

The WALPOLE Clarion

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Selectboard Open Letter to the Community

It is budget time for all those boards and agencies that make up the Town Tax commitment. The Select board will hold its Budget Review meeting February 8 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall meeting room. We encourage all local citizens to attend.

The Fall Mountain School Board will hold its Deliberative Session for the 2019 budget on February 7 at 6:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. We **urge** everyone to attend. The School budget monthly payment for the 2018 budget by the Town of Walpole is \$560,962 and represents a significant portion of your tax burden. It undoubtedly will be higher for 2019.

The Deliberative Session is the time to ask questions and to change the budget if you believe it should be changed.

By the time you see the school budget on March 13, 2018, it will be in the form of a Warrant and, should it fail, the default budget will be in effect. Then, you will see the results in your tax bill.

The other item on the warrant that will potentially have an impact on our community is a question whether the school district should spend \$25,000 to study the possibility of building a regional middle school.

As a Select Board, we were very pleased to have a session with the Fall Mountain School Superintendent and the Business Manager earlier this month. The Deliberative Session is an open session for the voters of all five towns to participate. Please join us February 7 at the high school and February 8 at Town Hall to understand and determine how your tax money is being spent.

Sincerely,

Peggy Pschirrer, Steve Dalessio,
Cheryl Mayberry

Valentines Day Nears ...and Town Meeting



Save These Dates!

Jan. 24

Candidate filing begins
at the Town Clerk's Office

Feb. 2

Candidate filing closes at 5PM

Feb. 7 @ 6:30PM

SB2 SAU 60 Deliberative Session
at FMRHS

Feb. 8 @ 6:00PM

Town 2018 Budget Hearing
in main room of Town Hall

March 13

Voting Day for elected Town Officials,
Zoning Ordinance and SAU 60
warrant articles

March 15 @ 7PM

Walpole Fire District Annual Meeting
at the Fire Station

March 17 @ 1PM
Town Meeting

Drug Awareness Forum

We as a community are holding a forum on Tuesday, February 22 2018, at 6:00 PM at the Bellows Falls Opera House in Bellows Falls, VT.

My family has been affected by this devastating opioid epidemic for the past 5 years, and we have lost our daughter to an overdose on November 16, 2017. The terrible outcome of our daughter's battle has left us with so many questions, and in search of answers we have learned so many sad truths. We as a community have been effected on a level that is frightening. My family has experienced so many different emotions over the years from anger, shame, guilt and fear, each one taking its own devastating toll on our lives.

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Journalism Panel

The Threat to a Free Press

How can you protect yourself from fake news? Are the news outlets you trust really verifying the accuracy of what they report? Are social media warping our concepts of news, or even of truth itself?

Three leading journalists in our region will take on these and other issues in *As a Matter of Fact: Journalism Under Threat*, a discussion to be held at the Walpole town hall on Wednesday, February 28, at 7:00 PM.

The panelists include Paul Miller, executive editor of the Keene Sentinel; Kristen Nevius, Director of the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication at Franklin Pierce University; and Nancy West, publisher of InDepthNH.org, our state's on-line center for public interest journalism.

The three will explore the threats that journalism faces: the loss of financial support for investigative and in-depth reporting; a weakening of public trust in how journalists do their work; the rise of a political arena in which factual accuracy is routinely disparaged; and the increased reliance on social media for news.

Miller then will explain the ways in which reporters at the Sentinel and other legitimate news organizations work to verify their information. Nevius will dissect the pernicious concept of "fake news", and how we can identify it when we see it. Nancy West will detail the opportunities and challenges of operating an on-line news reporting organization.

The panelists will outline steps we all need to take to keep ourselves accurately informed and our news outlets thriving and reliable.

A discussion with the audience will follow.

If February 28's weather cancels the event, it will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 PM at the Walpole town hall.

This event is sponsored by the Fall Mountain Alliance, a forum for informed community engagement.

For more details, call 445-2200 or e-mail bdaviss@comcast.net.

— Ben Daviss

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The one emotion that has held us together and kept us going, kept us from surrendering to this awful threat, was Hope! We as a community have been affected and changed by this awful epidemic that is getting worse every day. I have, in search of answers, come to the conclusion that I need to take a stand against this threat. That is why I and a group of incredible people are putting together this Forum. There will be people from many different areas that serve our communities - from Law Enforcement, Rehabilitation, Recovery and Family Services - attending this Forum.

The one truth that I have learned is that we cannot defeat this terrible threat alone. It will and must involve everyone in our communities. Please help by showing your support. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated and is very much needed. Again, the event is February 22, 2018, at 6:00 pm at the Bellows Falls Opera house in Bellows Falls Vermont. For additional information, call 445-2120, or 852-4732.

— Richard Carrier

Make Your Voice Heard...

...In Concord

If you've wondered how to be heard on issues facing New Hampshire, State Representative Lucy M. Weber will show you how to navigate the NH legislative process at the Walpole Town Library on Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 AM until noon.

Lucy will demonstrate how to explore the NH House and Senate calendars in order to see what is happening, week-by-week, in the legislature. You will learn to use the NH government website to find a bill, read the text, and find out the status of the bill. You can also find out when hearings are scheduled on bills of interest to you, how to attend hearings, and voice your opinion on the bill being discussed, if you would like. Nearly everything that happens in the statehouse is open to the public, and you are allowed to observe and participate. Lucy will also bring written materials for you to take home, and will be available for questions after the presentation.

This presentation is non-partisan. The event is sponsored by the Fall Mountain Alliance and the Walpole Town Library. The building is handicapped acceptable. Advanced notice is needed for a sign language interpreter.

— Joanna Andros

An Olympic Experience

Walpole Native heads to PyeongChang

Walpole native Tim Baucom is headed to Pyeong Chang in February for the 2018 Winter Olympics. He is part of the coaching/service staff for the U.S. Cross Country Ski Team, and is the personal service technician for Olympians Simi Hamilton (Aspen, Colorado) and Ida Sargent (Orleans, Vermont).

Tim is one of six members of the U.S. Ski Team service staff who manage the team's 600 pairs of skis and drive the equipment to World Cup events all across Europe. Races are usually on weekends, but by mid-week technicians are working with their skiers on the course, trying out skis and testing various wax combinations in anticipation of weather, course conditions, and type of race. On race day, service team members are often at the venue before dawn preparing and testing skis, later joining their skiers on the course to make sure they perform on the fastest skis possible on race day.

Tim got his start in Nordic skiing right here in Walpole. While in middle school, he joined the Fall Mountain Junior High team, a popular program started by Cindy Westover and Shirley Gorton, with the support of Fall Mountain High School Nordic coach, Larry Sayers. Tim's middle school coaches, Chris and Kate Northcott, influenced and encouraged him greatly, and made skiing fun. They instilled a life-long love of the sport, one that still makes his work with the U.S. Ski team enjoyable.

Tim writes, "Chris and Kate really introduced me to what it means to be a great coach. They truly love working with young athletes, and are able to motivate and help kids push their physical and mental limits, while being two of the kindest, most humble people I know." In high school, Coach Larry Sayers pushed him to be his best, and gave him an introduction to the technical aspects of waxing and ski preparation. He also encouraged Tim's leadership skills on the team. "Larry's knowledge of endurance training and ability to convince almost anyone that they should come out for the running and ski teams are two gifts that not many coaches have! In my years working with him, I developed immensely as a skier and runner, as well as a lover of endurance sport."



Tim Baucom



...with Simi Hamilton



...and Ida Sargent

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Tim skied for four years at the University of New Hampshire, under Coach Cory Schwartz, then moved to Bozeman, Montana, where he worked at Bridger Ski Foundation, and then at the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation in Idaho. Now he's looking forward to joining the U.S. athletes as they walk in the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics on February 9th. A long way from his hometown...

Tim is savoring the moment: "The opportunity to represent the USA at the Olympics is truly an honor. The team I work with, both athletes and staff, are many of my greatest friends, and working with them toward this common goal of bringing home medals inspires me every day."

- To see a humorous piece on the US Ski Team's waxing: www.fis-ski.com/cross-country/news-multimedia/videos/video=inside-the-fence-not-the-size-the-truck-fis-cross-country.html

- For an article and interview with Tim about his work with the U.S. Ski Team: fasterskier.com/fsarticle/nordic-nation-wax-truck-road-trip-tim-baucom-andrew-morehouse-pilots/

Note: Tim has agreed to share his Olympic experience with Clarion readers on his return. Look for it in an upcoming issue.



SWEET!

A Valentine
Evening of Song
and A Sweet Dessert Buffet
Feb. 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Walpole Town Hall
Tickets \$15
On Sale at Galloway's

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WOMEN OF WALPOLE

An Ode to Tucker on His One Hundredth Birthday

Years ago you wrote a poem for my mother with your pen,
"Blythe Esther", it began, and my heart opened to you then,
Your words were warm and tender, also clever, sometimes funny!
Now you turn a 'hundred'! May every day be sunny.

When you were young and went to war, marching proudly in your kilt,
Returning with an English bride- a reputation you soon built,
Worked long and hard as a skilled and busy vet,
Sired children, dug a garden, proud as any man can get.

The valley was your workplace, barns and pastures, muddy boots,
Your family grew but you also knew you were putting down strong roots.
Your words were soon respected, people knew you were committed,
Weather, accidents and illness, you were not to be outwitted.

Quirky, blunt and clever, you spoke an honest line,
People got to know you and saw your quality was fine.
You moderated meetings and your wisdom was respected,
When something was contentious your decisions were accepted.

Your voice above them all, clear, and calm and true,
Gave comfort, trust and balance like the sight of red and blue.
It seemed just 'patriotic' knowing you were in the lead
The town folk came to trust you to do whatever they would need.

Pets and pigs and horses were your profession minding nature's laws
Up and down the valley you tended hoofs and teats and paws.
Yet you cleaned up well, neatly dressed for your meetings,
Used proper polite English for all your formal greetings.

Through the years your faith was true to the Unitarian Church.
As in your Yankee character as New England as the birch,
The Alliance gave their dinners- the whole town 'oft attended
And bake sales had your famous beans, Post Office tables tended.

Though you were seen around the town in sweaters neatly mended,
With yarn of different colors on the elbow patch extended,
We knew your work was neatly an example of being frugal,
Your time in Scotland worked as if your name might be McDougal.

I think you tended money well as treasurer of our church for 30 years,
I still laugh about the check you sent - got returned three months
in arrears,
Paid the harpist here from Dublin for the Christmas Eve event.
It went to Ireland. No State listed when the envelope was sent!

"The fellow in the post must be a pretty foolish guy to send it round
the world," you said
"When Dublin's just next door to Walpole- I could have tossed it from
my bed!"

"They'd have gotten it much sooner." You expected they would know,
That the Dublin you intended was the one just down below.

Being frugal is a virtue so that nothing should be wasted,
Gardens circle the stately house and lovely dinners tasted,
Walpole was your universe- though well versed in the news
You kept your values balanced and widely shared your views.

Now your shoulders stoop, your legs give out, you've tumbled
down the stairs,

Estelle has gone to Langdon Place needing more help with her cares,
Those funny dogs you used to raise are memories to cherish,
The Horse Thieves meet without you. 'Tis true. In time we
all shall perish.

Do you remember Margaret Williams on HER One Hundredth birthday?
You used to pick her up for church, it made Sunday her
sweet mirth day.

She shyly whispered to us over tea, that she knew that you would
miss her,

Because she secretly believed you came because you wished to kiss her!

Your ears are weak, your muscles don't respond for tennis games,
No downhill skiing in powdered snow, forget our neighbors names,
So many friends your made will come to honor you with tears,
To celebrate the joy of these blessed ONE HUNDRED years.

— Bard: Sandra J. Whippie, Minister Emerita, Walpole Unitarian Church

Library

Holiday Closing

The library will be closed on Monday
February 19 in observance of President's
day.

Coloring & Coffee

We'll supply the coloring supplies,
coffee and tea, you bring the imagination
and conversation! Join us Saturday the
3rd at 10AM for a little relaxation.

Author Visit

Join us at the library on Monday
February 12 for our next author visit.
Ceara Comeau is the author of a new
Science Fiction book for teens. Light
refreshments will be served.

Winter Break Kids Movie

On Tuesday February 20 at 11AM we'll
be showing a family friendly movie on
the big screen at the library! Keep an
eye on Facebook and our website (www.walpoletownlibrary.org) to see which
movie we'll be showing.

Cookbook Challenge Group Dinner

This month our pot luck dinner
meeting will be held on Tuesday the
27th at 6PM. Check Facebook for the title
of the cookbook or stop by the library
after January 29th to get a copy.

One-on-One Technology Appointments

Did you know you can book a half hour
appointment at the library with Julie or
Justine on Monday evenings between
5:30 and 7PM and Wednesday afternoons
between 1 and 2:30PM. We'll work with
you on your laptop, phone or e-reader to
help with any questions you might have.
None of those times work for you? Julie
and Justine are pretty flexible and would
be happy to work with your schedule to
find a better time to meet at the library.
To schedule an appointment, call the
library at 756-9806, e-mail Julie at jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org
or e-mail Justine at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org

Goodbye Library Fines

Starting January 1 the library stopped
charging overdue fines! In our new
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— Justine Fafara



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Non-fiction Book Group

A Civil Discourse

The Non-Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, February 5 at 6:00 PM at the Bridge Memorial Library to discuss Immigration to the United States. The Pros and Cons of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), The Wall, Temporary Protected Status (Salvadorians, Haitians, Indonesians) and other Asylum Seekers is at a juncture of historical significance. Joining us on Monday will be Steve Crofter, Rockingham, VT, a member of the Community Asylum Seekers in Vermont. For a summary on Immigration: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opposition_to_immigration.

— Ron MacLachlan

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on February 19, 2018 at the First Congregational Church. We will welcome Andrew Dey from Unity Homes as our speaker. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share with the members. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin



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A Momentous Decision will soon be made affecting the economic well-being of area residents.

What Decision?

Whether or not to merge the Savings Bank of Walpole headquartered in Walpole, NH with executive offices in Keene and Walpole—the last of twelve independent community banks once headquartered in the area—into New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp headquartered in Concord, NH.

Who Will Vote?

The Corporators of the Savings Bank of Walpole will vote. The Corporators are a self-perpetuating body of successors to the original individuals that incorporated the bank in 1875.

What Will Happen If They Vote To Approve the Merger?

If the Corporators approve the merger, the Savings Bank of Walpole will become a stock bank and subsidiary of a mutual holding company that will be merged into New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, which will then own 100% of the stock of the bank. The Corporators of the Savings Bank of Walpole will become Corporators of New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp and represent about one third of the total. Four members of the Board of Trustees of the Savings Bank of Walpole will join the Board of New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp and represent one fifth—just twenty percent—of the total. The Savings Bank of Walpole will continue to be headquartered in Walpole, NH. However, it will be wholly owned by New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp headquartered in Concord, NH.

How Should the Corporators Make Their Decision?

New Hampshire Statutes Section 383-B:6-605 directs that “The corporators shall consider the interests of the depositors, the borrowers, and other customers of the mutual savings bank or mutual holding company, the general benefit and economic well-being of the communities served by the mutual savings bank or mutual holding company, and the safety, soundness, and general business needs of the mutual savings bank or mutual holding company in exercising their duties as corporators.”

How Do the Corporators Determine the Interests of Customers and the Well-being of Communities Served?

Though New Hampshire Statutes Section 383-B:6-605 imposes a fiduciary duty to “consider the interests of the depositors, the borrowers, and other customers of the mutual savings bank” and “the general benefit and economic well-being of the communities served by the mutual savings bank,” it does not specify how that duty should be carried out. In the normal course of business of the bank, the Corporators defer on matters on which they have to vote to the judgement of the Board of Trustees and to management. However, this is not a vote in the normal course of business. This is a vote to determine if the last independent community bank headquartered in the area should become wholly owned by New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp headquartered in Concord, NH. Once that happens, decisions about its future will ultimately be made by the management and the Board of New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp.

If your interests are to be considered by the Corporators, you will have to let them know in this vote how your interests would be best served. Below is a list of Corporators copied from the bank's Website. Remind them that they have a fiduciary duty to act in accordance with New Hampshire Statutes Section 383-B:6-605. What would fall far short of their fiduciary duty would be to vote without due consideration—in other words, to rubberstamp management and the Board of Trustees' decision in order to avoid controversy or discomfort, or to acquiesce out of the mistaken belief that it's already a done deal; it is not, as the approval of the Corporators is needed to complete the merger.

But What of the Consideration of “the safety, soundness, and general business needs of the mutual savings bank” Mentioned in the Statute?

First, management of the bank has stated that the safety and soundness of the institution is not an issue motivating this proposed merger. Based on my 40 years in NH banking serving as chief financial officer of four NH banks, including one of the largest, and my review of publicly available financial reports, I would concur. As to the general business needs of the bank, I find no justification for the proposed merger—obligatory statements from management and the Board of Trustees to the contrary. This region produces a great many highly intelligent and good-hearted individuals, which is all that is needed in these challenging times to successfully operate a locally headquartered independent community mutual savings bank. They are on board now and are working with and training the next generation of community bankers. We have George Bailey's bank right here, let's keep it. Let your voice be heard!

Corporators Savings Bank of Walpole:

Thomas S. Bates	Jill I. Batty	Emily T. Benson	Sarah A. Bradeen
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David P. Wichland	Jonathan G. Wildes		

Authored and paid for by Richard A. Wilson, former CFO of the Savings Bank of Walpole from 1988 to 2013

Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

Selectboard - December 21 - Letter to NH Liquor Commission: Burdick's is changing their ownership structure. Mr. Dalessio moved to approve and sign the letter to the NH Liquor Commission advising that the Town of Walpole Selectboard voted to grant permission to Kenneth Burns and Thomas Goins to obtain a liquor with entertainment license for their Burns and Goins LLC, DBA The Restaurant at Burdick's and the off-premise sales of beer and wine at the Walpole Grocery.

Selectboard - January 4, 2018 - 2018 Town Budget: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the 2018 Town Budget in the amount of \$3,714,942.00 without Warrant Articles. The motion was approved. Mr. Kreissle will forward this to the Department of Revenue Administration as soon as possible.

Planning Board - January 9 - Complete Streets Update: Mr. J. Miller met with the Selectboard to discuss the recommendations made by the Board at the last meeting. He said that the Selectboard was very warm to several of the projects the Board recommended and that the town can do the work including painting a sidewalk around Jake's, signage at the library crosswalk, painting of the arrows around the fountain and sharrows on the road for bicycle traffic. He also noted that the Southwest Regional Planning Commission received \$100,000 from a donor for a grant for towns who had completed the Complete Street projects. After a talk with Mari Brunner of SWPC, Miller said the project for a walkway from the school to the fire station probably would not qualify because it would be way over the cost.

Selectboard - January 11 - Unassigned Fund Balance: Mrs. Pschirrer reported the Unassigned Fund Balance is \$1,770,000 +/- . The selectboard agreed that, instead of having the baler as a separate warrant article, it be taken out of the Unassigned Fund Balance because it is too high. It will leave them with \$1,500,000 +/- . It is good to keep this fund balance high because the Town will be facing some major infrastructure projects in a few years.

Vilas Bridge - The Southwest Region Planning Commission and Bellows Falls Village Corp., plus interested parties on the Vilas Bridge Committee, will meet for the first time February 7, 3:00 pm, at the Walpole Town Hall.

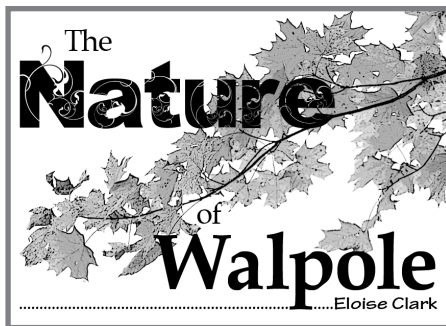
Certificate of Municipality - The town will prepare this document and provide it to the NH State Library for grant funding to be released for the restoration of old Town record books in the basement vault. The books are being donated to the Walpole Historical Society.

- Ray Boas

Bitter, bitter cold, snow, sleet, freezing rain, thaws, ice dams on our eaves and ice jams on our brooks and rivers, we've sampled a smorgasbord of weather this winter season. While an inconvenience for us, these variable conditions can be a life or death challenge for wildlife. Like us, animals need food, water, shelter (or cover in wildlife parlance) and the space to find these crucial elements.

What's a critter to do? We know many leave us by migrating to warmer climes or open water where they can find food. Others leave the food chain by hibernating for the entire season. These include our most famous hibernator the woodchuck, but also the jumping mouse, insects, reptiles and amphibians. Other mammals take a break during the coldest times to "deep sleep", only rousing when the temperatures lift. Still, many birds and mammals stay active, searching for food and water daily while retreating to cover during harsh weather.

Where does wildlife find cover? Of course, it depends on the animal's size and abilities. Have you heard of "deer yards"? With slender legs, deer find movement in deep snow difficult. In our area, dense stands of hemlocks are able to capture snow in their needles, leaving a shallower snow layer beneath. The deer can feed on the needles without wasting energy moving further afield. In northern Vermont deer do the same beneath the white cedar stands. In those areas, the bottom of the cedar is exactly pruned to the height of the deer! Many species of our winter birds also use hemlock for cover during storms.



Tree cavities large and small can accommodate wildlife. The larger ones are favored by the "deep sleepers" such as the raccoon, skunk and opossum. Gray squirrels retreat to tree cavities during storms. Chickadees, nuthatches and titmice seek shelter in smaller cavities. Any place to get out of the wind which we all know makes the cold feel so much colder. Wind chill saps the slim fat reserves of these animals. It can tip the balance between survival or not.

Our area doesn't have the right geology to produce roomy caves. Still, there are some overhangs and crevices in the bedrock large enough to provide shelter for porcupines. Bears are out of luck when it comes to caves large enough to hold them. They use more exposed locations, maybe snuggling up to a large downed tree for their snooze. They sometimes use brushy areas or tangles of tree tops that have fallen.

There is also the fascinating shelter snow provides. Meadow voles carve "sub-nivean" tunnels under the fluff at ground level. These branching networks of trails can be easily seen when the

snow melts. They appear on lawns and especially hay fields. The voles will even build grassy nests to house a host of them beneath the snow. The tunnels are roamed by vole predators, too - shrews and weasels.

How can we help these critters? I've seen the smaller birds duck into bird nesting boxes in winter. The mice like them too! If you cut brush, don't burn it all, leave piles in the woods for smaller birds and mammals. If you have a dead tree that's not a danger to people or property, leave it standing. Woodpeckers will make cavities and cavities create homes for wildlife. A large hardwood tree with a center that's rotted is a real treasure. More than two dozen species of birds and mammals use tree cavities.

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All Saints Parish

The forty days of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 for Latin-rite Catholics with Easter Sunday on April 1. Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting.

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday on the head symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to attend daily Mass if possible, to service by giving alms, (by donating money or goods to the poor and performing acts of charity.) and sacrifice self-control through fasting.

The forty days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endure the temptations of the devil, all in preparation for his public ministry which would culminate in his death on the cross.

Jesus taught us clearly that there is no resurrection without the Cross, and Lent is the Church's spiritual journey as she, the Bride of Christ is called to follow in His footsteps.

Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters.

Mass times at All Saints Parish for Ash Wednesday, February 14, are:

9:00 AM at St. Catherine's Church in Charlestown and 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Church, North Walpole.

The Stations of the Cross:

The Stations of the Cross begin the first Friday of Lent, February 16, and continue each Friday until March 23. The Stations will also be held each Monday, beginning February 19 at 6:00 PM in St. Catherine's Church.

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent:

Tuesday and Friday – 5:30 PM at St. Peter's Church

Wednesday and Thursday – 5:30 PM at St. Catherine's Church

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 4:00 PM – St. Peter's Church
Sunday – 8:30 AM – St. Peter's Church and 10:30 AM at St. Catherine's Church

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday 3:00 -3:45 PM in St. Peter's Church, and every Thursday from 4:45-5:20 PM in St. Catherine's Church.

May we all prepare our hearts in a very special way this Lenten Season for Easter, the greatest of all Christian Feasts. May God in His Great Mercy fill your hearts with His Joy, His Peace and His Love!

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– Juanita Sweet

St. John's Episcopal

Lent begins February 14, but first it's time to eat pancakes! St John's will be having a Pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00 PM until the pancakes are gone! The tradition of eating pancakes, waffles and sausage, all covered in delicious maple syrup, is part of the practice of emptying the cupboards of tempting foods before Lent begins the following day. So, come out and help us eat all those goodies!

February 14 may be St Valentine's Day, but it is also Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. It is a day of confession and self-reflection. On February 14, St John's will have two services for the imposition of ashes: at Noon and at 6:30 PM. Anyone who would like to enter into this season of contemplation by receiving ashes, the sign of repentance, is welcome at either service. You do not need to be an Episcopalian to participate.

After School Programs

Art After School and Narnia After School will not be meeting on February 21 and 23, respectively, due to February School Vacation. We look forward to welcoming all the artists and readers back the following week. Great projects await everyone's return!

– Susan Kershaw

First Congregational

Sunday, February 4 - **Souper Bowl Sunday**. At 11:15 AM the church will be selling over twenty different homemade soups. Containers are provided. Payment is by donation. Come by and select a soup or two and enjoy it during the Super Bowl.

Saturday, February 24. - **Prepared To Serve**. The annual continuing education event of the New Hampshire Conference, UCC, at Pembroke, NH, with seminars on over fifty topics, many of which are ecumenical. Besides topics about the UCC there are many workshops on environmental stewardship, Syria, social and economic justice, peace, racism, Zimbabwe and Palestine as well. For more information call the church office at 756-4075.

– Chuck Shaw

The Jesus Fatwah

Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself. The First Congregational Church UCC, invites you to join a DVD viewing followed by discussion to learn about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. The program will run for five weeks on Sundays or Tuesdays beginning February 11 at the church. Sunday sessions start at 11:30; Tuesday sessions begin at noon (bring a bag lunch – beverages and dessert will be provided)

Topics include: Week 1: **Islam 101** – Feb. 11 or Feb. 13; Week 2: **Misconceptions about Islam** – Feb. 18 or Feb. 20; Week 3: **Islam in America** – Feb. 25 or 27; Week 4: **Making Connections, Part 1** – March 4 or March 6; Week 5: **Making Connections, Part 2** – March 11 or March 13. For more information, call Ellie Shaw @ 756-4866

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Walpole Unitarian

February brings us a variety of opportunities to join in community. Call Antonia Andreoli at 756-9036 with any questions.

Sunday, February 4: Family First annual chocolate communion led by Virginia Carter and Dorothy Read. We'll have an activity, and celebrate the sweetness of our lives.

Sunday, February 11: ***Funny Valentines*** led by Rev. Bomford. Whimsical stories with a dash of wisdom that celebrate the gifts and challenges of loving relationships.

Sunday, February 18: ***How to Be Good***, led by Kathy Harm. Kathy joins us from the Rutland UU Church, which has a regular pattern of exchanging lay worship leaders with the WUC.

Sunday, February 25: ***Steps to a Compassionate Life***, led by Rev. Bomford. With religious scholar and activist Karen Armstrong as our guide, we take steps to empower ourselves with compassion

— Antonia Andreoli

Sweet

A local women's charity organization, Women of Walpole, has planned a Valentine's event that should be a very sweet way to enjoy the holiday and contribute to worthy Walpole causes. On Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00 PM at the Walpole Town Hall, musician and folklorist Jeff Warner will be the evening's featured entertainer. Ballads of "love and war" between the sexes will keep the evening lively as the audience enjoys a dessert buffet prepared by the Women of Walpole members. Coffee, tea, and wine will complete this sweet way to contribute to charitable causes and enjoy a special night out. Tickets may be purchased at Galloway's for \$15.

Women of Walpole respond to worthy causes here in Walpole including camp scholarships, town hall area beautification, food shelves and friendly meals, and the new Walpole Civic Directory, to name just a few. This civic organization encourages women who have an interest in service and camaraderie to visit a meeting at the Walpole Congregational Church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 PM either February 28 or March 28.

— Andrea Goins

Walpole Worship

Drewsville 7th Day Adventist

Service: Saturday, 11 AM

First Congregational Church

Interim Minister, Reverend Christine Boardman

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

All Saints Parish

Pastor, Reverend John Loughnane

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Sat., 4PM; Sun., 8:30AM

St. Peter Church, North Walpole;

Tues. 8AM, Thurs. 5:30PM, Sun. 10:30AM

St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown

Confessions: Thurs., 4:30-5:20 PM,

St. Catherine's; Sat., 3-3:45PM, St. Peter

St. John's Episcopal Church

Rector, Reverend Susan de Puy Kershaw

Sunday Eucharist: 10 AM

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Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

Walpole Unitarian Church

Call Antonia Andreoli, 756-9036, for info.

Service: Sunday 10 AM

Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...you could be living in Walpole, Vermont? It is a complicated story spanning almost fifty years. And, for a period of time, Walpole's leading figures were in favor of the idea.

On November 17, 1749, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth wrote New York's Governor George Clinton that he was about to begin granting land "in the unimproved lands within my government." Wentworth maintained all land west of the Connecticut River was his, and had, on January 3, 1749, already granted the land that is today Bennington, Vermont. In April, 1750, Clinton wrote Wentworth, warning "all the lands from the west side of the Connecticut River to the east side of Delaware Bay" had been granted to the Duke of York in 1664 by Charles I. Thus, the controversy of land ownership began.

Over the next fifteen years, Wentworth made over 130 grants of land west of the Connecticut River. As Wentworth was selling his grants, the Royal Governor of New York was issuing land patents in the same areas. The New York Province petitioned King George III to resolve the overlapping claims. On July 20, 1764, the King decreed "the western banks of the River Connecticut to be the boundary line between two said provinces [New Hampshire and New York]." New Hampshire settlers accepted the decision assuming Wentworth's grants remained valid. New York, however, considered the King's decree was from that point forward, and declared New Hampshire's previous grants to settlers illegal. The New Hampshire grantees were ordered to surrender their charters and purchase new grants, paying New York for land they had already purchased from New Hampshire. Besides being considered unjust, the costs imposed by New York exceeded what the frontier settlers could afford. Resistance arose against the New York courts enforcing

the rulings. Groups formed, notably the Green Mountain Boys, to protect settlers' homes and rights.

A New York Court was scheduled for March 14, 1775 in Westminster to

confiscate settlers' property in order to settle debts imposed by New York. Protesting farmers assembled the night before, taking over the courthouse. But a 'Yorker' armed posse, attempting to rouse them, fired shots. Two Vermont settlers were killed. Captain Benjamin Bellows arrived with his Walpole militia the next day and quieted the conflict. Sentiments, however, were stirring that the disputed territory should become its own state..

As 'Yorkers' forced their will and courts through the New Hampshire Grants, settlers from the east side of the Connecticut River (having similar sentiments as their neighbors) could not help but be drawn into the dispute. Further exacerbating the situation for New Hampshire settlers was the distance to their government on the east side of the state and its unfair representation system. its unfair representation system.

On June 4, 1777, a convention was held in Windsor, Vermont, to establish "New Connecticut, alias Vermont" declaring themselves a republic separate from England, and with its own constitution. The first assembly was held March 3-26, 1778, again at Windsor, for elections. Sixteen towns from New Hampshire attended, petitioning to be admitted to the new state.

The petition was accepted the next year, and an invitation sent to other New Hampshire towns to join the new state. Things now were moving fast. General Benjamin Bellows called for a convention to be held in Walpole in November, 1780. Intrigued? That story will have to wait.



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Great River Co-op

...Reaches 750 Member/Owners

The Great River Co-op had a fantastic year in 2017! We want to thank all of the area supporters, businesses who donated items for our events, and our newest member/owners!

To date, we have welcomed 754 member/owners, and continue to add to that each month. Our goal is to bring on 1,000 members and we're getting close!

A good deal of progress was made behind the scenes as well. We brought on two new board members and welcomed (with open arms) a volunteer coordinator to help us make better use of those who are willing to come out and help at events. Students from the Keene State Architectural program created models of the store as a project for credit, and at the end of the year, we secured two Antioch University students to help us with our member outreach campaign for 2018.

We held a number of community events, including an Orchard Hill Pizza Night, a music night at Mole Hill, our 2nd Annual Harvest Dinner at the Walpole Inn, and the Harvest Farmer's Market on the Walpole Common right before Thanksgiving. All events were a lot of fun, and allowed us to connect with our community.

Great River Co-op T-shirts and tote bags are now available through a partnership with Beeze Tees in Keene. Supporters can buy these online, and a portion of the proceeds will go toward opening the store.

Last but not least, we have marked our new location with a large "future home of the Great River Co-op" sign. This is exciting – it shows the community that this store will be opening in the near future.

A cooperative grocery store is owned by its members. It cannot happen without you! If you would like to learn more about joining and how you can help this store to open, please visit our website at www.greatriverfoodcoop.com and follow us on Facebook. Together, we can build it!

– Stacey Nachajski

You Need to Know That...

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

ICE FISHING!

Did you read the article in the Clarion a couple of issues back about the ice cutting business that was down at the Mill Pond in Town? Well nowadays the scene has changed to ice fishing.

It just so happened that I ran into Elwud at a local coffee stop and asked him if he had read the article. I noticed that it caused a tear to trickle down his cheek.

"Ice block cutting brings back sad memories to our family", he said. "My great grandfather nearly died and lost his job working at the Mill Pond." "I do not remember reading about any accidents at the Mill Pond," I responded.

"Well sir", he said, "it happened. One day in the middle of January, after they had just removed several blocks of ice, grandpa slipped and fell into the pond. By the time they pulled him out, he was nearly a block himself. Well they carried him along with the blocks of ice to the local general store to try and thaw him out by the pot belly. Well sir, just about the time he starts gettin' some feelin' back in his body parts, along comes his boss. His boss informs Grandpa that he is docking his pay, as he ain't payin' no one to go swimmin' when he is supposed to be cutting ice! Well Grandpa put up a fuss and the boss fired him on the spot in front of everyone.

"Well, Grandpa went and got a job with a company cutting ice on Crescent Lake, and darned if the same thing didn't happen again. They had taken out several

blocks, and Grandpa slipped and fell into Crescent Lake. But unlike Mill Pond, the waters at Crescent kept shiftin' and they couldn't rescue Grandpa. Well sir, it was a long, cold winter waiting to find out what happened to Grandpa. Finally in the spring, when they drained the lake to make repairs to the dam, lo and behold, they found Grandpa encased in this huge block of ice on the lake bottom. They build a huge fire and thawed out that block of ice and guess what!"



I interrupted at this point and said, "Now just a darn minute. You are not going to tell me that your Grandpa got up and walked away, are you?"

With a big grin, Elwud slapped his leg and said, "Heck no. They carted him down to the local undertaker and buried him later that week." As he walked away he said, "You sure are a sucker for one of my stories!"

The sad part is, I fall for them every time.

If you are out ice fishing or snowmobile riding on ponds or lakes, be careful of thin ice. Be safe, and come home with fond memories.

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CVTC (The Community Volunteer Transportation Company) is looking for more people to become part of our volunteer driver team. Do you have time on your hands?

Our drivers are all volunteers and use their own vehicles. They receive an optional reimbursement of \$.41 per mile on the trips they provide. CVTC provides transportation for non-emergency medical appointments, social services, grocery shopping, banking, and/or visits to the pharmacy.

Trips needing a driver are listed on our website (<https://www.cvtc-nh.org>) and each driver can use his/her computer to determine which trips would fit in with their plans. For those drivers who do not use a computer, our staff will help select trips that match time availability and complete a monthly mileage log.

Our volunteers contribute to the health, wellness, dignity and independence for all we serve. Please join us. It's easy and most rewarding.

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CVTC provides no-fee transportation for individuals without access to transportation because of age, ability, income, and/or life circumstance. We are a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency.

— Leah Kristin

HCS Wellness Clinic

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will hold a **Nurse Is In** clinic in Walpole on Friday, February 23. An HCS wellness nurse will be at Applewood Senior Housing from 10:00 -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.

— Lara Larson

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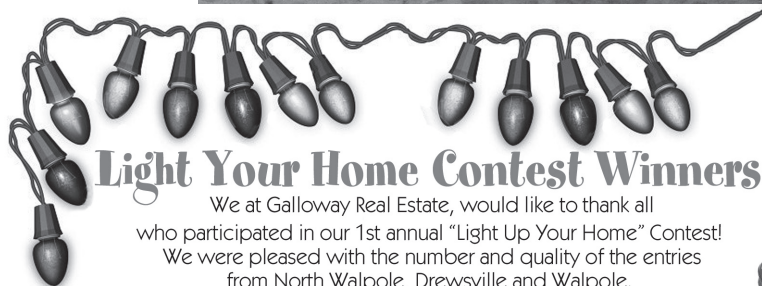
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Light Your Home Contest Winners

We at Galloway Real Estate, would like to thank all who participated in our 1st annual "Light Up Your Home" Contest! We were pleased with the number and quality of the entries from North Walpole, Drewsville and Walpole.

Congratulations to all the participants and winners!

1st place went to Diane and Mo Harty at 3 Birch St, North Walpole: \$100

2nd place went to Bruce Putnam at 768 Valley Rd, Walpole: \$50

3rd place was Shannon and Tim Latham at 380 March Hill Rd, Walpole: \$25

Thanks also to our judges Myra Mansouri, Zoning Board; Jeff Miller, Planning Board; Steve Dalessio, Selectman; and Chief Paquette, Walpole Police Department, for the time they took from their holidays to do the judging for us.



**We plan to make this an annual contest,
so start planning now!**

— Robin Sanctuary

Walk-in Wednesdays

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) welcomes residents of Walpole to **Walk-in Wednesdays**. The first Wednesday of every month, our staff members who specialize in home care, hospice and advance care planning will be on hand to talk with you individually about your specific concerns. Drop by for completely free, off-the-record, no-commitment advice. Welcome to **Walk-in Wednesdays**, where worries lighten as you learn about ways we can help!

Walk-in Wednesdays will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 3:00 -5:00 PM at the HCS office in Keene, located at 312 Marlboro Street. The next **Walk-in Wednesdays** are February 7 and March 7. Those who are not able to stop by are encouraged to call 352-2253 for information any time.

HCS is a Monadnock United Way agency serving southwest New Hampshire communities with offices in Keene, Peterborough & Charlestown.

— Lara Larson



Second Place Display

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Third Place Display

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Geography Bee

On January 18, the Walpole Elementary School held its annual Geography Bee. Sixteen students from grades 5-8 competed in the event, which has been held at the school for many years. According to the National Geographic Society, the purpose of the Bee is "to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world." Students who competed in the event from 5th grade included: Braydon Patch, Tyson Patch, Adaleine Creighton, and Francis Aldrich. Students from the 6th grade included Ian Smith, Patrick Manning, Murray Spaulding, and Josh Loves. Students from the 7th grade included Edward Gowdy, Mitchell Cormier, Wyatt Britton, and Izzy Walz. Finally, students from the 8th grade included Jake Bradley, Maddy Manning, Jacob Lane, and Lillia Wilson.

The Bee's first round consisted of questions about the United States' geography. For this round, students had to stand in front of the school to verbally answer the question. Other rounds consisted of students writing their answers on a provided white board, all answering the same question at the same time. From this round, the questions only got more difficult. Most answers were about world geography, and students had no choice of answer. "Although the bee was nerve-wracking, it was still a very fun experience," said competitor Lillia Wilson on this experience.

As students slowly were eliminated from the Bee, we were left with four competitors: Jake Bradley, Maddy Manning, Mitchell Cormier, and Francis Aldrich. Mitchell and Francis had a long battle for the third place finish, with Mitchell coming out on top. Now, it was only Jake and Maddy. The championship round included some of the most difficult questions of the Bee. One question asked: The Seikan Tunnel connects the island of

Hokkaido with what other Japanese island (the answer to this question was Honshu). After three questions very similar in difficulty to this, Jake Bradley had gotten one question correct, while Maddy Manning had gotten none. This left Jake Bradley as the winner of the Bee. "Coming in second was an amazing experience, and if you are interested in geography, this is an experience you should pursue," said Maddy on the matter.

Of course, this bee could not have taken place without the help of teacher volunteers who moderated the event. Mr. Lebail, the social studies teacher at the school, was the host of the event, and asked the questions to the competitors. Mrs. Ronning served as the timekeeper for the event, and made sure that students answered in the 15-second time limit. Finally, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Gagnon kept track of how many questions the students had gotten wrong, and clarified answers.

(Note: This is Bradley's fourth consecutive Bee win.)

- Jake Bradley (Grade 8)

WES Boys Basketball

The Walpole Boys Basketball team have played seven games since their season began, winning over half of them.

Most recently they played against Hinsdale, which they unfortunately lost.

According to 8th grader Hudson Willett, the team lost due to its lack of starters and their taller players being absent from the game.

We hope that the team continues to finish of these few remaining weeks with the same luck they have played with in the past. This team, with a strong core of seventh grade starters and solid eighth grade leaders, has an opportunity to make a run at the middle school championship.

- Grace Conety (Grade 8)

Look Up!

The Great Backyard Bird Count

*Soaring above the rest
Wind gusting and
Big
Flapping wings
Strong bold
Graceful
But ferocious
Talons sharp as a knife
Feathers silky soft
Colorful and brilliant shades
Blending like a rainbow
Its broad chest held high
Watching us with beady eyes
Staring straight into our soul
Imagine*

- Mamta Dey, Grade 6, WES

Throughout history, birds have been a symbol of strength, knowledge, beauty, and freedom. This year, starting February 16, many people will join in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), hosted by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, who started the event in 1998. More than 160,000 people join in the four day project. The GBBC is a chance for people to watch and record birds for 15 minutes for however many of the four days allotted to them. The notes are sent to the National Audubon Society and the Cornell lab of Ornithology, where ornithologists study the types of birds and where they are at certain times. To join the thousands of people who participate in this event, visit the website www.audubon.org/content/join-christmas-bird-count and click the join button. The Great Backyard Bird Count helps ornithologists to understand birds better as our world changes, grows, and evolves.

- Etta Bea Harrison (Grade 6)

Valentine's Day

Here is some random Valentine trivia.

The holiday goes all the way back to Rome. The Romans would celebrate the feast of Lupercalia from February 13-15. They would sacrifice animals such as dogs. This was to show their love for the gods. It was also believed that this would ensure fertility.

After the Romans, it was said William Shakespeare's love letters started the tradition to share letters. This is why, in kindergarten and beyond, you shared letters or cards.

In 2011, the sale of Valentine's Day cards made 17.6 billion dollars.

- Enrique Ingram (Grade 8)

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Climate Change Crisis

Climate change is affecting our earth here more than you may think. Our country represents 5% of the earth's total population, but we produce about 16% of the world's carbon dioxide output. We all know it's a huge issue that could lead to our demise, yet what can we do? Here are a few simple things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint.

Buy Local Foods: In Walpole we have easy access to locally-grown produce, dairy, and meats. Not only are you supporting your community, you are also saving the environment. When you buy food from a grocery store, the items have to travel hundreds and even thousands of miles to get to your house. The gas used to bring it to you pollutes the air.

Reusable Bags: If you bring your own reusable bags you don't need plastic throwaways. For every two thousand plastic bags used, roughly 13 pounds of carbon dioxide is released into the air.

Change Your Travel Habits: An energy-efficient car greatly reduces the amount of waste produced per person. Carpooling, riding your bike, and walking all do the same. Using just one gallon of gas produces roughly 24 pounds of carbon dioxide and other poisonous emissions. The average car produces six tons of carbon emissions per year.

Hang Clothes Out to Dry: Clothes dryer emissions are full of chemicals being baked out of your clothes along with dyes and detergents from previous washings. Each load of laundry releases approximately 5.2 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air 2.

Recycle: It works. If everyone recycled their paper products we wouldn't have to cut down as many trees – trees that take in carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. Plastic and other materials don't decompose. Instead of going to a landfill, these items can be turned into a new product.

– Natalie Ferland (Grade 8)

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Album Review

Reputation by Taylor Swift

"I'm sorry the old Taylor can't come to the phone right now. Why? Oh, 'cause she's dead," is the phrase that kicked off the new *Reputation* era – the new album from pop idol, Taylor Swift. She made it clear that she was re-inventing herself. That theme is evident in the album, but so is the theme that someone else helped her to reinvent herself.

Swift's sixth album illustrates her life. She just had one of the largest arena tours, starred in multiple music videos with over a billion views, and has been condemned by the general public. She took time away from the public eye. After her hiding and taking a (needed) break from the media, the public, and everyone, she took the spotlight and shined it on herself powerfully. She purged everything off her social medias, replaced it with a video of a slithering snake (a nod to the fact that Kanye West and Kim Kardashian-West called her a snake), and posted her album cover, date of release, and that a single will be released the following day at midnight. *Look What You Made Me Do* was released, and the *Reputation* era began.

The debut single showed everyone, that she changed. She decided to not be the country-singer-turned-pop drama queen, the victim, the innocent one, or any label. She would only be Taylor. She mocked her critics.

"There will be no further explanation. There will only be reputation," Swift said as a prologue to the album. You hear that in her music this time around, also. Songs like *End Game*, *Ready for It*, and *This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things*, are about her



redemption. She hints about how Kanye and Kim lied, and betrayed her. In *This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things*, Swift talks about how she felt abandoned, and only people who actually cared about her were there for her. We see her insight to the drama that the world witnessed. However, some songs do seem kind of whiney. We all know what happened, and can imagine how she would have felt.

The rest of the songs are about her new life, and how she lived when she was out of the public eye with her new boyfriend, Joe Alwyn. These songs are love songs; but unlike her earlier love songs. Usually, she chronicles the high and low points of young love. This album portrays her first serious, long-term love. She talks about her *King of My Heart*, and how he's *Gorgeous*, and *Don't Blame Me*, because she's infatuated with her new beau. This is a nice change of pace for Swift, who has become known for complaining about her failed relationships. Also, the different genres of the songs make for a tasteful blend. She goes contemporary with the song, *Call It What You Want*, and *New Year's Day* has a nice acoustic feel.

Taylor Swift may have a reputation for having sappy songs about boyfriends and drama, but *Reputation* her album has broken it. In my opinion, this may be one of her best albums. It calls out the media – maybe they aren't as perfect as they think they are; maybe their criticism of her is unfair. The writing on this album is unlike anything we have ever seen from her: the raw emotion, the way that she portrays herself is a brand new Taylor, which is how she wanted us to see her all along.

– Anya Bierweiler-Franks (Grade 8)



Even Libraries are Overdue...

We're on our way.
Appeal letters have been mailed.
Final design details
& construction costs
next month.

Please Note
There are new
locations!

*We missed
one in
January.

Walpole AED Locations

(Automated External Defibrillators)

This information could save a life.

Do you know where to find the closest
AED in town in the event of a Sudden
Cardiac Arrest (SCA) emergency?

Locations:

Walpole School – Elementary
(during school season)
8 Bemis Lane

Walpole Town Pool
(during summer season)
14 Bundy Lane

Walpole School – Primary
18 Primary Lane

North Walpole School
17 Cray Road, NW

Walpole Town Hall
34 Elm Street

Walpole Recycling Center
Rte 123, North Walpole

Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic
11 Westminster Street

Bensonwood Homes
6 & 10 Blackjack Crossing Road

LaValley's Building Supply
40 Meadow Access Lane

Hooper Golf Course
166 Prospect Hill Road

Congregational Church
15 Washington Street

☞ **Chamberlain Machine**
14 Darling Lane

Alyson's Orchard ☞
Wentworth Road

☞ **Bowman Dental**
48 Meadow Access Lane

Hubbard Park ☞
30 Upper Walpole Road

☞ **Savings Bank of Walpole**
North Meadow Plaza

Police & Fire vehicles in Walpole and
North Walpole are also AED-equipped.

MILESTONES

Born

Beau Myers Beam
December 15,
9 lb, 10 oz, 22"

To Eliza & Jason Beam.

Grandparents:
Diane & Jeff Miller
of Walpole

Eva Beauregard of Walpole
Rich & Jill Beam
of Stoddard, NH



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December 30
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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Hopefully you have carefully read through this issue. Events and lectures for you to attend to both learn, and become involved. Eloise's Nature of Walpole always fascinates me (I had never known of a voles before); and, Tim Baucom will be at the Winter Olympics and provide us with his first hand experiences. The **Clarion** relies on your submissions, and again what a variety we have.

I already know the March issue will be packed. It is Town Meeting time, just to name one upcoming event in the cycle of Walpole. My thanks to everyone who has been providing submissions, and particularly way before the deadline. It makes it easier to assemble the **Clarion**.

Finally, and I have said it before, please support the **Clarion** advertisers who make your community newspaper possible. If you would like to join our family of community minded advertisers, please contact me.

– Ray Boas, Publisher

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OWNER FOUND

A lost ring found in the Town Hall safe was reported in last month's **Clarion**, and now the ring is heading home thanks to a **Clarion** reader.

The ring, from Mount Saint Mary's Academy Class of 1965 with the initials MAD, was identified and recently claimed by Patricia Dooley of Wentworth Road. The ring belongs to her sister, Marilyn (Lynn) Dooley. Lynn attended Mount Saint Mary's Academy in Plainfield, NJ.

Kudos!

292 students
at the University of Maine
at Presque Isle
have been named to the Dean's List
for the fall semester.
Named to the highest honors list was
Bjorn Luke Bartlett, Walpole.
Named to the honors list was
Victoria Nicole Tacy, Walpole.

River Theater

Poetry to Die For

Love, murder, and laughs will be in the air Friday February 23 and Saturday February 24 at 5:30 PM (with a snow date of Sunday afternoon February 25) at the Town Hall in Charlestown, NH. The Charlestown Rotary and River Theater Company are teaming up to present *Poetry to Die For*, a Valentine's Day-themed murder mystery dinner. It promises to be a lively and fun evening. Dressing as your favorite poet is optional but highly encouraged!

Poetry to Die For is set in the present. A local poetry group is holding a special reading with dinner and invited guests to celebrate the upcoming release of Charity Holmes' new book. Charity is a long-time member of the poetry group and an internationally famous poetess with a handful of previously published books of poetry that are famous overseas. It has recently been rumored that Charity may have been plagiarizing work from the group. The audience is encouraged to interact with the actors to help solve the murder of one of the poets.

The cast includes many familiar local actors (*including several Walpoleans*) plus some new faces: Samaira Aldrich, John Blair, Michael Conant, James Dennewitz, Joan Donahue, Maria Ganio, Gregory Higgins, Fran Kemp, Chuck Lessard, Jeanie Levesque, John Luther, Stan Marro, and Ruth Pratt. Sam Maskell, the director, has previously directed several murder mystery dinners including "Murder at Hartness House" which she also wrote, as well as a variety of other local area productions.

A three-course dinner will be served, with choice of entrees (steak tips, baked potato and vegetable or spaghetti squash alfredo). All dinners include salad, rolls with butter, chocolate mousse, and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests may bring their own alcoholic beverages.

The cost is \$30/person. Seating is limited, and reservations are requested, by emailing todayis4memories@gmail.com or calling 543-0433 or 439-1896.

– Jeanie Levesque

Walpole Business Notes

Costume Ladies...

was recently purchased by Deneen Fifield of Westmoreland. Costume and tuxedo rentals continue along with a wide range of costume accessories and make-up for sale. In spring the shop's name will be changing to Neen's Costume Emporium.

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

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Ice Harvesting - January 21, 2018, Muster Field Farm Museum, Kezar Lake, North Sutton

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For a different perspective on ice harvesting, see page 14.