



Walpole Town Library...



Explores Reorganization as Usage and Collections Increase

Something New

Community Planning Calendar

How many times have you scheduled an event in Walpole only to find three other things conflict on that day? Have you struggled to find the date of a community or school happening in Walpole two or ten months from now?

Recognizing the need, the **Clarion** will be hosting on its website a calendar listing of events scheduled in the next year or more. These will be special events occurring within the town limits of Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville. Not listed, since usually noted elsewhere in the **Clarion**, will be the meetings and gatherings that are weekly or monthly.

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"A healthy, active library reflects a healthy, active Community. The Walpole Town Library, an architectural landmark on Main street, needs an internal reorganization as it strives to effectively meet the ever-changing needs of all ages in the Walpole community," says Peggy Pschirrer of the Walpole select Board and liaison to the library Board of Trustees. The Trustees have spent the last several months studying the feasibility of just such a reorganization.

The needs of the library are steadily straining the library's current capabilities. The number of library patrons is increasing. More programs – particularly youth programs – are being offered, with greater attendance. The various collections of books, audio books, DVDs and magazines are steadily growing. According to Library Director Justine Fafara, in 2015 just over 14,000 people used the library; in 2016 that number rose to 18,378; the projection for this year is 18,500. In 2015, circulated materials totalled 21,438; the projection for 2017

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Something To Smile About

Friday, November 10, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Bowman Dental is offering qualifying residents in the surrounding Walpole area an opportunity to receive free dental services. Dr. Peter Bowman recently told the **Clarion**, "It's a way to give back locally. I've been in Walpole for eight years now, and the town has treated me like I'm a local. I think it's great that other dentists go to other countries and do mission trips. We've decided to focus all of our attention on people here, right in our community."

Since opening in Walpole, Bowman Dental has been looking for opportunities to improve access to care for patients. Five years ago they created the Bowman Dental Savings Plan to reduce the costs of routine care and examinations, offering discounts on dental procedures. Taking it another step further, for a day of goodwill, Dr. Bowman and his team

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Warming Shelter

The Greater Falls Warming Shelter will open again on November 15 in the little red building at 23 Church Street. Serving the surrounding area on both sides of the river, this will be the shelter's sixth year at the North Walpole location. Prior to that the shelter was located in Bellows Falls. Louise Luring has continued as Chair of the Shelter Board. She says that six people have already been identified for services this year. They are camping out or "couch surfing", waiting for the shelter to open.

Though homelessness continues to be a serious problem for both states, not just our area, Luring sees the trend as encouraging. Last year the 10-bed shelter served a total of 31 clients - 9 female and 22 male. The year before the total was 49. Luring does not think the housing crisis is lessening, but she sees improvement in the time it takes to coordinate services and place clients in more permanent housing. The shelter works with the grant funded housing worker at Our Place Drop in Center in Bellows Falls, SEVCA in Vermont, and the Office of Economic Opportunity in Vermont. The shelter itself is partly funded by a HOP Grant from Housing of Vermont. Luring says the rest of the funding comes from "very generous" corporate and private donations. A number of people also donate their time staffing the shelter and providing dinner for the clients. Luring says they always need volunteers, especially for the 1 AM to 7AM shift.

Luring also says the shelter receives strong support from the Police Departments of Bellows Falls and North Walpole, as well from the Village of North Walpole. This year the North Walpole Fire Department has supported their increased safety measures of installing fire retardant curtains and a strobe light smoke detector. Luring says that despite the current economic situation, there are still a lot of people living "on the edge". She sees a perception that there is a lot of subsidized housing, but that is not the case. It generally takes 60% of people's income to pay the rent, and many have to go to the Food Shelf to make up the shortfall. Lack of affordable housing, drug and alcohol dependence, medical issues, job loss, and couples and families splitting up all contribute to the homeless crisis. The shelter and its partnering agencies are continuing to lend support where they can. To volunteer contact gfwarmingshelter@gmail.com



PHOTO: BILL LOCKWOOD

The North Walpole Shelter

WHS Speaker Series

The popular Walpole Historical Society Speaker Series will next feature Dr. Helen Frink, who will present "Oil, Ice, Bone: Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom" on Friday, November 10, at 7:00 PM at the Walpole Town Hall.

In January 2016, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association announced the discovery of the wreckage of two sunken whale ships off the Alaskan coast. Oil, Ice, and Bone tells the story of these vessels and how they came to be lost in the greatest whaling disaster in American history. Arctic whaler Nathaniel Ransom served as third mate of one of the ships abandoned in 1871. In 1860, as a fourteen-year-old, he followed his five older brothers into the dank forecabin of a whaling vessel. For fifteen years he hunted seventy-ton bowheads in Arctic waters for the many uses of "bone." Blades of flexible baleen from the leviathan's enormous jaw raised its value, even as petroleum gradually replaced whale oil as a source of lighting. In 1871 Ransom survived the loss of thirty-two whaling vessels in the frigid waters off Alaska's Icy Cape. He kept a journal - and held onto it as he and his shipmates jettisoned weapons and warm clothing to save their very lives. His eyewitness account of whaling's brutal slaughter and sudden losses is enriched by presenter Helen Frink's affection for an ancestor she discovered through his journals a century after his death.

Dr. Helen Frink is a retired Keene professor, author and historian who is descended from two families of Yankee whalers. This Speaker Series event is free and open to the public.

- Bill Lockwood

- Andrea Goins

Farnum Road

Walpole's Designated Scenic Road

Walpole has 106 named roads extending 60.749 miles. In addition, within our boundaries are 12.694 miles of Class 6 roads - Unmaintained Highways. And there is one Designated Scenic Highway - Farnum Road - bucolic and dirt, 0.676 miles between Watkins Hill Road and County Road.

Codified in 1971, New Hampshire Statute RSA 231:157 states in part, "Any road in a town other than a Class I or Class II highway, may be designated as a scenic road ... upon petition of 10 persons who are either voters of the town or who own land which abuts a road mentioned in the petition." The completed petition is submitted to the town, and a Petitioned Warrant Article scheduled for a vote at Town Meeting.

At Town Meeting March 7, 1972, Article 15 was passed to "Designate as a Scenic Road that portion of Graves Road (known also as Farnum Lane) between County Road and the Watkins Hill Road which is approximately seven-tenths of a mile." Articles 13 and 14 were presented at Town Meeting March 5, 1974, requesting the same scenic designation for "Derry Hill Road from Christian Hollow around the loop back to County Road and to the March Hill Road," and also "Reservoir Road from the reservoir gate to the Walpole Valley Road." These two petitioned Warrant Articles were "passed over" - my guess being no petitioner was in attendance to present the articles.

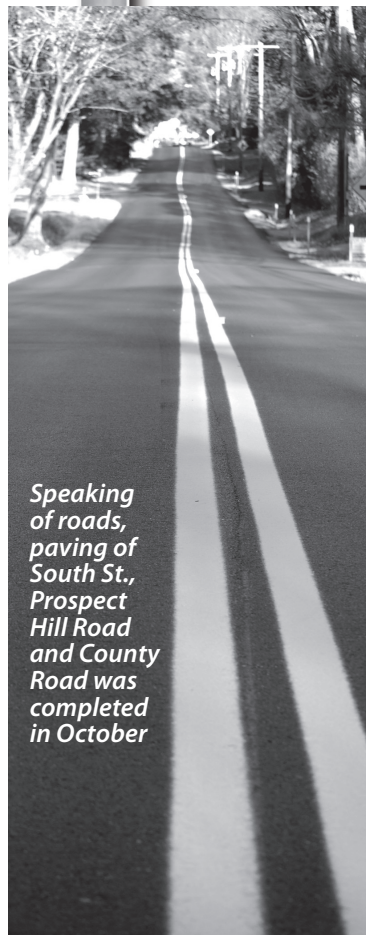
RSA 231:158 outlines the effect of a scenic road designation. Protected are stone walls and trees with a "circumference of 15 inches or more at a point 4 feet from the ground." Any repairs, maintenance or utility work involving the "cutting, damage or removal of trees" or impacting stone walls must receive prior written consent from the Planning Board that has jurisdiction. Trees that have been declared a public nuisance, or damaged during an emergency fall under different guidelines.

My little sports cars prefer dirt as I tour the countryside. Walpole has 7.44 miles of dirt roads. I believe one of the most scenic stretches is the one and a quarter miles of dirt on Old Drewsville Road, and several roads in the Carpenter Hill area of town. I encourage you to discover for yourself Farnum Road, Old Drewsville Road, and Carpenter Hill.

- Ray Boas



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Speaking of roads, paving of South St., Prospect Hill Road and County Road was completed in October

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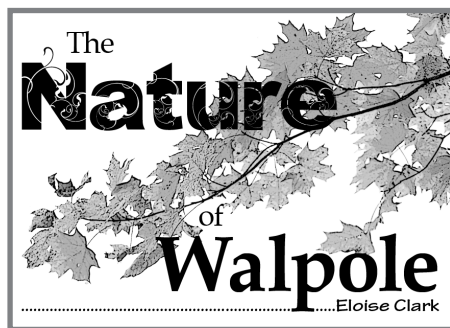
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November winds stir the leaves fallen to the ground. It rattles the stems of goldenrod left uncut in the field. The flowers have long since turned to seed, pollinated by the many insects who have dined on the nectar and pollen. As the deer move through the goldenrods, the seeds are shaken loose. Wind picks them up and transports them. These tiny pioneers may land in another spot that's just right for growth. Most will not.

Is the life of the goldenrod finished? Perhaps not. If you look at the stems, you may notice one with a swelling. It may look like a ball or an oval or even an excited cluster of tiny green leaves. These swellings or growths on plants are called galls. In olden times they were called gallnuts.

Most galls are caused by an adult insect laying an egg, sometimes many eggs, in the stem, leaf or bud of a plant. There is something in the chemical message of this egg that directs the plant cells to grow these arrays of shapes. Inside the swelling, the egg hatches into a larva. The larva now has a sheltered place to spend the winter and complete its life cycle.

The goldenrod is known to have several types of galls. The "goldenrod



stem gall" is about a one inch diameter ball. Its thick walls furnish the larva of the Eurosta fly with food and protection - that is unless a downy woodpecker discovers the structure. It will peck a neat round hole in the side to find the tasty grub inside. In some galls, the larva will chew an escape tunnel in the fall, leaving the last green layer of living tissue on the outside of the stem to disguise its work.

Goldenrod is not the only plant with galls. Oak trees are famous with entomologists because they have some 800 different types of galls! The oak apple gall is one of the most common. This orb is roughly an inch diameter. Its chartreuse color is dotted with dark red spots. If you were to open the gall, you would find a hard seed like pit at the

center. It has thin strands of plant fibers that radiate from this hard center to the inside of the walls of the gall. It's quite a marvelous piece of engineering! Inside this hard "pit" rests the larvae of a small wasp of the family Cynipidae. The adult wasp is only 1/16th of an inch long. Oak apple galls turn brown after they fall to the forest floor. Be on the lookout for them as you scuffle through the fallen leaves. They are about the size and weight of a ping pong ball.

Plant galls can also be caused by a fungus, as is the case with the butternut canker and burls found on cherry trees and other hardwoods. They are much sought after by wood turners for their craft. Bacteria and viruses, mites and nematodes can also be culprits. Slow down and notice these marvelous creations. It's not difficult! In North America the daisy family has 181 types, the rose family 133, the willow family 114 and 68 types on grasses. Oaks also host roly-poly galls. Others go by the name of shrimp-tail, hairy oak, button, knobby oak, gouty oak, oak fig and the wool sower. Eyespot galls are easy to find on leaves of maples. Galls lodge on blackberry and blueberry bushes. And it's all happening right here in Walpole.

New Sign In Town

At its regularly scheduled meeting October 18, the Walpole Zoning Board of Appeals approved a new sign in the village. But it is good news! Walpole's Jake's Market is switching from vending Sunoco to Irving gas. Gone will be the large yellow sign with a red arrow piecing it that measures 6 by 13 feet. The Sun Oil Company's logo with bright colors and arrow was designed to give a sense of speedy movement to draw customers into a station knowing they could get in and out quickly. Gone will be three signs on the pole adding up to 102 square feet of signage.

Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada headquartered Irving Oil Company is the fuel provider for other stores in the Jake's Market & Deli chain. To be installed on the existing pole will be Irving's 4 foot by 8 foot (32 square feet) sign with an 8 inch LED pricer. The sign will be lighted, as currently, only while the store is open.

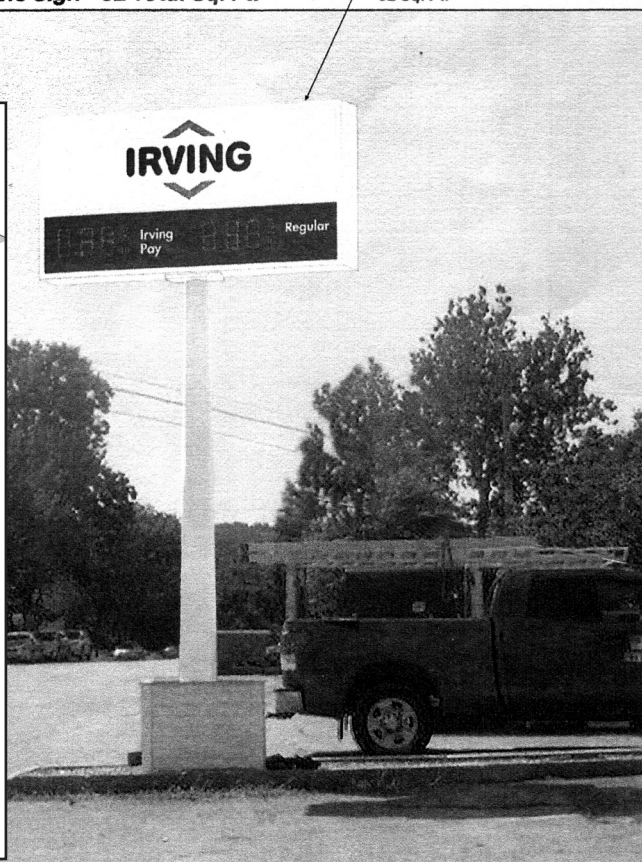
- Ray Boas

Proposed MID Pole Sign - 32 Total Sq. Ft.

New 4' x 8' Illuminated MID sign with 8" LED Pricer to be installed on existing pole. 32 Sq. Ft.



Current sign



Examples of listings that should be included, and suggested short format are:

October 7-8 2017; FALL ARTS FESTIVAL;
Town Hall; (see ad page 7 Sept CLARION);
contact xx

December x, 2017; CHRISTMAS
CONCERT, Walpole Middle School;
contact xx

March 17, 2018, CABIN FEVER RADIO
FOLLIES, Town Hall; contact xxx.

Get the idea?

Most groups do plan a year ahead, and listing an event in the **Clarion's** Community Planning Calendar may ensure greater success for your event by "protecting" a date and avoiding overlaps. Or, if there are a lot of events on the same day, knowing in advance the dates and times, people can more easily plan to take in all that is happening.

Organizers of events occurring outside the boundaries of Walpole are welcome to submit an event for consideration. Those submitted events not within Walpole's borders will be subject to a small charge, paid in advance. Of course, a display ad in the paper to reach all readers for any event is welcomed. Your ideas and submissions are welcome as well. Listings will be subject to the publisher and staff's approval. Help us get this started for everyone's benefit.

— Ray Boas

Poinsettias

Support Hospice Care

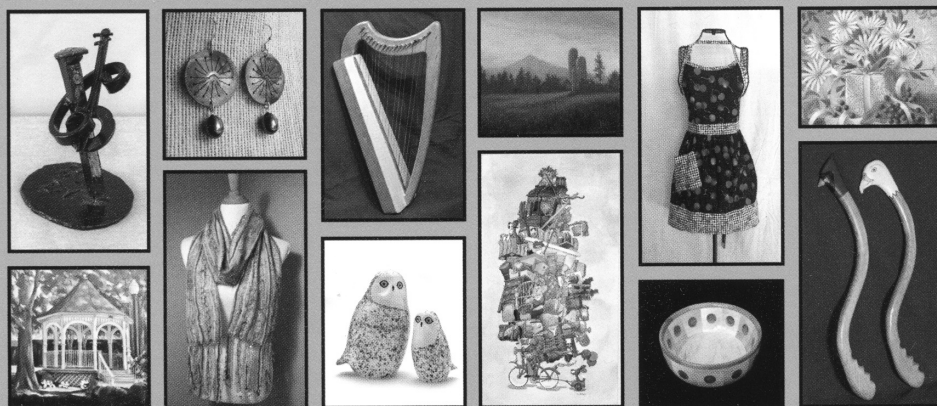
For the upcoming 22nd Annual Poinsettia Sale to benefit Hospice at HCS, plants will be available at the HCS office in Keene in November and December. Like Hospice at HCS, the poinsettias are local – grown right here in New Hampshire! These beautiful plants make great holiday decorations and gifts!

The plants are available in red, pink, and white, and in three sizes: a single stem plant in a 6" pot with 6 to 8 blooms (\$10); a double stem plant in a 7" pot with 12 to 15 blooms (\$20); and a triple stem plant with 20 to 25 blooms (\$30).

Order forms must be received by Thursday, November 16. For details on delivery dates and pick-up options, or to print an order form, visit www.HCSservices.org. To request an order form be mailed or for more information, call 352-2253 x294 or email poinsettias@HCSservices.org.

— Susan Ashworth

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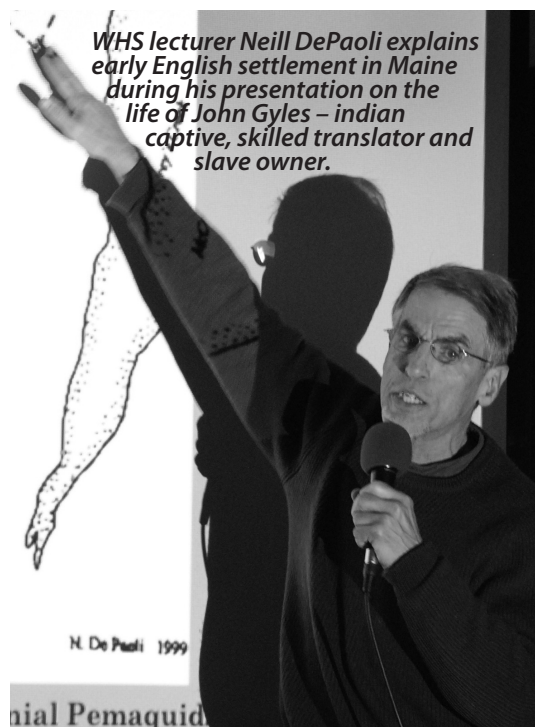
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Library

Reduced Hours Friday, November 3

Due to a mandatory staff training, the library will open late on Friday November 3rd, at 2:30PM. We will close at our normal time of 6PM. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Cook Book Challenge Group

Our next Pot Luck Dinner will be Tuesday November 28th at 6PM. Stop by the library for a copy of our next cook book. New members are always welcome and returning members are encouraged to bring a friend or two! A sign up sheet will be available online at www.walpoletownlibrary.org starting November 6th.

Food for Fines

Bring non-perishables to the library between Monday November 20 and Wednesday November 22 and we'll waive your fines. One non-perishable item waives up to \$1, and we'll take up to 20 items to waive \$20. This is only good for overdue fines, not for lost or damaged item fees. Whether you bring back late materials, or you have long outstanding fines, we're always happy to work with you. Food for Fines is one of our favorite ways to help you with fines because we can also help the community! All non-perishables collected will be donated to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

– Justine Fafara

Save the date!

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at the Walpole Town Hall from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM the Farm Mountain Alliance will hold a voter information forum. Join your neighbors from Drewsville, North Walpole and Walpole, and meet our NH House Representatives: Paul Berch, Lucy Weber and Michael Abbott.

– Sara Kagle

Walpole Business Notes

Artisans Tour

The 15th Annual Walpole Artisans Tour will be held Thanksgiving Weekend, November 24-26. Besides the Walpole Artisans' shop at 52 Main Street, locations to visit include: Walpole Town Hall; Chris Sherwin's Studio, 33 Bridge Street, Bellows Falls; Walpole Interiors, 604 Whitcomb Road; and, Walpole Mountain View Winery, 114 Barnet Hill Road.

Mountain View Winery

A recent FaceBook review: "I have visited countless vineyards in many states and in many countries...including Napa and Sonoma on numerous occasions... However, I will have to say that this little vineyard and tasting room in New Hampshire really gets it right...more so than any other I have visited. This little family-owned and run vineyard runs a tasting room with the most incredible attention to detail and it is honestly super impressive and greatly appreciated. Well done Walpole Mountain View Winery!"

Furthermore, *Every Wine On The Wine List* is good, and some are just exceptional. They have mastered the art of growing cold weather grapes (No Cabernet here and none is needed) that they turn into delicious (if not a little obscure) wines that many of us may have never heard of.

What a little jewel this is and I would highly recommend this vineyard, the tasting room and their wine to everyone! I wish I could give it six stars."

– Dean Grande

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

Hooper Hill Hoppers

Ready For the Snow

In preparation for the 2017/18 snowmobile season, The Hooper Hill Hoppers wanted to update our members on our meeting schedule, trail work and community events!

After a very successful 2016/17 fundraising year, we are happy to report that we raised enough money to replace the Sawyers/Graves Rd. bridge on Corridor 5. The work will be done by the time the snow flies.

Please join us for our annual Sign/Trail Party on 11/5 at 9 am at 467 Watkins Hill. We will be heading out to trim the trails, put signs up and help with minor bridge repairs. Lunch will be delivered by the club's youngest members!

After a lot of back and forth, the NH Snowmobile Association has put a stop to members joining clubs online. We are back to the old way of doing things, and ask that all members join using a paper membership form. You can find these at Pinnacleview and Smart Power Sports, as well as at our website: hooperhillhoppers.com. Membership remains at last year's flat rate of \$35.

Our meeting schedule for the year is:

- 11/16 at 7 PM at Diamond Pizza
- 12/28 at 7 PM at 4 Eaton Rd
- 1/25 at 7 PM at Homestead Farms
- 2/22 at 7 PM at Great Brook Farm
- 3/22 at 7 PM at Pinnacleview
- 4/21 our Annual Meeting at the Town Hall where officers will be voted on, 6 PM

Our Annual Events: 12/8 Christmas Party location TBD; 2/17 Poker Run ending at Great Brook Farm

Mark your calendars to join us this year. We are always looking for new members, officers and volunteers. If you have any questions contact Katie at Katie@gallowayservices.com

– Katie Beam

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will be donating their time, talents and services to assist children and adults who have limited financial resources and no dental insurance.

"We will be seeing dental problems," Dr. Bowman continued, "including infected teeth, cavities that need to be filled and patients who probably have not have had a cleaning in at least 10 years. Poor oral hygiene can sometimes affect other areas of the body. Dental health is a vital part of a person's overall wellbeing. Through this event, we hope to educate patients on the importance of dental health, and encourage them to adopt an ongoing oral care regimen."

On November 10, patients without affordable access to dental care and no dental insurance will be able to receive select treatments at no charge. Patients will be given X-rays and be able to choose one of the following procedures: Hygiene cleaning, extraction or filling.

Registration begins November 10 at 7:30 AM at Bowman Dental, 48 Meadow Access Lane, Walpole (Shaw's Plaza) on a first-come basis. Patients should bring a list of medications and up-to-date medical history. Pre-registration and appointments are not available for this free screening. Simply show up and register. For more information, call 756-4719 or visit www.BowmanDental.com

— Ray Boas

Non-fiction Book Group

The Righteous Mind

The Non-Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, November 6, at 6:30 PM at the Bridge Memorial Library to discuss *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*, by Jonathan David Haidt.

Why good people are less able to talk to each other remains the subject of the Book Group's "Civil Discourse" study. Has such polarization occurred before, and why? Jonathan Haidt's book builds a case that humans react almost completely on emotion, and that "reasoning" is conjured up to support the initial emotional reaction. At the November 6 meeting, each member will give a personal example of a reaction, a decision, a thought, or an impression, based on emotion, which, on reflection, was incorrect.

For more information, go to ronmaclachlan03608@gmail.com or call 756-3695

— Ron MacLachlan

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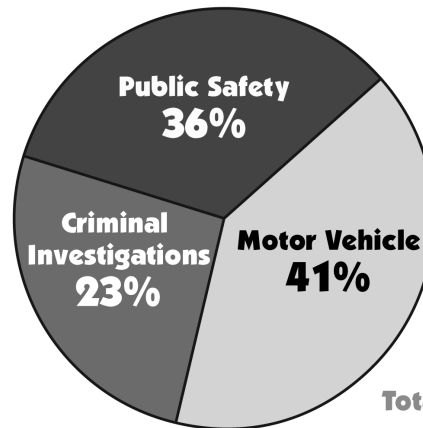
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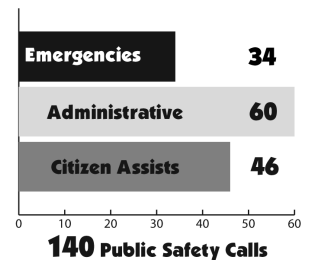
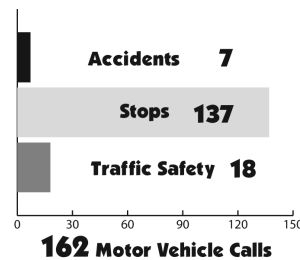
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Hooper Institute

Harvest days are upon us at the Walpole schools. With gardens at all three schools, this is the season for students to sample the bounty, thanks to Hooper Institute programs. Pumpkins from the Primary School garden present many possible lessons. Where do they fit in the cucurbit family? How do they grow and produce those yummy seeds? How much do they weigh? What's their circumference and diameter? Students draw and label pumpkin parts, dissect and draw the interior.

Whether it's cranberries or potatoes, the science of careful observation, measurement and recording results is used. One reward is a taste test of the cranberries as the group learns to make cranberry sauce or mashed potatoes. In December, cones and evergreens are also gathered, examined and sorted. Depending on the grade, Primary students make a pine cone wreath or printed balsam fir sachets or create a fresh conifer arrangement using greens.

At the North Walpole School, second graders study soils. What are abiotic soil ingredients? Students sort rocks, clay, silt and sand. What are the biotic or organic materials and organisms? Students create compost using garden debris. They collect sugar maple leaves to mulch the garden beds and feed the earthworms that process the plants into soil. Students learn about local conifers and create notecards to take home. Third graders also work with evergreen samples to create centerpieces. Turkeys are a natural topic for the month of Thanksgiving. What are differences between our wild turkeys and the domestic breeds of this fowl?

Fourth graders participate in the Farm and Forest Project, ongoing for almost forty years! In the classroom students learn about agriculture and what each farm has to offer. They generate

questions for each of the farm visits based upon the pre-trip lesson. Last autumn, students visited Walpole Valley Farm, Brookfield Farm and Homestead Farm. Student's follow-up with reports of their experiences. They share these with the class that did not have a chance to go. Fourth graders also have the chance to press cider at school from local apples.

At the Walpole Elementary School the gardening doesn't end just because the days are becoming shorter and colder. Thanks to the high tunnel installed in 2013, growing continues right through December. This cheery micro-climate is situated by the south wall of the gymnasium. Planted with cold hardy varieties of lettuce and spinach, it stays warm well beyond the growing season outside. Students have helped with harvest this autumn, including green beans, summer and winter squashes, tomatoes, kale and Brussels sprouts, plus the occasional ever-bearing strawberry! All vegetables in these beds go to the school cafeteria for the lunch program. Any extra produce is donated to the Fall Mt. Food Shelf.

Fifth graders can look forward to an in-depth study of soil in November. We

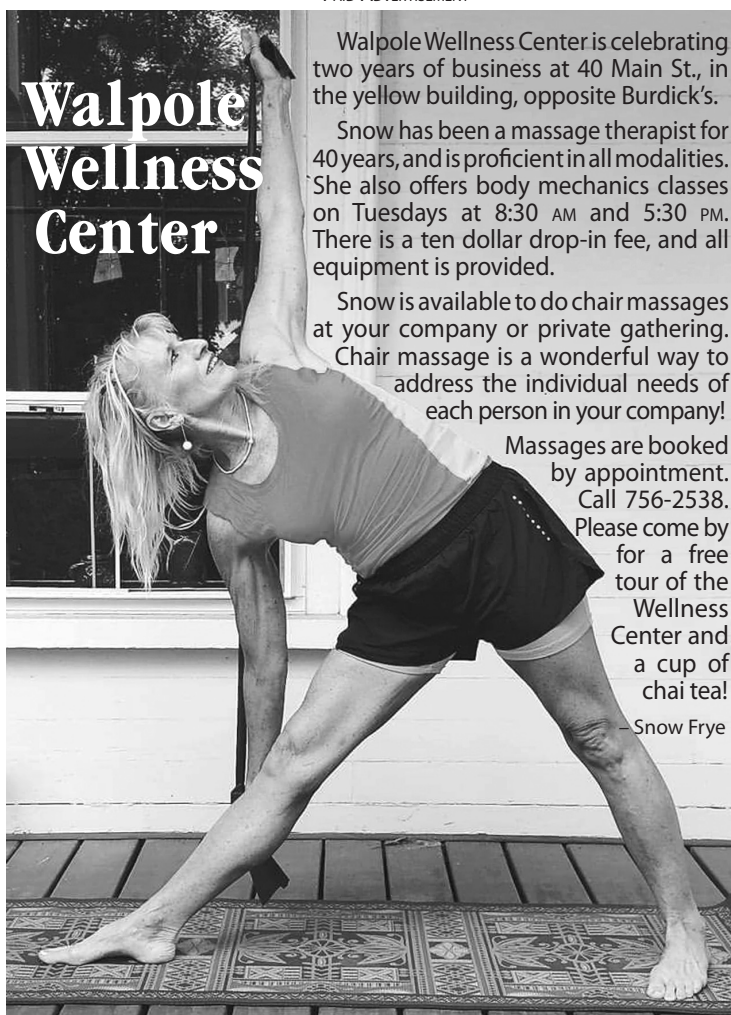
celebrate soil through songs, literature, drawings and outdoor soil sampling while covering the basics of soil formation and types, soil critters, the Dust Bowl catastrophe and soil conservation. Students are also challenged to design tools for farming just as the Native American Indians did.

Sixth graders begin a study of trees and forestry that will continue into the New Year. They learn about tree physiology by making elderberry whistles. They also master the use of a binary leaf key for both deciduous and evergreen leaves. Tree math lessons apply the measurements of circumference and height of trees into figuring board feet and stumpage values of schoolyard trees. How did Native American Indians use trees? What benefits do forests provide for our well-being? Hopefully, students increase their awareness and appreciation for these behemoths in our backyards.

The Hooper Institute Committee supports the efforts of our educational programs. We always welcome new members with an interest in conservation. If you would like to know more, please contact me at the Institute, 756-4382.

— Eloise Clark

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— Snow Frye

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Women of Walpole

Cooking Up a Contribution

At this past Old Home Days, the bidding was fierce at the W.O.W. table for an elaborate gourmet dinner for six prepared by the civic group Women of Walpole. The philanthropy of 26 Walpole women raises funds for worthy causes here in Walpole. Some of their recent assistance has gone to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf and Friendly Meals, Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, the new Civic Directory, and summer camp scholarships. W.O.W. renewed the town bulletin boards, provided the wreaths for the Town Hall, and continued to plant bulbs on the Common.

Having decided that a delicious dinner and a way to contribute to worthy Walpole causes was a recipe for a fun evening, Jon MacClaren's and Chris Sink's generosity caused W.O.W. members to start planning for the fall dinner. Together with their four guests, the couple arrived at the home of Peggy Pschirrer on Saturday, October 13, ready for an evening that promised fine dining, fine wine, and a sublime setting at Walpole village's oldest historic home. Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, executive chef Peggy Pschirrer directed her minions Debbie Timmons, Kris Tyson, and Andrea Goins as dinner was plated. The servers for the evening, Sheila Lennon and Maggi Suttles, remembered to "serve from the left and remove from the right," and were quick to respond whenever Christopher rang the crystal bell requiring additional attention.

Mr. MacClaren and Mr. Sink, along with all the club members who contributed to the makings of this event, put a little fun into "fund-raising." Women of Walpole meet once a month in the afternoon, and any Walpole woman who would like to visit a W.O.W. meeting is asked to call Andrea Goins at 904-4018.

— Andrea Goins



Jon MacClaren being served by Sheila Lennon and Maggi Suttles



The cooks: Kris Tyson, Peggy Pschirrer, Debbie Timon, Andrea Goins.

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St. John's Episcopal

Bishop Visit

The Episcopal Bishop of NH, the Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, will be visiting St John's Church on Sunday, November 12. Bishop Rob will preside and preach at the 10:00 AM service. He will also lead St. John's in the official welcome of their new Deacon, the Rev. Johanna Young. Johanna brings an expertise in refugee resettlement and will be helping St John's develop meaningful outreach efforts. A brunch follows the service. All are invited to participate in this joyous occasion.

Afterschool Programs

Art After School is having an exciting semester with 22 young artists producing amazing work. Please note that there is no AAS on Wednesday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Narnia After School is enjoying the exciting travels of the Dawn Treader (*The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis). NAS will not meet on November 10 or 24, due to school closings.

Giving Tree

It is time for the annual Giving Tree community project. This effort has helped families in Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville provide gifts for their children each Christmas for over 15 years. Families requesting help can contact the Rev. Susan Kershaw for information by email (rector@stjohnswalpole.org) or by calling 756-2962. Please leave a message with a phone number for a return call. The deadline for requests is November 7.

The trees with gift request tags will be in St Peter's Catholic Church, First Congregational Church and St John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 19. Trees will go to the Walpole library and the Savings Bank of Walpole (village location) on Monday, November 20. The Walpole Seniors group will have a tree

available at their monthly meeting on Monday, November 20. Please pick up a tag, purchase the gift, wrap the gift while attaching the tag to the outside of the package, and return the gift to location where the tag was chosen. Don't forget to sign up on the tag list when taking a tag! The deadline for return of gifts to the tree sites is Wednesday, December 13, 4:00 PM.

Many thanks to go Emily Frithsen and the group of young people who are volunteered to make the 300 tags needed for the trees. They turn a tough job into a festive activity!

Families may pick up their gifts on Tuesday, December 19, 1:30 to 3:00 PM and 6 to 7:30 PM at St. John's Parish Hall, driveway entrance off of Elm Street.

This project is one of the many ways that neighbors are helped by neighbors in the Walpole community. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact the Rev. Susan Kershaw for more information: rector@stjohnswalpole.org.

— Susan Kershaw

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on November 20, at the First Congregational Church. Bring a friend and a dish to share. We will look forward to having Chris Coates and Cindy Rodenhauer Stewart as our speakers. They will speak about the Old Cheshire County Courthouse, its history and the renovation it has undergone. Bring a friend, we guarantee a great luncheon of delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

— Jan Martin

Holiday Fair

St. John's Episcopal Church will host its Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 18 from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Parish Hall on Elm Street.

This year's fair will include St John's famous Cookie Walk, featuring dozens of varieties of home-baked cookies. The Nature table will have wreaths, swags, and centerpiece decorations. The Harvest Home table will offer pies, tarts, and rolls (perfect for Thanksgiving!), muffins, tea breads, and other assorted novelty holiday treats, plus delicious jams and pickles made from produce harvested from local gardens. Beautiful ornaments, Christmas decorations, and Holiday Craft supplies will be for sale at the Holiday Crafts and Decor table. The lunch menu will include egg, tuna, ham, or chicken salad sandwiches, a salad plate, hot dogs, chips, beverages, and home-baked snacks.

— Mary Schoppmeyer

And
while you're out and
about, be sure to visit all
the other organizations
hosting events in town
that day, including:
* The Congregational
Church's Mistletoe Mart,
on the Common
* The Historical Society
Museum & Holiday Gift
Shop, in the Academy
Building on Main Street

CROP Hunger Walk

On Saturday, September 30, a group of dedicated walkers braved the elements and walked to raise funds to combat hunger in the world. It was a raw, rainy day but representatives of St. John's, the Unitarian Church and First Congregational, as well as a few dedicated unaffiliated folks, gathered and proceeded along the three-plus mile route. With over one hundred sponsors, the group raised \$5,422, a new record for Walpole. Thank you to all who walked and those who sponsored.

— Chuck Shaw

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Wet but spirited CROP walkers

First Congregational

Mistletoe Mart - On Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Church will be holding their annual Mistletoe Mart. Coffee and doughnuts are available at 9:00. Tables will be filled with Christmas items, pet items, aprons, placemats, berry bowls, and other handmade gifts as well as a large selection of both food and candy. It's not too early to begin your Christmas shopping! We will also be having our very popular luncheon with serving starting at 11:00.

Thanksgiving Annual Pie Sale - On Wednesday, November 22, the Trustees of the Church will be in front of the post office selling pies. The sale starts at 9:00 AM. Pies and other Thanksgiving specialties will be available for purchase. They are very popular and sell fast. We have a lot of great pie makers!

Rummage Sale - The semi-annual Rummage Sale is Friday, October 27, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We have good quality clothing and this year a lot of household items. We are fortunate to receive donations from families when they are moving. Thank you to those who thought of us when their lives were in transition. The money from the sale supports the numerous ministries of our Mission and Action Committee and our church.

Website - We have a website! It's www.walpolenhucc.org. Have a look! It's always a work in progress, but let us know what you think. Also, if there is information we can put on it that is helpful, let us know that too. We are at walpolechurch@yahoo.com. There is a "Donate Now" button on the "Contact Us" drop down menu for contributions via credit card, debit card, or transfer of funds from checking and savings accounts. Thank you.

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Kudos

The Walpole Historical Society has recently been honored with an award from the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire. The Public Education Exhibit Award for 2017 was presented "for excellence in exhibiting your children's clothing collection in an informative and creative manner."

The award recognizes the excellence of the exhibit entitled *When They Were Young, Children's Clothing 1800-1960*, created for the summer 2017 season at the Walpole Historical Society's Walpole Heritage Museum. More than 100 children's garments are displayed in vignettes which illustrate themes ranging from "Smocking" and "The Zipper" to "Baptism" and "The Teenage Years." Paula Schwenk and Peg Dion, working with a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, shaped the exhibit, as well as the fascinating and informative labels. Andrea Goins created the accompanying postcards, invitations, and posters. Both exhibit and printed materials are enriched with photographs from the Walpole Historical Society's extensive collection.

The Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire seeks to encourage and assist in the study of New Hampshire history. In presenting the award at the Monadnock Center for History and Culture on October 21, Jenna Carroll, the chair of the awards committee, recognized the work of the Walpole Historical Society, commenting, "It is wonderful to see a town-based historical society focus on a general history theme while using local stories and artifacts to supplement the story. What you've created is an exhibit that is inclusive, inviting to anyone in the community of Walpole and beyond to relate to the topic and learn from the content."

The Walpole Historical Society's museum will be open on November 18, from 9 AM until 4 PM for a final 2017 viewing of the award-winning exhibit.



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Jenna Carroll, Christie Winmill
& Paula Schwenk at the award ceremony

- Christie Winmill



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WHS Holiday Hours

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Our Museum and gift shop will be open on Saturday November 18 for the Community Holiday Shopping Day. Come visit us to get a head start on your holiday shopping. We have a variety of craft and gift items: framed pictures, beautiful glass balls to hang in your windows, wooden bookmarks, cheese boards, tea mugs, candles, napkins, stationery, cards for all occasions, Walpole wine glasses, and scarves and mittens from Country on the Common.

So much for the kids, too: little hatching dinosaur eggs, activity books, puzzles, and girls' novelty bracelets, as well as books by Louisa May Alcott and coloring books that will please both children and adults.

Come on Saturday, November 18 and bring the family. We will be open from 9-4 to give everyone another full day to view our *Time Line Exhibit* and our Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire award-winning *When They Were Young, Children's Clothing 1800-1960* exhibit!

— Sally McGaffigan

Continued from Page 1: Library

is 27,000. According to Fafara, "Contrary to the belief that libraries are dying, our library is growing. Circulation is up, program attendance is up and we have more people walking through our door than we did three years ago. Our building needs to grow to accommodate both people and the collections."

The plan is to increase the library's capacity and utility without any significant change to its exterior – focusing on the interior spaces. Among the proposals:

- An air lock entry to save energy and heating costs
- Realignment of the front desk to facilitate a clear view of the library space.
- Creation of a Community Room for programs and meetings
- A reconfigured Childrens Room
- Relocated Stacks that are wheelchair accessible
- Work space for staff
- Dedicated office space for the director.

"In short," says Pschirrer, "a redesigned library space for the 21st century."

The trustees, chaired by Fred Ernst, interviewed three architects from around

the state and chose Scully Architects of Keene for their experience in library renovation. Bellows Construction was selected to be the contractor because, as Ernst explains, "We wanted a builder with an architectural background to work closely with Scully to make the best choices of design and construction." Both value and plan to adhere to the current architectural design.

A survey was conducted a year ago to assess community interest in reorganizing the library. Ernst explained that the results of the survey were generally positive but "there was strong sentiment that it should not increase our taxes." The Trustees, therefore, will raise the estimated \$500,000 needed from private donations and fundraising efforts.

The Trustees are presently assembling a fund raising committee of Board and community members. An open house is planned for November 28th at 5:30 PM to unveil a schematic drawing of the reorganization, answer questions, and give tours. Further information about the project will be made available through direct mailings, written announcements in the library, and future articles in the Clarion.

— Jean Kobeski

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Autumn Social/Auction

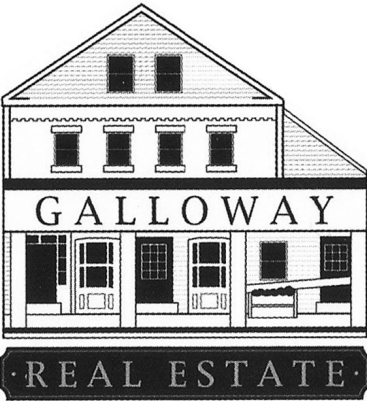
Get ready for an exciting evening of tasting, bidding and even some gaming at the Walpole Town Hall on Saturday, November 18, 2017, starting at 6PM! Auctioneers Phil and Janet Warren will be assisting the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association to provide a fun evening, along with some delicious hors d'oeuvres catered by Grape Arbor Catering out of Alstead. Local restaurants and bakeries will offer an array of elegant desserts for your enjoyment.

This year, besides some of the most sought-after silent auction items, we will have on hand several of the teachers, who have been recipients of past grants to show and tell those attending how their dollars were spent and how beneficial the programs were to our district youth. We'll also provide some gambling opportunities with prizes for you to win!

And the live auction will finish the festivities with fabulous offers of camping equipment, mini-vacations, theatre and dining tickets, and artwork. The cost is \$20 per person. Call or email for reservations. BYOB. Cider, coffee and water will be provided.

Please mark your calendars now. For more information, contact us at fmeeassoc@gmail.com or call 603-826-4831.

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Turkeys Trot Again

Thanksgiving Day will feature the 3rd Annual Turkey Trot in Walpole.

In 2014, the Run for the Wax became The Turkey Trot. For about 25 years, the Fall Mountain Regional High School Cross Country Running and Skiing Programs hosted a 5K Race to benefit these programs and athletes, otherwise known as the 'Run for the Wax'. This year will be the third Thanksgiving that Walpole has hosted the Turkey Trot 5K, and we are happy to see many families in town coming out to run and support the young athletes at Fall Mountain High School, as well as the middle school programs for cross country running and skiing.

This year the Turkey Trot will be on Thursday, November 23. Join us and run in the morning so that you can gather with family and friends later and celebrate Thanksgiving guilt-free!

The race starts at 9:00 AM on the Walpole Common. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Runners are asked to give a \$20 dollar donation. Students can run for \$15.

Lace up your sneakers, gather your friends and family to cheer you on, come on out as a community and support a great program and some fine student athletes.

For more information call: 756-9258 or 445-5104

Thank you! Gobble Gobble!

— Holly Gowdy

W.R.A.P...

...and Parts of Speech - How They Work Together:

vol-un-teer [vol-uhn-teer]

NOUN

1. a person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking.

2. a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

Synonyms for **volunteer**

Verb: offer to do something; chip in, come forward, do on one's own volition, enlist, offer services, put forward, sign-up

Adjective: unpaid

vol-un-teer-ism [vol-uhn-teer-iz-uhm]

NOUN

1. the policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, *especially in one's community*.

Have you ever thought how one little word like 'volunteer' could have so many uses and meanings? It can be a noun, a verb or an adjective, a thing, an action, a description. It can bring people together for a good cause. It can spur people to action to accomplish a task. It has the ability to make people feel good when helping others or helping their community.

The Walpole Recycling Center is in need of citizens volunteering their time to accomplish the goal of decreasing the waste that goes into landfills and waterways.

Won't you consider becoming a 'volunteer' at the Recycling Center for just two hours a month? Think of how you will feel knowing you've done something good for your community. Think of the example you are setting for others, and the feeling of positivity you'll personally experience. The Recycling Center is a fun place to 'volunteer'. Stop by the Recycling Center any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for more information. Remember, many hands make light work. Hope to see you there!

— Susan Perry

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Jackpot!

Don't we all have that dream in the back of our brains? The one that outlines all the things we are going to do when and if we win the big jackpot. That jackpot might be an office pool on the World Series, or you dream of picking the winning horse at every race at Saratoga.

Or maybe you enter the Publishers Clearing House contest, even though you know your chances of winning are nil! Well I felt that way until I got the envelope that stated that I was among the second tier of twenty million with a good chance of moving up. The next mailing suggested that I complete the enclosed questionnaire and place an order from their pile of brochures of exciting magazines, and noted that I was one of 50 winners to be confirmed within the New England area.

How could I resist? So I signed on to my computer, as instructed, and went to their site. To my surprise and delight I was swamped with one hundred wonderful items to purchase, although ordering did not enhance my chances to win.

I filled out all the questions and skipped all the sale items and hit 'submit'.

The next day my e mail showed ten e mails from PCH with, you guessed it, several hundred more wonderful items to purchase and more questions. Also included was the statement 'placing an order does not enhance my chances of winning.'

That evening, I turned on the television to find PCH visiting several homes and presenting huge checks to excited persons who had merely sent back their initial entry forms.

When questioned by reporters, they admitted to having placed several

orders for several items. Hmmm, maybe placing orders really did enhance your chances of winning. So when the next e mail arrived, I placed orders totaling several hundreds of dollars. Suddenly I was moved to the top ten residents in New Hampshire to be considered in the winner's circle. I started sweating, and sent my letter back with orders totaling nearly a thousand dollars. Several days passed without any e mails or letters. I was getting nervous, when suddenly I heard horns blowing and a voice over a loud speaker shouting my name! "Come on out! You are the grand winner in our November contest! You have won \$5,000 a week for the rest of your life!"

I began jumping up and down and screaming. I suddenly realized that Fran was beating on me and yelling, "Wake up! You are having a nightmare."

I woke up, ran to the door and found nothing but a yard full of leaves.

Disappointed, I crawled back into bed and said, "Wake me when December arrives!"

Happy Thanksgiving,

Chickens were on



the Loose Again...



Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...Author James A. Michener, in the opening section of his opus *Hawaii*, published in 1959, depicted 1820 Walpole as "...one of the most gracious villages ever to have developed in America... tree-lined, white-clapboarded, well-gabled village..." Modern writers, changing those words a tad, have inferred Michener made the statement about 20th century Walpole, but as we know, much has remained the same in the village the past two hundred years.

In *Hawaii*, Michener's protagonist, the recently ordained Abner Hale, is being posted to Owhyhee (Hawaii) as a missionary. Missionaries, however, had to be married. Busy with their studies, most had no prospects for matrimony. This led to quickly arranged meetings and marriages. Rev. Eliphalet Thorn's sister, Abigail, and her husband, Charles Bromley, lived on Walpole's Common. Thorn's niece, 22 year old Jerusha, and the most religious of the family, was unmarried. Having visited often, Rev. Thorn was disgusted with the town, stating, "Nobody could live a good Christian life in Walpole, New Hampshire, Vanity is all I see here ... an organ not used for hymns. Novels. Books of lascivious poems. Money that should be going to missions going into ostentatious decoration." But he arranged to have young Abner travel to Walpole to meet Jerusha.

Arriving in Walpole, Abner checked into the Old Colony Inn on the Common (a private residence at the time, it was not until 1930 that it became the Old Colony Inn under Donald McNaughton's ownership). Across the way, on the corner next to the church, was the Bromley home. Anxious to meet the young prospect, Charles Bromley arrived early at the Inn to escort Abner "...out into the midsummer perfection of Walpole. There was the village church, glistening white in its pre-Revolutionary splendor (the church was not built until 1833), the giant elms, the marvelous green common with a fretwork bandstand in the middle (the first bandstand on the Common was erected in 2007)..."

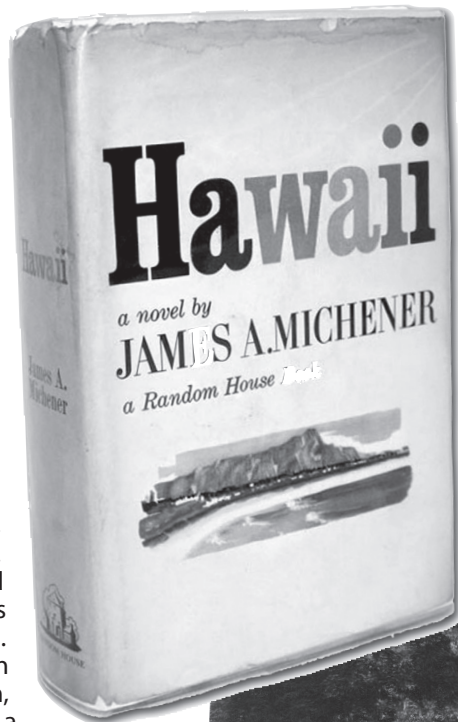
Abner's first meeting with the Bromley family "was a long, hot, enchanting afternoon from one o'clock to six." Dinner followed, and at eight Abner lead evening worship. "Before eight the next morning all the kitchens of Walpole ... knew of the precise state of the Hale-Bromley

courtship..." At 8:30, Jerusha's sisters invited Abner on a family picnic, and, to bring the courtship to conclusion, the couple became engaged that afternoon. After "two weeks and four days" they were married, and left the next day to sail to the Pacific.

In August 1969, the Walpole Historical Society librarian, Anita H. Aldrich, wrote to Mr. Michener. In his reply he related "...when I was a professor at Harvard (he was a visiting lecturer from 1939-1940), I was given a grant by the Carnegie Foundation to do some field studies in small New England communities, and the first one I chose was Walpole, and, as

my novel proved, I developed an affection for it which has never diminished through the years. It is one of the most beautiful villages in the United States, and, if I have been the cause of anyone's visiting it, I am most happy."

James A. Michener



*The Bromley's home
across from the Old Colony Inn*

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He went on, "Even at that time, so many years ago, I lodged in the back of my mind the possibility of writing something about Walpole, so I studied the square with unusual attention and kept its image alive through all those years. The house I had in mind was opposite the inn at which I stayed on the far side of the square."

Michener approached his writing with extensive research, often residing in the places he wrote about. Modern writers have stated he started writing Hawaii while in Walpole. His letter to Aldrich implies, however, that he portrayed Walpole from memory, saying, "But a good many daughters from places like Walpole did go [to Hawaii]." Living and writing on the island of Hawaii, once the book was published, Michener and his wife moved back to Pennsylvania.

Michener's historical novels are believable. I recently was told Bob Kolvoord, owner of the Old Settler's Bookshop, had many a stamp dealer and collector ask him which old houses in town they should visit to inquire about old missionary letters in the attics. Hawaiian stamps then, and now, command a premium.

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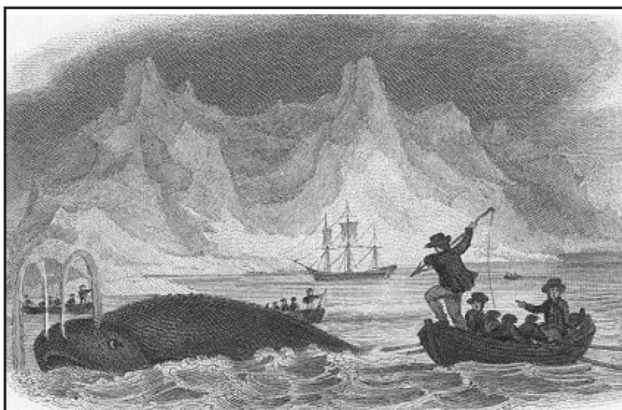
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Halloween Facts

Here are some wicked Halloween fun facts. Hah! Get it? Wicked?!

Sorry, that was bad. Anyways, here are some fun facts that Sydney and I thought were pretty cool.

Halloween is one of the oldest holidays in the world dating back over 2000 years to when the Celts lived in Britain.

There are no words in the English dictionary that rhyme with orange.

Orange is a Halloween color because it is a warm and positive color. It is the exact opposite of black which means death. Halloween developed from a Celtic holiday, Samhain, that celebrated the harvest and life.

- The first Jack O' Lanterns were made from turnips.

- Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.

- The heaviest pumpkin ever (grown by Norm Craven) weighed 836 lbs.

Whoa, imagine the pumpkin pie! Fun fact on pumpkin pie: the largest pumpkin pie was 20 feet in diameter and weighed 3699 lbs. Swoon.

- Reese's is the most sold Halloween candy in America

- Around 158 million Americans celebrate Halloween.

- In California, you can be fined \$1000 for using silly string on Halloween.

- Kids consume an average of 7,000 calories on Halloween. That is equivalent to eating 13 Big Macs!

- The most popular place to buy Halloween candy is Walmart.

- \$6.9 billion will be spent on Halloween this year. Out of that, \$330 million will be spent on pet costumes.

Got to make those pets look pawfect. Sorry. And, yup, Sydney is walking away.

They shall call me Etta the Pun Master! And now Sydney is back. Okay guys, have fun on Halloween! Don't get eaten by ghouls. Or ghosts. Wait, ghosts can't actually eat you since they are just like floating air. Wait, doesn't all air float? Okay, now I'm confused. They now will call me Etta the Confused Master. It does have a nice ring to it. Sydney is shaking her head again. 'K, have a fantabulous day peeps..

– Etta Bea Harrison & Sydney Palmiotto, Grade 6

WES Girls' Soccer

Annual Fundraiser Tourney

Late last month, the Walpole Elementary School girls' soccer team held their annual fundraiser tournament. The tournament is for recreation boys and girls teams from fourth to sixth grade around the area. The games are refereed by the eighth grade players along with the help of Walpole coach, Justin Cassarino.

The reason that we hold this tournament every year around October is because it's National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and half of the money that we make goes to a breast cancer-related charity of our choice. We raised this money not just by the teams entering the tournament, but by every team member bringing crock pot meals, baked goods, drinks, and more that we sold inside of the school. This way, the parents and players have delicious things to eat and drink when they have breaks in between games.

Along with this, we do a 50/50 raffle, so we get half of this money, and the other half goes to the person with the winning ticket. I already mentioned that 50 percent of the money goes to charity, but the remaining money goes back to our team, so that we are able to purchase team sweatshirts. This year we were able to make around \$1000, which is amazing, so thank you to all the teams that participated and to anyone who contributed. We have such a fun time hosting this tournament every year and it feels great to see the kids having fun and be able to donate to such an important cause.

– Sophia Bruzgis, Grade 8

Chickens on the Loose

This is the 5th anniversary of the Chickens on the Loose 5K. It is a fundraiser for the PTG (Parent-Teacher Group) to earn money to help support our education throughout the school year.

With this 5K run fundraiser, we can get off our butts and do a little exercise and do something good for the school. We are lucky to have this amazing run and I hope many of you ran. To have a successful run, we need students, staff, and community members to participate.

The fastest male runner last year was Benny Hoy and the fastest female was Heidi Westover. The fastest kid last year, however, was Gunner Schonbeck from Surry Village Charter School.

Even if you aren't a runner, you can walk or even skip through this 5K. I will be at the raffle hoping I win there. There are a big list of prizes you can win. Some of those amazing prizes are 100 dollar gift certificates for Lola's Pizza in North Walpole. So buy up as many tickets as you financially can.

But remember to pace yourself in running and in buying tickets. There will also be carnival games after the 5K. So enjoy and thank you for supporting our wonderful PTG.

– Enrique Ingram, Grade 8

Math Team

Just a couple of months ago, the school year began at Walpole Elementary School. With this came the beginning of the year's Walpole School Math Team. Math Team has been going on in the school for the last couple of years, with most of those on the team starting in 6th grade. The 8th graders on the team include: Ruby Frithsen, Grace Conety, Cameron Fry, Enrique Ingram, Jacob Bradley, and Marcus Flynn. There are also two newcomers on the team: sixth graders Murray Spaulding and Ben Frithsen.

Over the past few weeks, we have been studying four categories of math during lunch and recess: Order of Operations, Probability, Percents, Fractions, and Decimals, and Team Word Problems. Our first meet of the year will take place at Fall Mountain Regional High School, on October 26th.

– Jacob Bradley, Grade 8

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Scary Movies...

You Should Watch On Halloween

What do you think about when you think "Halloween"? Do you think about trick or treating, or staying up all night with your friends? Maybe getting ready for a party. Another great thing to do this Halloween season is to watch spooky movies. Here are some movies you should watch on Halloween.

Hocus Pocus

Hocus Pocus is a movie about a boy named Max Dennison, his sister Dani, and a friend named Alison go inside an abandoned house and get in trouble with some witches.

Gremlins

If you think these little fluff balls are cute, you're wrong. Don't feed them after 12:00 or they will go into a cocoon and turn into a scaly mess.

Goosebumps

Goosebumps is about an upset boy named Zach Cooper that moved to a small town. He meets his beautiful neighbor, Hannah and her mysterious father. Her father just happens to be best-selling author of the Goosebumps series, R.L. Stine. Zach accidentally unleashes some monsters within several of the tales, and it's up to R.L. Stine, Hannah, and Zach to put them back where they belong.

E.T The Extra Terrestrial

E.T. is about an alien that's ship broke down on Earth. A boy named Elliot finds out about the alien, and decides to keep its existence a secret. But when the alien falls sick, it affects Elliot too so a special government intervention turns to a situation for both Elliot and the alien.

Have fun getting chills up your spine and laughing with friends and family with these terrific movies!

– Emma Soohoo, Grade 6

Library Hours

Bridge Memorial Library

Monday: 1:00 - 8 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM - Noon; 1:00 - 8 PM

Thursday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Friday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

North Walpole Branch Library

Tuesday - Wednesday: 2 - 4 PM

Saturday: 1 - 4 PM

October Madness

It's that time of year again when there are creepy costumes roaming around our town. Here are some examples of what people in our school are going to be for Halloween: Ben Frithsen, Amelia Sethi, Ruby Frithsen, Bella Smith, and Leah Brush are dressing up as the Ghostbusters and the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man.

Camden Fuller is going to be Bart Simpson and Patrick Manning is going as a post apocalyptic character. Ian Gould is going as a hot dog. Etta Bea Harrison is going to be Rosie the Riveter. Our own LA teacher, Mr.Gagnon, is being Batman.

Besides the excellent Halloween costumes, Walpole Elementary School is also celebrating Halloween with their writing. Sixth graders are starting Monster Horror stories. Jon Grenier's story is about a man who suffers from uglyphobia and has a million warts. Jacob Hearne's story is about kids who go to a summer camp and are haunted anyway. Jade Nadeau's story is about a lake monster at a summer camp. Amalia Guitierrez's story is about two monsters haunting a kid. As you see there is lots of creativity in our school. That's why we call it October Madness.

– Patrick Manning & Camden Fuller, Grade 6

Science Olympiad Team

Fundraiser Night

Come have dinner with the family at Fireworks on Wednesday November 8. A percentage of your check will be donated to the Walpole Elementary School Science Olympiad Team.

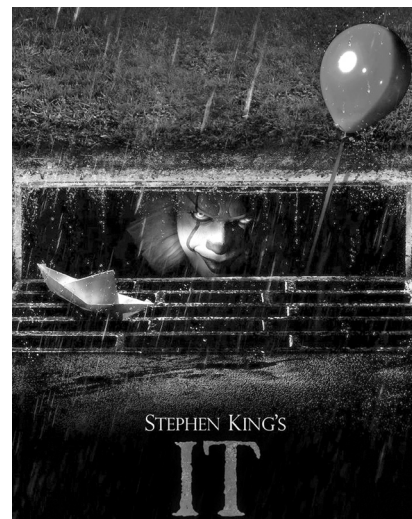
Enjoy an evening of chic rustic Italian dining featuring a variety of brick oven pizzas as well as great local food prepared fresh. Fireworks also serves a variety of gluten-free options. Fireworks is located at 22 Main Street, Keene. Reservations are not required but are always welcomed 903-1410. Dinner is served between 5:00-9:00 PM

2016/17 was the first year Walpole competed in the Science Olympiad tournament. The team was fortunate to win at the state level and traveled to Ohio to compete in the national competition. With a year of experience under their belt, the team is eager to make another run for nationals. Our greatest challenge is to raise the funds needed to train for each event and travel to competitions. Any donations will help and your attendance at Fireworks is a win-win. You get a great meal and the team gets a much appreciated donation from a local business.

Movie Review

IT

October is a time for spookiness. A part of that, of course, is the iconic scary movie. Personally, I haven't seen an array of scary movies, but I do like the allure of scary films, even if I don't watch them too often. This time around, though, I did go to a scary movie: *IT* (2017).



The movie started out with the infamous Georgie scene from the 90's miniseries and the book by Stephen King, when Georgie is captured by Pennywise the Clown, or IT, when his paper boat goes down a grate into the sewer.

From there, we follow the adventures of Georgie's brother Bill and his friends, or the "Loser's Club" as they call themselves. In the beginning, as they unravel the mystery of the small town of Derry, and the monster that has plagued and fed off its residents, the children of the Loser's Club befriend others who become a part of the club. Together they share experiences of how they've been targeted by the evil clown.

Aside from the horror, the characters are extremely enjoyable, and they're always a pleasure to see. They're all really funny, and it's always fun to see them on screen. They work really well together with their differing personalities, and they never fail to be really cute when they become sentimental and bond.

In the end, when the kids confront the evil clown, they utilize the psychological thrill side of this, and illustrate how scary it is to face your worst fear – Bill is faced with killing IT (who has taken the form of his dead brother, for whose death he blames himself). Overall, the film is good, but I think that it could have worked better if the movie was scarier. The characters were all amazing, and the psychological thriller aspect of the movie worked well.

– Anya Bierweiler-Franks, Grade 8

Reader Commentary

On September 15, Randy Daniels passed on at his home in Walpole. On September 19, you, the Walpole community, packed the 1st Congregational Church to honor and celebrate his life. Some of you had traveled far or cut family vacations short to be there. Your efforts and the support that you have extended to my family during this time has been comforting and greatly appreciated.

One of Dad's many strengths was attracting great friends and partners with exemplary skills and talents to complement his own. Those of you who spoke at the service memorialized him exceptionally and did him proud.

Randy wanted to live out his life at his home in the community that he loved. Thank you to all our great friends, family, neighbors, home-maintenance servicemen, physical therapists, hospice workers, Church, and medical staff who helped my mother and father so that he could achieve that end. In the aftermath, the outpouring of love and support in the form of cards, and visits and time spent with my mother, Judy, is a testament to your generosity.

On behalf of our family, many thanks,

– Scott Daniels

Town of Walpole, North Walpole & Drewsville NOTICE

Beginning November 1, 2017 and continuing until April 1, 2018: Notice is hereby given that all motor vehicles parked on any street or highway or right of way within the limits of the Town of Walpole between 11 PM and 7 AM may be ticketed or towed away at any time during a snow and/or ice storm at the owner's expense and risk.

During a major snowstorm (6" or more), daytime parking on all streets or highways or rights of way shall be limited to two hours. Cars parked for more than 2 hours will be ticketed or towed away at the owner's expense and risk.

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October 14

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Clifton "Clif" Cooke
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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

It has been an interesting year weather-wise, and where has the year gone? Hard to believe the holidays are here. One way to know the time of year is by reading your **Clarion** – the articles give you a pretty good idea of where we are in the cycle of Walpole's year. And, it is time again for the Artisan's Tour and holiday shopping at the Historical Society and St. John's and Congregational churches. Michelle has some holiday specials advertised, and Kathy is again excited to offer her Bayberry Candles.

Please do read about our new on-line service – a Community Planning Calendar – for Walpole events a year out. Only with everyone's help providing what special events are coming up (as early as possible) will this help everyone plan.

Have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.
– Ray Boas, Publisher

Following a triple-dog-dare, Flick gets his tongue stuck to a cold flagpole in the schoolyard.



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A Christmas Story...

The Musical

Get in the holiday spirit early this year! The River Theater Company of Charlestown is bringing the NH premier of *A Christmas Story: The Musical*, to the Claremont Opera House Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, at 7:00 PM, and Sunday November 19 at 1:00 PM. The Broadway hit, with music, by Oscar and Tony winning songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (*La La Land*, *Dear Evan Hansen*) and book by Joseph Robinette is based on the classic comedy film of the same name. The musical, which follows the quest of 9 year old Raphie Parker for the Christmas gift of his dreams (an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle), features lovely



ballads as well as show-stopping ensemble numbers that are sure to please all ages.

For advance tickets go to our website at www.rivertheater.org, call the Claremont Opera House Box Office at 542-4433, or visit one of our community ticket outlets: Jiffy Mart in Charlestown, Marro Home Center in Claremont, Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company in Walpole, or the Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices are: adults \$15, children and seniors \$13.

For more information please email mwright@rivertheater.org, and visit our FaceBook Page (River Theater Co. of Charlestown, NH).

– Bill Lockwood

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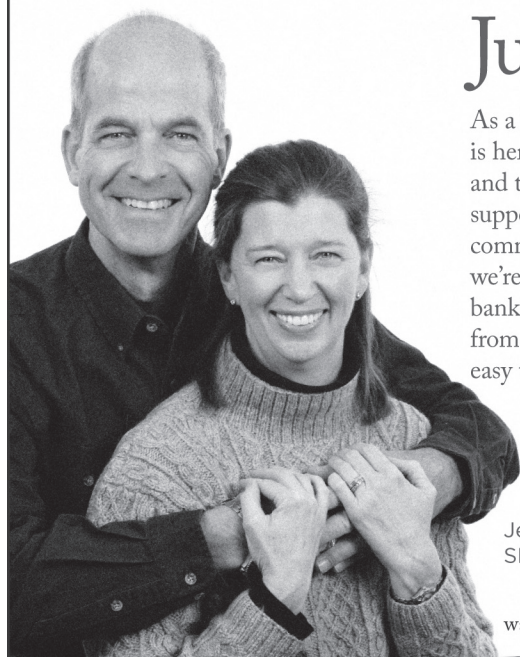
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