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Applicant Appears For Special Exception

Gas Station/Convenience Store

At the April 10 Planning Board meeting, James Phippard, principal of Brickstone Land Use Consultants, represented D&C Transportation, Orleans, VT and Big Deal Convenience of Keene and Spofford in requesting a Public Hearing to construct a gas station and convenience store at the junction of South Street and Route 12. The deed of sale for the proposed site was signed and recorded on September 5, 2017 – seven months ago. Before an assembled audience of between 150 and 175 people, the largest number at a Planning Board meeting in most people's memories – Selectboard representative to the Planning Board, Steve Dalessio, asked Phippard, "Was D&C aware they needed a Special Exception before they bought the property?" Phippard replied, "Yes."

Prior to completing its purchase, on August 23, 2017, D&C Transportation

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Hooper Sale Confirmed

(Editor's Note — as the May Clarion was being prepared for the printer, David Howell provided details of the Hooper sale to The Walpolean blog. With factual clarification from the Hooper Trustees, here is the news.)

Long-term Walpole resident, Fred Dill, making a large nonrefundable deposit, has agreed to purchase the Hooper Golf Course, Watkins Tavern, the cottage, and the 140 acres covered by the conservation easement. The money from this sale goes to the Hooper Education Trust. Interest from that trust funds the Hooper Institute. Playing golf at Hooper will happen for the 2018 season, and will have a future for many years to come.

Many details are being worked on, such as what functions will occur in the tavern and how the tavern and golf course will interact. Fortunately, a dedicated cadre of volunteers has kept the golf course in

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Science Olympiad

On March 24, 2018, the Walpole Middle School Science Olympiad team won the State Championship for the second time in two years at Saint Anselm College. With this win, Walpole will represent New Hampshire in the National Tournament in Fort Collins, CO on May 18, 2018.

Since September, these students have been studying two hours a day, three to five days a week in the fields of Anatomy and Physiology, Forensics, Epidemiology, Earth and Space, Ecology, Experimental Design, Herpetology, Hovercraft, Meteorology, Microbiology, Towers, Optics, and Chemistry.

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**Gas Station/Convenience Store
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Zoning Board: Wed. June 20 - 7:30 PM**

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Friends of the Hooper Institute

The Friends of the Hooper Institute is a non-profit organization that supports and extends the mission of the Frederick H. Hooper Institute. This program is unique to Walpole. The Hooper Institute must work only with the youth of the Town of Walpole as stipulated in the will of George L. Hooper. The Hooper Educational Trust Fund generates enough income to cover the costs of our school programs during the academic year, plus non-discretionary spending.

Hooper Institute personnel visit each classroom at the three elementary schools on a weekly basis. Rebecca Whippie and Eloise Clark teach lessons related to agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental science. Forty visits per year has allowed staff to develop a rich curriculum for each grade level. Have you heard of the annual canoe trip for sixth graders? That trip is preceded by a dozen lessons about the natural and human history of the Connecticut River Valley. Have you heard of the Farm & Forest Project? Fourth graders visit farms or forestry operations in our community. Students tend three school gardens and learn how to grow fresh, wholesome vegetables.

The second way the Hooper Institute reaches Walpole students is through the High School Summer Work Program. Interested teens can choose to work at various agriculturally related farms in town or the town recycling center. Over the past two decades, more than 200 individuals have worked with animals at dairy, horse, alpaca, chicken, sheep and goat farms. They've also helped at a vineyard, apple orchard, landscaping, berry and organic produce farms, florists or the veterinary hospital. Perhaps you've met a "Hooper kid" at the Town Recycling Center? Some students help with the Hooper Institute summer camps for younger children as counselors. These day camps are based upon the Hooper themes, so teen counselors must understand and teach about plants, animals and soils.

For many Walpole teens, this is their first job experience. They must fill out an application, interview with the Hooper Institute Committee and their potential mentor. They must show up on time, follow directions, learn new skills and take responsibility for their work. They must learn to manage their time and paycheck! Teens mature in many positive ways while learning about local agriculture and possible careers.

The high school program costs approximately \$15,000 for the wages of two dozen students who participate over the course of the summer. The Friends of the Hooper Institute is determined to raise this money through donations from individuals and businesses in town. Last month's *Bobcats in New Hampshire* program at the Walpole Town Hall was the kick-off for this spring fundraiser.

Please consider a donation of any amount to the Friends of the Hooper Institute, PO Box 135, Walpole. All donations are tax deductible, and will enable you to become a Friend of the Hooper Institute. Thank you!

— Holly Gowdy

Dogs Bite

We'd like Walpole and surrounding towns' pet owners to take a moment and look at the world through their dogs' eyes. Eating, sleeping and playing take up most of their day. The one job they do have, at least in their minds, is protecting their turf and their family.

"It's okay, he won't bite you" is a phrase heard often by letter carriers. But the truth is that ALL dogs will bite if they feel their territory or family is being threatened.

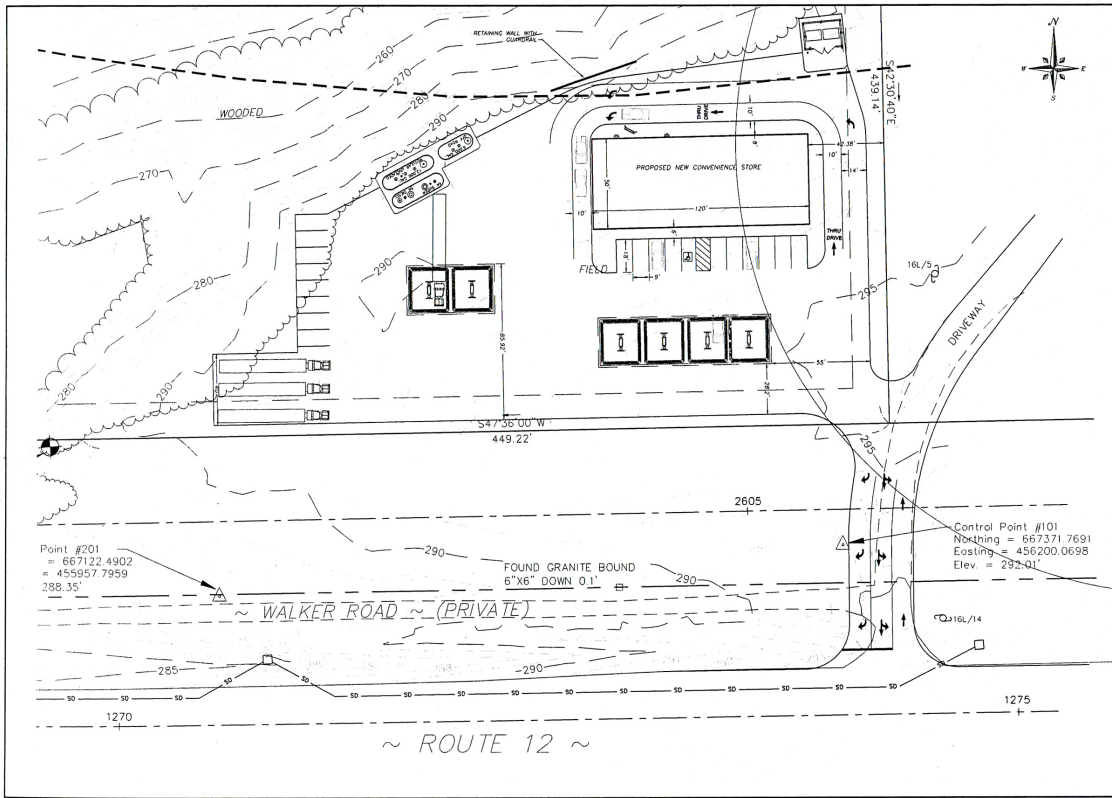
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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year. Dog bites account for more than one third of all liability claims against homeowners insurance.

With your help we can keep our carriers, you neighbors and your dog safe. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner and for protecting your pet and our letter carriers as we continue to bring packages and other important correspondence to your door each day.

— Lori Haddad, Your Local Postal Manager

Editor's Note: It has been reported bicyclists have recently been bitten by loose dogs. Remember, too, that Walpole has a Leash Law

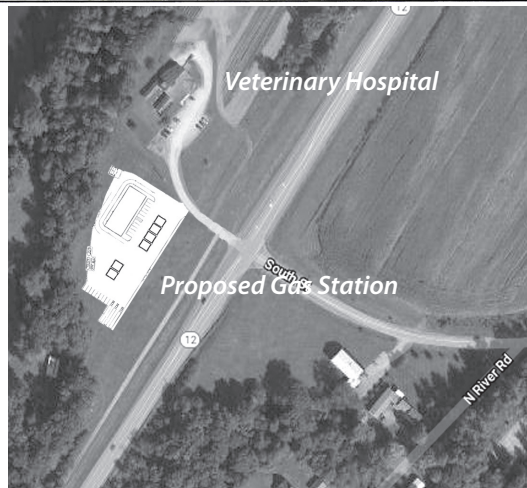


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Special Exception

began the Driveway Permit process with the State of New Hampshire by submitting a "Draft Study Scope" to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) District Four. A Traffic Impact and Site Access Study was then requested by Brickstone Land Use Consultants from Stephen G. Pernaw & Company, Inc. in Concord. That traffic study was completed March 12, 2018, and included data compiled in mid-September 2017.

On April 18, at the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, Chair Myra Mansouri, in welcoming the audience of about 80 people said, "It is nice to see you all here, as we usually have only 3 to 4 people in the audience." She began by explaining the public hearing for the Great River Co-Op had been rescheduled for the May 16 meeting.

Under new business, and in following the next step in the process of D&C Transportation's request to build a gas station and convenience store on Rural/Agricultural land, James Phippard made his presentation requesting a Public Hearing for a Special Exception to allow that construction. Following questions from the board, Ms. Mansouri



James Phippard, Brickstone Land Use Consultants, shows location of proposed project

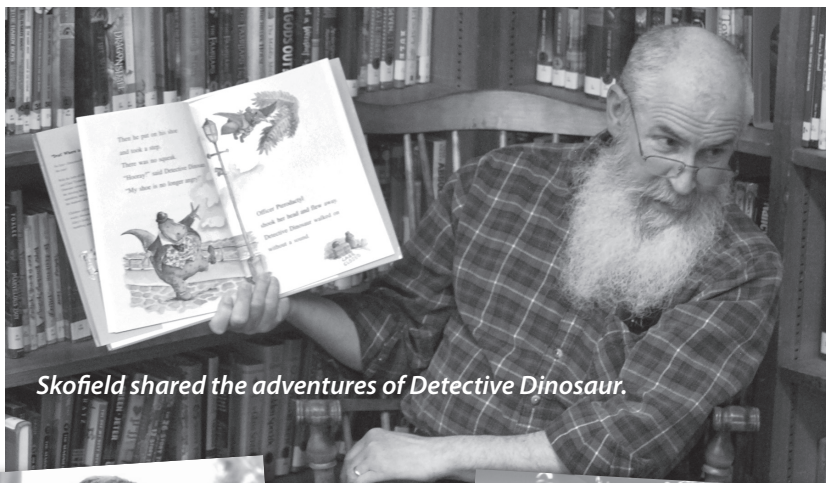
proposed D&C's Public Hearing be held at the June 20 ZBA meeting. "There are a number of hearings scheduled for May, and we need to have the Planning Board's recommendation on D&C's application in hand," she said. Mansouri continued, "And, with the public interest, we hope to not go to midnight with a full agenda." The Board voted to accept D&C's application and hold a Public Hearing to consider it June 20.



Public Hearings for D&C's Special Exception request to build a gas station and convenience store on Route 12 at the junction with South Street have now been scheduled by the Planning Board for May 8, and the Zoning Board June 20. All are encouraged to attend

– Ray Boas

For more information visit the **Clarion** website for:
D&C Transportation's Application to build on Rural/Ag land
Town of Walpole Master Plan • Town of Walpole Zoning Ordinance



Skofield shared the adventures of Detective Dinosaur.



There were bubbles, of course, and the pizza and cookies were every bit as good as they looked.

Rapt listeners



Library Renovation

May is Community Challenge month at Bridge Memorial Library. E.E. Houghton & Co. are challenging Walpole residents and businesses to take part – they will match the first \$1000 pledged/donated to the library renovation campaign between May 6 and May 19. Don't miss the opportunity... donate during this time and your dollars will go twice as far.

Giving is easy. Look for the Donation Box and pledge cards in the library.



Even Libraries are Overdue...

The library celebrated April's National Library Week by hosting Walpole author James Skofield. Skofield charmed his audience with a an animated reading of three of his childrens' books; then chatted with young and adult attendees afterward. Refreshments for the event were donated by Diamond Pizza and Bellows House Bakery. Donations by attendees went to support the library renovation effort.

To this point, community response continues at a steady pace: more than 300 individuals, families, and businesses have contributed. Campaign donations are approaching the \$300,000 mark (keep an eye on the banner on the front porch); final construction plans are expected in June. The Fundraising Committee continues work on securing grants to supplement local donations. Construction is projected to begin in May, 2019.

– Jan Kobeki

Upcoming Community Events

Be sure to let the **Clarion** know of your upcoming event, and we will be happy to put in a notice. We are always pleased to help make our worthy community events successful! Email: rayboas@comcast.net with details.

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Technology...

...at the Walpole Town Library

The Walpole Library, like most public libraries around the country, has come a long way in terms of technology over the last few decades. There has been a lot to embrace, and change can be challenging, but we (both staff and community) have adapted with grace.

Today we have an online, digital catalog which is searchable by patrons while in the library, or from home. We have 2 desktop computers and 2 laptop computers for the public's use.

We offer printing, copying, faxing and scanning services. Lots of people come in specifically to print. They have computers at home, but not printers, so they'll e-mail something to themselves and print it here.

The library also offers free WiFi for anyone in the library to use with their laptop, tablet, smartphone or other device. Many patrons who work from home find that they're more productive away from the distractions of home and come to work at the library. There are parents who come to the library to work on their laptops while their kids read and

play here. This is a wonderful service, because most other places that offer free wifi would require you to purchase something before you sit and work on your laptop for hours.

A fabulous service that is curated by the State Library (and funded by all public libraries state-wide) is New Hampshire Downloadable Books. Using your library card, you can access thousands of e-books and audiobooks to download to your kindle, nook, tablet or smartphone. While in the library, you can access our subscription to Ancestry.com for free for all your family research needs. While at home or in the library you can use our subscription to Mango, a language learning software.



We have tablets called Launchpads available for check-out. These tablets come preloaded with learning games

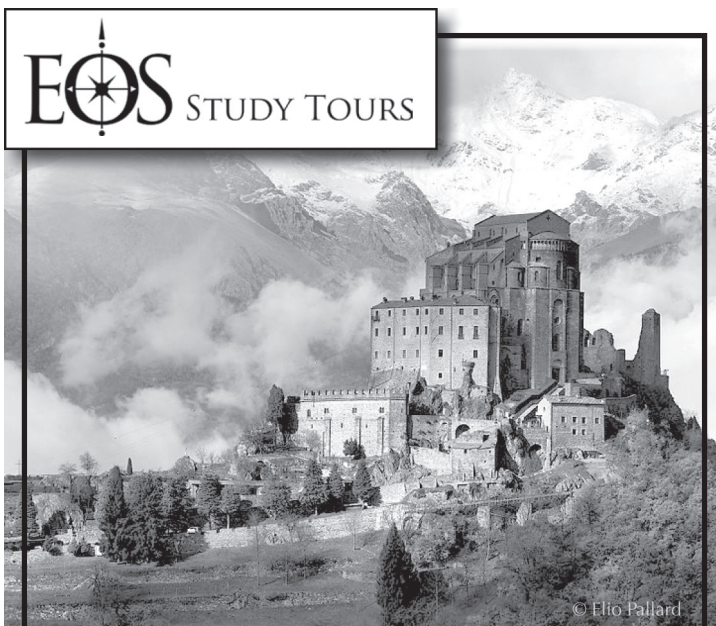
and do not connect to the internet. Each tablet has a theme: cars, dinosaurs, cooking, space, etc. These tablets are a great way for young children to get comfortable with technology before they get to school, where it is often assumed that children have basic computer skills. The Launchpad concept has recently expanded to tablets for all ages. We've purchased tablets for high schoolers to help with SAT and ACT prep, and we're hoping to purchase tablets for adults with crossword puzzles, sudoku, and other brain games in the future.



We offer one-on-one technology help and an after school program for kids. Our one-on-one tech help was originally created to help people use New Hampshire Downloadable Books and has grown to help people with any use-based questions on their smartphones, laptops or tablets. One patron comes in weekly for help accessing her e-mail, online shopping, online banking and text messaging on her phone. Our after school Maker Play program is STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) based. The kids do many things from improv games to computer coding. The program has expanded from once a week for kids in grades 4-6 to twice a week (one session for grades 2-4; another for grades 5-8).

We hope to offer more technological services. We continue to tweak the library's website to make it as user-friendly as possible. We continue to monitor technology trends in public libraries across the country; to track the number of people using our public computers to ensure we have enough to meet the need. Technology is ever-changing, and we're ready to embrace those changes to meet the needs of our patrons.

— Justine Fafara

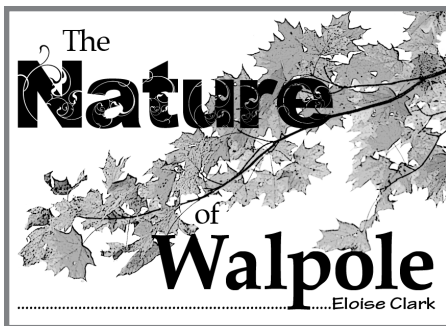


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How we enjoy the return of May! The many habitats of Walpole are suddenly abloom and abuzz with insects this month. Flora and fauna are moving at a frenetic pace to reproduce as food chains quickly morph into food webs.

While we may notice the floral display in gardens and ground, our first spring wildflowers are blooming overhead in the forest canopy. Tree pollen is wafting on the spring breezes, tickling our noses. Each species of tree has a distinct shape of pollen. Those with the roughest edges produce the greatest irritation. Tree flowers tend not to be showy with color, large size or scent because they depend on wind as the primary pollinator.

Pussy willow caps pop. A flower in the shape of a small bottle brush emerges. The tip of each anther is coated with yellow pollen. It's as simple a floral display as you'll find. Large sticky buds of cottonwood open. Long pendulous catkins emerge and dangle three to four inches from the branches. A few weeks after pollination their white seeds waft to earth creating a soft "snow" cover on the ground. Winds easily push the downy seeds to new open ground where they have a chance to germinate.

When red maple buds open, they reveal deep red pendulous flowers, little bells with bright red anthers. Sugar maples pop soon after with lemon greenish flowers. Notice whole hillsides brushed with these colors early this month. By the time the leaves emerge

about mid-month, seeds are already set and growing. It won't be long before the samaras ripen and fall. You may know these two parted winged fruit as "helicopters." With a stiff breeze the seeds can twirl away from the parent tree.

When a scaly oak bud opens in mid-May, it has a long floral stalk that dangles more than two inches from the buds. Tiny bell like flowers are festooned along this slender stalk. It's hard to imagine these flowers are the precursors to the plump acorns we know. Oak flowers and the emergence of black flies coincide on the calendar.

Warming temperatures and long day length stimulate leaves to unfold on trees by mid-May. Eggs of caterpillars also hatch and take advantage of the chlorophyll feast. They are abundant and offer critical nourishment to the many songbirds that return to our forests. This buffet provides eighty percent of the diet of these birds during nesting season. Full of protein and fat, the caterpillars are the ideal food for hungry chicks. Most of the caterpillars become moths of myriad species.

All these tiny flowers and tiny leaves provide the beginning buffet for the complex food webs that burst to life this month. And it's all happening right here in Walpole!

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Coffee With A Cop

Walpole Grange #125 will host Coffee With A Cop Friday, May 18 9:00 AM at the Mascoma Savings Bank in Walpole. You are invited to come and meet with Chief Paquette while enjoying a cup of coffee and a snack. Chief Paquette will address your questions and concerns about the police department. For more information, call 756-3677, or email grayreiner@myfairpoint.net.

— Kathy Yardley

Zoning

When Is An Exception Acceptable?

Walpole's Zoning Ordinance was established under State Statutes to "promote the health, safety and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development..." Since adoption in 1968, much careful thought has been given with amendments and execution of the ordinance in providing adequate space within the Town's boundaries for both residential, commercial, industrial uses, and the preservation of the Timberland, and Rural/Agricultural parcels that make Walpole what it is, and always has been.

As with any good guiding document, allowances may be made for unforeseen circumstances - exceptions meeting certain criteria may be granted for a change in use. The request to build a gas station and convenience store on Route 12 at South Street is just such an exception request, and it will be up to Walpole's Zoning Board to decide if the request meets the criteria for approval.

To utilize land in Walpole's Rural and Agricultural zone for other than its intended use an exception may be applied for in accordance with Article VIII, Section C. 1. A) i) of the Zoning Ordinance. That clause provides for an exception if "property currently zoned for industrial, manufacturing and commercial operations is either unavailable or inadequate for the proposed use..." Fortunately the framers of our zoning ordinance created a large commercial district that still has available land. Some unused commercial parcels already have the infrastructure in place with sewer/water, electrical and communication lines. In some cases all necessary permits to develop have also been secured.

What is the answer to the question, "When is an Exception Acceptable?" Great foresight was given in properly allocating Walpole's land for its appropriate use and future growth of a balanced community. That balance has been delineated by Walpole's Zoning Ordinance. Based upon the carefully crafted ordinance, that balance should not be disrupted by approving an exception, and great care should be taken before the delicate balance is disturbed.

— Ray Boas

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

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

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

We still have a few garden plots available. The cost is \$20 per family. The funds are used to pay for the organic compost and other supplies the group agrees to buy.

The group is looking for long lengths of one or two inch thick boards for the garden beds. Please contact the Hooper Institute at 756-4382 or HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net if you can help.

– Eloise Clark

Hill Hoppers

Golf Tournament

The Hooper Hill Hoppers snowmobile club is excited to be hosting their second annual Golf Tournament June 2 at Hooper Golf Course. Local business sponsors and raffle prize donations are being sought to ensure the event is as successful as last year. Those interested in sponsoring, or creating a team to play can go to <https://www.planmygolfevent.com/cgi/page.cgi?id=340413> or contact Katie at 603-313-2785 or katie@gallowayservices.com

All proceeds from this event go right back to the Walpole trail system that is used by cross country skiers, horseback riders, hikers, snowmobilers and many more. Donations are due by May 4, to ensure your name gets on the Tee Shirt. This is a great way to promote your local business.

– Katie Beam

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a reasonable condition over the last four years. Membership has declined, in part due to the generational decline in those playing golf, but also with the uncertainty of the club. With luck, a steady stream of golfers will soon return to Hooper, the "Best Little golf course in New England".

The 2018 Hooper golf season is just beginning. Everyone is encouraged to visit the course and share their vision for the future. A comment box will be at the pro shop, and a funding campaign will soon be launched. To learn more, visit new website: <http://hoopergolfcourse.com>. While at the club consider joining for the 2018 season, it will be a season of change and transformation.

– Ray Boas

WHS Opening Soon

Saturday, June 2 is the opening day at the Walpole Historical Society Museum and Gift Shop.

Please join us for our Season Opening. Our new exhibit this year is *Busy Hands – the Industry and Art of Fabric and Needlework in Walpole!* This is a wonderful display of historic and contemporary needlework of many kinds from the Walpole area. Our award-winning Children's Exhibit, featuring children's clothing from the 1800's to the 1960's, remains in place this year, as does the Timeline Walpole, a display of over 200 years of Walpole history. These exhibits are very interesting, and worthy of frequent visits for everyone to view. Bring your family and friends.

The Gift Shop has something for every age. We have new wooden toys for the young, as well as a colorful collection of stained glass pieces, scarves, napkins, candles, mugs and so much more! Our shop is stocked and ready for your browsing and shopping. Open Saturdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM starting June 2. See you at the Museum!

– Sally McGaffigan

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Walpole Grange

Community Awards Night

Walpole Grange will present its annual Community Awards Night and open house on Tuesday, May 15 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Come celebrate some very deserving recipients as we honor them for all that they do for our community, and learn about Walpole Grange and its activities. Refreshments to follow the program. For more information call 756-3677 or email grayreiner@myfairpoint.net.

– Kathy Yardley

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Piano Recital

Music Director Performs

First Congregational Church Music Director, Keane Southard, will perform a recital entitled *Piano Music from Four Continents* on Sunday, May 13, 1:00 PM, at the First Congregational Church in Walpole. The program will include works by John Foulds, Camargo Guarnieri, and by Southard himself. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted.



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As a pianist, Southard is committed to the performance of unknown and underperformed works and composers. "The piano repertoire is so vast," says Southard, "that there are many wonderful pieces that haven't made it into the standard repertoire yet deserve to be more well known. For the audience, it is a bit of a risk coming to a recital where you may not recognize the pieces or composers, but my hope is that people will walk out of the concert wanting to further explore these composers." Additionally, Southard's recitals include spoken insights, personal connections, and stories about the music and their composers to create an engaging and informal concert experience.

Southard has performed as a pianist across the country, including conferences and festivals in Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri. He has performed as a soloist in his own "Classical" Concerto with the Sounds of Stow Orchestra, and in his Concertino with the Northeastern State University Wind Ensemble. As a composer, he has been the recipient of many awards. For more information about Keane Southard, visit keanesouthard.instantencore.com.

– Congregational Church Music Committee

First Congregational

Spring Cabaret

Mark your calendars for Saturday night, May 5th at 7:00PM for the Spring Cabaret! This fun event is presented by the First Congregational Church and will be held in Fellowship Hall of the church. As a tribute to our friend Joan Swett who passed away recently the evening's program theme will feature *The Music of Elvis*. If you would like to perform during the program or have any questions, contact Kathy Yardley at 756-3677 or email grayreiner@myfairpoint.net. Admission is by donation, and refreshments will be served during intermission. So put on your "blue suede shoes" and rock on over to the church for a great time!

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Come for a bag lunch on Wednesdays in May and the first Wednesday in June. Beginning Wednesday, May 2 at 11:30, please bring your Bibles and enjoy the conversation. Location will be in the Conference Room on the second floor.

May 2: Parables of Growth

May 9: Parables of Reversal

May 19: Parables of Preparedness

May 23: Parables of Decision

May 30: Parables of Treasure

June 6: Parables of Tradition

Explore, listen, learn and enjoy. Questions? Please feel free to be in touch with Pastor Christine at 756-4075

– Chuck Shaw

Walpole Unitarian

May Services

Sunday, May 6: *Family First*, a brunch service offered by Dorothy Read and Virginia Carter. This service is held at Hastings House on Union Street, up the hill from the church.

Sunday, May 13: No Service on Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 20: Reverend Elaine Bomford, *Centered in Community*. Preceding the congregation's Annual Meeting of members and friends, we focus in worship on the nature, experience and importance of "beloved community".

Sunday, May 27: Reverend Elaine Bomford. *When Lilacs last in the dooryard bloomed...* Memorial Day originated as a day to commemorate the fallen of the Civil War. The acknowledgement and healing of deep rifts in our country continues. On this Memorial Day, Reverend Elaine leads us in a service of remembrance and hope.

All services are at 10:00 AM. Call Antonia Andreoli, 756-9036 for more information.

– Antonia Andreoli

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on May 21, at the First Congregational Church. We will welcome Fred Ernst and Carol Cramer as our guests. They will give a presentation on the renovation of the Walpole Town Library. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share with the members. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

– Jan Martin

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The Non-Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, May 7, at 6:00 PM at the Bridge Memorial Library to discuss Amy Chua's NYT Best-Selling Book *Political Tribes-Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations*. This book grapples with the question: how could anyone with a clear conscience have supported Donald Trump, or, alternatively, Hillary Clinton? Joining us will be Dr. Brian Green, Chair of the Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology department at Keene State. Chua's earlier book, *Battle Hymn of Tiger Mom*, written with General David H. Petraeus, has become a classic study of US failure to understand the intensity of Sunnis/Shias/Kurdish tribal hostilities. Becoming a Democracy was simply secondary to allegiance to one's Political Tribe. For more information, contact Ron MacLachlan at 756-3695

— Ron MacLachlan

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

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Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

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Service: Sunday 10 AM

Spencer's Place

Jeff and Laurie Harrington of Walpole have two sons, Connor (18) and Spencer (14). Spencer was born with a congenital heart defect. He was flown to Boston at birth, and underwent five open heart surgeries in his first four years of life. During his time at the Walpole Middle School, he went through three more surgeries, including a heart transplant at age 11.

Throughout all of the months at Boston Children's, Spencer found joy in his love for food. From making waffles on Christmas morning in the hospital cafeteria to making shrimp scampi with the hospital's head chef in his room, food was, and is, his passion. During times when he was home and felt well, he loved helping the Donovans serve food at the Hubbard Park to baseball fans. Spencer currently cooks regularly for his family.

In 2000, Shanda and Beau Donovan were introduced to Jeff and Laurie Harrington. The Donovans are thankful to be able to name the restaurant they are opening, with the help of the Walpole Foundation, after Spencer. Spencer's Place, (at the location of the former The Walpole Village Tavern), will open once renovations are complete (mid-June). They are thrilled to have Spencer part of the crew, and excited to once again make this historic location a casual place where anyone can come enjoy a meal with family and friends. Spencer's Place, a place with a heart!

– Shanda Donovan

(Editor's Note: Steve and Shanda Donovan, longtime residents of Walpole, have always stressed the value of having a great work ethic and the importance of giving back to the community to their three children. They have a very large extended family based here in Walpole, with almost everyone being very involved in the community, serving as teachers, nurses, volunteer EMTs and with the Fire Department)

Walpole Maples-

Play Ball!

It's baseball season again, despite all the cold weather we've still been having. By the time you are reading this the season will already be underway as we opened the season on the road against the Keene based team on April 22.

The Walpole Maples have just about everyone back from the 2017 season along with a few new faces. We are ready to go again as we look to put a very competitive team on the field again for 2018. Our team roster is as follows: Coach, Ken McGill; Score keeper, Elizabeth McGill; Players: Mark McGill, Steve Corey, Steve Corey Jr., Joe Corey, Shane Salmonson, Colby McAllister, Hank Bailly, Adam Kobeski, Garin Clough, Nico Senerchia, Dom Senerchia, TJ Ferguson, Kyle Keating, Kyle Obrien and Steve Shepard.

As always, we hope to see our fans out to support us at our home games and we thank you. We would also like to say thank you to our sponsors for their support. Walpole Maples baseball is sponsored by E.E. Houghton, Matt Beam Plumbing and Heating, McGills Sugarhouse, Walpole Veterinary Hospital, McGill Woodworking and Graves Trucking.

– Mark McGill

Editor's Note: See the calendar for the Maples' May schedule.



Ruggles & Hunt

Spring Fashion Show

Ruggles & Hunt, Purveyors of Staple & Fancy Goods located in Brattleboro, VT and Walpole, NH, will be holding a 2018 Pre-Mother's Day Spring Fashion Show to benefit The Cocoa Farming Future Initiative (CFFI). The show will be held at the Bellows Walpole Inn Monday, May 7, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Advance tickets are \$20, or \$25 at door.

Founded by Paula Burdick, CFFI is a not-for-profit dedicated to support the cocoa farmers on the island of Grenada after two devastating hurricanes wiped out Grenada's farms. Ruggles & Hunt, and the Walpole community, have been proud supporters of The Cocoa Farming Future Initiative since it was founded in 2011.

This year the fashion show will have a corporate sponsor, Via Talenta, based in Switzerland. Via Talenta is engaged in impact investment and philanthropy, such as driving environmental sustainability and bringing food, security and health care to the underserved. It seeks to educate forthcoming generations to become concerned global citizens, as well as providing access to the world of art for those who have no easy way to engage. Its sponsorship of the show means that more proceeds will go directly to CFFI.

Local mavens and fashionistas from the neighborhood will model the latest styles from Ruggles & Hunt in an informal and fun atmosphere. Vicki Gohl, owner of Ruggles & Hunt, will be emceeing in inimitable fashion. You can win a \$100 gift certificate to Ruggles & Hunt if you wear the jauntiest and most original hat. The now famous raffle (\$5 a ticket) includes items from Ruggles favorite designers. Each ticket includes a free drink, goodie bag, yummy finger food and a terrific evening with friends and local characters – all for a good cause. Tickets are available at Burdick's Tea Room and both Ruggles & Hunt locations (Walpole and Brattleboro stores) and the Bellows Walpole Inn. Please call 802-579-1900 or 603-756-9607 for more information.

– Sharry Manning



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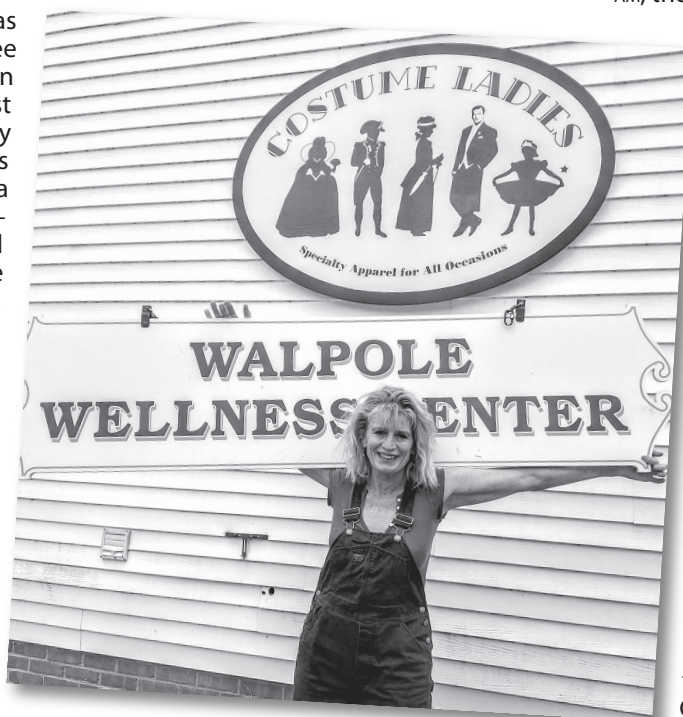
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Ready for Change?

Walpole Wellness Center has outgrown its home. After three years on the first floor of 40 Main St. – across the street from the Post Office – the growing popularity of Snow Frye's Body Mechanics classes and massage mandated a change. Not that she's moving far – actually just down Main Street and around the bend to 73 Main – the former Costume Ladies building. (The building's logos will be changing soon.) The new location offers more space and ample off-street parking, while remaining convenient to the village center.

To celebrate the move, the Wellness Center is offering a special Mother's Day gift certificate: for \$90 you can treat Mom to 90 minutes of wellness – including massage, hot packs, hot stones, and homemade chai tea.

73 Main will only be used for massage and wellness counseling. Body Mechanics classes are being held across the Connecticut River at the Westminster



Institute. Scheduled every Tuesday at 8:30 AM, the classes welcome all ages and skill levels – both men and women. Classes are \$11.00 if paid for by the month, or \$12.00 at the door if you're just dropping in. NOTE: attendees must be at the Institute by 8:15AM for set-up. Things get serious promptly at 8:30.

Since Body Mechanics needs are different for men and women, Snow is developing an all-male Body Mechanics program to address the need – tentatively planned for Monday or Thursday nights at 7:00PM. The classes will focus on the fundamentals – a “bare bones” beginner class to teach the basics. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Snow with their preference for Monday or Tuesday nights.

For more information, check out the Wellness Center on Facebook. Call or email for an appointment. Call 603-762-4227... when you're ready for change.

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...the threat of a gas station

being built in the center of Walpole saved the oldest house in town and established The Walpole Historical Society?

One of the most picturesque corners in the Village is at the bend of Main Street at the beginning of Old North Main Street. This corner property was sold by James Ball to Asa Baldwin in 1760. The house at the corner of Rogers Street (originally North Street) was probably built by Asa Baldwin about 1762. It is not certain if Benjamin Bellows completed his home first or if Baldwin did, but it is safe to say that this is one of the two earliest homes in Walpole. A second building on this lot, closer to Turnpike Street (now Main Street), served over the years as a shoemaker's shop, livery business and harness shop.

Mrs. Katherine A. Weymouth purchased this property in 1892, and left it to Katherine Keefe upon her death. In 1930, it was rumored this corner might be purchased by an oil company, with the home and shop on it to be demolished for a filling station. Widespread concern developed, and interested people mobilized to action. Rich with history as Walpole was, it was surprising that there was no historical society in town to preserve the town's heritage, artifacts and memories. Under the guidance of Mrs. Thorndike H. Endicott (The Reverend Henry W. Bellows' daughter), a loan was obtained to purchase and save the property and the old home from destruction.

On August 11, 1930, the first meeting of the incorporators of the Walpole Historical Society met at the Savings Bank of Walpole. A public meeting followed at the Bridge Memorial Library on August 18. Officers and directors were elected, and ultimately the Society was incorporated under the laws of New Hampshire.

The Society purchased the threatened property. The house was rented out, and the old harness shop was used to display the growing collections of the Society. By 1948, the museum display space had been outgrown, and "the

problems of landlord, the house being rented, became onerous." The property was sold to Mrs. Mabel Cole in 1948, and the proceeds of the sale were set aside in the hopes a more suitable home for the Society's collections would become available.

Again, the threat of unwanted development prompted the Walpole Historical Society into action to save an historic Walpole landmark and scene. In 1950, the high school in the old Walpole Academy Building on Main Street was no longer going to be used for that purpose, and was to be auctioned off. Again,

rumor was a prospective buyer wished to use the academy grounds for house lots. Auction day came, September 2, 1950, with a large assembled crowd. Mr. F. Dana Hooper was appointed to bid on the property on behalf of the Society. At the end of the auction, the Walpole Historical Society was the successful bidder at \$8,000. This amount was more than the Society hoped to pay, but several individuals from town came forward to provide substantial financial assistance – a recurring thread that runs through Walpole's character.

As a result, a second cornerstone of Walpole history and architecture was saved from development, and preserved. These are two demonstrative examples of community spirit and effort in preserving Walpole – As It Was, And Still Is.



The oldest home in Walpole village narrowly escaped becoming a gas station.

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Great River Co-op

On Wednesday, April 18, The Great River Co-op presented the documentary film *Food for Change* during its annual meeting at the Bellows Falls Opera House. *Food For Change* chronicles the history of cooperatives in the United States, and was fitting to show it at an Annual meeting for a startup cooperative. The evening included a brief summary of what the co-op has achieved over the last year, and next steps toward opening its doors.

We would like to thank our member/owners who attended the meeting, Bellows Falls Opera House for hosting our event, and *Food for Change* Director, Steve Alves, for traveling here to introduce the film and foster a conversation afterward.

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We need your input and we need your support. If you're able to volunteer your time and expertise, there is plenty to be done. And, there is still space on the board. Join the conversation, join as a member, and let's make it happen! Together we can build it!

– Great River Co-op Board of Directors

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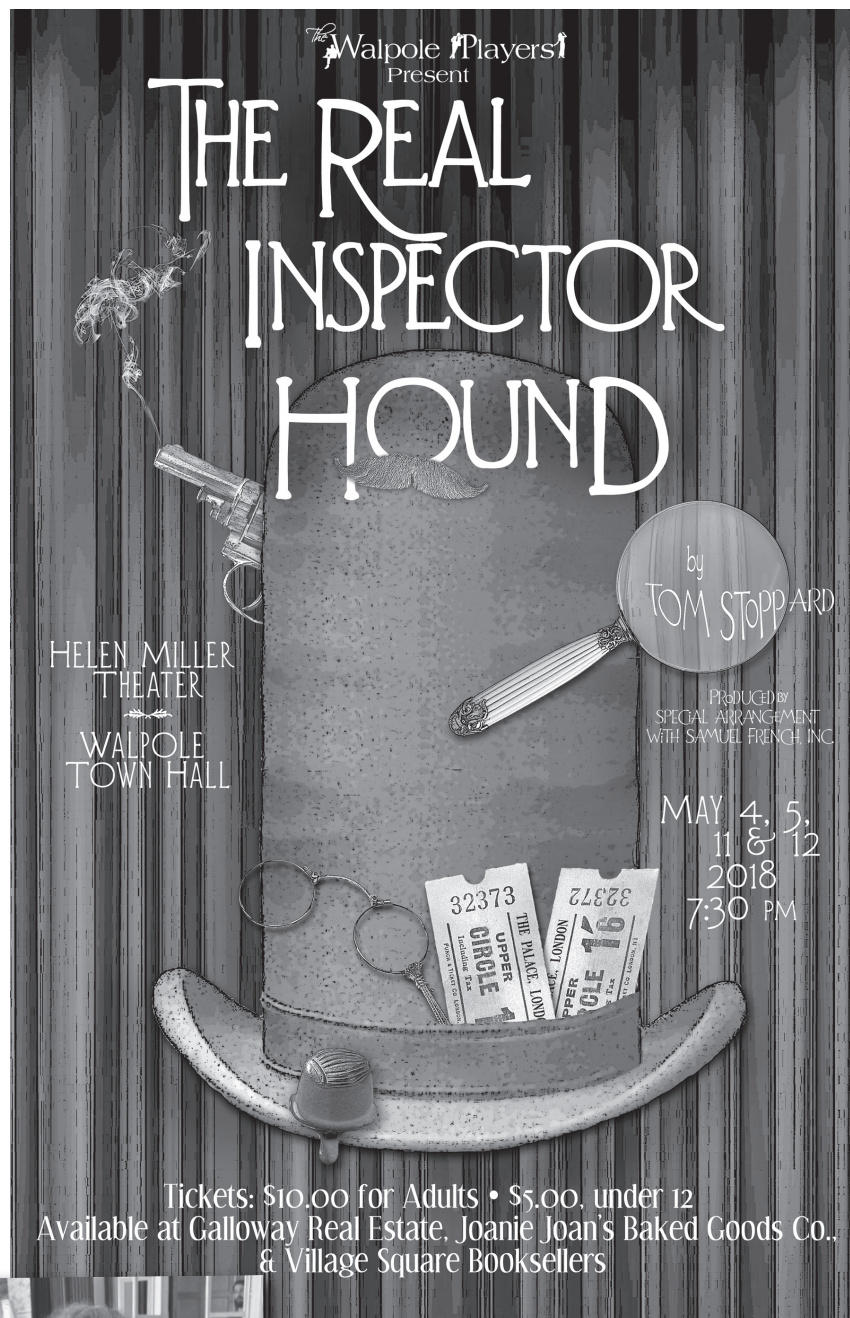
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The Walpole Players

The Walpole Players company inaugurates its fourth decade with an early May production of Tom Stoppard's madcap, murder-mystery/farce-parody, *The Real Inspector Hound*.

The production boasts a nimble and lively cast of actors, and will be performed each evening at 7:30 PM at the Walpole Town Hall's Helen Miller Theater on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5; and Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12.

The play, set in isolated Muldoon Manor, in a swamp on the coast of Essex, involves: several corpses; uncounted mistaken identities; jealousy; revenge; swinish behavior; overheard confidences; settled scores; returns from the dead; torches carried; resentments aired; true love and the other kind; critics thinking (both out loud and to themselves) and general mayhem. Laughter abounds. Do come and join the fun!

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for those under 12 years old, and may be purchased at Galloway Real Estate and Joanie Joan's Baked Goods in Walpole, NH, and at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, VT. The production is presented under special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Anyone seeking additional information can call 756-4207.

— Bill Lockwood



Rehearsals are in full swing: (L) Fran Kemp; (R) Matt Hunter & Tara Sad; (Below) Mike Conant, Jan Kobeski & Jeff Squire



Continued from Page 1: Olympiad

As their coach, I am so proud of every one of these students for their year-long commitment and all they have learned through their failures, reiterations, and ultimate successes. They have battled through the extreme expectations of their events, endured long hours after school, faced exhaustion, sickness, being overbooked, ***And Yet They Have Stayed With It*** to follow through on a commitment and earn their well-deserved achievement. Their quest for learning and ability to take on the rigor of college-level material is beyond impressive.



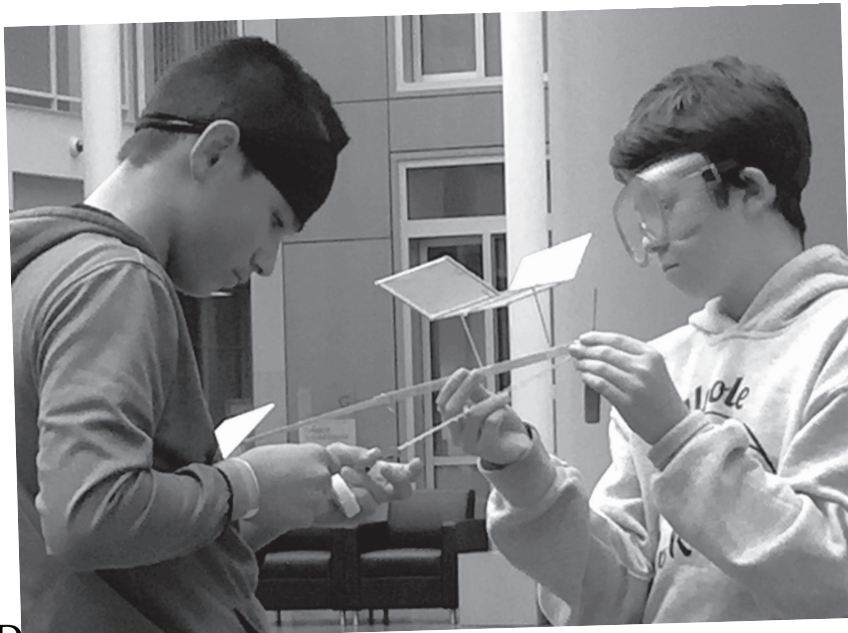
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In addition to the immense amount of science content, there are many intangibles students gain from being on the team. Through STEM, they learn the design process, the scientific method, develop study and organizational skills, and also build perseverance and a willingness to face and try what seems an impossible task.

We thank everyone for their participation in our fundraising activities thus far and for being so generous in their support of this team. We are very blessed to live in such a giving and supportive community!

If you would care to make a donation to help send these students to the National Competition, you may make out a check to Walpole School and send it to Science Olympiad, POB 549 Walpole, NH 03608. All donations are tax-deductible (EIN: 02-0269789).

— Kim Lewis



*Preparing for the Wright Stuff competition:
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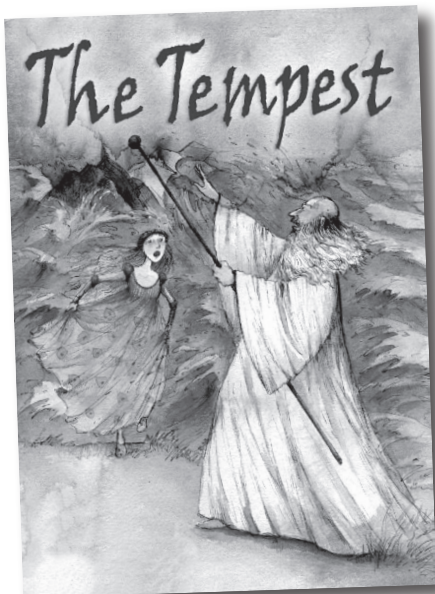


What's Happening in Walpole Schools



Fifth Grade Play

On the night of Thursday, March 27, the fifth graders of the Walpole Elementary School performed *The Tempest*, believed to be Shakespeare's last play.



In December, the fifth graders started with lessons about Elizabethan English, iambic pentameter, Queen Elizabeth, Henry the Eighth, and sonnets. They took their Shakespearean knowledge and started working on *The Tempest*. They made and gathered costumes and props, and started working on their lines. Some of the characters included magical creatures, a magician, and spirits. We

interviewed Jackie Ronning, a fifth grade teacher and the runner of the play, who says that she thinks the kids had a lot of fun. "Even though not everyone likes theater, there's a place for everybody," she said. Some students ran the curtains, backdrops, and stage management. "The kids really have gotten a lot out of it," said Ronning.

We interviewed some of the students in the play. The biggest role, Prospero, was played by Makayla Forcier. She was a natural, and had memorized all of her many lines. Cora Buswell, who played Miranda (Prospero's daughter), a huge part, said, "It was a lot of work but it all pays off in the end." And pay off it did. That night the kids did a phenomenal job. Admission was free of charge, but audience members were encouraged to bring canned goods. The event raised a total of 46 cans that were then donated to the Food Shelf.

Jackie Ronning sends thanks to Mr. Jacobs, the school principal, and Ms. Bellows for much support and interest; Ms. McDougle for giving up many P.E. classes; Ruby Frithsen, who donated a handmade structure used as Prospero's hut; the parents, for donating props and materials, and the custodians, for setting up the gym. The fifth graders did a great job, and the play was a huge success.

— Etta Bea Harrison & Sydney Palmiotto (Grade 6)

Hornet Girl

Annual School Play, Grades 6-8

On Wednesday, April 18th in the Walpole School gymnasium, a number of students, from grades 6-8, put on a play by the name of *Hornet Girl*.



The play was about a family of desperate and unsuccessful farmers. One of the kids (seventh grader Jordan Smith) is obsessed with superhero comics, and talks often about *Hornet Girl*. The family faces the constant threat of eviction from the evil Baron (played by 8th grader Grace Conety). One day, the Baron tries

to destroy their land so that she would have an excuse to kick them out. Hornet Girl (classmate Ruby Frithsen) debuts and stops the Baron and her goons. The Baron then tries to get the help of Vlor, Lord of the Darkside, to combat Hornet Girl by forcing the "mad" scientist (sixth grader Etta Bea Harrison) to bring the character to life. Instead of that, the Baron gets his nephew, Captain Cruelty (eighth grader Marcus Flynn), who is nearly the opposite of his fearsome uncle. When it is finally revealed that the Lord of the Darkside is no longer evil, but good, and that Captain Cruelty is no threat to stop Hornet Girl, the Baron's evil plan is stalled, and the farmers, along with Hornet Girl, can finally live in peace. At least, for now.

The cast also included seventh grader Alex Bernard and sixth graders Ian Gould and Camden Fuller as the Baron's henchmen. Sixth grader Jade Nadeau, eighth grader Jordan Moore, and classmate Jaina Read played the roles of the farming family. Eighth graders Sullivan Barth and Addy Pope, along with sixth grader Emma Duckett, were helpers of the "mad" scientist. And, of course, the play was made possible by the hard work behind the scenes from eighth graders Desiree King, Coreyna Smith, and Rebecca Page, along with seventh grader Hannah Wheeler-Braley, and sixth grader Amalia Gutierrez. Mrs. Sweetland, who directed the play, was pleased with all of the students' hard work and the success of the play.

— Patrick Manning (Grade 6)

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Worldbuilding (Part One)

April vacation: staying up late, hanging with friends, and the beach, right? Well, if you're a nerd like me, the answer to all of those hypotheticals is no. In fact, if you are a mega nerd like I am, you will spend your April vacation curled up in your bed doing zilch. However, fellow mega nerds, I have a solution to your fun-less nine days. That solution, my friends, is worldbuilding.

Worldbuilding is something that takes a long time, but as it happens to be a passion of mine, I figured I might introduce people to the concept. To begin with, what does worldbuilding require? Well, more than anything else, worldbuilding requires a lot of patience. It's a long process – one that I have spent over a year on so far – but it is definitely a rewarding one. Second of all, it requires a deep sense that nobody is going to care about your fictional world except potentially other mega-nerds or those who feign interest.



It also takes many, many binders. Procure as many three ring binders as possible. Seriously. You will need them. Fourth, and perhaps the most fun part of worldbuilding, it requires a lot of creativity. Making an alien race, a planet for them to live on, a culture for them to practice, and a language for them to speak (written or otherwise), is an arduous process, especially creatively speaking, but in my opinion, it is a rewarding one. After all, not many people nowadays can say they've created a civilization single-handedly.

Over the next few months, I'll cover a lot of topics regarding worldbuilding, with a general structure of the following (some combined into one):

- Making a planet (plate tectonics, how continents move, and how to avoid making it look like the Earth's sister planet).
- Making a race to fit the planet (adaptations necessary for environments, why the species look the way they do, whether or not humanoid species are realistic, other possible species found on the planet that are like cats or dogs).
- Making a language, part one (making a script).
- Making a language, part two (pronunciation).
- Making a language, part three (grammar and sentence structures).
- Making a language, part four (anything else I missed).
- Making a culture, part one (matrilineal society vs patriarchal).
- Making a culture, part two (naming conventions).
- Making a culture, part three (religion and differing cultures).
- Flag design (good flags vs bad flags, and how to tell the difference).

– Lillia Wilson (Grade 8)

Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association District Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk

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Season Begins

WES Baseball and Softball Teams

Despite battling the weather of this reluctant spring, baseball and softball seasons began at Walpole Elementary School at the start of April.

The softball squad, led by Coach McDougale, has had a strong core of eighth grade athletes return for their final season in Walpole. Eighth graders Leah Brush, Bella Smith, Olivia Smith, Amelia Sethi, Veronica Herrick, and Maddy Wilson are the leaders of the team this year. Brush will be pitching this season, with Bella Smith catching for her from behind the plate. There are a number of sixth and seventh grade student-athletes on the team that will be learning the game and improving their skills this season. The softball team's first game is on Tuesday, May 1st. They will travel to face Kurn Hattin.

The baseball team will be anchored by a number of talented players, both returning and new. There are high hopes for this team, as they are balanced, with players bringing experience, power, and speed, along with an eagerness to play the game. Eighth graders Finn Scott and Hayden Anastasio, as well as seventh grader Colin Kinson will be sharing pitching responsibilities. Catching duties will be shared between eighth grader Luke Gay and sixth grader Porter Willett. Eighth grader Hudson Willett and seventh grader Max Vogel are expected to have strong years at the plate, while seventh grader Foster Willett will use his speed to reach base and track down any balls hit out to him in center field. Rounding out the roster are key players, including eighth graders Sully Barth and Ben Robison, seventh grader Morgan Smith, and sixth graders Holden Perron, Ian Smith, and Aidan Parrott. Walpole baseball will host Kurn Hattin to open their season at Hubbard Park on Tuesday, May 1st.

– Jake Gagnon



Decoration Day...Memorial Day...A Day of Remembrance

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service, paying the ultimate price for our freedoms. Businesses closed for this sacred day. Towns held parades, just as we do in Walpole, to honor their fallen heroes. Parade routes often ended at the local cemeteries where veterans graves were decorated, Memorial Day speeches given, volleys fired by veterans, and taps solemnly played. People took time that day to clean and decorate, with flowers and flags, the graves of those who died in service to their country.

There are many stories as to the actual beginnings of this day, and well over two dozen cities and towns lay claim as the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. As Civil War still raged, grieving mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters were cleaning Confederate soldier's graves in Columbus, Mississippi, placing flowers on them. Nearby, Union soldier's graves were overgrown with weeds. Grieving for their own fallen soldiers, the Confederate women understood that the dead Union soldiers buried nearby were the cherished loved ones of families and communities far away. So they cleared those graves as well, and laid flowers on them.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, the national



commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in his General Order No. 11 which mandated the first Memorial Day on May 30, 1868. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The order stated in part, "The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land." In conclusion he hoped this observance would be kept up from year to year.

The first state to official recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 all northern states recognized the day. In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, NY the birthplace of Memorial Day. There on May 6, 1866, when the Civil War was over, Henry Welles closed his Waterloo drugstore and suggested all other shops in town also close for a day to honor all soldiers, killed in the Civil War, Confederate and Union alike.

The National Holiday Act of 1971 changed Memorial Day to a three-day weekend ending with the last Monday in May. From a solemn day of mourning, remembrance, and honor to our departed loved ones, it has become the start of summer with a long weekend filled with picnics, shopping, sales, and vacation travel. Take a moment, reflect back, and remember what Memorial Day really represents.

— Ray Boas

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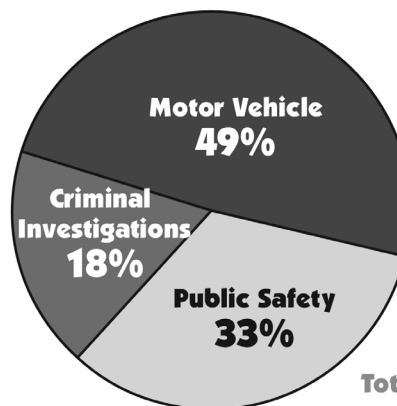
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The plant sale is one of two fundraisers that the Friends of the Library sponsors each year. Please support our beautiful local library, and get your Mother's Day shopping done at the same time!

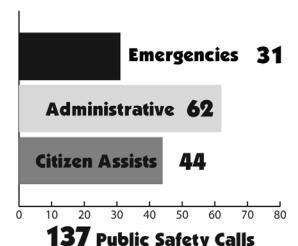
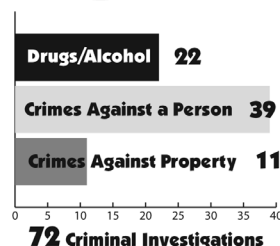
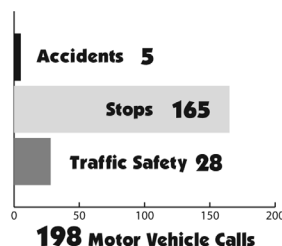
— Jana Sellarole

Walpole Police Department

Calls for Service: March 15, 2018 - April 15, 2018



Total Number of Calls: 407



From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

GPS, or Scenic Ride?

Remember the good old days without that fancy GPS in your car nor on your cell phone? Heck, we didn't even have cell phones. Remember when you wanted to take a trip you had to dig out the Road Atlas, rely on road maps supplied freely? You would stop at some roadside rest area, get out of the car, open up the map on the hood of the car and every person in the rest area would converge. You got more advice and suggestions than you had time to consume. Of course, once back inside of the car, you tended to ignore anything that was said while outside the car. That usually meant reversing direction within the next five miles, when someone realized that Mom or one of the siblings was missing. That's because no one heard them say they were going to use the facilities while we were stopped.

I always spend weeks, sometimes months, planning, not only where we are going but exactly how we will get there. In all the years of traveling, I can proudly say we have never gotten lost. We have, however, taken dozens, nay, thousands of scenic routes. At the end of each day this fact is pointed out, I merely state, just think of all the beautiful country you would have missed, if I had stuck to the planned route!

One such scenic trip took place when leaving a campground near Cooperstown, New York. On trips west, we had stayed at this campground on several occasions. And even though my traveling companion doubted my observation, the campground owner checked back in his records and verified the fact. The last time was two years prior. This campground is off route US 20, about two miles back in the hills, so, as to not waste time, we were up early and headed west back to US 20. After about a mile and a half, we came to an intersection. "Ah", says I, "This must be US 20! We turn right and head West!" As we proceeded "west", the road became more and more narrow, and eventually

we drove through a large farm yard. The road ahead was hardly wide enough to accommodate the width of the Camper. At the suggestion of the co-pilot, we turned around in the farm yard and retraced our steps. About a thousand yards beyond the previously mentioned intersection, we entered a highway with a sign which read US 20 W.

After listening to several minutes of uncomplimentary comments, I simply mentioned, "Did you notice that beautiful herd of cattle that we would have never otherwise seen?"

I was not deterred, for I knew that, before this trip was over, we would encounter several more scenic tours.

(And I was right!)

PUBLISHER'S CORNER

How many of you remember decorating your bike with red, white and blue crepe paper, clipping a playing card with a clothes pin to make that "rat a tat tat" sound, and attaching flags to the handlebars? As I child I remember decorating my balloon tire bicycle, and riding the five miles to town to take part in the Memorial Day parade to Hillside Cemetery. As I listened to the speeches, the firing squad, and taps, my heart swelled with pride. I was proud being part of the tribute given to those who had fallen, and those who had served. My Dad served in World War II, and was a member of the American Legion firing squad. He now lays at rest in Hillside Cemetery in a decorated grave close to the spot where he fired those volleys, and one Memorial Day saved an empty cartridge for me. Without those who have served, we could not reflect back at what we have. Have a safe Memorial Day.

– Ray Boas, Publisher

MILESTONES



Born

Juliana Lee Whiton

March 19, 2018

8 lb, 8 oz, 20"

To Jessica & Jake Whiton

Grandparents:

Teresa Pennington
of Norwalk, CT

Steve & Christine Whiton
of Walpole

Kudos

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Conservation Officer

Levi D. Frye

Graduated first in his class
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Walpole Business Notes

EOS

Patricia Dooley and Todd Nielsen owners of Eos Study Tours and residents of Walpole, wish to thank the community for 25 wonderful years of operating their educational travel business in an office above The Restaurant at Burdick's.

"We also wish to thank our wonderful staff for their dedication and professionalism," said Eos Director Todd Nielsen. Eos Study Tours (www.studytours.org) designs and manages small-group tours led by scholars to all seven continents. Eos can be reached at 603-756-9888 and eos@studytours.org.

— Kat Fulcher

Walpole Mountain View Winery...

...is reopening for the season on Saturday, May 26, 12noon to 4:30PM. They will have 30 varieties of exquisite fine grape wines, made exclusively from their vineyard, to sample at your leisure overlooking their magnificent mountain and river valley vistas.

You may enhance your tastings with a selection of packaged cheese, crackers, olive tapenade, humus, various other savory items, and sweet treats. Soft drinks also available. A great place to take visitors for a relaxed wine tasting experience any Saturday or Sunday until December 16. Watch their FaceBook page for specials, sales, and discounts. (see their ad for more info)



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Abenaki Springs...

Benchmarking Report: Out of 78 multifamily buildings that participated statewide, the Abenaki Springs apartment complex on Route 12 in Walpole rated as the single most efficient building, scoring even better than LEED Certified buildings that spent hundreds of thousands of extra dollars to achieve such status. The participating buildings' performance was rated on two metrics: Energy Use Intensity and Cost Use Intensity.

Joanie Joan's

Beginning her fourth year in business, Joanie Joan's is sporting a new sign at 14 Westminster Street. Additional tables have been added, and the breakfast and lunch menus have been expanded. Custom orders for baked goods and catering still a specialty.

Golden Phoenix...

School of Chinese Martial Arts, located behind Aubuchon Hardware in North Walpole, is offering free group lessons for moms the entire month of May in honor of Mothers' Day. In addition, a free women's self-defense seminar will be offered May 19, from 10:00 AM until noon. For more information, contact the school at 445-7122.

— Vinny Sodders

Flaggs Window Cleaning

Tired of looking through streaky, dirty windows? Flaggs Window Cleaning gives each account his full attention, not leaving until the customer is satisfied. At Flaggs Window Cleaning, the products used are environmentally safe and are pet and plant friendly.

The business started in 2012 and has expanded to include professional small office cleaning. He offers personalized one-on-one service, free estimates, no contracts and is fully insured. Call Dennis at 721-1212 or email dennis6118@gmail.com to see clearly again.

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

Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, May 25, at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be pork loin with sauce, baked potato wedges with sour cream, squash, and a banana cookie for dessert.

Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns, and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 23.

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

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

— Lara Larson

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