



Continuing Conservation...



Phase II Begins: Fundraising

When word of a potential gas station to be built on the Connecticut River on Route 12 became public, a small group of concerned citizens spontaneously formed in early April. Besides concern for the aesthetics and traditions of rural Walpole, those coming together had environmental expertise, paralegal background, zoning and real estate knowledge, and a wide understanding of potential impacts on health and safety. The individuals included: Sheila Lennon, Sarah Lynch, Chuck Shaw, Eric Merklein, Beth and Jeff Colley, Alicia Flammia, Tim Brush, Lynn Dewald, Peter Palmiotto, Ray Boas, and Jerod Walters. These individuals sent correspondence to the Planning Board, and made presentations at the May 8 Planning Board meeting. At that meeting, D&C Transportation, as a result, withdrew their application for a special exception. So ended Phase I.

The group agreed that work had just begun, and moved into Phase II - preserving the parcel for future generations, and protecting that precarious environment. The proper custodian is logically the Walpole Conservation Commission (WCC).

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It Takes a Village

When someone in our community suffers with the disease of addiction, (substance use disorder) their entire family is affected. Whether it is a mother or father with the addiction, or a child or grandchild, everyone suffers from the fear, worry, helplessness and confusion that goes along with the illness. The stigma that hangs on from previous misconceptions about addiction makes it hard for people to openly ask for help. Thankfully that is changing as people across the country come to understand that it is a brain disease and not a choice.

The First Congregational Church of Walpole has begun to educate its members on the devastating consequences of addiction and embraced the idea of helping families in our community who need support. It takes a village and our church would like to lead this pathway to recovery.

Beginning Tuesday, July 3rd, the church will host a weekly support group for family and loved ones of people suffering from addiction. The group will be facilitated by Becky Pearson, a Recovery Coach at the Keene Serenity

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WCC Statement

In 2006, the Walpole Conservation Commission (WCC) completed inventories of town resources in order to prepare a Conservation Plan and set conservation priorities for the Town. This plan assists Walpole's town boards in their efforts to conserve the rural character and irreplaceable natural attributes of our town and the benefit they contribute to the quality of life in Walpole. The goals of the Walpole Conservation Plan are to protect and preserve the town's critical resource areas and to enrich the lives of Town residents. It is also meant to inspire and promote conservation practices and policies which encourage continued agriculture uses and other economic enterprises.

As stated at the May 2018 Planning Board meeting, the WCC supports all efforts to preserve important farmlands and natural resource areas such as the Walker Road property next to the Walpole Veterinary hospital. This parcel meets all of the stated goals and objectives of the 2006 Walpole Conservation Plan with its rural agricultural heritage, riparian (riverbank) habitat and location in the recharge zone of the town's drinking water supply. Due to its location along

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Horse Thieves

Biennial Banquet Sept. 26 at Alyson's Orchard

The Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Hen Roosts and Clothes Lines ("Walpole Horse Thieves") will hold their biennial banquet September 26, at Alyson's Orchard banquet facility. Steve Dalessio, President of the Horse Thieves, has announced that the guest speaker for banquet will be Ryan Owens, Executive Director of the Monadnock Conservancy. Before Ryan speaks, we'll have a special treat: a short concert by the Kurn Hattin choir.

Ryan Owens joined the Monadnock Conservancy in 2006. He is a Walpole resident and a Horse Thief. His membership in the Walpole Horse Thieves is undoubtedly an essential ingredient of his success in leading the Monadnock Conservancy! Ryan and the Monadnock Conservancy have been involved in several high-profile conservation projects in Walpole, including the Graves Farm, the Vose Farm and the Hooper property that includes the Hooper Golf Course.

Many aspects of the banquet will follow traditions: the menu will feature a roast beef or veggie lasagna dinner cooked by our officers and committee with family style salad, mashed potatoes, squash, rolls, and desert; we will honor our "Riders" - those who have been members of the Horse Thieves for the longest time; and we'll hand out our 2018 membership poster.

Attendance at the banquet is open to any member of the Horse Thieves and their guests.

The cost for 2018 is again only \$20 per person; reservations will be taken starting August 1. If you would like to join the Horse Thieves, please contact Lewis LaClair, clerk (details below). New members who join before July 1 will appear on the 2018 membership poster.

Membership is open to any man 18 years or older who lives in Walpole, who pays a \$2 lifetime dues and signs the membership book. If you are interested in joining please contact Lewis LaClair, Clerk (756-0001, or LLaclair@Advancedrisk.com).

For those who are not familiar with the Walpole Horse Thieves, they were formed on September 16, 1816, in a local tavern. Among the first members were men with names such as Hubbard, Graves, Chase, Drew and Bellows. At the time, an average horse may have been worth \$40-60, and good quality horses went for \$100-700 and were the most valuable single item in many households (more valuable than most frontier houses), and rustling horses was a serious problem by the early 1800s. Police or sheriffs' departments were unreliable, if they existed, especially in remote areas, so societies to combat horse thieving developed here in Walpole and throughout the new country. Most anti-horse thief societies faded away and disappeared in the early 1900s as horses were replaced by boats, trains, trolleys, tractors and cars. Against all the odds, our local society has survived through the host of changes and trends that have swept our country over two centuries... and all the countless attacks on chickens, clothes lines and horses in our town!

- Lewis LaClair

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Clean Up Day

Sixth Annual Event

The Sixth Annual Walpole Clean Up Day started out cloudy with chance of rain, but by the time the volunteers arrived, the skies had cleared and the temperature was perfect for three hours of hard trash picking work.

The more than 30 volunteers stalwartly armed themselves with gloves and blue bags and went off to their selected routes, fortified with coffee and donuts. Three hours later, they returned with more than 80 bags of trash, piles of metal, stacks of tires, playhouses, tables, enough beer cans and bottles to sink a ship, and – yes – the kitchen sink! High on the list of popular alcoholic beverages this year is newcomer Dr. McGillicuddy's Menthoholmint nips. On one stretch of Rt. 123, the authors found more than thirty of these mini bottles tossed along the roadside. Be careful driving out there, everyone. Someone is actually drinking all this alcohol – and driving!

We want to our great sponsors who donated prizes for our volunteers: Bellows House Bakery, Bowman Dental, Burdick's Chocolate, Joanie Joan's Eatery and Baked Goods, The Village Blooms, and Shaw's. And we want to also thank Paul Colburn and his great staff at the Walpole Transfer and Recycling Station for helping to organize the event, – and for the tough task of cleaning up afterwards!

But, most of all, we want to thank our great volunteers who came out on Clean Up Day, and all those unsung heroes who silently treat every day as a Clean Up Day. We all thank you!

– Adam Terrell & Tara Sad



Exploring the World of Science

Science Olympiad

Open House

We want to thank you!

Where: Town Hall

What: Spaghetti Supper and Science Olympiad Presentation

When: June 13th 6:00-8:00 PM

WalpoleScienceOlympiadwouldliketo invite donors and interested community members to an openhouse showcasing the students' accomplishments and their experience at National Tournament in Fort Collins, Colorado. You will be treated to a spaghetti dinner and have an opportunity to talk with the students and hear a presentation about this year's Science Olympiad team. We value so much all of the support that we have been given and would like to share our experiences with you.

– Kim Lewis

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the bank of the Connecticut River at the scenic gateway to town from Route 12 and its mixture of steep slopes and prime agricultural soils, this property could provide many recreational, agricultural and ecological opportunities for the Town of Walpole. – Alicia Flammia, WCC Chair

Open Garden Weekend

Walpole Library Fundraiser...

Hosted by Distant Hill Gardens and Nature Trail

Would you like to visit a beautiful local garden, explore a mile-long accessible nature trail, and help the Walpole Town Library at the same time?

The June 2 and 3 *Open Garden Weekend* at Distant Hill Gardens and Nature Trail will be a special fundraiser for the Walpole Town Library. All proceeds from donations and plant sales on both days will go toward the Library Renovation Fund for the planned expansion and remodeling of the Bridge Memorial Library in downtown Walpole.

The gardens should be in full bloom! Come and enjoy the beautiful 58-acre property and help the Walpole Library meet their goal.

– Michael Nerrie

Hooper Institute

The Hooper Institute will offer a week of summer camp June 25-29 in the mornings for students currently in grades K-7. Camp flyers and registrations went home with students at the Walpole schools in May. If your child does not attend Walpole schools but is a Walpole resident, there is still time to enroll.

Rebecca Whippie and high school camp counselors will conduct "Forest Camp" for students currently in grades K-3. This camp will meet from 9:00 AM until noon at the Hooper Institute at 165 Prospect Hill Road. Each day will feature an activity related to one of the Hooper themes – be it agriculture, forestry, botany, soils or nature study. What could be more fun than playing with companions at the idyllic setting of the Hooper Institute?

Adventure Campers explore other parts of Walpole in a week of energetic outdoor hikes. This camp is for students currently in grades 4-7, and is under the supervision of Eloise Clark and counselors. They will climb Kingsbury and Fall Mountains, explore the Mill Pond conservation area, and visit a horse farm. They will have a cookout at the Hooper Shelter off Reservoir Road. Finally, there is a bike-hike along River Road with a stop at the Connecticut River for a possible swim, depending upon water levels. Meeting times are 9:15 to 12:15 PM.

If this sounds like fun for your child, pick up a camp flyer in the drop box by the front door of the Hooper Institute at 165 Prospect Hill Road. The program is free of charge. Free will donations are welcome.

There are still some plots available at the Community Garden behind the Hooper Institute. Hundreds of pounds of vegetables have been harvested from the garden over the past nine years of its existence. This remarkably fertile soil is thanks to bountiful composted manure and the no-till style of organic gardening used. If you have an itch to grow a new crop or need more garden space, contact the Hooper Institute at 756-4382.

– Eloise Clark

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Center. Becky was trained by the National Alliance on Mental Illness in family support and has lead a support group in Keene since January of 2017.

The meetings will be held at the church on Washington Square from 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM. It is open to all family members over the age of 16.

– Becky Pearson

Walpole Village School

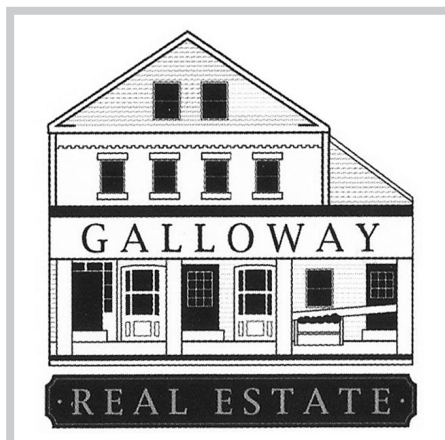
Building Update

Many people perusing the Multiple Listing Service (MLS), or driving along Rte. 12, may have seen that the Walpole Village School building is for sale. This may have set off some alarm bells to locals who have seen other small preschools close in the past couple of years.

Rest assured that the 40 plus years of quality early childhood education will continue its legacy in the Walpole village. The building that we are in now we own, and is beautiful with views of the Connecticut River, and a perfect location at the bottom of a dead-end road. Although beautiful, it is a very large building, and a lot of upkeep for our small non-profit. The plan is to stay in the Village of Walpole, to stay true to our name, and keep with the convenience of our location. There are a lot of possibilities for a future space, and, once we have an update, we will inform our families first and then the community.

In the meantime, check out our website for summer camps and enrollment for the fall at www.walpolevillageschool.org. Our dedicated teachers – Allie, Melissa, and Jody E. – will be returning for the school year in the fall, led by our amazing director, Jody M. For any questions, email the board of directors at board@walpolevillageschool.com.

– Andrea Vickers-Sivret



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Library Renovation

The library restoration project continues to make steady progress. May's fundraising effort was highlighted by the successful completion of the E.E. Houghton & Co. challenge. The company pledged to match community donations from May 6 to May 19 – up to \$1,000. At the end of that "window of opportunity" \$1,760 had been received from 17 donors – meeting the challenge and adding \$2,760 to the campaign total, which now stands at \$305,580.



Even Libraries are Overdue...

Other Walpole businesses and organizations are planning events in the coming months in support of the library. Distant Hill Gardens will donate the weekend's receipts from visitors (see details in article on page 3) on June 2nd and 3rd. The Cynthia Reeve Gallery is planning a wine tasting on June 12. Looking further ahead, plans are being made for a High Tea, most likely in the Fall.

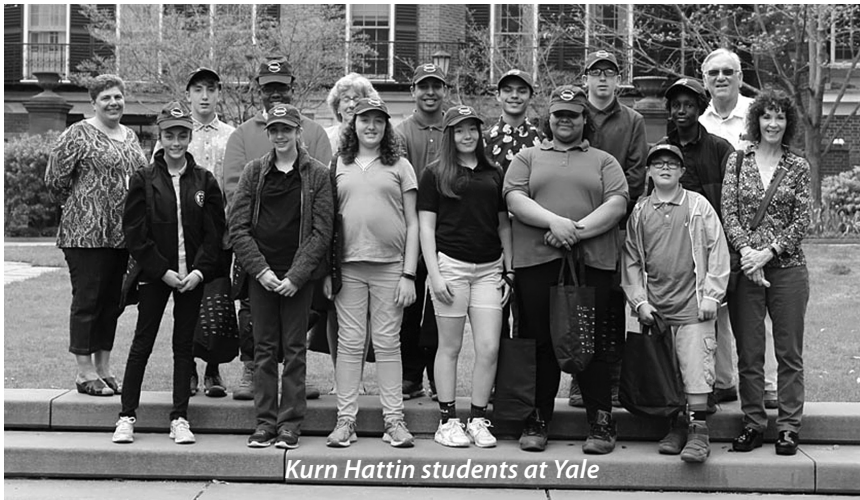
The ongoing support from Walpole businesses and organizations is particularly gratifying; it, along with the generosity of the community – demonstrated by hundreds of donations large and small, speaks volumes about the place the library holds in the community. Both that role and that support are important elements in securing grants to help complete the project – the next major step in the campaign.

– Jan Kobeski



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Kurn Hattin students at Yale

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Yale Honors Kurn Hattin Homes

Yale University and the Yale Club of Walpole sponsored a trip on May 4 to New Haven for the Kurn Hattin students graduating from eighth grade. KHH Trustee, a former Yale Vice President and Walpole resident, Terry Holcombe, accepted, on behalf of the School, a formal award from "the President and Fellows of Yale University congratulating the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children on 125 years of service to the youth of New England."

The students toured the campus which, with its cloistered courtyards, stained glass windows, gargoyles and high arched Gothic buildings, brought to mind Harry Potter and Hogwarts. They visited the Sterling Library, Beinecke Rare Book library, science laboratories and the Rotunda Memorial to graduates and faculty who perished in the nation's service.

The KHH group was hosted for lunch in Timothy Dwight College by Professor Mary Lui, the Head of the College, and Yale students. They divided the afternoon between a guided visit to natural history exhibits at the Peabody Museum and the recently renovated Yale University Art Gallery, where they viewed the works with a docent and had a drawing class.

In its residential program for youth at risk, Kurn Hattin has a continuing population of around 100 students in grades Kindergarten through Eight, with an average stay of about two years, after which they return to their hometown schools or go on to high school at places like Vermont Academy or the Hershey School in Pennsylvania. The School is supported by an endowment and current gifts, principally from individuals. Where they can afford it, parents or caretakers pay small fees as well. Currently, 30% of the students at KH come from New Hampshire, many from the Keene to Claremont area.

The School is renowned for its Select Choir, which recently presented at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York and The Congregational Church in Walpole. They have been invited to perform the National Anthem at a Red Sox game on July 9, and will be featured at the Horse Thieves biennial event in Walpole this fall.

– Terry Holcombe

Historical Society

Museum And Gift Shop To Open

Our season opens on Saturday June 2 at 12 noon to 4:00 PM. Please come to browse and view the Museum Exhibits and Gift Shop items. We will be open every Saturday through the Columbus Day weekend in October at the same hours. Our new exhibit is *Busy Hands – the Industry and Art of Fabric and Needlework in Our Community*. 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 1960's, remains in place this year, as does the Timeline Walpole display of more than 200 years of local history.

The Gift Shop has something for every age. New wooden toys and puzzles for the young. Colorful stained glass pieces, scarves and accessories, napkins, candles, mugs, adult coloring books, magnets, framed pictures and locally crafted wooden bowls. Our shop is stocked and ready for your browsing and shopping. Open every Saturday from June 2 through October 13 (or by appointment anytime – call 756-3449). We are located at 32 Main Street in Walpole. Be sure to take Academy Lane for parking behind our building, or park in front on street side.

– Sally McGaffigan

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– Steve Dalessio, Selectman

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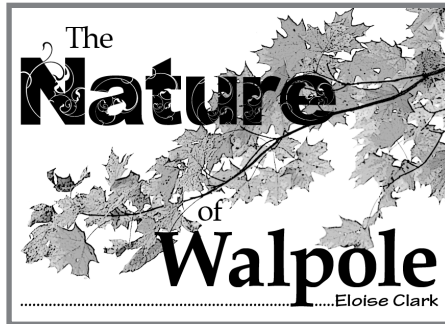
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June is a month of magic. The long days leading to long twilights and the pure magic of fireflies from dusk to dawn. Nordic folk from bygone days thought fireflies were fairies carrying lanterns as they seemed to appear at the time of the Summer Solstice in northern climes.

I've been reading a marvelous book by Sara Lewis entitled *Silent Sparks: the Wondrous World of Fireflies*. She is a biology professor at Tufts University who has studied genetic adaptations of fireflies. The reader can learn of the many discoveries about fireflies made by scientists in the last century. They have "illuminated" the life of fireflies for us. I also like the book because it shows the scientific process as researchers cleverly create experiments and doggedly collect data to analyze. Sometimes it leads to conclusions worthy of publishing in scientific journals.

The first thing to know about fireflies is they are not flies at all but beetles in the family Lampyridae. The second is that not all fireflies are able to glow or flash. There are "lightningbug" fireflies and "dark" fireflies. Lightningbugs are able to precisely regulate their abdominal lights to give off quick flashes, used during courtship to find mates.

There are three major genera of lightningbug fireflies in North America: Photinus, Pyralis and Photuris. There is a field guide at the back of *Silent Sparks* to help narrow to the genera. The 34 species of Photinus fireflies might best be identified by their behavior. These fireflies fly low above the ground



at a leisurely pace. Beginning at twilight, these lightningbugs will continue to flash for an hour or two after sunset. Photinus are active throughout the summer. As soon as the mating season of one species is finished, another one begins. Males of each species have a distinctive flash pattern the females can respond to if they are interested. Each Photinus species prefers a specific habitat: grasslands, forests, along rivers or wetlands.

There are fewer species of Pyralis fireflies, only 16. They prefer wet meadows, woods, marshes and along streams. Some larvae are even aquatic! Wouldn't it be cool to see a bioluminescent larva patrolling the stream bed at night? Pyralis borealis is a very widespread species tolerant of cold weather. It is often the first lightningbug firefly to appear in the spring, May or June, in our area.

The Photuris genera have about two dozen species. They are extremely difficult to differentiate because they are able to mimic the flash patterns of

other fireflies as well as emit a signal for their own species. Why would one type of firefly be so versed in the language of other species? All the better to capture them for dinner, of course! Yes, we knew there must be a wicked witch somewhere in this tale of fairies and magic. It's the females who attempt to catch the protein rich male Photinus fireflies. Photuris fireflies tend to fly higher off the ground and later at night than the unsuspecting Photinus.

The "dark" fireflies are active during the day perhaps to evade nocturnal hunters. They are still classified as fireflies because of their genetic similarity and bioluminescent larvae. Ellychnia and Lucidota are two genera of dark firefly beetles. If you're outdoors during the day one it's very common to see one of these "dark" fireflies. They have dark wings without an outline of yellow on the margins as the flashy species do.

Many benefits have emerged from firefly research, particularly the chemistry behind their bioluminescence, including improving public health and advancing medical knowledge. Test kits containing firefly luciferase and luciferin are used to detect microbes such as Salmonella or E. coli that might be lurking in our food. These substances have also been used in cancer research. Scientists have been able to splice the firefly luciferase gene into living plant cells to understand how plant DNA works. How's that for magic?!

Enjoy this magical month when light rules, because it's all happening right here in Walpole.

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Arrangements are being made with D&C Transportation for the acquisition of their 10 plus acres with almost 1,000 feet of Connecticut River frontage to come under the oversight of the WCC. But it takes money - your tax-deductible donations.

The Town of Walpole under New Hampshire RSA 31:19 I is authorized to accept donations "given for a public purpose," and those donations are fully tax deductible in accordance with IRS Code, 26 U.S.C. paragraph 170(c)(1). Thus, simplifying the process of purchase, your donation can be made specifically to the Town for the purchase by The Walpole Conservation Commission of the 10 plus acre parcel just south of the Veterinary Hospital legally described as Walpole Map 10 Lot 2, located at 0 Walker Road.

Your check to assist may be made payable to "Walker Road Conservation" and dropped off at the Selectboard office at the Town Hall, or mailed to the Town

of Walpole, PO Box 729, Walpole, NH 03608-0729. These funds are being kept separate from other Town funds. If you wish to make a commitment for this conservation effort please contact me, Ray, at 756-4545.

- Ray Boas

NOTE

About Next Month...

A brief disappearance by the Clarion's designer makes next month's production schedule tricky. Deadline is June 22, but if you have an article or ad for the July issue, the sooner it arrives before deadline the better. Thank you for your help.

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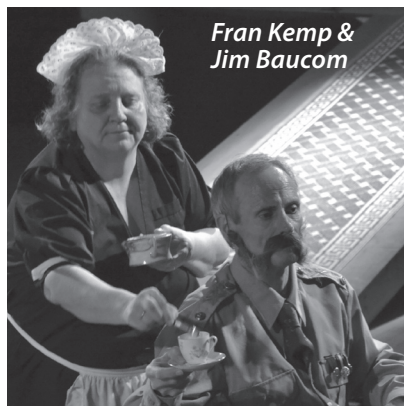
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Inspector Hound

The Walpole Players initiated their fourth decade of performances with a zippy production of Tom Stoppard's 1968 comedy/parody *The Real Inspector Hound* on the weekends of May 4 and 5 and May 11 and 12.

Merriment and mayhem ensued, as you may see by these photos. The audiences in attendance seemed to have had a cracking good time. The reviews might have been somewhat different had the viewpoints of the late, lamented and esteemed critics, Higgs, Birdboot, and Moon, been sought. The input of the critic Puckeridge was not solicited – The Clarion has learned that he has been remanded to the custody of the Essex Constabulary and is awaiting trial under the jurisdiction of the Queen's Court. No further police messages were forthcoming as we went to press

– Jim Skofield



Fran Kemp &
Jim Baucom



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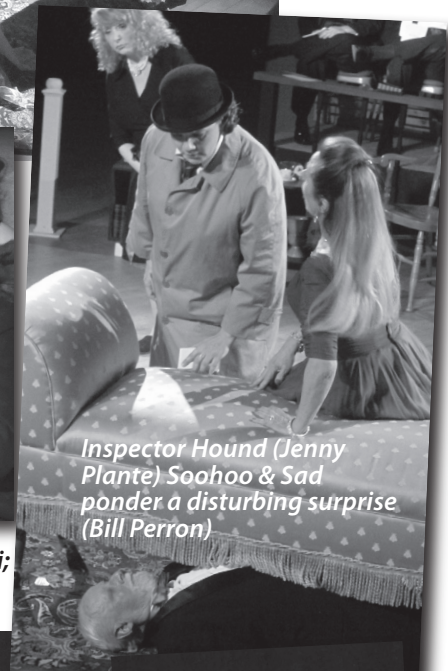


*Murder at Muldoon Manor...
and not the last*

PHOTOS: RAY BOAS



Above (f), the critics: Mike Conant & Jan Kobeski;
(b) chorus: Melissa Whittaker & Meg Kupiec



Inspector Hound (Jenny Plante) Soohoo & Sad
ponder a disturbing surprise
(Bill Perron)



Above, from left: Karen Soohoo, Kemp, Tara Sad



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Walpole Library: Coming Attractions

Story Time with the Grafton Museum

Join us at the library every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM for story time. This summer, some of those story times will be hosted by the Grafton Museum. They'll teach us about different animals and other things in nature with stories, crafts and other fun things. Don't worry, we'll make sure to start off with bubbles!

Appalachian Trail Symphony: New England with Keane Southard

Join us at the library Monday, June 11 at 6:00 PM for a unique music program with Keane Southard, local composer and pianist. Keane will be sharing his music, paired with photos from his hike of the Appalachian Trail. Light refreshments will be provided by the library.

Tuesday Musicals on the Big Screen

Starting late June, we'll be showing movie versions of great musicals on the big projector screen at the library. We'll have an evening movie starting June 19 at 6:00 PM, and a morning movie starting June 26 at 10:00 AM. Morning movies will always be family friendly, while evening movies will not always be appropriate for all children. Feel free to bring a snack with you to the movies! Check our website www.walpoletownlibrary.org, or find us on Facebook to find out which movies will be shown each week.

Saturday Drop-in Crafts

Every Saturday this summer we will have a drop-in craft from 10:00 AM to noon. The first drop-in craft will be on June 23 to make microphones (you'll need them for all of our sing-a-longs this summer!). Check our website www.walpoletownlibrary.org or find us on Facebook for more details on each week's craft.

Children's Book Author Visit

Join us at the library Monday June 25 at 6:00 PM for a reading from children's book author Maggie Kemp. She'll read from her new picture book, *Sam Fisherwoman: The Reel Story*, and copies will be available for sale. Light refreshments will be provided by the library.

Cookbook Group Lunch - June 26

After a few months of hiatus, the cookbook group meetings are back! We'll meet for lunch this summer on the last Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be at 12:30 PM on June 26. No specific cookbook has been selected. Please stop by the library to check out one of our recommended books, or feel free to make something from your own favorite cookbook. Everyone is welcome to join the group! Simply call the library at 756-9806, or e-mail Justine at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org to sign up to bring a dish and join us for lunch! Please bring your own place setting and beverage to lunch.

Harmonica Workshop with Mike Rogers

Join us at the library on Wednesday June 27th at 2PM for a Harmonica Workshop. Mike Rogers has been playing the harmonica and the guitar. He and his wife Beverly will teach participants a song, some techniques and the library will provide the harmonicas. Registration for this program is required. Participants must be at least 9 years old. Caregivers must stay with their children for the duration of the program. Call the library at 756-9806 or e-mail Justine at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org to register for the program.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party & Moana Sing-a-Long

Libraries Rock! Join us for a summer full of music with more programs than any summer before. We'll kick off the summer on Thursday June 28th with a Moana Sing-a-long on the big screen, a craft and a snack. The sing-a-long will start at 2PM followed by a quick craft to track your reading this summer. The library will provide a light snack.

Friday Tabletop Games

Do you love board games? Maybe you're interested in learning new games or playing some of your favorites with friends. Join us at the library most Friday evenings this summer for Tabletop Games. Alex Fafara, a local board game enthusiast, will teach a new game each week. Other, more familiar games like Uno, will be available for people to play as well. Join us Friday June 29th to learn *Batman Love Letter*, a quick card game of risk and deduction that is easy to learn and tons of fun to play!

— Justine Fafara

Pinnacleview 4-H Club...

has been taking care of the flowers at the fountain and the town hall for twenty years or more. On May 18, members and leaders working on this community service project were: Holly Gowdy, Kelly Patch, Tina Christie, and Crystal Phillips (Volunteer Leaders) and members Brendan Reagan, Edward Gowdy, George Gowdy, Braydon Patch, Tyson Patch, Haley Christie, Tabitha Phillips, and Chelsey Patch. This group looks forward to sprucing up the fountain for the summer and preparing these beds for the winter. These kids love working in the community.

— Holly Gowdy

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The Friends of the Walpole Library

The Friends of the Library would like to thank the Walpole community for its generous support of our recent plant sale. To date we have made \$1,353 to benefit Walpole Library programs.

This annual sale would not be possible without the generous donation of plants by many local residents! We would like to offer special thanks to Michael Nerrie of Distant Hill Gardens, Liz Collinsworth of the Fall Mt. High School Horticulture Department, Bob Kimball, Jackie Caserta, and Andrea Daley of Village Blooms, all of whom contributed many unique and beautiful plants.

Thank you again for making this annual sale a big success!

— Jana Sellarole

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on June 18, at the First Congregational Church. We will welcome Dr. Chuck Shaw as our speaker. His presentation will be on "Naval Aviation". Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share with the members. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin

Walpole Worships

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...“Walpole’s handsome new

Town Hall was dedicated with appropriate exercises Friday evening [June 21, 1918]?” As the *Bellows Falls Times* reported, June 27, 1918, “The auditorium was filled almost to capacity, 650 or more being present. All the seats were used, and 200 persons stood. Magnificent bouquets adorned the stage, and Old Glory and the flags of the Allies were much in evidence. On the stage were the members of the building committee, the selectman, a chorus and the speakers.”

“The new hall is on the foundation of the old one and in a general way is patterned after it (see last June’s article on the lightning strike that destroyed the original building), but in several respects the arrangement has been improved. The hall on the lower floor for town meetings is much the same as in the old building, but the selectmen’s room has been enlarged so as to be suitable for farmer’s meetings and other general purposes. On the second floor the ceiling is two feet eight inches higher than formerly and the stage has been greatly improved. The floor, the walls, new settees and the elaborate system of lighting all combine to make the auditorium a thing of beauty and a joy for the present, if not forever.”

“A chorus consisting of members of the two farm camps, Camp Newton with 28 young men on the Miss Fanny Mason place, and the Land Army of eight young ladies at the Copley Amory Place, gave several very pleasing selections. ...” With war on, “The first speaker was Judge T. E. O’Brien of Bellows Falls who gave a carefully prepared address on some phrases (sic) of the war situation. He was given close attention and liberal applause. The second speaker was Hon. C. P. Howland of New York City and a prominent summer resident of Walpole.” Howland related his recent time in London where “an automobile was not allowed to go a mile there unless it was on war work. Not a gallon of gasoline could be purchased for pleasure riding.” Following a vocal solo by Miss Nancy Mitchell of Bellows Falls, demanding an encore by the audience, “Chairman Barnes presented the matter



The original 1918 blueprints for the rebuilt Town Hall are preserved in the Town archives.

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of War Savings Stamps in a masterly way." Instead of the previously planned drive the following week, he "considered the present meeting was to be also considered a War Savings meeting, and the canvas would follow." He continued that "Walpole's quota was \$50,000," as set by the State. "So far the town had made a very poor showing, the purchases amounting to only about 50 cents per capita. Boy Scouts passed pledge cards among the audience."

The Town received \$9,700 insurance monies following the lightning strike and fire. Miss Fanny Mason selected James Pardon as architect, and paid his expenses. The firm of Morrison and Davis, Salem, Massachusetts, was awarded a contract of \$24,000 to build the new Town Hall. The firm's member, T. Carl Davis, a Walpole native, "was glad of the opportunity to show his loyalty to his native town in careful construction of this beautiful building." At the end, the cost to the Town was about \$26,275.

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Non-fiction Book Group

A Civil Discourse

The Non-Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, June 4, at 6:00 PM at Walpole's Bridge Memorial Library to discuss two new essays by Marilynne Robinson from her collection entitled *What Are We Doing Here?* The two essays on which we will focus are "What Are We Doing Here?" and "The American Scholar". Novels she has written include *Lila*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award; and *Gilead*, winner of the Pulitzer prize and National Book Critics Circle Award. For more information, call Ron MacLachlan at 756-3695

— Ron MacLachlan

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WCRVBL Baseball-

Both Walpole teams are in mid-pack early in the season. The Wild Blue are at .500 (2-2), while the Maples are 1-2. The Blue have lost to league-leading Summit, 5-2, and Claremont, 4-0. Their wins have come against Putney, 10-1, and the Maples, 5-4. The Blue/Maples game was played in the rain and was decided by a 3-run Blue rally in the bottom of the eighth. The Maples defeated Brattleboro, 14-0, and lost to Summit, 5-1.

Wild Blue June games are at Brattleboro (3rd), at Putney (10th), and then a return match against the Maples at Hubbard Park (16th). All three Maples games this month are at home: Putney (1st), Brattleboro (10th), and the Wild Blue, as above.

- Jan Kobeski

The Wild Blue and Maples played a low-scoring, rain-dampened game in early May, won by the Blue.

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Home Away From Home

Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Anyone driving by Maplegrove Avenue on Thursday, May 10th would immediately know something special was going on – cars lined the street for blocks, brightly colored balloons swayed in the breeze, and rows of tables were set for a feast.

And special it was. The parents and staff of Home Away From Home were celebrating 10 years in business. And everyone was in a party mood. The parents loaded the tables with delicious food and everyone enjoyed a sun-filled late afternoon under the trees.

Jenny Plante, the owner and proprietor of the daycare center, reminisced about the beginnings. "I had just had my son, Benjamin, and couldn't find anywhere to send him during the day. So I decided to start my own center for him and the children of friends out of my home."

From that inauspicious beginning, Home Away From Home, a fully licensed daycare center, has grown to 35 students and 12 staff members who operate five days a week year-round. The children are divided by age, with the older children enjoying the unique and fun areas in the converted garage, while the babies and toddlers are cared for in rooms in the main house, with soothing sounds to lull them to sleep at nap time. Each child has his or her own cubbie, and food preferences and allergies are carefully noted. The order and efficiency throughout the facility is remarkable.

Becca Plante, Jenny's 11 year old daughter, confided to this reporter that she has always wanted to take over the business when she gets older. She loves working with the children, and can think of nothing better to do for a career. That devotion was obvious during the tour

Jenny Plante and hungry guests consider the picnic buffet during the Home Away From Home anniversary celebration.



PHOTOS: TARA SAD



she gave. Her knowledge of every detail of the operation is amazing. So it seems as if Home Away From Home will be around for many years to come!

Congratulations to Jenny and her staff – and to the parents and children who can experience this exceptional space.

– Tara Sad



First Congregational

Our fiscal year ends June 30. For many of us, we see it as a new beginning and new ideas and opportunities evolve. So, while June is with us, please consider becoming a part of the activities of the Church.

The Parables Of Jesus. This six part series that began in May celebrates the beauty and the possibilities found in the Parables of Jesus. You will discover a richness in the parables that guarantee an awakening and a revival of faith. Come with a bag lunch at 11:30 and enjoy the conversation. We will meet in the Church. Wednesday, May 30 is the topic of *Parables of Treasure* and Wednesday, June 6 is *Parables of Tradition*.

Poor Peoples Campaign. "The new project is called The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival – Beginning on Mother's Day and continuing until June 23 – the last full day of the 1968 campaign – thousands of people in some forty states are expected to commit acts of civil disobedience and protest against policies enacted at the federal and, especially the state level that disproportionately affected poor people." New Yorker, May 14, 2018, p. 70. We meet on every Tuesday during that period at 7 PM to review the events of the past week and discuss the Campaign. Come and visit. If you're lucky there may even be ice cream!

Pie Sales. Summer is just around the corner, and that means band concerts and pie sales on Sundays. We can always use pies and helpers. We will be set up on the north side of the Church near the Common. We look forward to serving you. Peace.

– Chuck Shaw

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Annual Chili Cook Off

The Chili and Pulled Pork Cook-off, a fundraising event to benefit the Walpole Elementary School and Student Council, is slowly becoming more and more of an annual and family favorite event every single year that it occurs. Maybe it's the free, good food, the live music, the Kona Ice Truck, or the dunking booth, usually housing a teacher or other school staff, but this event entertains everyone. This year, it will be just as amazing as all of the others, full of good pulled pork, chili, and fun times.

I sat down with Nicholas Lebail, a social studies teacher at Walpole Elementary School, as well as the main coordinator for this event. When asked for a synopsis, he said that it was "An annual fundraiser for Walpole Student Council. We take all of the donations given to pay for events throughout the year, and it is also to support Walpole Primary School, and North Walpole. We didn't want to do a typical fundraiser, instead, we decided on something more fun." He also says that the turnout has been good other years, so he expects it to also be good this year also. When asked if it brings the community together, he answered, "I think it does. It brings together many [different] people, from all different ages."

This year, it will take place on June 16, 2018, and it will run from noon to 2:30 PM. They are still looking for people to compete in the cook-offs, and it is guaranteed to be fun for all. It will have live music, the Kona Ice Truck, an activity featuring teachers, and also, of course, good pulled pork and chili. We also wanted to thank J.S. Automotive for sponsoring our event, because, without you, we would have to put our profits into funding our event, and not into our school again. Come and see us down at the Annual Chili and Pulled Pork this year to indulge in good food, and help the community this year on June 16, from 12:00 to 2:30!

– Anya Bierweiler-Franks (Grade 8)

Marvel Movies

A Brief History

On May 2, 2008, the decade-long movie series (Marvel) began with the first *Ironman* and almost to the day, *Avengers: Infinity War* was released on April 27, 2018. The series spans 19 movies. They have produced over 16.4 billion dollars during their reign. Good thing Disney bought them.



In all, Marvel Studios has popularized much of the 21st century and adopted the colorful palette, unlike D.C. They have also had a lot of racial, ethnic, and financial issues displayed in their movies. Many of the actors and actresses are most likely going to appear in the upcoming films of Marvel. This shows that they are going to be creating more films dealing with more issues.

Something many can agree with is that *Avengers: Infinity War* is a good movie that has breathed new life into the franchise. I can't wait to see the next *Avengers*.

– Enrique Ingram (Grade 8)

New Teachers

Reflections on the School Year

This school year has been exciting with all the new teachers that have come. The school has employed four new teachers who seem to be liking it here. We went to Mrs. Sherrod, the new sixth grade math and science teacher, first. Mrs. Sherrod is Canadian, and lived in Tacoma, Washington before moving to New Hampshire. She has taught for twenty-one years and has taught grades from first to eighth. When we asked how she was liking Walpole, she replied, "It's a great place to be." Soon after we bumped into Ms. McPherson, the new school guidance counselor. When asked about Walpole, she replied: "I like it very much." Mrs. McPherson is from Denver. This is her 4th year teaching.

Then we went to talk with Mrs. McGuirk, the new reading teacher for grades 6-8. "I think Walpole is a really great community-based school that I love." Mrs. McGuirk came from Claremont Middle School. She has been teaching for four years. She also is part of Art Club, partnering with Ms. Fleet, the new art teacher. This is her first year teaching, but she worked as an intern a few times. She has a UNH undergraduate and a masters. "Walpole makes me feel like I am at home," she said.

All of these teachers are great additions to the Walpole School, and they seem to love it here.

– Etta Bea Harrison & Sydney Palmiotto (Grade 6)

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Science Olympiad

Competes in Colorado for Nationals

For the second straight year, the Walpole Elementary School Science Olympiad Team went to the National Tournament. This year the Tournament was in Fort Collins, Colorado. They have moved up the ranks and enjoyed their beautiful times. They left on Wednesday the 16th of May and returned on Sunday, May 20th.

This year, the Walpole Science Olympiad came in 48th place out of over sixty teams. This result is a whole nine places up, moving them into a new division. The Walpole kids have been inspired, working diligently since September, trying to study for the science tournament. After earning a berth to the tournament due to their impressive performance at the state tournament, they raised 24,000 dollars for funding of their trip. Everyone in the community and around the school is extremely proud of them and is excited for the great things that this program has to come.

— Maddy Manning (Grade 8)



Before the opening ceremonies, Walpole Olympians represent New Hampshire in style.

Ruby Frithsen & Bella Smith: with their Battery Buggy



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The festival is held at Rundlett Middle School in Concord. Here, bright and early, students chosen by their teachers to represent their schools gathered and began rehearsing their pieces. For hours

with only short breaks, I, along with the other chorus students from my school, worked hard until we had mastered all of our songs and felt confident enough to perform them in front of the crowd.

Three separate concerts occurred during the festival: one for the orchestra, one for band, and finally, one for chorus. The chorus performed a total of five songs, performed well. The 2018 All State Music Festival was a success for Walpole Elementary School.

— Sophia Bruzgis (Grade 8)



From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Campground Ready!

Well the time of year has arrived to set up our RV at the campground. Fully loaded, with everything on the checklist checked off, our two sons and one grandson on board, I point the RV south and the five of us head out. The boys have offered to come and help us set up. It makes the works much easier and the air is less blue than if Fran and I try to do it alone!

Soon, after getting everything set up, including our grill and outside stove, it was time to cook some burgers and dive into the potato salad. "Someone hand me the propane tank", I yelled. "What propane tank?", was the response I got. "Okay, start the 'things we forgot list'" I said.

After over fifty years of camping, we know there will always be a 'things we forgot list'.

As we enjoyed lunch, we reminisced about prior camping trips. I always prided myself in my outdoor cooking, and have a large supply of recipes that I have put together over the years. Some have made the 'really good, Dad' list, and some have not. My beef stew and chili

were family favorites in the early years, but, as we age, the chili has been put on the back burner. Oh everyone likes the initial taste, but the after-burner effect is not that enjoyable. Everyone agrees that my Dutch oven pineapple upside down cake is a winner.

Occasionally I hit upon what I think is a winner, and it usually involves beans. I love beans, all sorts of beans. I came across a recipe for Bean Pot Medley, which called for five different types of beans, red and green peppers, onions, vinegar, mustard, black pepper, and a few other things. Time came to eat, and I noticed everyone taking a hearty portion, along with the homemade biscuits I had made. Noticing no one coming back for seconds, I said, "There's plenty if you want more". No response, so I asked, "Did you like it?" Both boys replied at once, "Oh it was good, but we probably don't need to have it again!" Our dog at the time would eat about anything, so I put a bowl of it down for him and it woofed it right down and came back for more. After he had finished, I heard the boys laughing, so I asked what was so funny. They pointed toward our dog, who was licking his butt, as dogs will do.

"What's so funny about that?", I asked. "We think he is trying to get the taste of your Medley out of his mouth!"

Needless to say, I have never prepared my Bean Pot Medley again.

Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, June 22 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be tossed salad, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, and frosted chocolate cake 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, June 21.

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— Lara Larson

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Walpole Business Notes

Exhibition

Beginning on May 28, The Restaurant at Burdick's in Walpole, New Hampshire will host an exhibition of oil paintings by Barbara Carr, *Spring into Summer*.

The collection encompasses works made during early spring to midsummer in formal gardens, roadside areas, yards and ponds in New Hampshire and Maine, as well as floral still life paintings.

The artist, a graduate of Massachusetts College of Art and Design, paints mainly outside, year round, capturing the changing seasons in New England.

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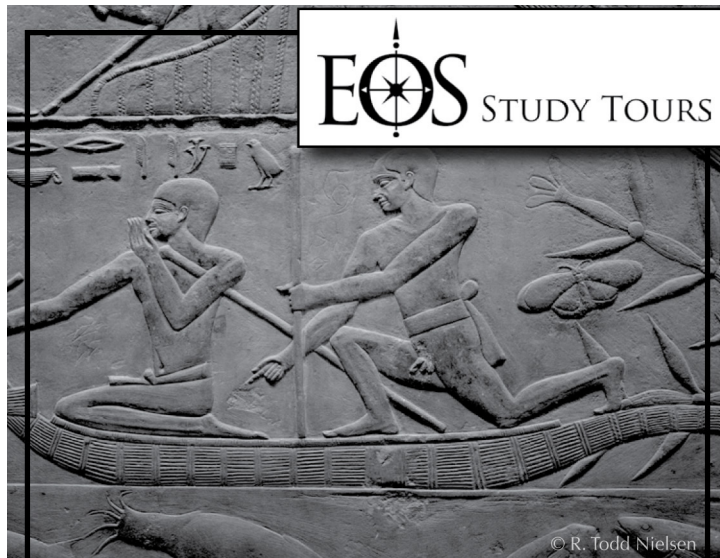


PUBLISHER'S CORNER

In reviewing this issue, both the articles and the advertisements, I continue to be amazed and feel blessed to be part of such a diverse, caring and talented community. There is so much going on, happenings you can become involved in personally or support in some way. Of particular note are the accomplishments of our youth - we raise good kids here, kids who are learning at an early age what it is to give back to their community. Nice work Pinnacleview 4-H Club, and Science Olympiads.

Everything always does seem to happen at once. Events, particularly fundraising events, often cannot be evenly spaced. Currently there are at least two important drives going on: the library renovation, and now the conservation of the Walker Road property on the Connecticut River. It feels good to be involved, and regardless of the extent to which you can contribute, doing so for these two important projects will give you a greater feeling of "ownership" in the Walpole we all hold so dear.

— Ray Boas, Publisher



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