



Library Campaign Reaches Goal



One year ago, the Library Board of Trustees approved the launching of an effort to renovate the Bridge Memorial Library. The 128-year-old facility had expanded and adapted over the years from its original two-room configuration, but increased usage, ambitious children's programs, and steadily growing collections were straining the building's ability to satisfy community needs.

According to Librarian Justine Fafara, "Over the last few years we've seen an incredible increase in community engagement at the library. From program attendance to new library card holders, everything has grown. To maintain the library as a great community resource, it needed to grow as well."

Fred Ernst, Board of Trustees Chair, recalled. "In October, 2016 we surveyed the community, including several in-depth interviews, to determine what

changes the community thought we needed." Discussions with architects and contractors reflecting board, staff and community input ultimately yielded a plan that added 940 square feet to the facility, moved the open stacks, shifted the children's room, improved accessibility for all, and preserved the library's historic architectural integrity – at a cost of \$448,000. The funds were to be raised from the community. There was to be no impact on Walpole taxes. It was an ambitious goal, and it's fair to say that the project's fundraising committee encountered some local skepticism when the search for donors began in December, 2017.

That was then. By the second week of December 2018 the campaign reached its goal... and exceeded it. The total as of **Clarion** press time is \$449,850.

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Lucy Webber Speaker Pro Tem

Walpole has every reason to be proud of one of our own – Rep. Lucy Weber – who has just been named Speaker Pro Tem(pore) of the NH House of Representatives! Most significantly, Lucy is the very first Democratic Speaker Pro Tem in the state, ever.

It seems a long time ago that Lucy and I ran together for the first time back in 2006, and entered the House as freshmen representatives with no political experience and no clue as to what the job entailed. In the ensuing twelve years, Lucy not only survived but thrived in the House, having been appointed Chair of two different committees, plus having served on five standing committees, three statutory committees and various special committees and commissions. She has been Assistant Democratic Leader and Minority Parliamentarian.

We sat down for this interview, and my first question to Lucy was "What exactly is a Speaker Pro Tem?" She laughed and said, "That's a very good question, and the short answer is 'I don't know'". She added, "Basically, I think the Speaker Pro Tem does what the Speaker delegates."

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Walker Road Conservation

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Upcoming Election Dates

Election Filing Dates for Town Offices
will begin January 23 and end at 5 PM
Friday, February 1. The Town Clerk's office
will be open 3-5 PM Friday, February 1
per State Law for filing.

Petition Warrant Article Deadline
is February 5 - the last day a petition
may be accepted for inclusion as a
"warrant article" on election day.
The petition must be signed by 25 or more
voters, or 2% of the total voter registration,
whichever is less.

Paul...

Say It Ain't So:

After 13 years of dedicated service
at the Walpole Recycling and Transfer
Center, Manager Paul Colburn retired on
December 29th.

As an engaging, larger-than-life
presence at the Center, Paul has worked
hard to expand and modernize the
Center's operation. One of his first goals
was to heat the Center's main building
with recycled fuel to keep the frost
away from our fingers in winter. Another
upgrade guided by Paul was to re-
purpose many products on a large scale
that are brought to the Whitcomb Road
location. Those huge bailing machines
that Paul acquired can process products
that include plastics, aluminum, paper
and cardboard. These bales are a great
revenue source that helps generate the
approximately \$185,000 that the center
gives back to the town's general fund
every year.

Paul emphasized that sorting is a
critical part of getting a good return on
what is sold from the Center. Through
his guidance, the Center outputs clean
material from glass, to wire, to metals -
such as brass and steel, aluminum and
tin.

But the goal is not just trying to get
top dollar for our recyclable products.
Paul said, "It's the right thing to do within
today's understanding of this global life
that we're all living, and how we react
to it. We need to process the materials
that we take in in a manner that's going
to be productive for future generations.
We must operate with best economic
practices and in a very earth friendly
manner, and that's a big responsibility."

Paul said, "Education is a big thing."
Paul loves it when Center volunteers
bring their children along to help out
and when youngsters from the Hooper
Institute pitch in. "We try to share our
knowledge in a way that they can apply
it in their lives."

Over the years, Paul has been grateful
for the amazing support from the town.
Paul said, "Folks are really enthusiastic
about recycling and doing the right
thing with the materials that they bring
in, and I am very grateful."

We thank Paul for his great service to
our community.

- Eric Merkley



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To realize the value of One Year, ask a student who failed a grade. To realize the value of One Month, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of One Week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of One Hour, ask two lovers who are waiting to meet. To realize the value of One Minute, ask a person who just missed the train. To realize the value of One Second, ask someone who just avoided an accident. To realize the value of One Millisecond, ask the person who won a silver medal at the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with. And remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

— Author Unknown

Horse Thieves

2019 Annual Meeting

The "Horse Thieves" annual meeting will be held Saturday, January 19 at 6:30 pm in the Walpole Town Hall. We encourage all members (or those who want to become a Horse Thief) to join us.

This annual meeting will include normal business such as reading and approving reports, and electing new officers for 2019. This year's meeting will probably be similar to the 2017 annual meeting – which lasted 29 minutes.

For our new residents in town, the "Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Clothes Lines and Hen Roosts" – or "Horse Thieves" – was organized in 1816. At that time, "Horse Thieves" societies sprang up in many places. They were needed because of the value of horses and the rise in thefts, because sheriff departments were less robust than today and because most horse thieves promptly fled town. The number of horses peaked in the early 1900s before the introduction of the automobile, and fell rapidly after World War I. Against all odds the Walpole organization has survived these many years, and is now probably the second oldest surviving Horse Thieves society in the country.

The Walpole Horse Thieves is open to any man 18 years or older who lives in Walpole, who pays a \$2 lifetime fee and signs the membership book. Join us for the annual meeting and find out what an old fashioned men's society was like 200 years ago. If you are interested in joining, contact Lewis LaClair, Clerk (LLaclair@Advancedrisk.com or 756-0001) or show up early for our annual meeting marking the start of our 203rd year on Saturday, January 19 at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall.

— Lewis LaClair

Great River Co-op

Great River Co-op has announced the Co-op has reached a total of 792 members, and hopes to reach the 800 mark by year's end. The Co-op is also developing its Board of Directors. Watch for an official update in January!

New members are encouraged. A share is \$25 and four shares make you a voting member! For more information, go to the Co-op website at www.greatriverfoodcoop.com

— Great River Co-op Board of Directors

Trivia Night...

Is Back

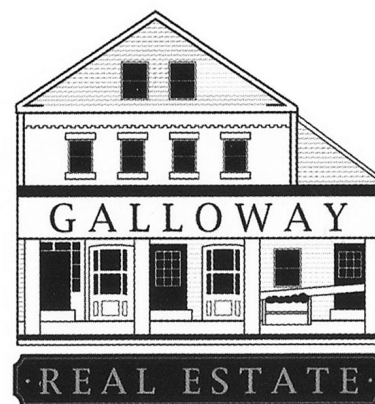
It's time again for trivia at the Walpole Town Hall on January 5. The busy holiday season will be coming to an end and now everyone will be looking to just relax. Well, your bodies can relax, but not your brains!

We had four teams participate in our first trivia night in August, and it was a lot of fun. Teams came together for drinks, conversation, and some friendly competition. "Simple Minds" had bragging rights for a few months, but I know other teams have been studying, watching Jeopardy, and trying to retain all of this information so that they can take the title away.

This is a night out for adults 21+ to enjoy some great company, have some laughs, and see how much their team actually knows. This is a BYOB event. Doors open at 5:30 PM January 5, with the action beginning at 6:00 PM. Medals will be handed out to the top three teams, with the 1st Place team taking home a coveted Champion mug.

We hope you come out and join us! Registration forms are at the Town Hall and on the Recreation Department Facebook page. Please make sure you get your form in by January 3, 2019. Get your team together and get ready to have an amazing night!

—Justin Cassarino



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Walpole Schools

Disability Awareness Day

"Share our similarities and celebrate our differences." These words, written by psychiatrist and author M. Scott Peck decades prior, were echoed by speakers, teachers, and students alike on Wednesday, December 19th, as all Walpole schools participated in Disability Awareness Day.

The event was organized by the Walpole School Counselors, Amy Treat and Liz Cassarino. Treat, always accompanied by her "shadow," the school therapy dog, Eloise, was able to bring together terrific and inspiring speakers for the afternoon as part of the Changing Perspectives campaign, a nonprofit organization that promotes disability awareness in schools.

One of the speakers was the founder and current Executive Director of the organization, Sam Drazin. Drazin was born with Treacher Collins Syndrome, which resulted in multiple surgeries as a kid and hearing loss. He has been able to use his experiences to inform and help others as an educator in the classroom and, now, as an integral part of Changing Perspectives.

"The biggest reason we do Changing Perspectives and Disability Awareness

Day is to build empathy," said Treat. "Education leads to understanding, which leads to empathy, which leads to compassion."

Part of this education included the Walpole eighth graders leading fellow students through a variety of games that allowed others to experience, first hand, the challenges of various disabilities. Also during this time, the incredible story, art, and technique of American artist Chuck Close was examined. Close has managed to create amazing art despite suffering from prosopagnosia (face blindness) and, later, severe paralysis.

Another session included Fall Mountain freshman Addy Pope and Walpole Elementary seventh grader Ben Tetu educating their peers about their experiences with dyslexia. Both students spoke about how dyslexia impacted them, how they have worked to combat some of its effects, while also showcasing the many positive attributes of those with dyslexia. Winston Churchill, Walt Disney, Albert Einstein, and John F. Kennedy were just some of the famous examples mentioned who had used their dyslexia and their unique way of thinking to change the world.

The final speaker was Molly Thompson, a former student of Treat's, and now a high school senior at Woodstock High

School. Like Drazin, Molly's disability occurred at birth and caused her to endure several surgeries throughout her life. It was evident through her stories and sense of humor, however, that Molly does not want pity; like all of us, she wants understanding. After educating the students about her experiences and her life, Molly concluded her talk by highlighting Peck's words about celebrating our differences.

"Sharing the stories of other people helps us to understand each other and accept each other for who we are," said Treat. "Just within the last 24 hours I have had a number of students and staff tell me how great the afternoon was and that they are already excited for next year's event."

While their stories differed, the speakers all shared one thing in common: They had not only endured with their disabilities, but excelled, perhaps, because of them.

-Jake Gagnon

2019 Town Budget Hearing

February 7
5:30PM • Town Hall.



Samaira Aldrich

PHOTO:
JENNY PLANTE



Richard Smith



Judy Epstein



The flute choir
was the perfect holiday touch.

Christmas on the Air

The Helen Miller Theater was packed on Saturday night, December 15, for The Walpole Players' second production of *Christmas On The Air*. The holiday fundraiser for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf and Our Place Drop-In Center raised more than \$1200 to divide between those two worthy organizations.

The audience was invited to arrive an hour before air time with their food and beverages, and then to relax at their tables and enjoy the more than 20 different acts. During the dinner hour, guests were entertained by a flute choir, organized by Lisa Bryan, playing beautiful music for the season. The other flutists, David Fleming, Connie Green, Kaitlin Haskins, Deborah Kilyanczik, Melissa Richmond, Rebecca Sayles, Janet Surman, and Beth Anne West, all donated their time and talent to be a part of this worthy cause.

The acts included classic radio broadcasts, readings and musical numbers, all masterfully introduced by emcee Tara Sad. Bob and Ray (Jan Kobeski, Carolyn Norback) opened the show, along with a somewhat worse-for-wear Christmas tree. Mel Blanc and Jack Benny (Chuck Lessard) made appearances, along with Fibber McGee and Molly (Jean Kobeski).

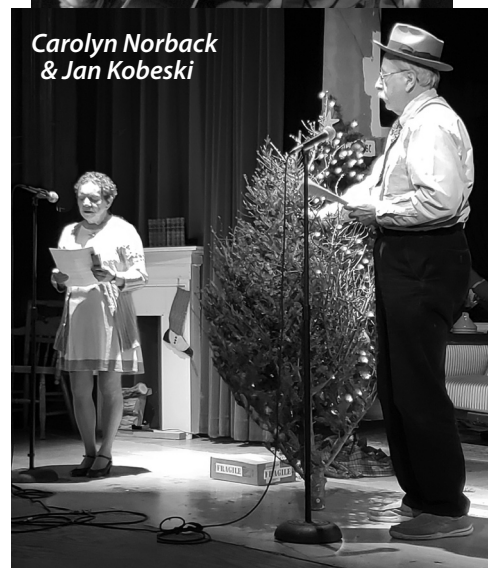
Jim Baucom's original song *There Must Be a Pony In There Somewhere* was an audience favorite, and Judy Epstein told the Yiddish folktale *Clever Khashinke and Foolish Bashinke*. Bill Reed shared his original story *Feathered Rain*, Jeff Squire recited his original poem *Tranquility in November*, and Suzy Snowflake (Samaira Aldrich) graced the stage in her magnificent snow ball gown. In addition, the audience was treated to a variety of other songs and skits performed by Meg Kupiec, Wayne Miller, Jeanie Levesque, Christine Cole, Jenny Plante, Lynne Reed, Deb Robarge, Melissa Whittaker, and Lisa Bryan. Concluding the performance, Mike Delaney recited *Twas the Night Before Christmas* to the assembled cast and audience, ending in a rousing rendition of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

The Walpole Players thank all the people who came to enjoy the show and helped make this event a success for the Food Shelf and Drop-In Center. We hope you'll join us again when the fun continues with *Cabin Fever Radio Follies* on March 16!

— Lisa Bryan



Jim Baucom

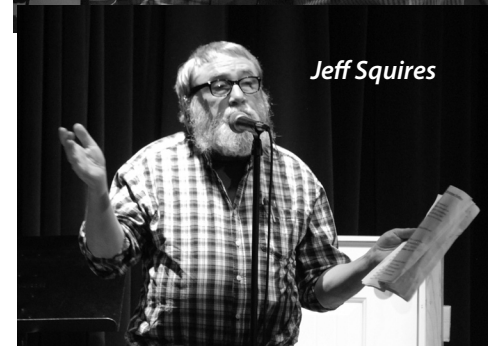


Carolyn Norback
& Jan Kobeski

PHOTO: JENNY PLANTE



Meg Kupiec & Wayne Miller



Jeff Squires

Continued from Page 1: Lucy

In the past, the Republican Speaker PTs have presided over the house when the Speaker is unable to, so I imagine I will be doing the same. But I don't have any idea of what other tasks the Speaker may have me do." (Note: The newly elected Speaker of the House is Rep. Steve Shurtleff)

She said, "The other thing I suspect I will do is to fill in for the Speaker at functions and speaking engagements across the state when he is unable to attend."

I asked Lucy if there were any other roles that she will be taking on this term. "I am going to be chairing the House Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs, where I served for most of two terms, and which I'm very pleased about because of my background in Elderlaw, and this committee deals with elder issues." She continued, "And the initiative that I'm very excited about is the one that the Speaker developed, and that is a new subdivision whose work will be devoted to mental health and addiction issues. It is going to be very important going forward."

In addition, Lucy anticipates being a mentor and guide to the new committee chairs who have been appointed this year, and helping to train the incoming freshman in the myriad steps necessary to guide a bill through the legislative process.

I asked Lucy what the top three things are that she has learned in the twelve years she's been in the House. She answered, "First, always keep your word, because once you lose your credibility, you can never get it back. Second, refrain from alienating anybody if you don't really have to, since you may need to work with them in the future. And lastly, it's astounding how much you can get done if you don't care if you get credit for it."

Lucy was not always a politician. Before



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her election, she was a schoolteacher, a lawyer, and an inn owner (She, her late husband Bruce and his son Tom Weber owned and operated the Walpole Inn) She also was a member of the Walpole Zoning Board and on the board of the Walpole Historical Society.

During the ten years we served together, I was constantly amazed at the depth of Lucy's intelligence, the breadth of her work ethic, and her boundless energies. This honor is long in coming and much, much deserved. Congratulations Lucy!

— Tara Sad



In addition to Lucy Weber, there are other Cheshire County representatives who have been named to leadership positions this term – Jaffrey's Doug Ley has been named Majority Leader; Cheshire County District 1 representative Cathy Harvey has been named Chair of the Fish, Game & Marine Resources Committee, and Paul Berch has been named Assistant Majority Leader; Mike Abbott will continue in his strong role on the Public Works & Highways Committee, fighting for infrastructure funding to come to our southwest corner of the state. We can rest assured that our elected officials in Concord are working hard on our behalf, and are being recognized for their efforts and experience.



PHOTO: G. GALLAGHER

Christmas Program

North Walpole Library

Steve Damon appeared at our library on Tuesday, December 18, and entertained us all with his *Name That Tune* presentation. Steve played a few notes of each Christmas Carol on his clarinet and gave us a clue as to the title of each song. Then it was up to us to guess the name. And we really did quite well! Steve has been to our library before and everyone enjoyed him so much we asked him to come back for a Christmas program. We all enjoyed the music and wonderful refreshments. Rose Werden, librarian, announced that Steve will return again in the Spring with another performance for us. We will let you know when this will happen so you can join us. Thanks again to Steve for coming and getting us into the Holiday spirit.

The North Walpole Library is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2 to 4 PM, and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM. We welcome everyone to come and see our selection of fiction and Amish books. We are sure you will find hours of reading pleasure!

— Sally McGaffigan

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Art After School

& R.E.A.D.

It has been a busy and fun fall in the Parish Hall of St. John's on Mondays and Thursdays. Art After School has registered 28 elementary school students who, after a delicious parent-provided snack, create masterpieces with a variety of media.

Projects have included watercolors of skies, self-portraits in crayon (whole body!), papier-mâché Halloween masks, mixing pastels and oil on canvas, and making treasure boxes.

The R.E.A.D. program on Thursday afternoons has had up to 11 students who share a small meal (practicing their manners) while discussing the current book. While reading *Wish* (the story of a young girl's coming to live with her distant relatives), we sewed pillowcases for ourselves and for donation to homeless children, and learned about constellations. While reading *A Wrinkle in Time*, we made alcohol ink bookmarks, crystals from borax, slime, and used acrylic paint on canvas to portray our favorite person or scene from the book.

These programs are free to the students. St. John's provides the space, utilities and accounting support. We have been funded by generous donations from our community, as well as grants from the Our Kids Commission (via the Episcopal Church of NH) which has a three year limit. The aim is to develop self-sustaining programs. In order to have a program throughout 2019, we need your financial assistance.

We are also happy to have volunteers who need not have art skills, but a smile, kindness, and willingness to help youngsters in first through fifth grades. Check out the artists and their work at <http://stjohnswalpole.org/after-school-programs/>

To help us fund our spring semester, you can donate by sending a check to St. John's Church - After School Programs, Box 179, Walpole, NH 03608. For further information: mnwilking@gmail.com 713-410-7372. Thank you for your support.

— Marilyn Wilking

Non-fiction Book Group

A Civil Discourse

On Monday, January 14, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the Bridge Memorial Library, we begin our discussion of *Factfulness* by Hans, Ola and Anna Rosling. *Factfulness* builds the case that we live in the real world, where journalists are in the business of attracting readers, and readers love things to be both super simple and full of drama. As a result, our worldview has become skewed — a poor representation of what the world is really like. And then in February, two members of the Book Group will be leading a discussion on the United States National debt. You are invited to join us for a civil discourse. If you have any questions, call Ron at 756-3695

— Ron MacLachlan

Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for senior citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, January 25 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be sliced pot roast with home-style gravy, parsley potatoes, mixed vegetables, and pecan pie 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, January 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.

— Lara Larson

Walpole Worship

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Service: Sunday, 10 AM

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Walpole Unitarian Church

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Colonial Theatre

Special Event: *Lost Boundaries*, A 70th Anniversary Screening

FREE: Sunday, January 27, 2:00 PM

This film is based on a shocking true story that happened in Keene. The story is about Dr. Albert Johnston and his family, a black family who passed for white in order to work while living in Keene in the 1930s and 1940s.

This film won the 1949 Cannes Film Festival award for Best Screenplay. Scott Carter (Mel Ferrer) is an African-American doctor who is eager to serve his community by working at a black hospital. However, he encounters unexpected opposition when his light skin color results in him being mistaken

for a white man. At the urging of his in-laws, Carter and his similarly pale wife begin to masquerade as white to more easily find work in a fiercely segregated society. He moves to New Hampshire and began his 20-year career in Keene. After he is revealed as black, he is discharged from the hospital in Keene in 1953.

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The scope of community support has been impressive. The campaign total represents 304 separate donations and pledges from 252 individuals, families, organizations and businesses. Former residents sent contributions to support an institution they remembered with affection; recent arrivals donated in appreciation of programs they had just discovered; gifts were made in honor or in memory of departed friends and family members; tourists dealing with car trouble made a gift in thanks for a pleasant afternoon; children sold lemonade and donated their profits; a High Tea in November entertained more than 80 attendees; the plastic piggy bank in the children's room yielded \$129.00 when opened on December 19 (plus a few Canadian and Japanese coins and a Chuck E. Cheese token).



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Local business also joined the effort. Florentine Films helped launch the campaign last December; Houghton Company made a challenge match; Cynthia Reeve Gallery held a library-dedicated wine tasting; Spencer's Place gave a percentage of a Sunday's breakfast sales; Applied Bolting (Bellows Falls) employees made a donation; Edward Jones underwrote the High Tea.

Peggy Pschirrer, Selectboard representative to the Fundraising Committee, summed up the effort, "It was important to accomplish this renovation without affecting Walpole taxes. This successful campaign achieved that. This new renovation and addition will serve the growing needs of Walpole for the next two-three decades. The historic Bridge Library will be more valuable as an educational resource for everyone in Town."

An important part of the renovation is ensuring that the Bridge Memorial Library retain its historic architectural integrity. In order to apply for New Hampshire State funding, the library had to be accepted to the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places. It earned its place on the list in April as an example of the Shingle Style – rustic, sturdy and unadorned – designed by William R. Emerson, a noted American architect in the late 1800s. The renovated library will preserve that look – inside and out. The NHRHP plaque now hangs near the library entrance -- near the Moose Plate Grant award plaque it helped acquire.

Though the winter will delay the start of construction, planning is underway to begin work in May. Estimated construction time is six months... which means some scrambling will be required to maintain library services while the building is taken apart and put back together. The library's temporary home will be the second floor of Town Hall. Fafara outlined what will happen. "We have a plan to keep library resources available during construction. We'll have parts of the collection available including our newest books, popular children's books, and our newest movies. We'll be able to continue ordering and processing new materials as well. We'll also have laptop computers available for public use. The Summer Reading Program will run as normal, with prizes for kids, teens and adults."

Hopefully, the library will be whole again by October and the transplanted materials back on their new shelves. If you haven't seen them, floor plans and a scale model of the renovated spaces can be viewed in the library.

In the meantime, before construction begins and library routine is disrupted, Bridge Memorial Library will hold a celebratory open house during regular library hours on Saturday, January 19. Please come, accept the thanks of library Board and staff, and applaud the generosity of the Walpole community, confirming the hope and vision of Hudson Bridge's original bequest.

– Jan Kobeski

The Library in January

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Monday January 1st and Monday January 21st. We'll also be closing early on Thursday the 31st at 5:00PM.

1,000 Books

Before Kindergarten Party

Whether you have a new baby, a toddler or a pre-schooler, we'd love to have you join us for our second annual 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Party sponsored by the Friends of the Library! We'll celebrate everyone's progress and welcome new families to the program. Even if you've already completed the 1,000 books challenge, you're welcome to join us for the party. Each family will receive a book to take home and a tote bag that we hope you'll keep your library books in!

What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten? It's a national challenge meant to encourage parents to read to their newborns, infants and toddlers. The 1,000 Books Foundation is a non-profit based in Nevada that advocates the benefits of reading to children. You can find more information on their website 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

Look for more party details on our website, www.walpoletownlibrary.org, and our Facebook page.

One-on-One

Technology Appointments

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– Justine Fafara

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Walpole Players

Auditions for *Lost in Yonkers*

The Walpole Players will hold auditions for their coming spring production of *Lost in Yonkers* at the Helen Miller Theater in the Walpole Town Hall on Sunday, January 13, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, and Tuesday, January 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The play, directed by Mike Wright, will be presented on two weekends in April. Auditions will be readings from the script, and no preparation is required.

The play is a heartfelt and hilarious coming-of-age story about a very eccentric family by Neil Simon. Set during World War II, two young brothers are sent to live with their formidable German Jewish immigrant grandmother, the sweet Aunt Bella, and Uncle Louie, a hoodlum running away from gangsters. It is the story of a family struggling to balance love, duty, devotion, and trust with tough times.

If you have questions or are not available on the audition dates please contact Mike Wright at mikey2573@comcast.net.

— Bill Lockwood

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Some funds are still required to protect and conserve the Walker Road Property and provide recreational opportunities for the entire Walpole Community. Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/WalkerRoadConservation> where you can see the informative video – 'The Gateway to Walpole' – and then make your donation. If you prefer, 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. Any surplus funds raised will be utilized by the Walpole Conservation Commission for further conservation efforts.

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their first luncheon of the new year at 12:00 noon on Monday, January 21, 2019 at the First Congregational Church. Bring a friend and a dish to share. We are looking forward to having Eleanor Elbers, founding member of the Orchard School and 2018 Educator of the Year, as our speaker. The topic will be *Arts and Ecology Offerings* from the Orchard School. We guarantee a great luncheon of delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

— Jan Martin

CALENDAR CLEANUP

It's time for some house cleaning.

If your organization has a recurring event posted on our monthly calendar, please check for accuracy.

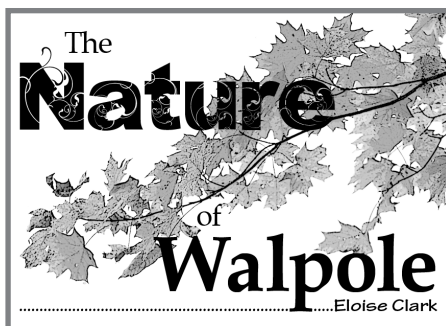
Does something need to be corrected, added, or pitched entirely?

We're happy to provide the calendar and appreciate your input in keeping it accurate.

"As the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen." Have you heard that weather saying? It's one my mother used to quote as colder weather crept into January. The sun still clings to the southern horizon instead of following the overhead arc of summer. This tepid light is the result of the northern hemisphere's tilt away from the direct rays of the sun. Any heat from the day rapidly radiates into outer space as the longer nights linger. The atmosphere lags as the calendar moves forward. But eventually the increasing light this month will add up to warmer days ahead.

Most of us know at least one weather saying. It's probably "Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning; Red sky at night, sailor's delight." Or, maybe you know a variation that has the same message? Who coined these weather sayings to pass down through generations? Long, long ago, before the Weather Channel people had to make their own weather predictions. They learned through observation and experience. Which way was the wind blowing and how quickly? What were the cloud patterns? How did the air feel or smell?

Most of the sayings are of maritime origin. There are few places more exposed to the elements than a ship on the ocean. A sailor would want to avoid the weather a "red sky in the morning" could bring.



There's just a small window of time at sunrise when the sun arcs between the ocean surface and low hanging stratus clouds. It's then the scarlet "red sky" warning flashes on the cloud's underbellies. Stratus clouds are bearers of heavy precipitation. "When leaden sky meets the eye, look for rain, it will arrive." It might be a 'Nor'easter brewing!

Wind is also a good short term predictor of weather to come. The soft, moist maritime air from the southeast could mean a tropical system is approaching, perhaps a hurricane. Wind from the west usually means fair weather, northwest for cold and clear, southwest for warm and hazy air. No wind equals no change in the weather.

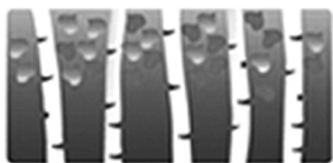
Weather forecasters of old would also watch the moon for clues to the weather next day: "Full moon, frost soon" or "Ring

around the moon, rain comes soon." Have you noticed this phenomenon caused by a thin layer of cirrus clouds on a moonlit night? The icy crystals of the cirrus cloud refract the light from the moon to form a large silver ring. Can you see cirrus clouds as "mare's tails", so high and wispy in the sky? They precede a warm front and are responsible for the "Red sky at night" portion of the saying.

If the clouds of a warm front thicken and lower, you may see alto-cumulus clouds. These look rippled like the scales of a fish, hence "Mackerel sky, rain is nigh." Here's one that must have been made up by an idling shepherd, as he stared dreamily at cumulus or fair weather clouds, "When woolly fleeces spread the heavenly way, be sure no rain disturbs the summer day."

You may recognize cumulonimbus clouds (thunderheads) in this saying, "When clouds appear like rocks and towers, the Earth's refreshed with frequent showers." And fog, why it's just a stratus cloud on the ground: "Fog in the summer for fair, fog in the winter for rain, a fact most everywhere, in valley and on plain." I like that one.

New Englanders love to chat about the weather. Try sprinkling some of these weather sayings in your conversations. You too can be a weather forecaster.



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The IDEAL Board

Recently opened in the former Jiffy Mart building on Route 12 in Walpole is The IDEAL Board, a woodworking shop and showroom owned by Darren and Laura Honey.

While Darren has been a carpenter for over 20 years, The IDEAL Board has been in business since 2007. For years they have been a staple at local craft shows with their unique end and flat grain cutting boards and ornaments. The business is a family affair, right down to the name coming from the first initial of each family member Isabelle, Darren, Evelyn, Avery and Laura.



Over the years, Darren has had a few shop locations where he has created and sold his cutting boards, earrings and ornaments, but never one so centrally located. When they purchased the building on Route 12 for his shop space, many of their customers asked if there would be a retail area. With Darren's vision, and a lot of elbow grease, the showroom was born! Since the early days, Darren has added to his line of products adding mobiles, sushi display boards, chop sticks, barrettes, islands, tables, wood conditioner board balm and more!

Stop in to say hello and see the new location at 708 Main St. (Route 12) in Walpole. You will be surprised by the variety of perfect gift ideas! Regular hours are Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and open throughout the week when Darren is working on projects. You can contact them by email, darren@theidealboard.com, or by phone 445-7739.

Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...the 9.4 miles of NH

Route 12 passing through Walpole was originally part of New England Interstate Route 12 (known as the Keene Way) which stretched 279 miles from US Route 1 in New London, Connecticut to Derby Line, Vermont? The route was marked by yellow rectangular shields with black numbers and border, which often were simply painted on telephone poles. This route system was approved by the six New England states in April of 1922.

As automobiles came into popularity in the early 20th century, motorists found their way along small local roads and ruts. Road signs (let alone route numbers) were virtually nonexistent. There was no need for signs since locals already knew how to get around their area. Long trips were made by train. As further auto travel began, photo guides were published illustrating routes and turns. Then in the teens, as auto travel expanded even more, various automobile books were developed with complicated written instructions on how to get from one place to another. With more automobiles and more roads, the need for route numbers was recognized.

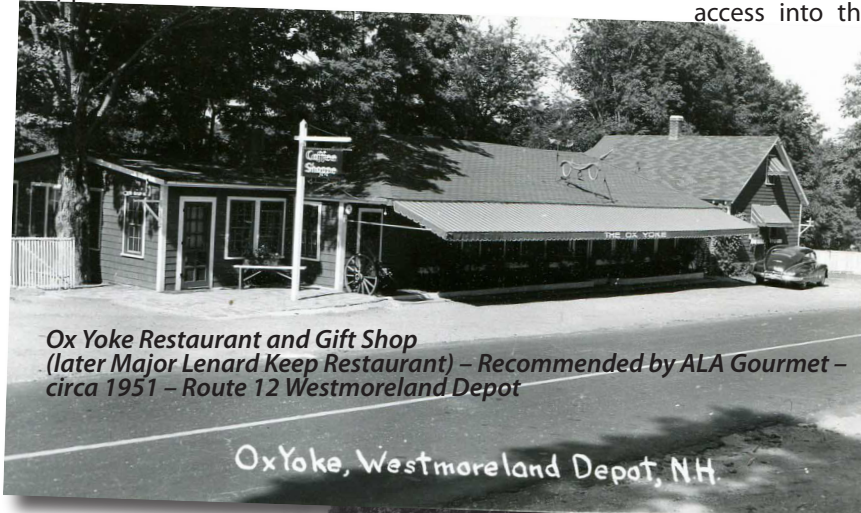
In 1926, the New England road marking system was replaced by the United States Numbered Highway System. By 1932, Route 12 was re-designated as a state highway, and today runs 62.8 miles from the Massachusetts border at Fitzwilliam to Vermont in Claremont.

In 1962, reconstruction of New Hampshire Route 12 through Walpole was begun. The railroad had been abandoned, and, with increasing auto traffic, the state wanted vehicles to move quickly through the area. The road was widened, and rerouted in places. Traveling from the south, the first diversion of the new route is just north of Blackjack Crossing. Bookseller Road, bearing off to the left, is part of

the original route, and now terminates at Halls Crossing Road. At this point the "old 12" is bisected by the new road. The original route continues on the east side of "new 12" on what is now Old Keene Road, which is accessed off "new 12" by Connector Road. If you head north on Old Keene Road, looking carefully on the right just past Hooper Road, you will see a home that was originally built in 1932 as a filling station on Route 12.

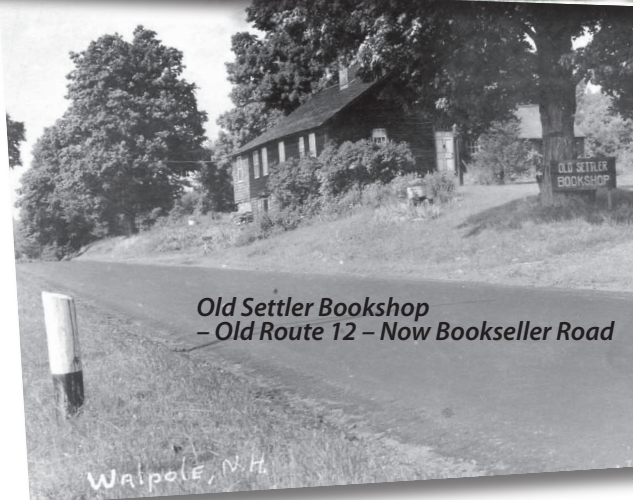
Entering the village at Wentworth Road, "old 12" continued through the village, down past the school, joining the new 12 bypass at the Agway. To provide access into the village from the new

road, South Street was extended west down the hill from River Road. It was at this point the "new 12" bisected the Walker Farm; and, to provide access to the western part of the farm, Walker Road was laid out.



*Ox Yoke Restaurant and Gift Shop
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You Need to Know That...

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3rd - Phil and Holly Shaw - 11 High Street



Business Winner - Diamond Pizza, Route 12



Krampus

A Different Kind of Christmas Story

Christmas is a very happy time of the year. You get to spend time with your loved ones, give and receive gifts, and have a nice Christmas dinner. Seems enjoyable right? Well I'm here to reveal to you the dark side of Christmas.

A legend was created in Germany centuries ago featuring a half-goat, half-demon creature with horns, dark fur, and menacing teeth to haul naughty children into the underworld. His name was Krampus, the opposite of Santa Claus.

This frightening opposite was made to frighten children and make them nice. He did so by swatting them with birch sticks and lashes around a chain with bells. The name Krampus was based off of the German word krampen. According to the legend, Krampus will show up the night before December 6th. That night is known as Krampusnacht, or Krampus night. December 6th is known as Nikolaustag or St. Nicholas Day. On St. Nicholas Day, children would leave their boot on the doorstep and would check in the morning to see what was there.

If it was a present, then they were good. If it was a rod, they had been bad. In 2015, the movie 'Krampus' came out and brought people a mix of humor and horror. If we are lucky, maybe we will see a 2020 remake!

– Camden Fuller (Grade 7)

Craft Fair

Orchard Hill School

On December 8, 2018, the Orchard Hill School (Alstead) Craft Fair was held where it always is, at the Walpole Town Hall. Local artists and many others came and set up a small, or large, stand and sold what they have made.

There are many artistic items available, from natural clay formed into little foxes all the way to handmade rocking horses. There was food and coffee or a cup of hot chocolate for the little ones.

I went around the school and asked a few people if they have ever gone to the craft fair or if they would ever like to go.

"I think that the craft fair is a great idea for people to show their work," said Mr. Gagnon, the ELA teacher.

Mrs. McGuirk, the reading teacher, said: "I thought the craft fair was very good. In fact, I bought a cutting board that is shaped like a moose!"

"I have not been there in a long time, but the last time I did attend I enjoyed it very much," said Ms. Adams.

"I have heard of the craft fair but have never been able to make it, but I will try to make it next year!" said Mrs. Treat, the WES Counselor.

Student Etta Bea, a seventh grader, was excited by the craft fair. "Oh my gosh, the craft fair is amazing. I love all the creativity!" You should come and see what it is like.

– Emmaline Cook (Grade 6)

Recommendations

Young Adult Books

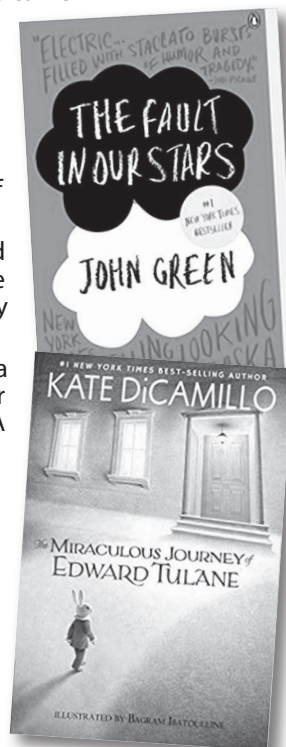
If I were to recommend a book for an age group of 12-18, I would have to pick *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green.

The Fault in Our Stars is a romantic comedy about a young girl named Hazel Grace Lancaster who has thyroid cancer which has spread to her lungs. She falls in love with a boy named Augustus Waters who had osteosarcoma (another type of cancer) causing an amputation of one of his legs. Due to Hazel's condition, she tends to push away people. "I'm a grenade and at some point I'm going to blow up and I would like to minimize the casualties, okay?" - Hazel Grace

Another book I would recommend is *The Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. It's a beautiful story about a China rabbit that belongs to this little girl. The rabbit ends up getting lost into the ocean and bumps around from owner to owner, and he has to try to find his original owner. During this adventure, he finds out how he is a selfish rabbit, and overcomes the rich life he lived.

These are just some of the recommendations for the perfect holiday vacation read.

– Morrigan Farnum (Grade 7)



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WES holiday concerts were a highlight of the season. Above, Grade 5 Chorus; below, Grade 6-8 Chorus.



WES LEAP

Students Begin Coffee Cart Services for School

Early this November, on the seventh, the LEAP program at Walpole Elementary School started a coffee cart, which raises money through donations.

Every Wednesday, the students of the LEAP program, accompanied by one of the LEAP teachers, bring a coffee cart around the halls, sharing both coffee and fresh cooked pastries with well deserving teachers.

All of the money made goes towards saving money for community outings for the LEAP program.

LA teacher Mr. Gagnon said: "It's a great way to interact with the students from the LEAP Program, and the coffee is delicious."

The cart itself is decorated with drawings, bursting with color, and the students who run it are always cheerful and polite. Once the kids brought around chocolate chip cookies, which I'm sure made every teacher's day. Because who wouldn't be happy with a homemade chocolate chip cookie?

— Etta Bea Harrison (Grade 7)



Strange Questions, Stranger Answers:

Alternative Theories as to How Rudolph's Nose Became Red

Everyone knows that Rudolph has a red nose, but do you know how it became red?

I have many theories. One of my theories is that he stuck his nose in a fire. The hot coals would have burnt his nose very badly, causing it to be red for life; a tragic accident.

Another reason could be that he had a light implanted into his nose. The light would make his nose red. Why he would do that, I do not know.

Or maybe Rudolph got run over by Santa's sleigh. Perhaps all the blood would be pushed into his nose due to the incident, making it appear red. Santa would then feel bad for the accident and make Rudolph his team leader to avoid a lawsuit.

My best theory of all though, is that Rudolph was eating a carrot and began to choke. His nose started turning red. Then Donner, always calm in a crisis, reached down Rudolph's throat, and pulled out the piece of food. While it saved his life, his nose remained red.

These are some theories to ponder as you enjoy your Christmas break.

— Ben Frithsen (Grade 7)

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions, have I none! Breaking them is no longer fun! Of not breaking any, there is only one. That is not making any, which is now done! Well the last of the Thanksgiving turkey has finally disappeared, and the Christmas ham is setting heavy on our stomachs. Now is the time to prepare for the upcoming New Year of 2019.

I was remembering how my friend Elwud and I used to sit and make up New Year's resolutions that we would never keep. The first and worst one was to give up drinking hard liquor. By the time our resolution list was finished, we had killed a couple of bottles of Jack Daniels, and our list was already in the toilet. Then, what do you know but, thinking of the devil, I spotted Elwud across the parking lot, sitting in his rusted out old junk pick-up truck. So naturally I wandered over.

"Hey," I yells, "Where in the heck have you been? I haven't seen you since before Christmas. And how come you're sitting out here instead of in the store harassing Velma and the salespeople."

"Well sir, I ain't been allowed in the store since Velma and I did that thing in the frozen food section." I just stood there with my mouth open and finally mumbled, "You two really didn't do what

I think you are meaning, right there in the store? Did you?" I knew I'd been had when he burst out laughing. "No", he says, "but I did get in trouble, and I have resolved to be more careful who I play jokes on in the future. It was just before Christmas and I was in the store, alookin' at this toy for one of the great grandsons. This lady was standing there and kept asking me if I was going to buy it or not. It was the only one of its kind on the shelf, and I couldn't make up my mind. After about the sixth time of her asking me, I finally said, "No," and then I stuck it inside my coat and zipped it up. About twenty minutes later, I was standing at the checkout, when I noticed her eyeballing me. Just before I could unload my cart, two fellas with security badges on their chests came up to me and said 'Step out of line and come quietly with us'. They took me to a room in the back of the store and made me take off my jacket and searched me. Of course the items I was buying, including the toy, were in my cart. Twenty minutes later, after explaining about the toy, they let me go and check out, but told me to never come back into that store."

About that time, Velma, shows up and asks, "What tales are you two telling now?" "Well", Elwud says, "I was telling him why I'm not allowed in the store." Velma's face turned scarlet, "You didn't tell him that tale, did you?"

As they drove off, I couldn't help but wonder which story was the truth.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

I am writing this 22 December, as Christmas approaches, and you are reading this in the New Year. Only a few people know that it has been but 18 days since I got my first new hip. I am one of those individuals riddled with arthritis. All has gone beautifully, and I was up for my first walk 4 hours after surgery.

There are angels in Walpole. Part of the recovery process is physical and occupational therapy at home, which is automatically arranged. Back home 30 hours after surgery, Janet and Cathy soon began therapy visits. They are visiting nurses associated with Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services in Keene. But they are also both our neighbors, living here in Walpole, silently serving our community. They are both very personable ladies. Janet has been a resident of Walpole the majority of her life. Cathy, a young mother, has resided here nine years. You get to know your nurses, and both made the process so smooth. At this point, I can do about anything I did before the surgery.

Cathy told me her three young boys were fascinated with their town's history, and impressed with the community efforts to save the Walker Road Property. Moved by what she told me, I sent Cathy home with my book for her boys to pique their history interest further. And, yes, days later her boys sent me a 'thank you' note in the mail.

— Ray Boas, Publisher



FROM THE CLARION...

A sampling of what we've reported after more than seven years of publication:

One Year Ago (January 2018) - Preparations continued for the launching of the Library Renovation Project. Members of the fundraising committee were developing goals and explaining the importance of the project to send to the community at large

Three Years Ago (January 2016) - John and Carol Hubbard received the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children Charles Albert Dickinson Award on December 10. This award, named for the Homes' founder, has been awarded annually since 2013, and recognizes those whose philanthropic commitment epitomizes the Homes' mission.

Five Years Ago (January 2014) - The "high tunnel" at the Walpole School has been producing lettuce, spinach and Swiss chard for the school cafeteria throughout the fall. The heaviest harvests have been in November and December despite the declining daylight. This collaborative project between the Hooper Institute and the Walpole School was made possible through a grant from the Cheshire County Conservation District..

Seven Years Ago - (January 2012) - Development, and how best to regulate it, continues to be the focus of attention for the Walpole Planning Board as the new year begins.

Walpole Business Notes

Walpole Wellness Center

Snow Frye is offering a "floating" Body Mechanics class Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 PM at Walpole Wellness Center. Beginner level. All equipment provided. Come when you can, leave when you need to.... Located at 73 Main St. Walpole. Call 762-4227, for more information.

- Snow Frye

Joanie Joan's

Happy New Year! Here at Joanie Joan's we have big news. Joanie has partnered with The Bread Shed, keeping it local - you bet! The sammiches just got better! Hard to believe, but those yummy lunches are heartier than ever. How does a grilled pimento cheese on thick sourdough bread sound? Delicious! See ya at Joanie's.

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

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2018 Christmas Follies: Jim Baucom, Bill Reed, Samaira Aldrich, and Jean & Jan Kobeski perform Fibber McGee and Molly as Tara Sad looks on. See page 5.

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