



## Stay at Home Continues...New Challenges

### Town of Walpole Update

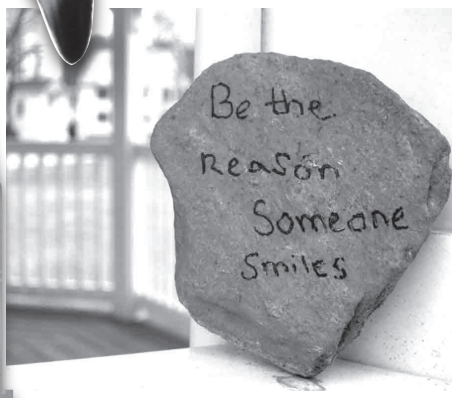
It has now been a month since I wrote about staying home. Much has changed in spite of the fact that I am still only leaving the house on rare occasions such as going to Town Hall - when it is empty - to sign documents we have approved during our Zoom meetings. That in itself a new experience: we are conducting Town Business such as approving payroll, accounts payable, building permits, timber permits and such. As for Zoom, we weekly have some twitches - sound goes, or someone has trouble getting into the session. And staying in. FACT TV continues to film and record so it is available on TV8. If you have an issue to discuss, please send it to Sarah by email, [sdowning@walplenh.us](mailto:sdowning@walplenh.us), or call her by Wednesday noon before our Thursday Meeting.

So, how do I fill my time? With the help of Rich Kreissle, Manager of Finance, we are completing the Bond Bank application for the Bond article approved at Town Meeting. The application is long and detailed, so we have reached out to Jim Fenn and Sandy Smith for some of the details about our finances. Jodi Daigle has been gathering all the notices, minutes, RFI and RFP's for our Bond Counsel. The Broadband Committee has been meeting by Zoom to review the repayment schedules, the fee structure for subscribers and the contract with CCI. All must be ready by the Bond application deadline of May 8.

The Brownfield Project has not been forgotten. Our Community Committee will soon receive a packet containing the Community Outline of the project. We will meet face to face as



*In early April, wonderfully painted stones, by "someone," with thoughtful, uplifting and insightful sayings began appearing around the Walpole Common. Thank you "someone." And, bless you for bringing smiles and hope into the world at this time.*



### COVID-19 Resources

Updated List by Rep. Lucy Weber

As time progresses, more resources have come online, and some have moved or changed. Here is a list, updated as of April 21.

**COVID-19: The Disease and Your Health:** The best site, updated daily, is maintained by the NH Department of Health and Human Services. If you are into statistics, this is where you will find the latest ones, along with a town by town map of the number of total COVID-19 cases. This week, they posted the latest guidance about wearing cloth masks, and they have just started a weekly summary report which gives some extra information not given in the daily reports, such as the age ranges of those who have contracted the disease. They also keep a table of number of cases per county. As of April 21, there were 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cheshire County. Bear in mind that the number of cases contains only those cases confirmed by testing. Also, there are any number of people who have had symptoms who have not been tested, and we know there are also a significant number of people who have tested positive for the disease who have not shown any symptoms at all. At the top of the page, there are links to other resources and guidance, to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and to news updates. You can find all of the daily updates archived in this section if you want to look at the progress of the disease over time.

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

If you prefer charts and bright colors, a company called Stratis Mobile GIS takes the NH DHHS information and repackages it. They will also email you daily links to the new information as it



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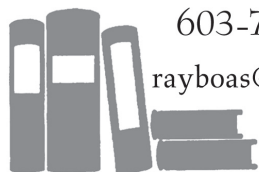
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Programs may include coursework at accredited colleges, universities, or vocational-technical schools through which students intend to pursue careers. Non-credit workshops such as bee keeping, seed saving, sustainable agricultural practices, alternative energy, and others are also supported.

Scholarships for higher education study are awarded based on appropriateness of the proposed field of study, academic record, and financial need. The amount of the scholarship is dependent upon available funds and may vary from year to year. Since 1998, over \$436,000 has been given to 56 Walpole residents.

Applications are accepted throughout the year for workshops or seminars and require a letter of application outlining the proposed workshop/seminar, its applicability to support study in appropriate fields, and fee information.

For undergraduate or graduate work, applicants should submit a letter of application outlining the program of study for the upcoming year, accomplishments to date as they relate to the mission of the scholarship, recent academic transcripts, and household financial information. This is due by May 15.

Those interested in learning more about this scholarship should contact Liz Collinsworth (lizcollinsworth@gmail.com) of the Hooper Scholarship Committee.

— Kimberley Lewis

## Academic Help Offered

I work as an academic support coach at Landmark College, helping with motivation, time management, reading comprehension, writing, and other challenges experienced by students on the autism spectrum or who have ADHD. If your middle school or high school student is struggling to get work done at home without the structure and support provided at school, and you think I could help, please call or email. I will offer real-time online support to a few Walpole students for the rest of the school year at no charge. You can contact me at alicebfogel@hotmail.com, or 499-6783.

— Alice Fogel



PHOTO: TAMMY VITNUM

## Mask Wiz

Mary Vittum, a Walpole Senior, has been busy making cloth masks to donate to our community. Mary could often be seen at local craft fairs over the years, but this had become too physically difficult for her, so she donated her remaining stock of sewn products and packed up her fabric. Now, she has dusted off her sewing machine, pulled out her left-over fabric supplies and is often making 25 masks a day. She has made several hundred which have supplied the Fall Mountain custodians, bus drivers and food service workers, the Phoenix House, some Post Office employees, friends, neighbors and even strangers.

— Tammy Vittum

## Non-fiction Book Group

The group will meet Monday, May 4 at 6:00 PM on Zoom in a secure online meeting room. We will be discussing two aspects of the novel coronavirus and resulting illness labeled COVID-19; United States Public Health Delivery System compared to other industrialized nations, and the unfolding impact of the pandemic on the United States economy. Leading the discussions will be Becky Brown, Professor of Public Health, Keene State, and Jessica Fuller, Financial Advisor, Manager, Edward Jones, Walpole. If you are interested in joining the online discussion please contact Ron MacLachlan at ronmaclachlan03608@gmail.com.

— Ron MacLachlan

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soon as it is possible for us to do so. And once the fence company goes back to work, we will have the area fenced.

Sandy Smith tells me that requiring appointments for car registrations and dog licensing is going very well. The process is smooth and easy to manage, and they feel safe working behind plexiglas. Thank you all for being cooperative! Online registration is still available.

In between these projects and regular business, I step away from the computer and go to the kitchen to bake cupcakes, scones, cookies, blueberry orange bread, etc. I have never been a bread baker, but now that a friend found me some yeast I will experiment. I hear from my family more often: they are very concerned that I behave myself and stay in. My youngest granddaughter, who lives in Colorado texts, me to tell me what she is baking and how her skills are growing. Her family wolfs down the special treats she is making. Her mother – in between teaching high school French remotely in two high schools – is sewing masks for family and friends.

We must all be grateful to the many women in Walpole who are also making masks. I have been the recipient of one... Thank you!

I still call friends scattered around the US- Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio and Pennsylvania. There is a sense of normalcy when we catch up on family news, even though we are hypersensitive to the reality of this pandemic.

Please, friends, stay home unless you are an essential worker, maintain distances when you do go out and wear your colorful mask. Please don't pooh-pooh these restrictions. When workdays return, when restaurants re-open, we will still need to be conscious of restrictions. The scariest part of this whole pandemic for me is the asymptomatic friends and neighbors who may spread the virus for an uptick in illness and death. On that cheery note, I wish each of you good health, a sense of humor (not easy these days) and knowledge that you have friends and neighbors all willing to step up and help. Including me.

– Peggy Pschirrer

## Walpole Unitarian

All are invited to join our Sunday worship services at 10:00 AM each week. **Please Note:** During the time of the pandemic, our Sunday worship is held via ZOOM. Consult our website – [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.com](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.com) – for instructions on how to join. The Sunday service topic and related information will be posted there by Saturday evening.

– Wendy Harty

## TOWN OF WALPOLE

New Hampshire

### OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD

## Town Offices Closed to Public Due to COVID-19

In response to COVID-19 Federal and State declarations of emergency and to protect Town of Walpole citizens and personnel, the Selectboard has enacted the following interim measures:

- Walpole Town Offices will be closed to the public effective March 18, 2020 at 1 PM and will continue be closed until further notice.
- Town personnel will be available by phone and/or email to answer questions or to set-up any necessary appointments.
- All Town board/committee/commission meetings and sponsored events, excluding the Selectboard are suspended until further notice. There will be no public business discussed at Selectboard meetings; only Town business will be on the agenda.
- The Selectboard recommends and encourages all people to use the online options for registrations with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. If citizens cannot register online, contact the Town Clerk's Office for assistance.
- The Selectboard Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collectors offices will be staffed for regularly scheduled hours. Phone first to determine if an in-person meeting is required.
- There will be no functions held at Town Hall until further notice. The Selectboard will review and update this directive as new NH State mandates are received.
- Town libraries are closed as of Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 12 PM – Noon.
- The Police Department's lobby area will be closed for non-emergency business effective immediately on March 18, 2020. The Police Department will continue to answer phone calls.
- The Recycling Center-Transfer Station will be open as regularly scheduled and the Highway Department will continue normal operations.
- Whitcomb Recreation Area is closed to the public until further notice. Please maintain distance and do not congregate at Town owned parks and commons.

Thank you for your cooperation.

4/16/2020 Update

## Hope Personified

Every night at 6:00 PM, Darlene Pecor (1116 Main Street) comes out to her front porch and plays *God Bless America* on her flute. People listen from their yards and across the railroad track. Neighbors join in singing while maintaining safe distances. It lasts less than five minutes... but somehow it makes you feel good. It is a great moment to maintain contact with each other, know that we're all okay, and to show support that we are in this together. As always, it is the simple things that carry you through the tough times.

– Proudly reported from North Walpole, by both Roberta Nelson and Diane Harty



**Memorial Day**  
There will be  
no parade  
this year  
or ceremony  
on the Common.



## First Congregational

### Welcomes New Pastor

We are thrilled and delighted to welcome our new settled pastor, the Rev. Richard E. Malmberg and his wife Jane to our church. They are moving to Walpole from the greater Chicago area, and will be settling into the parsonage sometime around May 10. Rev. Malmberg's first Sunday preaching will be May 17 – what a challenge THAT will be in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing! We will most likely not be holding worship in the sanctuary.

Rev. Malmberg was ordained in Concord, NH in 1993, and has served four churches in the United Church of Christ—two in New England and two in the Midwest. Throughout his ministry, he has been active in interfaith relations, serving on several clergy associations, and was awarded a fellowship to attend an international summer school on Religious Tolerance in Jerusalem. He has a wealth of experience teaching, leading high school youth groups, Bible study, men's retreats, mission trips, and also has received high marks from his references for his excellent pastoral care.

Richard graduated from Guilford College in North Carolina with a degree

in Religious Studies, and received his Master of Divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological School. Jane Malmberg has had a varied career, working at National Geographic and as



PHOTO: CHUCK SHAW

museum manager at the Manchester (NH) Historic Association. After receiving her Masters in Library Science from Simmons College in 2002, she has worked as a public librarian, and most recently (before moving to Walpole) was head of the children's department at the Woodridge (IL) Public Library.

The Malmbergs are empty nesters, with two sons currently living in Boston. Richard's many interests include biking, fishing, birding, films, reading, music, collecting toys, and dabbling in graphic design. Richard and Jane both enjoy travel, museums, and adventurous dining. Jane has also shared that she is a knitter and loves yarn shops.

Please welcome the Malmbergs to Walpole, and when you see them walking about the village with their dog, Fletcher, give them a warm greeting...from a safe distance, of course!

– Ellie Shaw

## Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors monthly luncheons are canceled until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak.

– Jan Martin

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## WALPOLE MOUNTAIN VIEW WINERY

As of April 30th, Paul and I are officially retired from our vineyard (farming), winemaking (manufacturing), retail, and wholesale business. It has been a phenomenal adventure! Growing grapes and making wines in an area of our country not known for fine wine due to climate limitations involved many adaptations and experimentation, both in the vineyard and in the winery. Every step of the way was cutting edge, and our site high up on Barnett Hill proved perfect – loads of sun to ripen the grapes, the ever-present wind to keep fungus at bay, and gravelly, mineral-rich soils with perfect drainage (grapes don't like their feet wet) that are the backbone of fine wine. Walpole residents can be proud of the vibrant, pioneer venture that we created, and will still remain, now a thread beautifully integrated into the fabric of the long agricultural tradition of this town.

We're very appreciative for a tremendous amount of local community support and from our family over the past 16 years. Having an enterprise in Walpole has been such a good experience – wonderful, caring folks working here, our collaboration with the Hooper Summer Worker program (thank you Eloise!), advertising in The Walpole Clarion (thank you, Ray and Jan!), getting messages out on the Walpolean Blog (thank you Lil!), legislative support (thank you, Tara and Lucy!) the groceries and boutique shops that showcased our wines, and so many local businesses, farms, and civic groups, too many to mention, who sent their guests and visitors up to the winery for tastings and to our tent at the farmers markets. And a special thank you to David Howell who was instrumental in our pivot from exclusively offering varietal wines to creating and including blends. It was a game-changer in many ways.

Our gift shop was only special because of the locally-made products and crafts that graced our shelves for years. It was an honor to get to know so many artisans and lend a stage to their beautiful and lovingly-made creations. And we were grateful to be able to give back to our community by donating to every local fundraiser that asked for a contribution.



## *What began as an experiment...*



Our home-cooked harvest breakfasts, lunches with wines, and very social harvest days communing with nature and each other in the vineyard are legend, a real community builder that people still reminisce about. Weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, baby showers and bachelorette parties, book clubs and car clubs, political and non-profit fundraisers, corporate team builders and art and yoga retreats, and you shared so many of your family and friends from out of town with us. You brought your life's milestone events here, filling our space with love and laughter – Thank you!

I will miss the work – there's no place I'd rather be in N.H. than with my very stalwart crew on either early spring days pruning, or lashing our crusher, presses and pumps together on chilly fall wine production days, or the late, late nights during harvest making our 100% estate-grown wine in our production room from our 32 varieties of cold-climate and French-American hybrid grapes, or the calm or chaotic days in the tasting room spending time chatting with visitors, some of them traveling to us from as far away as the other side of the globe, or with neighbors just down the road. It was always a pleasant surprise to see who would walk through the doors on any given day.

A big shout out to the staffs of all our commercial accounts. It has been a pleasure working

with you! Your favorites of our award-winning wines can still be found (while they last) at Hannah Grimes Marketplace, The Monadnock Food Co-op, 7-Eleven, and the Market Basket, all in Keene, as well as in 15 N.H. Liquor Stores across the state (including Keene, Walpole, W. Chesterfield, Peterborough, & Swanzey), and Market Baskets in Claremont, Warner, Milford, and Rindge.

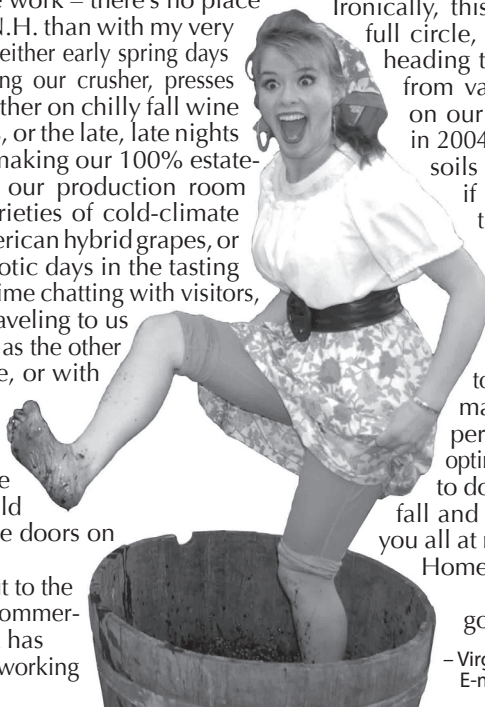
What's next? We're heading to Eden Prairie, Minnesota, to be within Sunday-dinner distance from our kids, Nick and Mariah, and their families. I'm maintaining my membership in the Minnesota Grape Growers Association, so it's hard to say what new grape- or wine-related adventures may be on the horizon. I will be planting a few vine cuttings in our new backyard overlooking the Minnesota River that will be taken with us from our vineyard here.

Ironically, this experience is coming full circle, since our cuttings now heading to Minnesota will come from varieties that we planted on our cold blustery hill back in 2004, which originated in the soils of Minnesota! I wonder if they'll be able to sense that they're "back home?"

Thank you all for creating the memories, of which there are many, and so, so incredibly sweet. We regret that due to Covid-19, we can't make proper good-byes in person right now, but we optimistically hope to be back to do some leaf-peeping this fall and definitely expect to see you all at next year's Walpole Old Home Days!

Raising a toast to your good health! Be well!

– Virginia Carter & Paul Kranowski  
E-mail: [cartervirginia@msn.com](mailto:cartervirginia@msn.com)



## Sand Hill Heights

The Stay at Home order hasn't stopped the Sand Hill Heights neighbors from connecting and supporting one another. It's not uncommon for neighbors to wave and greet each other during daily walks, offer to get someone groceries, make them masks or to organize fun events to engage the youngest and eldest residents. In early April, many neighbors decorated their homes inside and outside with bears for a fun-filled bear hunt. Children were accompanied by a "human-sized" bear (keeping social distancing) on a Bear Hunt, and they enjoyed special bear treats. The neighborhood was even visited by a real bear the night before the hunt as he searched out any remaining bird feeders! During Easter weekend, one of the newest neighbors, inspired by the positive rock messages around town, painted and hid twenty-five beautiful rocks around the neighborhood. A list of rocks was provided, and people of all ages could be seen throughout the weekend searching along the edges of the properties for the rock messages. One home also created an outstanding display of hearts for the Walpole Recreation Department contest.



Won't it be wonderful that our children may remember these happy times when reflecting back on such an otherwise difficult point in history? — Tammy Vittum

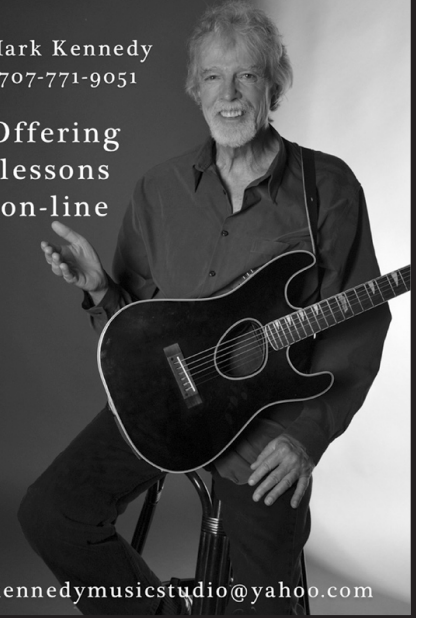
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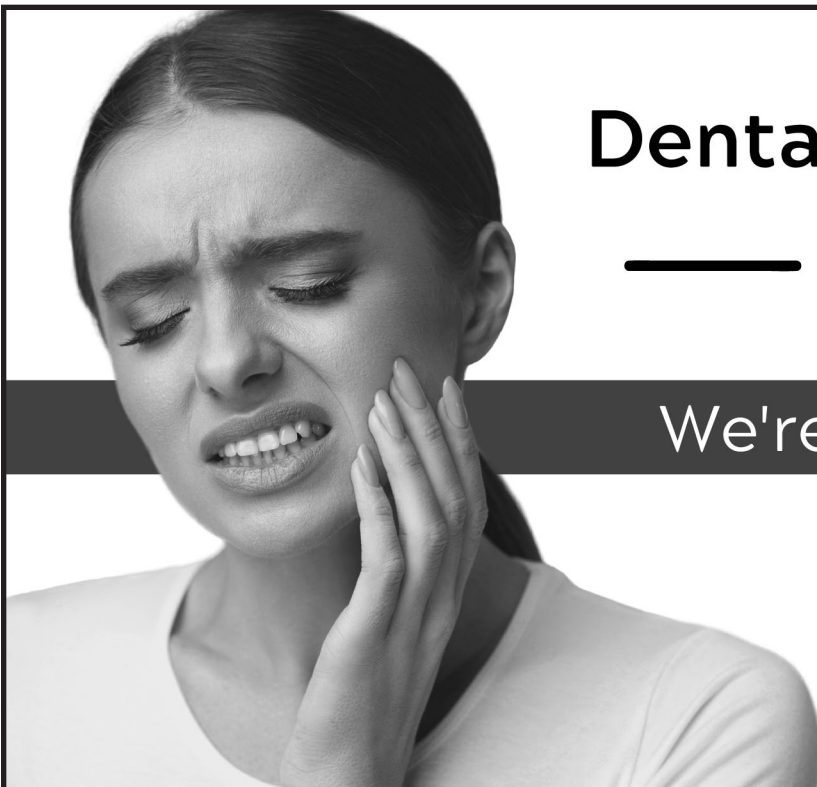
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to get started and you'll be able to check out five materials per calendar month. There are some "Bonus Reads" right now that do not count towards your 5 checkouts!

Julie has been a tutorial making rock star and has videos to help you get started with all of these resources. Find all of Julie's tutorials at [walpoletownlibrary.org/tutorials](http://walpoletownlibrary.org/tutorials)

Julie has also been doing weekly story time on Facebook live, and will begin doing weekly Wiggle Time as well. She misses the kids so much but loves being able to share stories, songs and bubble time with them virtually!

Another option if you're looking for what to read next is to browse our staff book reviews at [walpoletownlibrary.org/staff-book-reviews](http://walpoletownlibrary.org/staff-book-reviews). Our wonderful librarians and assistants are spending some time reading and writing reviews of books that are available at the library, on Libby or on Hoopla so we can help you discover new books.

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We miss seeing your smiling faces very much, but we thank you for continuing to support the library through this unprecedented time.

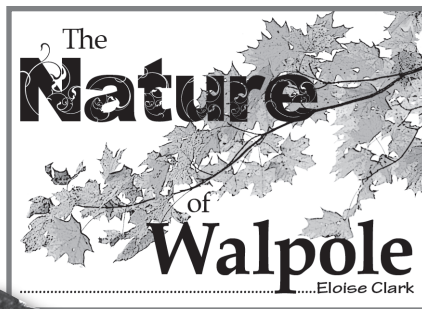
– Justine Fafara

May marks the return of many birds from afar, among them members of the flycatcher family. Just as the name implies, these species of birds dine on all manner of flying insects that become so abundant this month. Many of the family are plain, inconspicuous and remain well camouflaged in the shadow of leaves. For some it's more common to hear their calls rather than see them.

The Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) is an exception to this rule. They arrive in our yards late March and begin stating their name with great urgency. Pinch your nostrils and say "Fee-bee". This seven-inch bird has a dark gray back and head with a light gray chest. The phoebe flicks or wags its tail as it sits quietly on a branch. The back of the head is a bit squared off making the head look large in proportion to the body. Other flycatchers also have this feature.

Phoebe's like to take advantage of your outbuildings, especially if they have an eave for a shelter. They can attach their nest to even the slimmest trim above a door or window. Their mossy nests are a marvel of engineering if you have a chance to examine one. We really enjoy watching the pair that's chosen our yard as they hunt from prominent perches. They are acrobats, maneuvering in all directions to snatch flying insects: small wasps, bees, beetles, flies and grasshoppers. They are also known to eat spiders, ticks and millipedes on the ground.

The Eastern Wood Peewee (*Contopus virens*) at 6.5 inches tall looks much like



**Phoebe**

the phoebe. However, it inhabits treetops in woodlands where shadows mask its presence. If you get a rare glimpse of the wood peewee, it does not wag its tail like the phoebe does. The male has a lilting song to advertise its presence. "Pee-ya-wee".

The Least Flycatcher (*Epidonax minimus*) lives up to its name at only 5.25" tall. It is one of four *Epidonax* flycatchers with white eye rings and two white wing bars. Between the yellow-bellied, willow and alder species, many bird watchers wait for a song to tell them apart. The least flycatcher has a good, strong call for such a little mite. It says "Che-beck!" with a sharp snap to each syllable. Listen for them in open areas near water or along a forest edge.



**Peewee**

striking bird. It has a black head and back,

crisp white throat and chest. A narrow white band across the tip of the tail is the real giveaway. It beats its wings rapidly in a fast flutter while making sounds, "Kit-kit-Kitter-kitter". Kingbirds are quite visible along fences in open country or treetops on forest edges.



**Eastern Kingbird**

The Great-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) is also 8.5" tall. It is a handsome bird with a large gray crest. Its wings and tail are cinnamon color. Its belly is bright yellow. Unfortunately, it's difficult to see because it lives in the treetops. However, its loud call pierces the forest air, sounding like "Weep-weep-weep".

Have you noticed how each of these flycatchers occupies a different kind of territory or habitat? Some like open clearings such as your yard, shrubby marshes with alder or willow, stream edges, forest canopy or forest edges?



**Great-crowned Flycatcher**

Ecologists say they occupy a different "niche". (Think of it as a different place of business.) This ensures the flycatchers are not competing with each other for the same flying insects.

For they are formidable insect eaters, catching enough to raise a family and fuel their journey back to warmer climes at seasons end. A moment of appreciation, please, for the flycatchers who benefit us by helping to control insect populations.



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### CARES Act Offers Help for Investors, Small Businesses

As we go through the coronavirus crisis, we are all, first and foremost, concerned about the health of our loved ones and communities. But the economic implications of the virus have also weighed heavily on our minds. However, if you're an investor or a business owner, you just got some help from Washington – and it could make a big difference, at least in the short term, for your financial future.

Specifically, the passage of the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act offers, among other provisions, the following:

- Expanded unemployment benefits – The CARES Act provides \$250 billion for extended unemployment insurance, expands eligibility and provides workers with an additional \$600 per week for four months, in addition to what state programs pay. The package will also cover the self-employed, independent contractors and “gig economy” workers. Obviously, if your employment has been affected, these benefits can be a lifeline. Furthermore, the benefits could help you avoid liquidating some long-term investments you've earmarked for retirement just to meet your daily cash flow needs.

- Direct payments – Individuals will receive a one-time payment of up to \$1,200; this amount is reduced for incomes over \$75,000 and eliminated altogether at \$99,000. Joint filers will receive up to \$2,400, which will be reduced for incomes over \$150,000 and eliminated at \$198,000 for joint filers with no children. Plus, taxpayers with children will receive an extra \$500 for each dependent child under the age of 17. If you don't need this money for an immediate need, you might consider putting it into a low-risk, liquid account as part of an emergency fund.

- No penalty on early withdrawals – Typically, you'd have to pay a 10% penalty on early withdrawals from IRAs, 401(k)s and similar retirement accounts. Under the CARES Act, this penalty will be waived for individuals who qualify for COVID-19 relief and/or in plans that allow COVID-19 distributions. Withdrawals will still be taxable, but the taxes can be spread out over three years. Still, you might want to avoid taking early withdrawals, as you'll want to keep your retirement accounts intact as long as possible.

- Suspension of required withdrawals – Once you turn 72, you'll be required to take withdrawals from your traditional IRA and 401(k). The CARES Act waives these required minimum distributions for 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can

let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

- Increase of retirement plan loan limit – Retirement plan investors who qualify for COVID-19 relief can now borrow up to \$100,000 from their accounts, up from \$50,000, provided their plan allows loans. We recommend that you explore other options, such as the direct payments, to bridge the gap on current expenses and if you choose to take a plan loan work with your financial adviser to develop strategies to pay back these funds over time to reduce any long-term impact to your retirement goals.

- Small-business loans – The CARES Act provides \$349 billion to help small businesses – those with fewer than 500 employees – retain workers and avoid closing up shop. A significant part of this small business relief is the Paycheck Protection Program. This initiative provides federally guaranteed loans to small businesses who maintain payroll during this emergency. Significantly, these loans may be forgiven if borrowers use the loans for payroll and other essential business expenses (such as mortgage interest, rent and utilities) and maintain their payroll during the crisis.

We'll be in a challenging economic environment for some time, but the CARES Act should give us a positive jolt – and brighten our outlook.

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## Walpole Clean Up... Month?

Adam Terrell and I are terribly upset that we won't be able to host our 9th annual Walpole Clean Up Day this year because of the pandemic, at the urging of our Governor and medical community.

However, there is plenty of trash out there on our roadsides that the melting snow has uncovered, and we need to do something about it. We can't have our beautiful town looking so shabby!

Thankfully Ben Hoy, Manager of our Recycling Center, is offering blue bags to anyone who asks for them. These blue bags are to be filled with roadside detritus and all things icky that are to be found in the berms and bushes. When you have filled your bags (and it won't take long, trust me!), just bring them back to the Recycling Center and they will count them as part of our Clean Up Day totals, and dispose of them for free! This will be ongoing throughout the whole month of May, making it easy to pick times that are convenient to you.

So get some bags, pick up some trash, and practice social distancing at the same time. And please take selfies of yourselves and send them to tara.eric@gmail.com so we can feature your good deeds in next month's **Clarion**. Thank you, everyone!

– Tara Sad



## TP Tutorial Tarries

*(Editors note: April articles always attract attention; and, I appreciate receiving readers' reports, revealing something was read. Here are two cogent comments continuing commentary on this crisis.)*

A handwritten note, written 4/1/20 from "All backed up" in North Walpole conveyed: "Dear Sir - Thank you for your informative and thought provoking article about the Walpole toilet paper ban. But you should issue a warning: corn cobs should not be flushed." As

requested, here is that warning - Think Colonial America - only use corn cobs when in your outdoor privy.

Another conservation conscious critic commented: "Any chance the Clarion can help get the word out that baby wipes and other Flushable wipes are truly not flushable and are currently causing extra work for our wastewater treatment plants." So, "getting the word out", since Huggies were offered as an alternative to corn cobs, they too should only be used in outdoor privies, and not fed down pipes.

- Ray Boas

## Horse Thieves

### 2020 Biennial Banquet Sept. 23 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 Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at the Alyson's Orchard banquet facility. The banquet will feature a home-cooked meal similar to that of the last three banquets. Other details are being worked out and will be shared when available. Many people in Walpole look forward to this event, and we hope this gives the town a bright spot to look forward to - something fun to anticipate as we slog through home confinement and social distancing.

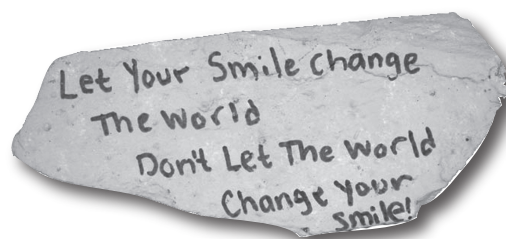


The Horse Thieves will, of course, comply with state and local restrictions on public meetings and social distancing. Our best information at present suggests there will be an easing of restrictions in the summer months, and so we expect to be able to hold the banquet on the date scheduled. The officers and Committee are hard at work preparing for the banquet, and will keep you posted on developments and any changes in our plans by the July issue of The Walpole Clarion.

Attendance at the banquet is open only to members of the Walpole Horse Thieves and their guests. 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). We will slightly alter our procedure for new members during this time of social distancing.

The Horse Thieves publish a new poster each year there's a banquet which lists all officers, members and Riders as of July 1 of that year. If you'd like your name on the 2020 poster, contact Lewis LaClair promptly at the phone number or email address above.

- Lewis LaClair



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## Pandemic Daze

In response to Walpole Clarion's "invitation" (admittedly, I rarely get second "invitations"), please see my ledger of achievements during this personal distancing period:

I have regraded my gravel driveway lamely several times by tooth and claw and raked most of the lawn at least once. Cleared out eight perennial flower beds during one of the abbreviated summers, and put most of the bedding back during a relapse.

I discovered (like Columbus, not very profitably) a chickadee nest in its initial stages in the peak directly over the kitchen door--after hanging several decent birdhouses. Of course, I attempted to redline that particular neighborhood by offering my roof rake as a moving service, but have ultimately been outsmarted by a chickadee and forced to wear a rain hat for what looks like the duration.

I painted two rooms (in one instance with a color that will enable me to retire my rose-colored glasses), and am contemplating a third. When I run out of rooms, I may have to break into abandoned houses and paint more rooms, but this is an outcome I hope to forestall.

I have knit the second in a pair of mentally handicapped mittens, the first of which unfortunately sports a thumb knitted wrong side out (no problem, they won't survive a day with the snow shovel anyway).

I applied to an animal shelter to adopt a cat, but anticipate being rejected based on my rap sheet as a parent and former junior high teacher. (My lectures are reported to be terminally boring.)

I have read all the books in the house twice and melted the screen of my laptop reading the daily numbers in the (free) pandemic lottery. I deliberately don't have television, but I may perhaps be observed watching it through a neighbor's window if this continues much longer.

I looked for Daniel Defoe's March 1722 publication, *A Journal of the Plague Year*, to be on back order.

Despite this unbalanced account of wins and losses, we are all probably doing the best we can to navigate these uncharted waters.

— Mary Anza

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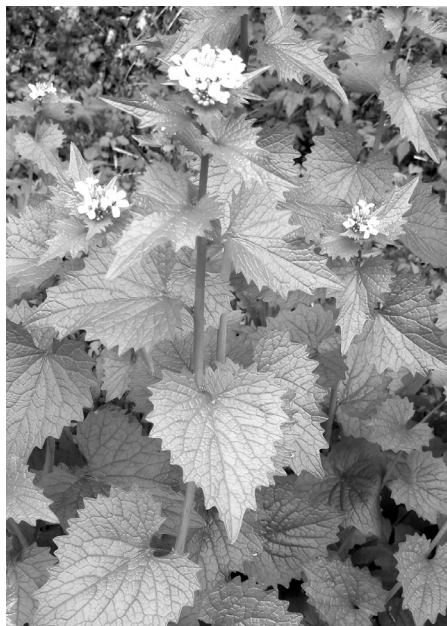


PHOTO: DEBORAH HUTCHINGS

*Photo taken last year on North Main Street, on the east side just downhill north of Drewsville Road – a huge infestation.*

## Invasive Alert

### Rid Your Yard or Woods of Invasive Garlic Mustard!

You may be enjoying the arrival of spring flowers in your yard or woods as you "stay at home" this spring. But if you spot this flower, **Beware!** This is garlic mustard, an aggressive invader that is difficult to control once it is established. It will take over if you let it!

The garlic mustard flowering stalk is 1-4 feet tall with alternate heart-shaped or triangular leaves. Small white flowers form on the end of the main stem and on its side. Late April to mid-May is the time to pull it up, before seed pods form. Grab the plant near its base and pull firmly to grab the whole plant including the root. Seeds are viable in the ground for about 5 years, so you will need to monitor the site for new plants in future years. Bag the plants and dispose of them with your trash. The plants have enough energy to form seeds in your compost pile or anywhere you discard them!

— Deborah Hutchings

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We are worshipping "together remotely". You are welcome to join in the Sunday services with us by using just your telephone to hear the services OR by using your computer to see and hear the services. (You can also participate in pre-and post-service "chat" times using voice with or without video capabilities if you wish.) The directions for the telephone dial in or the computer ZOOM link for the Sunday services at 10:00 am (9:30 am chat) are easily found on the St. John's website. <https://www.stjohnswalpole.org>. And no need to worry about others hearing you sing. We are all muted during the services unless we are a reader!

Our church leadership, with the help of the entire New England Episcopal Diocese, is reaching out for a new clergy leader. We are prayerfully hopeful. During this time of transition, we have been very capably supported by our supply priest, Bruce MacDuffie of Westminster. In other news, we continue to go forward with improving our Parish Hall so that community groups can use the space in comfort. New chairs arrive in May. We are very grateful for our many blessings. While we may not be together physically at this time, we are a supportive group and welcome your presence among us.

— Marilyn Wilking









Thank you, Walpole residents, for passing the warrant article to rebuild our beloved Reuse Center! It is sure to be a valuable resource for those attending the recycling center for years to come. We are looking forward to breaking ground in the very near future. Thank you to the residents who have donated supplies to make the reuse center a better place. There have been many inquiries into the status or plans for the Reuse Center since a large tree rendered it inhabitable. I am very pleased to report that the Reuse center is nearly back in business.

On a more somber note, COVID 19 has forced us to slightly modify our operations at the recycling center. We remain open to the public during regularly scheduled business hours to service the waste and recycling needs of Walpole during this era of uncertainty. Please keep a safe distance from one another at the recycling center. We have several hand sanitizing stations that should be used after handling recyclables and waste. Please do not hesitate to keep your hands clean after handling these items at the recycling center. We are striving to keep our staff and patrons of the recycling center safe and content with the service provided.

We have begun selling university tested grade "A" compost at the recycling center for \$3 per 5 gallon bucket, or \$45 per yard. B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bucket). The specifications of the compost content are posted on a sign next to the compost pile in front of the recycling building. All compost payments directed to the Town of Walpole. Thank you again Walpole, stay safe and keep recycling!!!

– Ben Hoy

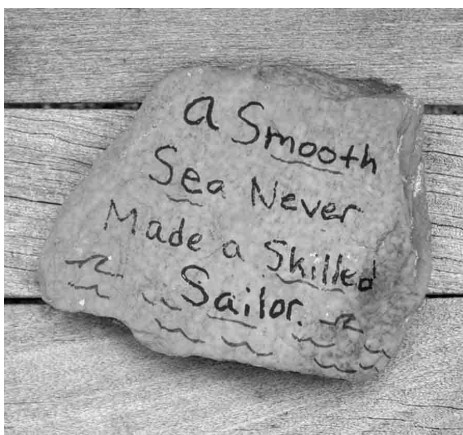


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## Influenza of 1918

### It Came In Three Waves

Last month in the April issue, I related the 1918 influenza pandemic took an estimated 50 million lives worldwide. In the United States, over 675,000 Americans died from that flu, a number greater than all our war casualties since the American Revolution. This, the most severe pandemic in history, occurred in three waves.

The first wave in the US came with the flu's outbreak in the Spring of 1918. Science was not then what it is today, and this new flu was not understood. Social distancing was not preached as we now know it should have been. Philadelphia held a 200,000 person parade in September in support of World War I. Ten days later, deaths from the flu began. Seeing this, St. Louis cancelled their scheduled parade. As a result, St. Louis had about half the deaths per 100,000 population as compared to Philadelphia.

It was finally understood how the flu was spreading, and that "social distancing" was needed. But the distancing measures became tiresome. When the "great war" ended in November, people took to the streets to celebrate the Armistice. It only took a few weeks before the second wave of the pandemic took hold and spread in the fall. It was during the second wave in the fall that the majority of the deaths in the US occurred. The celebratory military celebrations, and their crowds, exacerbated the resurgence and spread of the influence - social distancing was not practiced.

Still not learning, a third wave of illness occurred during the winter and spring of 1919, with the death toll mounting. This third wave of the pandemic subsided during the summer of 1919.

Sadly, today we hear many mixed messages. Scientists and politicians are at odds. Do we maintain social distancing? Do we reopen businesses? And if so, when? We have to learn from history. Do not be in a rush, lives are really at stake.


– Ray Boas

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<https://www.stratusmobilegis.com/covid-19>

**NH Unemployment Security:** Because of the increasing numbers of furloughs and the broader categories of people who now qualify for unemployment, accessing NH Unemployment Security is not easy. They have enhanced their web capabilities, and are retraining staff from other departments to be able to process claims appropriately, but the department processed as many applications in the last three weeks as they processed in the previous three years. If you have difficulty on the web site, call 271-7700, and keep trying. <https://www.nhes.nh.gov>

**NH Insurance Department:** Information for those who have lost health insurance coverage:

<https://www.nh.gov/insurance/consumers/faq-finding-coverage-recently-lost-health-insurance-coronavirus.htm>

Frequently asked Questions:

<https://www.nh.gov/insurance/consumers/health-insurance-coronavirus-faq.htm>

Other questions, complaints and reviews:

<https://www.nh.gov/insurance/index.htm>

**NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs:** BEC now has a comprehensive page with all kinds of links for businesses, and unemployment information as well:

<https://businesshelp.nheconomy.com/hc/en-us>

**NH Small Business Development Corporation:** More advice for small businesses:

<https://www.nhsbdc.org/covid-19-assistance>

**SBA Loans and Recovery Programs:** SBA Disaster Loan Applications:

<https://www.sba.gov/page/disaster-loan-applications>

NH SBA Office:

<https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/nh/concord>

**Business and Industry Association:**

The BIA now has a comprehensive COVID-19 page with links to all kinds of resources for employers/businesses.

<https://www.biaofnh.com/covid19.html>

Check the business sources regularly. As of this writing, some of the Small Business Loan applications have been suspended as all the first appropriation had been used; however, a new appropriation by Congress may reopen these programs soon. These web sites are likely to have the latest information.

Be prepared to act quickly as soon as new applications are being accepted.

**Governor's Emergency Orders Text-** we are up to #33:

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/index.htm>

- Rep. Lucy Weber [lwmcv@comcast.net](mailto:lwmcv@comcast.net)

## Fire District News

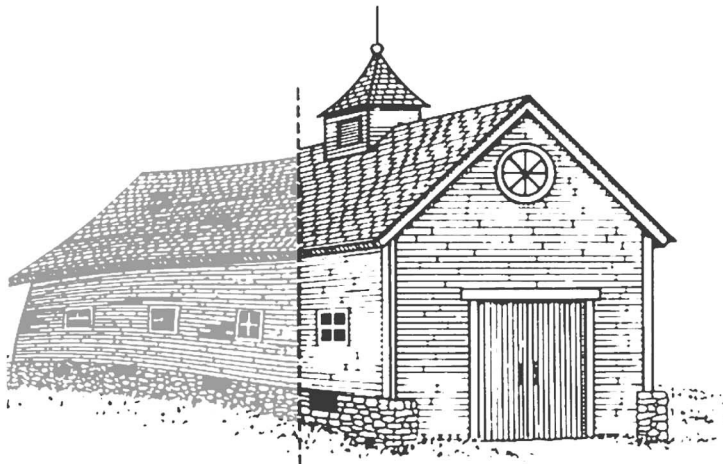
### Annual Meeting Rescheduled

Covid-19 caused the cancellation of the annual Fire District meeting scheduled for March 19. Executive orders limited the size of public gatherings. After consulting with the Secretary of State's office, the Attorney General's Office and at the advice of the town's legal counsel; as moderator, I decided to postpone the annual meeting. The fire chief and commissioners supported this decision.

The fire commissioners then picked April 29 for the meeting. NH moderators are the only individuals who can postpone a legally posted annual town meeting. It soon became clear that an April 29 public gathering meeting was in jeopardy as well. The Attorney General's office confirmed RSAs will not allow for a Zoom annual meeting. The annual meeting was again postponed. Now scheduled for May 21 at 7 PM at the Fire Station, let's hope the "third time will be a charm."

- David Westover

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# Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

## ...there was a hospital in

Walpole on Main Street, opposite the Post Office, and behind the Italianate Mansion with the enclosed widows walk/cupola? Built after 1863 by Charles Hooper, the mansion "was elegantly finished and equipped." In 1891, the home was sold to Helen A. Bridge, and in 1894 her children sold their shares to their sister, Amy Bridge Hastings, daughter of Hudson E. Bridge. Moving in with her husband, The Honorable Thomas Nelson Hastings, whom she married July 14, 1882, Amy "modernized the place." Amy died, however, April 3, 1895. Her husband erected the Hastings Memorial Parish House, for the Unitarian Society, as a memorial to her.

Amy Bridge Hastings' heirs sold the property in 1926 to Bayard T. and Louise C. Mousley. By that time, Dr. Bayard Taylor Mousley (1879-1935) already had established his hospital in the building to the rear and east of the house.

I have not been able to ascertain exactly when Mousley opened his hospital, but did locate some newspaper and town history references to the hospital. Junie Edith (Tiffany) Blake, was born Dec. 5, 1919, at the Mousley Hospital. She and her husband moved to the Tiffany family dairy farm on Wentworth Road in 1948. From another newspaper account, Frances M. (Krebo) Kretowicz, born in Chesterfield, May 31, 1911, continued her education at Mousley Hospital following high school graduation. There she earned a certificate as a surgical nurse; but, following her marriage she worked most of her life in Haverhill's shoe industry.

In 1924, Mousley was appointed the visiting physician at the Maplewood Hospital, serving the home and prison. That year he also was co-chair of the NY Herald Tribune Fresh Air Children. The program began here about 1887 when 17 children summered in town. In the early 1960s Fresh Air children were still entertained here. In addition, documented in Walpole Town Reports, Dr. Mousley one year was paid \$13.25 for reporting births and deaths, and in the early 1930s tonsil clinics were held with 32 cases treated.

Mrs. Mousley continued to own the property following her husband's death May 30, 1935. In 1941 she sold to the Walpole Savings Bank, and the next year ownership transferred to Community Hospital. In 1945, Walpole Post #77 American Legion took over the property. Maybe a reader can fill in the date of the closing of Walpole's hospital.

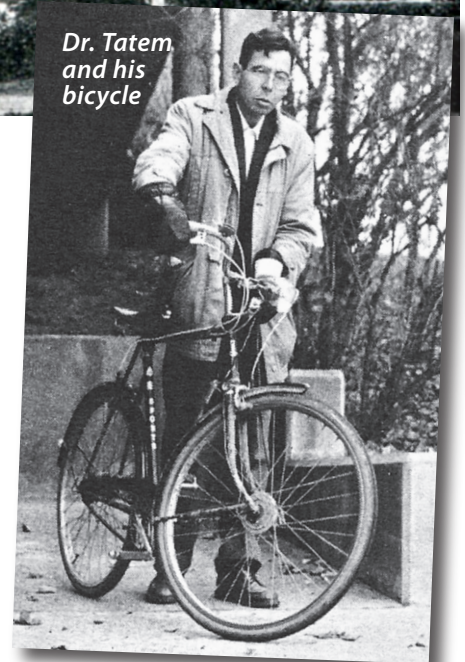
name was at that moment changing. The wedding over, an hour later with a honeymoon in the hospital, the baby was delivered, and appropriately named Holly.



*The hospital  
on Main Street  
...in the rear*

But medicine did not leave Main Street. Dr. William H. Tatem bought the Colonial home across the street from the former hospital in 1947. Born in 1912, he fondly was known as "Doctor on Two Wheels," because he often rode his bicycle making house calls. He attended to the needs of the community for nearly forty years. Exemplifying the "stuff legends are made of," he passed January 25, 2001.

His first Christmas in town, Tatem was invited to dinner by the owners of the Old Colony Inn on the Common. The phone rang interrupting dinner. It was the Town Clerk, Mrs. Sparhawk, saying, "You'd better get here right away, we need you." The doctor only had to cross the Common to where the Congregational minister was performing a wedding. And, it was obvious to everyone that the bride was in active labor. Not wanting a birth there, Mrs. Sparhawk urged Tatem to get the bride to the hospital. He called, and when the nurse asked the mother's name the question struck him funny. Her



*Dr. Tatem  
and his  
bicycle*

The Walpole Historical Society has proudly on display Doctor Tatem's worn medical bag, and his well-worn bicycle with its odometer registering 4,060 miles.

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## RVSAH Helps

### During the COVID-19 Crisis

River Valley Seniors At Home, a non-profit membership organization which helps seniors stay in their homes longer, has been busy helping its members weather the storm of the coronavirus. And, since our members are the population most susceptible to the virus, having a team of caring volunteers to assist when necessary gives such peace of mind.

During this outbreak, RVSAH volunteers have been:

Grocery shopping for our members – grocery stores are necessary but dangerous places for seniors, so we have volunteers do the shopping and deliver the groceries directly to the member's doorstep.

Preparing and delivering meals – when our members are recovering from medical treatment and can't cook for themselves, we do the cooking for them! And our RVSAH members say our volunteers are great cooks!

Making face masks – we have been making face masks and delivering them to our members, so that when they do go out, they have some protection.

Delivering toilet paper – we lucked

into a small supply of toilet paper (!) that we have delivered to members in need.

The RVSAH volunteers are happy to help, especially during this time of greater need. If you think you or your loved ones would benefit from membership in RVSAH, call Tara 603-756-4861, or email [rivervalleyseiniorsathome@gmail.com](mailto:rivervalleyseiniorsathome@gmail.com).

Take care everyone. Wash your hands and stay inside if you can. We can get through this together!

– Tara Sad

## Walpole Business Notes

### Joanie Joan's

Happy May Day and 5th Anniversary of Joanie Joan's! We hope everyone is doing well during this crazy and trying time. We want to thank all of you for your support during the past few months.

Joanie Joan's is temporary closed until the coast is clear to reopen.

We are using this time to work on some new and exciting food ideas for everyone. We can't wait for y'all to try them!

We look forward to seeing everyone smiling faces again soon! In the meantime, stay happy and healthy! Blessings

– Joanie & Dan Ireland

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

## You Need to Know That...

### Ivory Soap

Invented in 1878, Named when inventor, Harley Procter, was inspired on hearing his pastor read Psalm 45.

And, it floats as a result of a mixing machine being left on too long, whipping too much air into an early batch of soap.

### Can be used to:

- **Wash your hands** - Use Ivory soap for at least 20 seconds while singing "Happy Birthday"
- **Repulse deer** - Hang bars of Ivory soap around crops.
- **Lubricate zippers** - Rub the teeth of the zipper with a bar of Ivory soap to make the zipper glide easier.
- **Fix small holes in walls** - Rub a bar of Ivory soap over the hole until it looks filled, then paint.
- **Keep clothes and linens smelling fresh** - Place an unwrapped bar of Ivory soap in drawers, linen closets, and storage trunks.

*Adapted from: Magic Brands - 1,185 Brand-New Uses for Brand-Name Products by Joey Green.*

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# What's Happening in Walpole Schools



## A Senior's Input

As a member of the Fall Mountain Senior Class, I went home on a Friday afternoon with the expectation that I would be seeing my friends again on a cool spring Monday morning. I never expected that Friday would be the last time I would walk through the halls that had been my home for the past four years. These are feelings shared by many in my class and throughout the country. Fortunately, technology has provided me with an opportunity to continue high school online and connect with friends.

To begin, I would like to thank all the teachers who have put in countless hours to transfer their physical classroom to an online program. My teachers have been stupendous in delivering support and assignments and keeping us engaged. Digital learning has taught me, and likely many of my classmates, an important lesson in self-discipline which we will need for our future plans after high school. Currently, the principal is working on a survey for parents and students on how to conduct the end-of school-year events, like graduation.

Lastly, social distancing has created new ways for me to occupy my time. I have been watching live streams of award winning Broadway performances, finding clever ways to improve my cooking through celebrity chef's digital classes, and talking with friends over Facetime. Although this has been a major disappointment for myself and my classmates, I believe that we will grow stronger in our commitment to create an exceptional society that provides and cares for its citizens.

– Jimmy Ronning

## Mechanical Madness

The Mechanical Madness 4-H Club in Walpole is under the leadership of Paul and Evelyn Beliveau. This year they were lucky enough to have a 3D printer donated to our team. They are paying it forward by using it to print pieces that medical professionals and others on the front line can use to help keep their ears from developing sores from constant use of their face masks. They are donating them to the Keene, New Hampshire and Brattleboro, Vermont hospitals.

– Andrea Sawyer

***Mechanical Madness ear protector...and in use.***



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Summer Camps, Take and Make Workshops, and the High School Summer Work Program 2020

What has become of all of our careful planning and hopes for a really fun spring and summer season, outside learning and being altogether, as a community that cares for each other and the natural world around us? We plan, we wait, Mrs. Whippie posts really fun videos on our Facebook page and we embrace optimism.

Yes, the High School Summer Work Program applications have been sent to all interested students, entering 9th–12th grades. We have mentors that are ready to host at a time when students are eager for new challenges and responsibilities away from home. This is such an important program and opportunity this year. Will you help us fund it? Are you interested in sponsoring one student for 100 hours of agricultural work for \$750? If YES, please get in touch. [hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net), or 756-4382, or 566-2805

Yes, Summer Camps will happen but we do not know when or what exactly the sessions will look like. We know they will be outside, active and focus on farms, forests, fields, rivers, wildlife. There will be woodworking projects too!

Yes, workshops will be hosted. There will be crafts for young children and hikes for the whole family. We have plans to make owl nest boxes or perhaps a nesting shelf or two. We have lots of ideas and energy!

Yes, if we can be together and we need to create smaller classes, we will do that. Our school gardens are being tended and prepped for the return of students in the fall. The Walpole Community Gardeners have been composting their beds, planting seeds and bulbs, a radical act of hope in this challenging time.

Yes, please do stay healthy and safe everyone and we will do the same. Thank you so much for your continued support.

– Helen Dalbeck

Between remote learning and an official school holiday, our WES correspondents are on hiatus. We look forward to their contributions next month.



## Covid-19 – A Dog's View

### This is Great!

They seem crazed, but I love it. They are home with me all day. I am getting more walks. But, they spend more time before those moving screens. Kitty is upset. As a "lap-top", she has been replaced. Those moving screens can be entertaining and educational. I guess they have their place.



PHOTO: RAY BOAS

Something called National Geographic flashed on with lots of dogs walking their owners. The man in the box said, "Taking your pet for a walk is a widely accepted reason for people under stay-at-home orders to go outside. Of course rules vary by state and country, and thankfully where I live, exercise is also acceptable.

"In Spain," he continued, "people are limited to dog walks, trips to the grocery store and the pharmacy. Some residents have looked for creative ways to bend the rules. One man walked his stuffed animal. Another started renting out his dog to people desperate for some fresh air. The police didn't love that."

I have never seen so many new dogs walking strangers in front of my home. Where did they come from? The NatGeo man explained a quarter of people were walking their dogs more (you know given the opportunity it is the other way around), and almost half of people owned by dogs are playing with them more. Some dogs are not as lucky. Some folks are going to parks less, but maybe that is in those silly and scary, crowded and cramped big cities. Who wants that when you live in Walpole?

Woof, here's my leash, I'm ready.

– Heather (in spirit)



At Last!

## Found in the Historical Society Archives...

### The Life and Socks of Edwin Guild

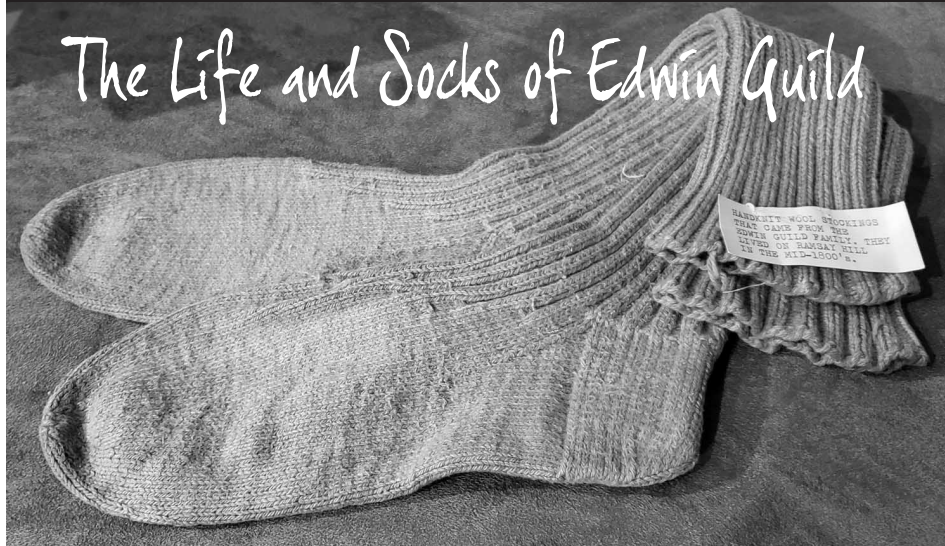


Photo: Walpole Historical Society

**The socks... black & white does not do them justice.**

This pair of sturdy, hand-knit, caramel colored woolen socks in the collection of the Walpole Historical Society is the starting point for an exploration into a life of strong beliefs and gutsy actions led by the Walpole man who wore them.

The socks, a handsome example of wool work created in Walpole, were featured in the exhibit *Busy Hands* at the Walpole Heritage Museum. When the choice was made to exhibit the socks, the search for their history began.

Marion Guild Putnam gave the socks to the Walpole Historical Society in 1973, part of a collection of nine handmade garments from her family, and described as knitted by her grandmother, Sophia Guild, and worn by her grandfather, Edwin Guild.

Town histories record the family's life in Walpole. Edwin Guild, born in 1829, was educated in Walpole schools, including the Walpole Academy. He began a teaching career, subsequently spending a year as a student at Norwich University (1854-1855). He married twice. In 1862, Edwin Guild bought property on Ramsay Hill Road which he farmed and owned for the rest of his life. In 1873, he joined a committee to consider organizing a temperance association. In 1899, he joined with town worthies to form the Old Home Week Association.

Local histories identify Edwin Guild as "a farmer, and superintendent of schools at Walpole, N.H. In politics, he is a strong prohibitionist." He supported the Grange and the I.O.G.T. - a temperance organization - and was described as "a fine scholar, a clear and original thinker, and a writer of more than ordinary ability." Edwin Guild died in Walpole in 1907, having led a full and principled life.

This could have been the full account of Edwin Guild's life, had not further investigations revealed another episode entirely.

Entry number 39, "Edwin Guild, teacher, Walpole, N.H." appears in the *Report of the Special Committee Appointed to Investigate the Troubles in Kansas*, United States Congress, 1856, detailing the members of the "Second party" of the New England Emigrant Aid Company, who left Boston on March 20, 1855, bound for Kansas. The Company was created specifically to encourage travel to the Kansas Territory so that new arrivals could influence the outcome of voting in the territory. The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 had directed that the popular vote in a territory would determine an incoming state's status - "slave" or "free." Edwin Guild's specific activities in Kansas are not known, but strongly held beliefs must have led him there.

He returned to New Hampshire to marry in 1858. In 1862, he became the Walpole recruiting officer for the New Hampshire Volunteers for the Civil War, enlisting himself in 1866, but arriving in Concord, N.H., after the Volunteers had been disbanded.

We started with woolen socks, but ended up discovering a man leading a life teaching and farming, holding strong opinions on temperance and abolition, taking a long journey away for a belief, and returning home to continue his principled life. What a lot the socks had to tell!

To learn more about Edwin Guild's life, please visit [www.walpolehistory.com](http://www.walpolehistory.com).

– Christie Winmill

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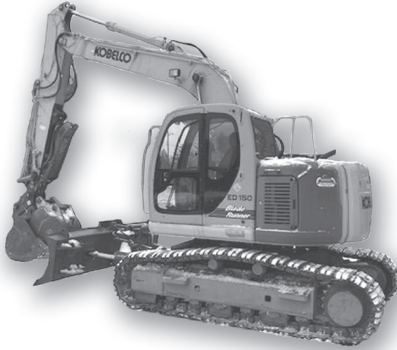
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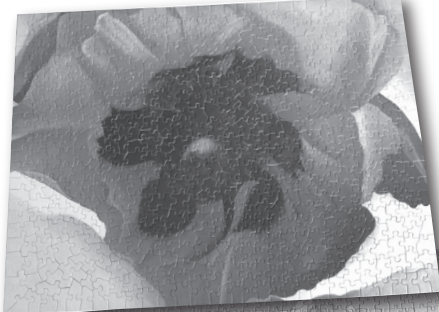
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## Puzzled

No, not that kind of puzzled. The wood and cardboard kind. When not repeating the same household chores while waiting for the yard to become just a bit less boggy, our therapy of choice while social distancing has been the jigsaw puzzle. Some of our handiwork for the last month is shown here.

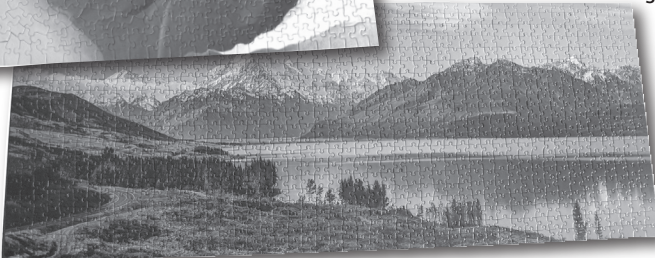
Be forewarned, those little pieces exert a sinister

attraction that draws you to the table and pins you there past midnight while tracking down "just one more fragment of that meadow." And I marvel at the diabolical mind capable of imagining some of the shapes we've had to deal with; then there's the vast expanses of night sky and still water – all the same retina-numbing black or dark blue.

Yes, it's been fun (though some therapy for the therapy may be required). Moving on to a Will Moses next; I wonder how many times we'll decide there *has* to be a piece missing?

– Jan Kobeski

*Re the O'Keefe (left, above)...yikes!*



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## Pink Menace?

### Flamingos Continue To Arrive

Since the flamingos were spotted on the frozen Mill Pond in March, global warming seems to be bringing more of these pinkers to the north country and into Walpole.

They're nesting at the Lennon property on the Common, at the corner of Main and Prospect Streets, and the Palmiotto home just off the Common.

Said Fred Nobbils, a farmer from Alstead, 'Now I'm getting a bit scared of these things. If these pink birds are nesting all over Walpole, who's to say they won't be tearing up my fields and taking all the fish from my pond? We gotta do something fast'.

And recently we've gotten reports that these birds from the deep south are getting feisty and scaring the town's children.



*The sudden and as yet unexplained appearance of flamingos around the village has disturbed the young, the old and the dogs...*



PHOTOS: ERIC MERKLEIN

Neighbor of the kids in the photo above, Gretta Ziff, said, 'I'm nervous as all heck. The kids are locked in most of the day because of COVID, and now they're afraid to go out and play when their Zoom classes are done for the day. Why don't the selectmen do something?'

And librarian Carolyn Norback expressed her concerns as well. 'I'm very worried. When COVID is finished with us, will library patrons be able to get past these creatures to check out their books?'

If you want to help, let the Clarion know if you spot any more of these pink invasives, and we'll pass the information on to the Zoning and Select Boards.

— Eric Merklein



## Hooper Golf Course

### in the time of COVID-19

Hooper, like many businesses in our community and state, are currently closed since Governor Sununu's emergency state at home order was issued on March 26. As this pandemic has put a pause on our way of living, one has to go back to World War II for the last time there was a similar disruption for the game of golf. From 1942-1944, the PGA Tour was either shut down or missing its top stars, like Ben Hogan and Sam Snead, who were still in the service. Though Hooper continued to stay open during World War II, golf, like all aspects of American society, looked and felt different. There was a massive shortage of golf balls as the rubber that went into making balls was required for the war effort. Most golf courses grew victory gardens, and some of the most famous courses in America, such as Greenbrier and Augusta National, were converted

for the war effort to become a POW camp and a herding ground for cattle.

During our current national crisis, golf courses in New Hampshire are closed for play, though regular maintenance can still take place. Allowing golf course maintenance to continue is vital to the long care health of the course. However, Hooper, like many other courses, has reduced its labor force in the face of a severe drop in revenue. And even though the course is still being maintained, there is the odd sight of lush greens with no flagstick and newly mowed fairways with no golfers. One bright side is the amount of people who have taken the opportunity to walk the rolling hills and contours of Hooper. As we get closer to golf being allowed to resume, Hooper has in place a set of health and safety protocols to keep our members, guests, and employees safe. And when Opening Day does come to Hooper, it will be an Opening Day like no other.

— Joshua Beer



# From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

## Isolation

This Covid-19 has everyone on edge but thankfully concerned about friends and neighbors. People are constantly calling, or using social media to check on family and friends with all kinds of questions. "How are you? Are you feeling okay? Any symptoms?" If you don't answer correctly to the many questions, they ask, "Have you contacted your Primary or gone to a clinic?"

I appreciate the concern shown and have adopted a standard reply, which is in the words to the chorus of a Statler Brothers song. And here it is:

"Last night I dressed in tails, pretended I was on the town

As long as I can dream it's hard to slow this swinger down

So please don't give a thought to me, I'm really doin' fine

You can always find me here, I'm havin' quite a time"

And just what am I doing??? Well I am;  
"Countin' flowers on the wall

That don't bother me at all

Playin' solitaire till dawn with a deck of fifty-one

Smokin' cigarettes and watchin' Captain Kangaroo

Now don't tell me I've nothin' to do"

Of course none of us should be out partying, not that we could find a party place open, so to be sure that those that are concerned and who continue to ask about my health, I may add the words from an Emmylou Harris song, which follows:

"But it's all right 'cause it's midnight

And I got two more bottles of wine"

From a socially appropriate distance wishing everyone continued good health and sending virtual hugs!

## Reader Commentary

### Thoughtfulness All Around

The "new year", 2020 has not progressed the way we all had hoped it would. But we are all in it, and in it together. These are times that people of all ages have not personally experienced before – at least to this extent.

In our Walpole area we, at this time, are fortunate to be living with caring neighbors and friends who look out for each other, check on vulnerable neighbors and offer help to get supplies for them. Our local government is working to keep us safe and make provisions for assistance to those needing help.

I am personally thankful for the thoughtfulness of neighbors who call/shop and help each other- who work together to find activities for the children to participate in (separately) such as Teddy Bear Hunt, painted stone hunt, and I am sure more innovative ideas will come along with spring weather. I am thankful for the surprise "special delivery" of the hot cross bun and chocolate bunny that arrived on my door step Easter morning, cookies and baked goods and lasagna from my neighbor, the kindness of people for making cloth masks and sharing gloves with me and others. Thankful for church services via face time or electronically on the computer. I am thankful for the visits in the parking lot, through the open windows of my car, with mask on, with my friends. I am thankful for living in this community.

We all are thankful for those working to provide medical care in offices, hospitals, dental offices, nursing homes and EMT's, other first responders, town officials and food shelves- electric company, cable companies/telephone companies to keep us working at home and able to communicate with family/loved ones and friends who live at a distance. And those who come to our homes to help repair and keep our appliances working – postal workers, delivery workers . Our teachers who electronically are helping to keep up the educational needs of our children and the uplifting spirit they

send to these homes - and the parents who now help so much and have such responsibility with this "home schooling". Who would have thought!!!! To those working in grocery stores, essential businesses and restaurants that now provide wonderful takeout meals. Let's all support them. I know I may have missed someone who should be thanked, but you know who you are and know we all thank you. I sincerely want to express my sadness for those people who have experienced personal health issues or heartbreaking loss of lives due to the virus and businesses that have had to close with the terrible financial losses for some people. My heart goes out to all of you.

We are not "out of the woods" yet, as this virus will be hanging around for some time- none of us really know how long - so we must continue to do our part to keep each other safe. Yes, the isolation is so difficult and family/special occasions that have been missed - and we will miss more along the way. But if we work together, keep our face masks on when in public, keep our social distances from others, handwashing of course, and most of all to remember to be kind to each other, we will get through this. I also believe that our community will pull together to bring as much "normalcy" back as soon as safely and reasonably possible. Wear your masks and let's keep each other safe – that is our most important "job"!

– Anonymous Octogenarian

### Invasion?

Having read *Invasive Species* in the April issue, and seeing the invasion in yards around town the last three weeks, I must tell you we are frightened. Prior to escaping, to what we hoped would be a "safe Walpole", a similar flamboyance of flamingos broke out in our little Connecticut town three years ago. This is scary. They then gave way to an invasion of garden trolls. Please do remember: forewarned is forearmed.

– Anonymous - We must protect our yard.

## FM Food Service

### Continues Providing Healthy Meals

Many local families rely on the breakfast and lunch program at school to nourish their children. The Pandemic has not prevented this from happening. A team of 11 FM Food Service employees are preparing approximately 4,800 meals per week, including breakfast and lunch. The FM Transportation Department deploys 5 bus routes delivering meals across the district three days per week.

Anyone with children under age 18 can pick up meals at North Walpole School, Charlestown Middle School, Vilas School and North Charlestown Community School from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (with multiple days of meals given each time). The meals are subsidized with a reimbursement from the USDA along with several grants received from NOKIDHUNGRY.

Jaca Hughes, FM Food Service Director, said "Our program is getting wonderful

reviews from the community and state. We have heard from multiple families that just getting packages of food helps boost the spirits of our students." Arthur Lufkin, Transportation Manager, reports that they also deliver homework packets and materials to students as needed. Our community is thankful for the funding and for the dedication of the food service and transportation departments for making this program possible.

– Tammy Vittum



# MILESTONES

## Passed

Richard Pearce

December 18, 1927 - March 6, 2020

Karin Hill

March 18, 2020

Carole Zinter

November 14, 1939 - March 25, 2020

Sandra J. Knowles

March 30, 2020, Age 80

Jacqueline M. Croteau

August 29, 1962 - April 2, 2020

Charles Dey

April 16, 2020, Age 89

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## Have We Mentioned?

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## FROM THE CLARION...

**A sampling of what we've reported after more than 8 years of publication:**

**One Year Ago (May, 2019)** - At Town Meeting in March, a citizen asked what percentage of the Recycling Center expenses are paid for with revenue from the sale of recyclables. Following research, the Select Board reported that in fiscal year 2018, approximately 52% of the Recycling Center expenses were paid for by the sale of bags and other recyclables. The sale of bags accounts for much of this revenue.

**Three Years Ago (May, 2017)** - The Cows Are Gone... In 1761, moving from Saybrook, Connecticut, John Graves bought property in Walpole. Adding more property along a brook, Great Brook Farm came into existence beginning a tradition of dairy farming. Now, after nine generations and 256 years the cows are gone.

**Five Years Ago (May, 2015)** - April 25th was the 3rd Annual Walpole Clean Up Day. A bright and sunny day – perfect for picking up garbage from the sides of our roads! Which is exactly what 65 volunteers did (30 of whom came from C&S Wholesale Grocers) to help celebrate Walpole Clean Up Day. They collected: 175 blue bags of trash, 30 tires, one and a half toilets, two TVs, one computer, many odd car parts, three mattresses, one couch and a recliner that had seen better days, piles of mixed metal, lawn furniture, and lots and lots of bottles and cans. (Editor's note: wouldn't it be nice to not have to do this?)

**Seven Years Ago (May, 2013)** - Bridge-Wilson Post 77, American Legion, recently honored George Gage with a fifty-year membership award. George joined the local post in 1962 and participated with other members in converting the aging house at 73 Main Street.

## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

When I started the May, issue I was concerned. There would be no past events, nor upcoming events, to share with you. I knew there would be important COVID-19 information to share. Then it struck me. Ask readers how they are coping, and what they are doing while "social distancing" and "staying at home." That worked, and for you to read are stories from teenagers to octogenarians.

It is not easy. Fortunately, I am comfortable home alone and have so many projects. But I look out my windows and see people and dogs I have never seen before enjoying the Common – and, yes, keeping their distances. And there is hope. There is good during bad. I have shared with you photos of stones that began appearing the beginning of April. And then there are those pesky pink things. From where? We may never know. But, thank you for the joy, hope and smiles.

At the last moment, to fill the last couple of inches, I wrote again on the Influenza of 1918, relating that it came in three waves, lasting about a year. We are smarter now, understand the sciences better, but still, it is up to all of us to be smart, listen to the medical and scientific experts, and live. Stay well, stay safe.

– Ray Boas, Publisher

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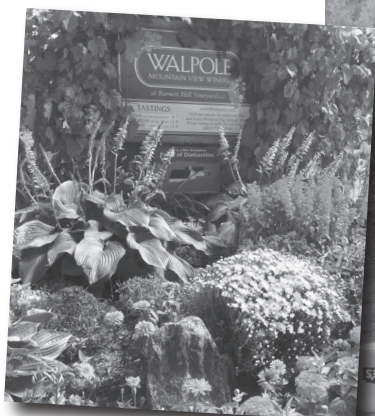
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