volunteering to get the word out.

Mastrianni confirmed that much has happened in the last year for the co-op, and that momentum is building. The existing market study was updated-reconfirming the co-op's viability in this region, three new board members joined, the Facebook page has been developed and is growing, the website was redesigned and the co-op was represented at a number of local events. The co-op has applied for a USDA Grant, and made arrangements with the Cooperative Fund of New England to act as fiscal sponsor. All of this is in addition

to the partnerships with Monadnock Economic Development Corporation and Bensonwood.

Guest speaker, Caitlin Caserta, one of the owners of the new Hungry Diner restaurant that is coming to Walpole this spring, gave a sneak peek of their "Farm to Table" philosophy, and how it will support local farms and producers as well.

Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses, guests enjoyed an array of local snacks such as pizza from Orchard Hill Breadworks, topped with sausage from Walpole Valley Farms and dips from Halladay's Harvest Barn. Great River Co-op tote bags were filled with local goodies from Badger Balm, Tamarack Farm, L.A. Burdick's Chocolates, Walpole Mountain View Winery, Twin Spruce Farm, Far Hills Farm, Terra Nova Coffee and Maple Nut Granola and raffled off to attendees.

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

– Stacy Nachajski

Wellness Clinic

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will hold a Nurse Is In clinic in Walpole on Friday, June 23. An HCS wellness nurse will be at Applewood Senior Housing from 10:00 to 11:00 AM to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and any health concerns you may have. These screenings are open to the public of all ages and are offered free of charge. No appointment necessary.

Nurse Is In clinics are sponsored by HCS, a Monadnock United Way agency. For a complete list of area clinics or for more information, visit www.HCSservices.org or call HCS at 352-2253.

– Susan Ashworth



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Walpole Unitarian

June 4: **Family First Sunday**. Come for brunch and activities at 10 AM at Hastings House on Union Street.

June 11: **Transitions**, Antonia Andreoli

June 18: **Flower Communion** Rev. Elaine Bomford. The Unitarian tradition includes this powerful ceremony and story with the rite of the Flower Celebration. Every person, of all ages, is invited to bring a flower or two to the service. Choose from the garden, the field, or the byway. We will gather them into a community bouquet. After a blessing, everyone will be invited to take a different flower home.

June 25: **Entropy** led by Nancy Weiss, Rutland Vermont. Our lives are taken up by the endless labor of keeping things from falling into disorder. Everything runs down, falls apart, and eventually stops, even our selves. How can we face this inevitability with grace, spiritual depth, and good humor?

Lou Andreoli Memorial Jazz Concert Features Samirah Evans

For the fifth time, Old Home Day Weekend will feature a jazz concert in memory of Lou Andreoli. He taught at Fall Mountain Regional High School from 1967-1995, and owned Galloway Real Estate at his death in 2002. He loved Old Home Day, and he loved music. He was particularly passionate about jazz, making pilgrimages to the Montreal Jazz Festival whenever he could. While never a musician himself, he claimed to "play excellent stereo". And he did.

At his death, the family asked that in lieu of flowers, people could make a contribution to Old Home Day in his memory. Their generosity was so great that the family decided to begin this concert series which they continue to support.

Samirah Evans and her quintet will fill the ballroom at Hastings House with music on Saturday, June 24. Concert is free, and refreshments will be available with proceeds from their sale going to support the concert.

— Antonia Andreoli

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on June 19, 2017 at the First Congregational Church. We have tentatively scheduled Dr. Ted Johnson, Veterinarian, as our guest speaker. We look forward to his presentation on the present danger of "ticks" in our area. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share with the members. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin

First Congregational

Church is a comforting place for our anxious souls. First Congregational is excited to offer friendship, fellowship and food for Old Home Days. We're busy planning our participation in the parade, the exhibits on the common, tours and of course the Chicken Barbecue.

We invite you to come to the common on Saturday, June 24, to see the displays of the many local, state, national and international Mission and Action programs we support. In addition we will have tours of the church, a display of historic photographs and a hymn sing.

Old Home Day would not be complete without the First Congregational Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, June 25, from 4:00 – 5:30 PM at the Church. Take out of a half chicken is available for \$6.00 or you can sit, stay, relax and eat a complete dinner for \$12.00 while waiting for the band concert. Thank you for making Old Home Days special!

— Chuck Shaw

Plant Sale Thanks

The Friends of the Library held their annual plant sale on May 13th and it was a great success! Thank you to everyone who donated plants and time, as well as to all of the people who shopped and donated. Keep an eye out for information about book sorting for the annual book sale in October.

— Justine Rogers

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Another Walpole, N.H., farmer currently leases the fields. The Sawyer family grows nearly 18 acres of hay to feed their cows at their nearby dairy farm. The Voses also have about an acre in pasture on which they graze a former 4-H cow that is living out her golden years on the property.

While the Voses are unsure of what will happen to the farm in the long-term future, they are sure of one thing: it will continue to be farmland. For now, the Sawyer family will continue haying the fields.

It is at the core of the Conservancy's mission and work to enter into these kinds of voluntary land agreements with local farmers. Like them, the Conservancy is dedicated to preserving the rich farmland in the Monadnock region. Once land is developed, the soil can never be the same. Protecting farmland ensures that the soil quality will be maintained for farming vegetables and raising livestock to feed this generation's children and their children.

The Conservancy would like to thank the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), the USDA Agriculture Land Easement Program, C&S Wholesale Grocers and private anonymous donors for making this conservation easement possible.

The Monadnock Conservancy, founded in 1989, is the only land trust dedicated exclusively to the 35 towns in the Monadnock region of southwestern New Hampshire. Its mission is to work with communities and landowners to conserve the natural resources, wild and working lands, rural character and scenic beauty of the region. Based in Keene, N.H., the Conservancy is an accredited organization that has protected nearly 20,000 acres of forest, farmland, shoreline, wetlands, wildlife habitat and recreation trails in the region. For more information, visit www.MonadnockConservancy.org or call 357-0600.

— Katrina Farmer



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WES Fundraiser

Chili & Pulled Pork Competition

On Saturday, June 10, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM on the Walpole Common, the Walpole Elementary School Student Council will be holding its 2nd Annual Chili and Pulled Pork Competition Fundraiser. Once again, teams will be competing for bragging rights for the best chili and pulled pork in town! Like last year, the Educators will be performing live music, the teacher dunk tank will be in action, there will be games for the little ones to play, a 50/50 raffle, nonalcoholic beverages for purchase, grilled hot dogs for sale and the Kona Ice Truck will be there selling flavored shaved ice. The student council is asking for a donation in order to participate in the tasting and voting. All proceeds will benefit the student council and the programs they support throughout the school year.

If you are interested in competing, or have a group interested, there is still time to get in the competition. Please email or call Nick LeBail at WES. He can be reached at nleibail@sau60.org or 756-4728.

We hope to see everyone there.

— Nick LeBail

W.R.A.P.

As best I can tell, Walpole did not even have a recycling program until 1987. Back in those days, everything that did not have an immediate use (trash) just went to "the dump". There, it was just dropped on the ground, burned and covered with dirt.

In the mid-1980s, people were becoming increasingly impatient with the smells, vermin and groundwater pollution attendant to the operation of a dump. At the same time, municipalities were finding that a lot of the stuff sent to the dump as trash was, in reality, a resource being wasted.

To address these issues, the Walpole Select Board tasked a group of interested citizens with the formation of a Recycling Committee, the purpose of which was to establish a recycling program here in Walpole. In those days, there was a "dump mentality" (if you can't eat it or use it, take it to the dump). It took some ACTION to change this mentality, and the Recycling Committee became the Walpole Recycling Action Project (WRAP).

So, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the WRAP Committee took on one challenge after another to create what we have now from what was there before (nothing). The challenges came one at a time, but each took months (or longer) to get fixed. I recall early one February morning when I was a new volunteer at the center. The temperature outside was 16 below zero. It's hard to think of it now, but it was 16 below *inside* the building too; there was no heat. The WRAP Committee came up with the possible fixes and, by that time the following year, we had heat provided by a "waste oil" furnace. It provides heat for our people and, at the same time, permits us to recycle a resource (waste oil) that would otherwise have been trash.

The WRAP Committee is a regular, ongoing town function, much like the Library Committee or the Cemetery Committee. The WRAP Committee, as always, has a number of projects on its plate; projects which are fun, interesting and worthwhile. Some of our WRAP Committee members have recently moved away and we now have a need for new members (perhaps as many as 3) on the committee. If you have a little time and energy to give to our town, please call Dodie Ransome at 756-3131 to get involved in this worthwhile activity that benefits all our town.

— Charles Blount

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New Summer 8-week Sessions

Summer is coming and perhaps more time to write. Join one of these dynamic and popular workshops, 8-week sessions beginning week of June 19 at Pam Bernard's home in Walpole.

As Sven Birkerts says in *The Art of Time in Memoir*: The point of memoir is to discover through memory the linkages that give resonance to what would otherwise be the chaos of the life. If you yearn for a deeper engagement with your life and the lives of those who have helped define you, the act of writing about experience can provide meaning and direction—not as reportage, but as a way to shape your life story into something memorable and meaningful.



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The workshops are intimate and nurturing, yet rigorous. Included are readings and explorations of craft, free writes from prompts, and sharing of drafts. Frequent participant Frankie Brackley Toleman, botanist and artist, says: "Pam Bernard's memoir class changed my life! I thought that I had something to say but I didn't know how to say it."

The author of four books, Pam is a poet, memoirist, painter, editor, and professor. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Warren Wilson College and BA in History of Art from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Please visit www.pambernard.com for information and fees; or email pam@pambernard.com; or call 756.4177.

— Pam Bernard

The Porch...

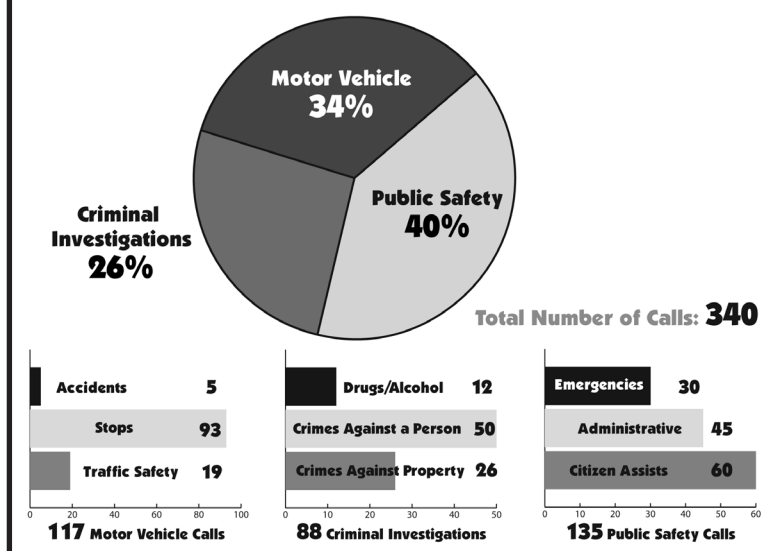
...Is Open Again!

The Hooper Mansion and porch will be open beginning Tuesday evening June 20 until 8PM or so. Bring a picnic supper, bring friends and enjoy the view and the sunset. The porch is always open for you to enjoy the surroundings, but the house with access to bathrooms will only be open on Tuesday evenings.

— Peggy Pschirrer and Sue Dalessio

Walpole Police Department

Calls for Service: April 16, 2017 - May 15, 2017



David Boas to Head

Neurophotonics Center to Advance Understanding of the Brain

Efforts to understand the workings of the human brain have taken quantum leaps forward in recent years as researchers have developed non-invasive, light-based methods to observe its functioning in real time. Now, Boston University's College of Engineering is capitalizing on its interdisciplinary expertise in neuroscience and photonics to create the Neurophotonics Center, led by one of the nation's preeminent researchers in the field.

Professor David Boas, BME (Biomedical Engineering), is joining the faculty from Massachusetts General Hospital, where he has pioneered new technologies to see deep into the brain in order to improve our understanding of the organ's healthy functioning, and offer new pathways to understand how strokes, migraines, Alzheimer's disease and other neurologic maladies affect it. Boas, the center's founding director, is recruiting faculty from the College of Engineering and across B.U. to pool expertise and further accelerate neurophotonics technologies.

"There are tremendous advantages to biomedical and photonics engineers working with neuroscientists," Boas said. "Neuroscientists have questions and problems that engineers want to solve. Those solutions advance the field and lead to new questions and new solutions. B.U. has a wealth of expertise in photonics, biomedical engineering and neuroscience that is excellent fuel for this virtuous cycle."

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The Center is expected to draw on the efforts of doctoral students through the new \$2.9 million National Science Foundation Research Traineeship grant for neurophotonics, which will award its first fellowships this summer.

— Michael Seele, B.U. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

(David Boas is the son of Walpole's Ray Boas, the CLARION's publisher)

Walpole Old Home Days - 2017

Schedule of Events

Note: \$\$ indicates that tickets need to be purchased or cost involved. Events with no symbol are free. Tickets available at Galloway Real Estate

Friday June 16 & Saturday June 17

Walpole Players:
George Washington Slept Here
Doors open at 6:30PM
Curtain rises at 7:30PM. \$\$

Wednesday June 21

5:30PM – 8:30
Block Party hosted by Mascoma Bank, N.A. & The Walpole Foundation ~ Connecticut River Bank Parking Lot with music by "The Illusion"

Thursday June 22

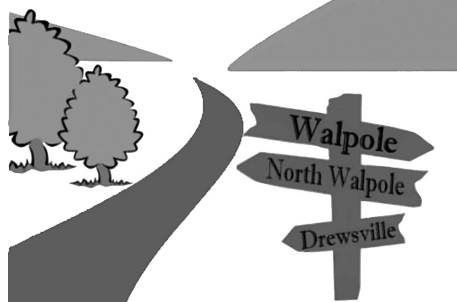
5:15PM
Keene Legion Baseball Game – Hubbard Park

Walpole Players:
George Washington Slept Here
Doors open at 6:30PM
Curtain rises at 7:30PM. \$\$

Friday June 23

10AM to 8PM
Walpole Community Pool, Free to all
4PM to 6PM
Farmers Market – Walpole Common
• Kids games and activities
• Local Vendors
5PM to 8PM
Mary Leonard Talent Show
Sponsored by The Savings Bank of Walpole. Town Hall, second floor, Awards given right after performance.
5:30PM
Strawberry Shortcake by Tom Murray
In front of Joanie Joan's \$\$
To benefit Helen Miller Theater
6:00PM to 11PM
Friday Night Street Dance
Savings Bank of Walpole parking lot, across from the Tavern,
Rock and Roll Group *Turn it Loose*
6PM to 10PM
American Legion food booth
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs \$\$
6:30PM
Walpole Wild Blue v. Putney
Baseball game, Hubbard Park
9:30PM
Fireworks
Shot from North Road over Village

Walpole Old Home Days 2017 All Roads Lead to Walpole



Saturday June 24

8AM-10AM
Academy Breakfast for all who attended the Academy and spouses.

8AM
Walpole Walking Group – location TBD

8AM to 10AM
"McGrange's"
Breakfast Sandwiches
by The Grange - Town Hall \$\$

8:30AM
5K Race and Children's Race
(12 and under)
Start/Finish at Walpole Town Hall,
Prizes \$\$
(to benefit Fall Mountain running and skiing teams)

8:30AM
Planter Competition Judging
Grandstand
10AM to 8PM
Walpole Community Pool, Free to all

10AM Parade

Starts at Walpole School
Prizes for: Most Humorous,
Best use of OHD Slogan, Best Youth
Exhibit, Best Business Entry

MUSIC AFTER THE PARADE:

- NH State Police Pipe and Drum
- East Bay Jazz Ensemble
- Legion Band

10AM
4-H Petting Zoo - Walpole Common

10AM
Cow Plop Bingo
FM cross country ski team

10AM
Dunk Tank – Walpole PTG

10AM to 4PM
Displays on the Common
for Walpole Non-profits
Educational, Fundraising and Food,
Kid's activities

- FM Scholarship Fund - Ice Cream
- Cub Scouts - Bake Sale

- Fire/Auxiliary
- Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Drinks
- First Congregational Church - TBD
- Walpole 4-H Clubs - Petting Zoo
 - Hooper Hill Hoppers
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips
- Gary Speed - Trapper Cabin
- Walpole PTG - Popcorn, Water
- Pinnacleview 4H - Root Beer Floats, Milk, Hotdogs, Water
- Girl Scouts - Bake Sale
- Swim Group
- Strawberry Shortcake & Face Painting
- St. Johns Church
- Bring and Buy Yard Sale
- Walpole Village School TBD
- Women of Walpole
- Walpole Items for Sale
- Plus info booths such as:**
 - Crime Stoppers
 - Conservation Commission
 - Hooper Institute
- Walpole Town Library and more!

10AM to 4PM
Children's Play Area
and Equipment Display
Savings Bank of Walpole Parking Lot.
Sponsored by Cold River Materials

10AM to 4PM
Antique Vehicle Show,
Historical Society Lawn
• People's Choice Award

12PM – 3PM
Firefighters Challenge
Stone Church Field
Walpole Volunteer Fire Department
and Auxiliary

12PM-2PM
Unitarian Church - Cookie Bake Off
(Drop off cookies at the Hastings House)

- 12 NOON
Pet Show
- Children's categories: largest pet, smallest pet, longest tail, costume class, owner pet look alike, most enthusiastic pet owner, cutest pet, judges choice award
 - Adult categories: oldest pet, costume class, owner/pet look-alike, most enthusiastic pet owner, Roxy Memorial Trophy



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12:30PM-3PM
Hay rides around town by John Tarmey
3PM – 5PM
Unitarian Church - Cookie Bake Off
Judging and winners!

5:30PM
First Annual Alumni Softball Game
Even Stevens vs. Odd Balls
Hubbard Park
18 years and older
Sign ups all over town

7:30PM
Lou Andreoli Memorial Jazz Concert
Featuring: Samira Evans
Hastings House Ballroom, two sets
Refreshments available \$\$
Walpole Players
George Washington Slept Here
Doors open at 6:30PM
Curtain rises at 7:30PM. \$\$

Sunday June 25

7:30AM-11AM
Pancake Breakfast - Town Hall
To benefit Pinnacleview 4-H \$\$

8:30AM
Old Home Days Golf Tournament
To benefit Walpole Village School \$\$
Worship: 8:30AM
St. Peters Catholic Church, North Walpole

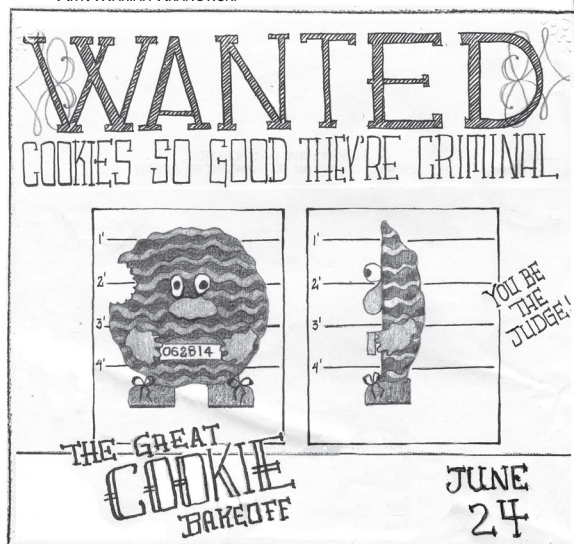
Worship: 10:00AM
• First Congregational Church
• St. John's Episcopal Church
• Walpole Unitarian Church

10AM – 8PM
Walpole Community Pool – Free to All

2:00PM
Walpole Players
George Washington Slept Here
Doors open at 1:00PM
Curtain rises at 2:00PM. \$\$

4PM till sold out
Chicken Barbeque
First Congregational Church \$\$

ART: MARIAH KRANOWSKI



5:00PM
Potted Planters Auction
Common Gazebo

5:00PM
Band Concert- Sponsored by the Boy
Scouts of Walpole
The Walt Sayre Orchestra
Donation basket will be passed
Refreshments available \$\$
Presentation of parade awards and
other drawings at intermission

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Available at Galloway Real Estate,
and on the Common
during Old Home Days

Attention Bakers!

Old Home Days Cookie Bake-off

Enter your favorite homemade cookies for prizes. No limit on the number of cookie varieties entered per person, and open to all ages. All proceeds support the Lou Andreoli Memorial Jazz Concert.

Bring 6 dozen (72) cookies per variety Saturday, June 24, 12:00 - 2:00PM to Hastings Memorial Parish House, Union St. For each entry, you will receive one free ticket (\$5 value) to sample and judge cookies. Bring cookies in any disposable container (i.e. box, tray, etc.). Containers will not be returned, and no cookies requiring refrigeration. **Contacts:** Virginia Carter or Mariah Kranowski - cartervirginia@msn.com.

Cash Prizes for most votes: 1st Place \$40; 2nd Place \$25; 3rd Place \$10.

Ribbon Categories: Best Gluten-free; Best Vegan; Best "Youth" under 18; Best native Walpolean; Oldest recipe; Best old family recipe; Most visually attractive; Best original creation.

Voting/Sampling: Saturday, June 24, 3:00-5:00PM **Cost to Sample and Judge:** \$5.00 for 7 cookies of your choice. You will receive **3 tokens** to vote for your favorites. Winners will be announced during the band concert. - Virginia Carter

Flower Pot Competition

New this year – a planted flower pot competition. We supply the pot, you decorate it, fill it with flowers, and bring it to the parade reviewing stand by 8AM, June 24, for display and judging. Entry fee of \$20.

Afterwards, the planted pots will be displayed around town during Saturday's activities. Prizes will be awarded in various categories including: business, individual, youth or group. The pots can be decorated as well, and signs will be provided for each submission. Following the Sunday band concert the planted pots will be auctioned following award presentations with all proceeds benefiting the Old Home Days fund for 2020. Flower pots and entry forms are available at Galloway Real Estate office. - Cindy Westover

Concert

The Boy and Cub Scouts are sponsoring the Old Home Days concert on Sunday, June 25 with the Walt Sayre Orchestra – from 5-6:30PM on the Common. A collection will be taken during intermission to support scouting activities. Refreshments including hot dogs and pies will be on sale by the Town Hall.

- Judy Northcott

Souvenir Book

Walpole Players' 30th Anniversary

At the 1987 Old Home Days something new was tried. A group gathered to put on a play, with "all proceeds from the play to benefit refurbishing upstairs in the Town Hall." The program for that play, *George Washington Slept Here* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, opened with the statement, "Welcome to the first and hopefully not the last annual production by the Walpole Theater." And so began a thirty year history of

productions leading up to The Walpole Players' 2017 Old Home Days production, again *George Washington Slept Here*.

Happy Momentum: 30 Years Onstage with The Walpole Players, by Jan Kobeski has just been completed documenting the 30 year history. A limited number of the full-color 88-page books will be available at \$15 per copy. A search for posters, programs, photographs and related ephemera over this past year proved tremendously fruitful, and the best have been included. Contributors for the project include: Bill Perron, Jeff

Miller, Carolyn Norback, Jim Skofield, Ray Boas, Kris Tyson, Barbara Kasper, Tara Sad, Judy Trow, Judy Spinella, Andy Tyson and Dave Westover.

Packed with images sure to evoke memories of players and audience alike, even newcomers to Walpole will smile at what has been accomplished by The Players over the years. Copies will be available (while they last) during Old Home Day performances in The Helen Miller Theater, and also at Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company

– Ray Boas



SUMMER READING 2017

AT THE WALPOLE TOWN LIBRARY

Date	Activity	Time
Thursday, June 29th	Kick Off Party	2pm
Saturday, July 1st	City Skyline Craft	10am-12pm
Thursday, July 6th	Nature Journals	2-4pm
Saturday, July 8th	Fleece Blankets for Animal Shelters	10am-12pm
Tuesday, July 11th	Kids Movie	10am
Thursday, July 13th	Wild Life Encounters	2pm
Saturday, July 15th	Crafts with Ms. Pickering	10am-12pm
Thursday, July 20th	Capes for Kids	2-4pm
Saturday, July 22nd	Edible Construction Trucks	10am-12pm
Thursday, July 27th	Butterfly Presentation & Craft	2pm
Saturday, July 29th	Cup & Block Challenge	10am-12pm
Thursday, August 3rd	Operation Gratitude Letters	2-4pm
Saturday, August 5th	Crafts with Ms. Pickering	10am-12pm
Tuesday, August 8th	Kids Movie	10am
Thursday, August 10th	Paint a Bird House	2-4pm
Saturday, August 12th	Duct Tape Bookmarks	10am-12pm
Thursday, August 17th	End of Summer Party	2pm

If the time for a program is a range (i.e. 2-4pm or 10am-2pm) you're welcome to stop in at any time.

If the program has only a start time, please be here on time to enjoy the whole program.

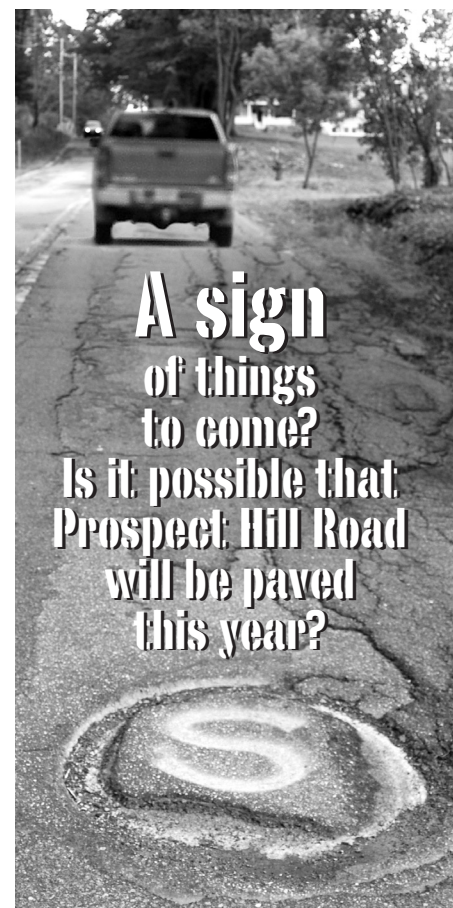


PHOTO: RAY BOAS

*Players Samaira Aldrich, Jim Skofield,
Jim Baucom and Becky Pearson
in rehearsal*

Walpole Players

George Washington Slept Here

The Walpole Players are presenting *George Washington Slept Here* in celebration of their 30th anniversary, during Walpole's Old Home Days the end of June. It was with this hilarious play by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman that the Players began in 1987.

The play follows Newton Fuller, his wife Annabelle and daughter Madge through the trials and tribulations of purchasing a 200-plus year old home in the country. They soon find the house lacks water, bathrooms, windows, and most of a roof. An obnoxious neighbor prevents access to their property across his road. Weekend guests come to visit Madge, who soon runs off with a married summer stock actor, to the dismay of her boyfriend. Newton's supposedly rich uncle ends up broke but still saves the day by fending off foreclosure.

The cast includes Jim Skofield (who is playing the handyman Kimber, the role his father played thirty years ago); Jim Baucom and Becky Pearson as Newton and Annabelle; Madge is played by Samaira Aldrich; John Blair is Steve. Tom Durnford is a believable Uncle Stanley and Chris Morrill the obnoxious neighbor. Other cast members include Joan Balla, Sharon Miller, Mike Daley, Jenny Plante, Kathy Reilly, Ben Robison, Kaelli Gehrung, and Clara Miller.

Performances are in the Helen Miller Theater in the Walpole Town Hall June 16, 17, 22, and 24, with the curtain going up at 7:30 PM Sunday, June 25 a matinee performance begins at 2 PM. All performances will be in a picnic style dinner theater. Guests are invited to arrive an hour early with their dinners, beverages or snacks and all accoutrements, and relax at round tables for eight. Tickets – \$10 adults, \$5 under 12 – are available in Walpole at Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company, Galloway Real Estate, Costume Ladies, and in Bellows Falls at Village Square Booksellers. For additional information call 756-4545 or 756-4861.

– Bill Lockwood



Walpole Players Present
Their 30th Anniversary Celebration


George Washington SLEPT HERE

by George S. Kaufman & Moss Hart

June 16, 17, 22 & 24, 2017
7:30 PM
★★★
June 25 matinee
2 PM
★★★
Helen Miller Theater
★★★
Walpole Town Hall



Tickets:
\$10.00 for adults
& \$5.00 for under 12;
Available at
Galloway Real Estate,
Joanie Joan's
Baked Goods Co.,
Costume Ladies
& Village Square
Booksellers



Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...H.W. Ramsay, while at work on the Dunckee farm about a half mile away from Walpole's Town Hall, saw lightning strike the weather vane and a half hour later saw smoke issuing from the tower? The fire was well underway before anyone in the village knew of it, and once arriving the firefighters labored under a disadvantage as the slate roof was so hot they could not get near enough to the fire to be very effective. Walpole's Town Hall was totally destroyed in this fire on June 14, 1917.

the meetinghouse was not without protest, which was seen in advertisements published in local papers earlier in the year.

Benches, chairs and assorted furniture stacked on the Common at the height of the blaze



In 1762, the Town Hall was built at the crest of North Main Street, there serving as the Town's Meeting House. But, by the 1780s, townspeople debated whether to finish the North Main Street building or to build anew. In March, 1786, it was voted to build a new Meeting House on Prospect Hill (where the Hooper Institute now stands).

Beginning in 1818, a number of citizens were desirous of moving the Main Street Meeting House to the village where the population was now centered. Discussions continued, but at town meeting in 1825, articles for moving were dismissed. That October 27, a majority voted for removal, and finally on October 6, 1826, the town "voted that the Meeting House in the town may be moved on to lands south of the brick schoolhouse [current site of St. John's Church] and on the west side of the Common in Walpole village..." Abel Bellows deeded that lot to the town "for as long as it is used for the usual purposes of a meeting house and sheds." That final vote for moving

Col. Edward Glover of Alstead was hired to move the town house. He was paid \$1,000 for the removal, remarking in later years that it was the most profitable job he had ever undertaken. Each piece of the building was marked as disassembled and put back in place on the Common.

The moving of the Meeting House exacerbated the differences of religious

beliefs in town. As separate churches were established, the meeting house on the Common became the Town House when pew holders were bought out in 1844.

A complete remodeling of the Town House occurred in 1886. Doors, old lumber, posts and moldings were taken as souvenirs. The bare walls were then moved north eighteen feet, the east facing porch removed and the window arrangement changed significantly. And all was well until that lightning bolt struck.

FLORENTINE FILMS

Making films in Walpole
for 35 Years.

The stream of water from the hose at lower right hardly seems up to the task.



As reported in *The Bellows Falls Time*, June 21, 1917, "Architect Beckwith of Claremont estimates the value of the hall at \$18,000 and the salvage worth \$1,000, leaving a net loss on the building of \$17,000. Most of the personal property belonging to the town was removed, yet there will be a small loss there... A special town meeting is being called for July 5, to consider rebuilding the hall."

It was further reported that "Miss Fannie Mason, Walpole's wealthiest and most public-spirited woman, has offered to furnish an architect's plans at her own expense and also pay for the labor of rebuilding if the town will begin operations right away." Miss Mason was contacted by phone, but stated that she did not care to state at present what she may do.



Remaining rubble on the second floor looking south

Auditions

River Theater Company: *A Christmas Story: The Musical*

Oh dear, less than 225 days left until Christmas! Get in the holiday spirit early by auditioning for River Theater Company's fall production of the musical *A Christmas Story*. Auditions will be held Monday, June 19, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and on Saturday, June 24 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, upstairs at the Charlestown Town Hall Theater on Summer Street, right behind Ralph's Supermarket.

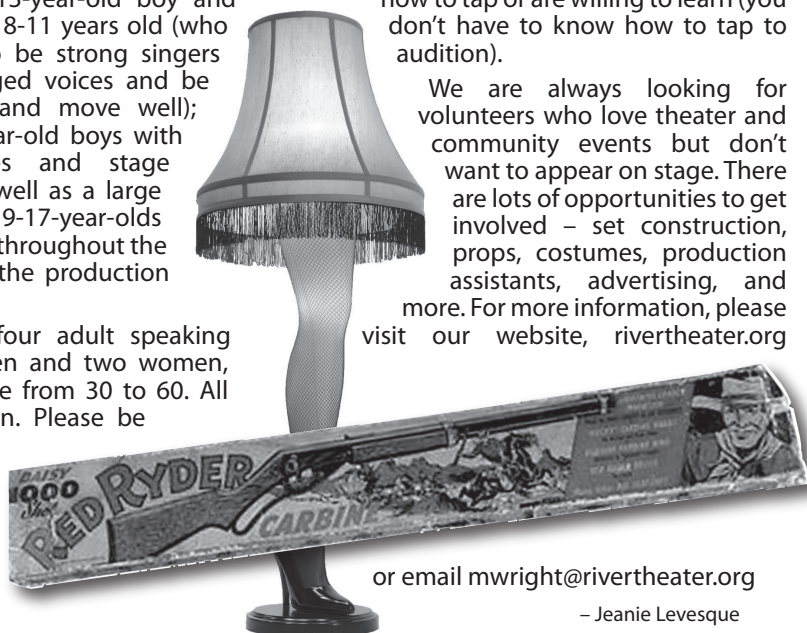
A Christmas Story is the musical version of the classic 1983 film comedy about a young boy named Ralphie Parker who wants an official Red Ryder Carbine Action BB Gun for Christmas. The show will be performed at the historic Claremont Opera House in November. All roles are open.

The children's roles include: Ralphie Parker, a 10-13-year-old boy and Randy Parker, 8-11 years old (who both need to be strong singers with unchanged voices and be able to act and move well); two 13-17-year-old boys with strong voices and stage presence; as well as a large ensemble of 9-17-year-olds who are used throughout the show and in the production numbers.

There are four adult speaking roles, two men and two women, ranging in age from 30 to 60. All roles are open. Please be prepared to read, sing and move at the auditions. We are also looking for

people (adults and children) who know how to tap or are willing to learn (you don't have to know how to tap to audition).

We are always looking for volunteers who love theater and community events but don't want to appear on stage. There are lots of opportunities to get involved – set construction, props, costumes, production assistants, advertising, and more. For more information, please visit our website, rivertheater.org



or email mwright@rivertheater.org

– Jeanie Levesque



What's Happening in Walpole Schools



WES Science Olympians in Ohio.

Ohio or Bust

WES Science Olympiad Competes in National Competition

As most of you know, the Walpole Elementary School's Science Olympiad team had been selected to represent the state of New Hampshire in the national level competition. The team finally reached Ohio, where the competition has taken place, after a whopping 13 hour bus ride. That is, give or take a few rest stops. The team finally reached Wright University late at night of Wednesday, May 17th. The gang quickly departed and set up in their assigned dorms.

The first full day in Ohio was spent at the Air Force Museum, where the team took part in many exciting simulators and even saw a movie! That night, the team was treated to one final night of relaxation and were provided a swimming pool, a rock climbing course, and many other fun activities.

The next morning had two trial events. Trial events are competitions that do not count for the team but more for the kids competing in it. These two were a roller coaster, designed by seventh-graders Maddy Manning and Bella Smith. The second event was a rotor egg drop, designed by seventh-graders Amelia Sethi and Grace Conety. The same night was the opening ceremony to mark the official start of the real competition which would take place all of the next day. The ceremony consisted of all the different teams from around the country to showcase their state with item swaps and a small parade of sorts. After the swap we all headed back to our dorm

Bella Smith (center) and Maddy Manning (right) with their rollercoaster.



rooms and went to bed. In the morning was the real competition day.

The team had a very fun and exciting day competing and relaxing together. Later we had the award ceremony and a nice dinner. Walpole did not compete in every event, which negatively affected their final score and ranking. But the team was not there for the glory of victory, but for the thrill of competition and learning. "Although we didn't place very high in the competition, it is the memories that count," said seventh-grader and Science Olympiad member Jake Bradley. "How many teams can say that they reached nationals the first year of their team's formation?"

– Grace Conety

Fidget Spinners

The Pros and Cons of the New Fad

Fidget spinners are sweeping the nation. These fascinating gadgets have become the latest trend of 2017 and, of course, of Walpole Elementary School.

Their use is simple: by flicking your finger against the aluminum casing, you cause the spinner to spin rapidly on its bearings. You hold the spinner with index and thumb and turn with either the opposite hand or another finger. With millions of the spinners distributed and sold, can they really be all they're cracked up to be? Several schools have already banned the fidgets due to students becoming distracted and the claim that the objects are taking away from those students' education.

However, these neat toys may actually be helping students more than they are hurting them. Fidget spinners may be able to help students with limited attention focus, be more on task, and stay engaged. The spinners offer a substitute to movements such as clicking a pen, drumming fingers on desks, fidget cubes, or tapping feet which can be, and often are, more distracting than the spinners.

This silent task may be preventing students from getting distracted by other habits or fidgeting. But could this simple action affect your health? While no health issues have been linked directly to the spinners, the continuous motion could eventually lead to joint issues in the fingers or, in more severe cases, the wrist. Overall, these multicolored spinners seem to be great for stress relief and a helpful substitute for other habits that could lead to distraction in the classroom.

– Madeline Wilson

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Book Review

The Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan

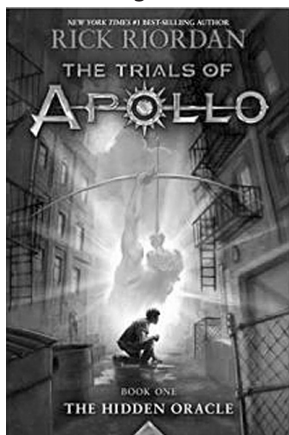
The timeless universe of the Rick Riordan's books is back once more, featuring a godly parent instead of one of their children in the new book series, *The Trials of Apollo*. Revolving around Apollo's fall from godhood, the new book, titled *The Dark Prophecy*, continues where the first book, *The Hidden Oracle*, left off.

Apollo, bruised and beaten, forced into a mortal body, shunned by Zeus and in the hands of a girl named Meg, decides he must turn to the demigods for help in Camp Half-blood to regain his immortality and godhood. In *The Dark Prophecy*, Apollo completes his trials at Camp Half-Blood and embarks on his journey to restore oracles from the dark in order to reclaim his seat at Mount Olympus.

Without giving any more away, I can say in full confidence for those who loved the original Percy Jackson series, *The Trials of Apollo* is a callback. Both in writing style, plot, characters, and humor, TToA mimics the original books and gives old readers a pleasant feeling of nostalgia.

With lovable characters like Apollo/Lester himself or Meg add emotional depth and make us feel for them, humor appears regularly like the haikus that begin every chapter, and a plot that is engaging and interesting, TToA is bound to draw old readers back in and fascinate new ones, and is definitely worth a read.

– Lillia Wilson



Math Team Competition

On March 30th, the Walpole Elementary School Math Team had its fourth and final competition of this school year. The team, consisting of seventh and eighth graders and coached by sixth grade math and science teacher Marilyn

Menning, left early from school to take the hour-long bus ride to Mascoma School, outside of Lebanon. This was a happy day for these kids ready to compete, but it was also bittersweet, as it was the last math meet of the year. We found out that it was a sad day for the school we were going to as well; their assistant principal had died recently, and they were having a celebration of her life at the school the day of the math meet. After getting off the bus, we were shuttled down a hallway to the gymnasium, where we set up camp for the competitions ahead.

The meet consisted of four ten minute blocks, each having a different category. Personally, I was competing in the first three of the categories, the maximum you can compete in. However, other students competed in one or two of them as well. The school also provided pizza to all of the students, and while being very mediocre, it did put something in your stomach. After eating in the hallway, along with about one hundred other students, I waited until the gymnasium until the 4th and final category had ended. Once all of the students on the team had come back, we sat in the back corner of the bleachers, waiting until the bus arrived. Later on, we found out that Walpole came in 8th place at the last meet, and 6th place overall out of 15 teams.

– Jake Bradley

Testing

...A Student's Guide

Testing is a thing, sometimes a burden, that all of us endure at one point or another. I know that we, as students, aren't thrilled to do it but it must be done. With that being said, here are some tips for students, and from a student, to be able to have an easy breezy testing day.

Step one: make sure you have a good night's sleep of at least ten hours and have a nice shower before going to bed as it will make you feel better and make it easier to sleep.

Step two is two eat a good breakfast. A full stomach you can help you think better and will also make sure that you are all energized for the rest of the long day. Some people might rush on tests and not care about how they do, but the best thing to do is to take your time and don't rush. Think about the questions and try to answer them thoroughly. Also, to increase memory or to help yourself focus on some information, have some spearmint (gum or mints); it really works. All in all, just do your best and don't rush now. Good luck!

– Maddy Manning

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Kudos

In April, the United States Naval Academy Lightweight Crew Team and Naval Academy Athletic Association dedicated a racing shell in honor of former coach, and Walpole resident Robert J. Kasper Jr.

Coach Kasper mentored, trained, led, and inspired a generation of young rowers and coxswains across the United States, including women rowers at Duke University, Stanford Freshman men in the PAC-10, and a highly successful career at the US Naval Academy.

In 1976, Coach Kasper was assigned to Naval Station, Annapolis, as the Legal Officer for the base CO. As part of that assignment, he was also assigned to the Navy Lightweight Men's Crew Team as the Plebe Lightweight Coach. He led his Plebes to a 4-1 overall record, and at the Eastern Sprints, the Lightweight Plebes took home the silver medal, and were the highest finishing Navy Lightweight boat at the championships. The following year, his Plebes once again qualified for the Grand Final at the EARC Sprints.

In 1979-80, Coach Kasper was Head Coach for the Navy Lightweights. His team powered to a strong showing at the Eastern Sprints, with a 1V victory in the Petite Final, along with a 2V bronze

medal and the first gold medal in the 1st Freshman 8+ since 1957.

As most coaches learn at the Naval Academy, it's not just what you teach the Midshipmen about their athletic potential, but what you instill about leadership and the power of a great team – rowing *golden rule*: the sum of 9 men or women will always be greater than those same 9 acting as individuals. Coach Kasper was the teacher for oarsmen who credit his influence as a critical factor to their success in The Fleet. As Naval Officers, his athletes have gone on to represent both the US Naval Academy and Navy Lightweights at the highest levels.

– USNA RELEASE

U.S. and German leaders cut the ribbon in Dülmen, May 10 on the second of three Army Prepositioned Stock sites set to open this year. The site will house the equipment an artillery brigade would use in the event of a conflict in Europe. Walpole resident Paul Mercier is the Sr. Maintenance Technician and OIC (Commander).



ROBERT J. KASPER

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CRVBL Baseball

Walpole Maples

The CRVBL baseball season is currently 5 weeks into the season and the Walpole Maples are sitting atop the standings with a 3-0 record. In our first game we took on league newcomers, the Connecticut River Ironmen. We got out to an early lead and held on to it all the way through with the big blow in the scoring a 3-run home run off the bat of Garin Clough. We sent Steve Corey to the mound who went a solid 7 innings with Hank Bailley going the last two. We went on to win the game 9-5.

Our second game was Claremont at home. We once again sent Steve to the mound. He went all nine innings while holding Claremont scoreless. We were able to push across 3 runs for a 3-0 win.

Our next game against Summit was rained out. We then played Brattleboro at home; we sent Hank to the mound, who went all nine innings as we won 5-1.

Our June schedule: Saturday, June 3, at home at 7PM against the Ironmen; Tuesday, June 13, at home at 6:30PM against Summit; Sunday, June 18, at Dummerston School at 11AM against Putney; Sunday, June 25, in Dummerston at 11AM against Brattleboro.

— Mark McGill

Walpole Wild Blue

The Blue opened their season April 30 in Canaan, NH, with an away game against the Ironmen – won by the hosts, 12-5. The Blue evened their record at home with a 7-1 win against Summit on May 11; but dropped a close game at Hubbard Park against Putney, 3-2.

In June, the Wild Blue play Claremont, away, on the 4th at 11AM; Summit, away, at 11AM on the 11th; Putney, at home, on the 23rd at 6:30PM – part of the Old Home Day festivities.

The Blue and the Maples go head-to-head at Hubbard Park twice in the regular season: their first meeting will be reported in the July Clarion – the teams play May 25 while this issue is being printed; the rematch is July 1 at 3PM.



Hank Bailley protects the lead



Contact

YMCA Day Camps

This summer marks the 53rd year that hundreds of area youth will keep active throughout the summer at the regional Ys three day camp programs.

Y Day Camp for 6-13 year-olds offers 8 one-week sessions between June 26 and August 18. The Y's **Leader-in-Training** program provides a week of leadership development (June 26-30) followed by 3 weeks working alongside camp staff. **KinderCamp** provides children entering kindergarten in the fall with a confidence-building experience from August 14 - 18. **Family Camp** is Saturday, July 22.

All camps are at the Y's Lewis Day Camp facility, located on Route 5 in Springfield. Bus service is provided to and from camp each day from Walpole and North Walpole.

The regional Y's camps participate in the federal Summer Food Program. All campers—regardless of town of residence or family income—qualify for a free healthy lunch each day.

Registration for the upcoming season has begun. The Y offers financial assistance from donations to its Reach Out to Youth fundraising campaign and accepts state child care financial assistance from both New Hampshire and Vermont. For more information or to enroll, visit www.meetingwatersymca.org or call the Y office at 802-463-4769.

— Steve Fortier



Once I was seven years old...

...and living on a dairy farm in Chester, Vermont, with Dad, Mom, older sister and baby sister, lots of cows, chickens, pigs and a horse called Chub! This was back in the day when it was an overnight visit between Boston, Massachusetts, and Vermont. So one day, much to my surprise, into the yard drives this big old car with Massachusetts license plates.

It was a carload of Mom's relatives who had been invited for the week end.

An aunt, uncle, a bratty boy and a bossy city girl, who spent most of the time with her nose in a 'hanky', as she referred to it. Mom suggested we children go outside and play. "What games do you play up here in the wilderness?" asked city girl. "Oh the usual - tag and hide and seek", I said. "You go hide," said bossy, "I'll count to one hundred and come find you!"

So her brother and I took off for different parts of the yard. I headed for my favorite place to hide, the pig pen, where I could keep an eye on her, knowing she would never come near this place. When I heard her finish counting, I watched her sit on the step, never intending on looking for anyone. After twenty minutes I gave up and got her brother and asked if they would like to see the animals. "Phew, what is that smell," she asked wrinkling up her nose. "Oh, I was hiding in the pig pen," I said. "No one ever looks for me there."

From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

First we went to see the chickens, then the cows and finally the pigs. She complained about the smell the entire time. Finally there was nothing left to do or anything to show - well, except for old Chub!

Chub was the horse we used to hitch to the hay fork pulley that lifted the hay up to the hay loft. Old Chub was quiet, gentle and basically lazy and full of gas. Quite often, before he put much effort into pulling anything, he would release a huge amount of gas from under his tail. So when we arrived to where Old Chub was standing, the girl asked if he moved, while making more derogatory remarks about farm animals in general and Old Chub in particular, especially his smell. By now, even though these cousins had only been here about three hours, I was wishing they were leaving and not staying for the week end. Then an idea hit me. "You have to pump him up to get him started," I said. "Then after you pump him up, you yell 'giddup' and he moves!"

"How do you pump him up," she asked.

"Well, first you stand on that box, then you grab his tail and pump it up and down, and after I think you have him pumped up enough, I yell 'giddup'. Then you will see plenty of movement!" says I, barely able to keep from laughing.

So little bossy cousin climbs up on the box and starts pumping Old Chub's tail, and after about six pumps and on the upswing, I yelled, "Giddup!"

Well sir, Old Chub had been idle for most of the day and intestinal rumblings could be heard from across the yard. As I yelled, Old Chub leaned forward and released the most gigantic force of gas I had ever seen or heard.

The force knocked little Miss Cousin off the box, and when she stood up her face, hair and clothing was covered with brown spots. She went wailing and screaming for the house. A few minutes later my father, mother and all the relatives emerged from the house. The relatives headed for their car, while Father and Mother gave me a look that said woodshed all over it.

Well I was spared the woodshed, but got extra chores to do and sent to bed without supper. The good news was that I didn't have to put up with that bossy cousin for the weekend.

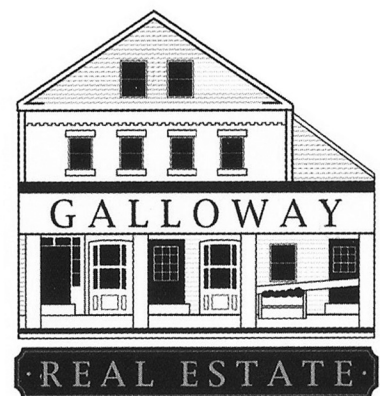
Often wondered whatever happened to them, as we never saw them again.

"Go make yourself some friends or you'll be lonely".

MILESTONES



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Reader Commentary

On behalf of the Hooper Institute Committee I would like to thank the following people/organizations for generously supporting the Hooper Institute High School Summer Work Program: Applied Bolting, The Bailey Charitable Foundation, Bowman Dental, Benson Woodworking, Ken & Julie Burns, Steve & Sue Dalessio, Joan Galloway, Hooper Hill Hoppers, EE Houghton, Peggy & Dick Pschirrer, Dr. Emily Samuels, Savings Bank of Walpole, The Walpole Clarion and the Walpole Veterinary Hospital. I would like to thank all those not mentioned who donated money or time, those who bought tickets and attended the fundraiser, and a special thanks to Mac Talmadge who designed our beautiful poster.

On April 21, the Hooper Institute was fortunate to host Chris Rimmer, Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, who presented *Saving Our Songbirds*. Mr. Rimmer's contribution, as well as the generosity of the greater Walpole community and beyond, have assisted in supporting the educational programs of the Hooper Institute. If you would like more information on the Frederick Hooper Institute and how you can become involved, please contact Eloise Clark at HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net, or call 756-4382.

– Karen Galloway

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Cathy and I arrived just in time to experience and enjoy Walpole's 250th Anniversary Party in 2002. Since then I have looked forward to Old Home Days celebrations. They have been a great deal of fun every three years – 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, and now 2017 looks to be another spectacular time. Walpole was right there at the beginning, August 30, 1899, when New Hampshire instituted Old Home Day to encourage former residents and descendants of residents to return home to visit the scenes of their youth and renew acquaintances.

Walpole is a special place, and its people and institutions make it that way. The community spirit and pride Old Home Days brings contributes to making Walpole what it is.

Enjoy Old Home Days 2017, and cherish the memories, community and friendships.

– Ray Boas, Publisher

Walpole Business Notes

Unity Show Home Open House

On Thursday, June 22 from 4 to 6 PM, Unity Homes will host a public open house at its show home at 101 Wentworth Road. The open house will be concurrent with other events celebrating Walpole Old Home Days—only this home is new.

Unity's show home was recently awarded the state's first Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH) certification by the US Department of Energy. Members of the community are welcome to visit the show home and learn more about a home that has been certified to meet rigorous requirements that ensure outstanding levels of energy savings, comfort, health and durability.

– Samantha Wilhelm

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

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– Leah Kristin

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