



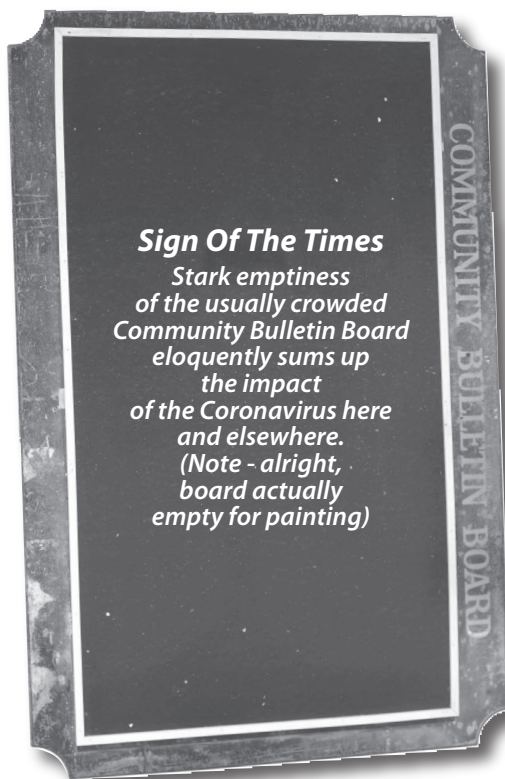
Unusual Summer Ahead for Us All

Monthly Update from Selectwoman Peggy

Another rainy Monday in Walpole as well as another start to a week of "Stay at Home". Many of us have settled into routines of working at home, grateful we are healthy, eating more than we should, checking on neighbors and friends, getting out in the yard or for a walk each sunny day we have.

This past Thursday, May 14, the Select Board signed a contract with Consolidated Communications, Inc. to build the infrastructure for Fiber Optics throughout the Town of Walpole and the Village of North Walpole and Drewsville. We have filed our Bond application with the New Hampshire Bond Bank- as voters you approved that Bond March 14 at Town Meeting. The Bond Bank has to approve our application, and, once that is accomplished, we will go into the July Bond market. Our bonds will be taxable because we have a Private-Public partnership with Consolidated. As soon as the bond is sold and we have money in hand, the work will begin. Dennis Marcom, a member of the Broadband Committee, has agreed to be our local Construction Manager. He will be working with Jeff McIver of Consolidated. Actually, their work has already begun, laying out where equipment will be installed.

Please thank each member of the Broadband Committee when you see any one of them for their diligence and expertise as they met from May 2019 – May 2020, and will continue to meet as necessary. Paul Looney served as Chair of the Committee composed of Bob Anderson, Steve Grenier, Dennis Marcom, Dick Hill, and Rod Bouchard. Jodi Daigle,



WES Principal Jacobs to Stay One More Year; Justin Cassarino to Take Helm

While there is a lot of uncertainty in the world today, there is one thing that we can be sure of: Walpole Schools are in good hands.

On April 15th, Fall Mountain Regional School District Superintendent Lori Landry announced that Mr. Sam Jacobs, Principal of Walpole Schools for the last 23 years, will return for one more school year on a limited basis. Mr. Jacobs had announced his retirement earlier in the school year, but the position had remained unfilled. After a hiring process that included students, staff, administrators, and members of the Walpole community, a finalist was selected in March. That candidate chose to select another job offer from within their own current school.

"We looked at other options without a candidate and we decided to look within our own school community," said Mr. Jacobs. "You always want to create a culture for leadership within the staff. You want staff to consistently improve."

Beginning next school year, Justin Cassarino will serve as Assistant Principal. It is during this time that Mr. Cassarino will learn from Mr. Jacobs and transition into the administrative role of Principal beginning July 2021. Cassarino has been one of the fifth grade teachers at Walpole Elementary School for the last nine years, and he has been teaching in Walpole for the last decade.

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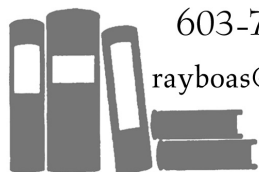
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Walpole Village School

The Walpole Village School is wading through the challenges posed by the temporary closure of our dear school and inability to host the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, our largest fundraiser, due to the COVID-19 protocol. The Board has worked diligently with local and federal programs to position the school to weather the unique set of staffing and financial challenges. Through our efforts, we have become the beneficiaries of a federal payroll grant and received monies from the United Way, as well as private donations from generous local citizens. In assessing the amassed offsets from the sources listed above, the Board has identified a gap of approximately \$10,000 that still needs to be raised. We would like to encourage any businesses or citizens that may be in a position to assist with a donation of any amount. While the Board realizes that many in this community have also been impacted, the Walpole Village School is a non-profit and these funds are necessary to keep the staff and facilities in good standing. The role this school plays is a pivotal one in our community and we want to continue our contributions as employers to Walpole residents and educators of Walpole children. Donations can be mailed to the Walpole Village School, P.O. Box 63, Walpole, NH 03608 or via Paypal through this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=UUJHMHMVRPPEPS&source=url

The Board wishes everyone in the Walpole community the best during these trying times.

— The Walpole Village School Board

Non-Fiction Book Group

The group will meet Monday June 8 at 6:00 pm on Zoom in a secure online meeting room. We will be discussing "What next from COVID19? How long a recession? How or will Washington lead us out, Will the USA be a leader in developing a vaccine as with Ebola? Will the United States Public Health Delivery System change? Will Medicare for All result from our comparative failure to handle COVID19. If you are interested in joining the meeting please contact Ron MacLachlan at ronmaclachlan03608@gmail.com.

— Ronald MacLachlan

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Hooper Golf Course

Celebrates Its 94th Opening Day

After a longer than normal wait, Hooper Golf Course finally opened for play on May 11. Here in New England golfers must endure approximately five long months between November and the start of the golf season in April. However, this year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Sununu's stay at home emergency order, Hooper opened about a month later than usual. Since then there has been non-stop play at Hooper. Prior to opening, Hooper put in place multiple health and safety protocols to make sure everyone is safe when they are in our Pro Shop, using the putting green, and on the course. And part of the reason for the full house at Hooper, besides the fact Hooper is nationally ranked and is in perfect spring condition, is people are looking to be active and engaged in a safe and fun experience. After being cooped up in our homes these past two months, exercise outside – at safe distances – is exactly what we need right now.

One person in particular who greatly enjoyed Hooper's opening is lifelong Walpole resident John Ramsey. John was born the same year that Hooper was created, 1927, and is enjoying his 72nd season as a member of Hooper. John started caddying at Hooper at age 12 and has been in love with the game, and Hooper, ever since, winning the club championship on multiple occasions. After working at Hubbard Farms for 42 years, John has been able to play Hooper more regularly, and would always walk 9 holes until only two years ago when he reluctantly started taking a cart. John and his connection to Hooper is one of the things that makes Hooper so special – its unique ties with the people and history of Walpole.

— Josh Beer

John Ramsey

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*The 300,000 gallon storage tank (right and low)
as seen driving up Prospect Hill Road*

Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?

(Editor's Note: Reprinted from the 2019 Walpole Water Consumer Confidence Report sent to Walpole Town Water customers. And now you will know what that strange structure is on Prospect Hill Road.)

Often people don't think about where their water comes from, they just know that when they open a faucet water comes out. In Walpole, the water you drink starts its journey to your faucet from one of two wells.

The first, known as the Watkins Hill Well, is located on Watkins Hill Road adjacent to Great Brook. This well was brought on-line in 1949 to take the place of the aging Reservoir surface water supply system. The well is a 35 foot deep, 18" diameter gravel packed well. This well is capable of supplying +/- 175 gallons per minute (GPM). The pump in the well runs 24 hours a day, and is controlled by an energy efficient Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), attached to our computerized SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) control and alarm system. With the SCADA control and VFD, we can maintain a constant pressure in the upper half of the system, while constantly changing water flow to accommodate changes in demand on the system. This has allowed us to drastically decrease the amount of water that is wasted by over pumping.

The second well, known as the River Well, is located far behind Pinnacleview Equipment, approximately 600 feet from the Connecticut River. This well was developed in 1964 to supplement the Watkins Hill Well during a period of great drought and high water demand

from Walpole's growing businesses. A number of sites in town were evaluated for a suitable well, and site #4 was finally decided upon as home for the new well. The River Well is a 66 foot deep, 18" diameter gravel packed well, capable of +/- 375 GPM of continuous use, and upwards of 1,000 GPM for short periods. The well draws from one of NH's many stratified drift aquifers. This well is currently only used as a backup to the Watkins Hill Well, and for high usage demands such as hydrant flushing, or for fire flows. The River Well is also connected via radio link to our SCADA system, which monitors the pump station, and controls the pump and pump speed via VFD control.

Water from these two wells is stored in our 300,000 gallon storage tank on Prospect Hill. The water from this tank flows through a system of water mains and service lines. The mains, some of which date to 1903, are constructed from cast iron, concrete lined ductile iron, fiber-reinforced concrete, or PVC plastic, in sizes from 2" to 10". The mains distribute water throughout the system to your service connection. The service connections in Walpole are either copper or polyethylene tubing, in sizes from 3/4" to 2".

In 2003 the Town of Walpole voted to adopt a Source Water Protection Plan. This paved the way for Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA) to be determined and laid out. These SWPAs help to protect our precious aquifers from future damage and contamination by limiting land usage and development within their boundaries.



Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors led the 2020 Annual Meeting virtually on the evening of Tuesday, April 28th.

Board President, Gretchen Markiewicz, shared updates on member growth (852 household memberships, getting closer to the goal of 1000,) along with next steps for the co-op, financial updates and how you can get involved.

The recording is now available on the Great River Co-op blog, www.greatriverfoodcoop.com/blog/ - and it's under 30 minutes!

A cooperative grocery store is owned by its members. It cannot happen without you! If you would like to learn more about joining and how you can help this store to open, please visit www.greatriverfoodcoop.com, and follow the Great River Co-op on Facebook!

– Gretchen Markiewicz

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Savings Bank of Walpole Elects Joe Coneeny New Chairman of The Board

Savings Bank of Walpole has announced their board of directors has elected Walpole's Joseph (Joe) A. Coneeny as Chairman of the Board. Coneeny replaces Sylvia McBeth, who has completed her third one-year term, thus reaching the Bank's term limit.

Coneeny, a retired corporate executive with extensive banking and business experience, has been a trustee since 2013 and a longtime Corporator for the Bank. Additionally, he is also active with SBW's holding company, New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB), and serves on the Compensation, Investment and Audit Committees. Prior to retiring, Coneeny held the position of managing director of media and telecom investment banking at Credit Suisse First Boston in New York, and for several years, owned and operated the Windham Hill Inn in West Townsend, VT with his wife Marina.

A resident of Walpole, Coneeny is actively involved in the community, serving as a founding member of the Friends of Hooper Committee and as a director of The Gordon A. Rich Memorial Foundation, a scholarship organization that helps children of those who work in the financial services industry.

"Joseph was unanimously chosen by his peer Directors and we're extremely honored to welcome him as our new Chairman of the Board," says Mark Bodin, President for Savings Bank of Walpole.

— Danielle Ruffo

Joe Coneeny

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Walpole's Volunteer Fire Department has been stepping in to make special events even more special while Covid-19 keeps us from celebrating together. Above, a brand new 5-year-old waves to the passing police and fire vehicles on County Road. (Several birthday boys and girls have been treated like this.) As you can see on page 5, children aren't the only recipients of drive-by salutes...

Library Plant Sale

On the Library Porch

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Friends of the Walpole Library were unable to hold our annual May Plant Sale the day before Mother's Day this year. Instead we are having an ongoing plant sale throughout the spring and summer on the porch of the library. As plants become available, and perhaps even blooming, they will be placed on the library porch – usually between 5 and 10 plants at a time. Please stop by the library and take a look when you are in the village. Donations (cash or checks) for the plants can be left in the jar on the porch. The checks can be made out to Friends of the Walpole Library. All proceeds from the plant sale go directly to supporting our beautiful town library.

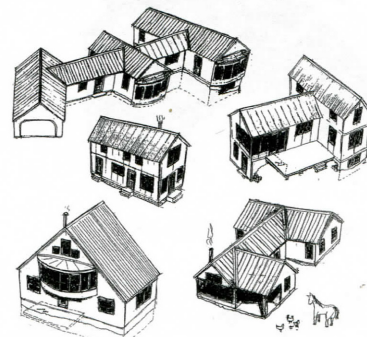
We are also very happy to receive your plant donations. Please make sure your plants are clearly labeled (preferably in bloom), and ready to sell. If there are too many plants on the porch, you can drop plants off at the Malnati Farm to be brought to the library at a later date. Again, please remember to label your plants.

Thank you so much for your generosity! Stay well, and enjoy the beauty of nature!

— Jana Sellarole

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Town Welcomes New Minister

How do you welcome a new minister to your church in the midst of a global pandemic and social distancing? With a drive-by parade, of course! Members of the First Congregational Church UCC of Walpole decided to celebrate the arrival of their newly called minister, the Rev. Richard Malmberg, and his wife Jane, by driving by the parsonage on Thursday evening, May 14, led by a police cruiser and three fire trucks. Honking horns, ringing bells, balloons and signs were all part of the procession as the Malmbergs waved from their front porch.

Moving to Walpole from the greater Chicago area, the Malmbergs settled into the parsonage on Monday, May 11, and Rev. Malmberg conducted his first church service, via Zoom, on Sunday, May 17.

— Ellie Shaw



*Jane and
Rev. Richard
Malmberg (and
Fletcher).*



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Assistant Administrator in Town Hall supported the Committee by collecting the extraordinary number of documents required by the Bondband Committee and our Bond Attorney, Renelle L'Huillier. Sarah Downey joined Jodi when deadlines became demanding.

We are also moving forward on our Brownfield cleanup, although you aren't seeing workers at the old plating site. Ransom Consulting has completed a Community Relations plan, as well as a Site-specific Clean-up program, both of which have been approved by DES as well as the EPA. Our next step is to ask for RFP's from contractors to do the actual clean-up. Our local group of Community people who haven't met because of our lock down includes the following: Abutters to the site as well as Chair of the Conservation Commission, SWRPC, DES, EPA, Ransom Consulting and me as the local Project Chair. Copies of the Community Relation Plan will be sent to the local abutters from Town Hall soon.

Main Street in Walpole will be our big paving project this summer so expect to begin to see work soon begin. It is tax season as well as all have discovered as our tax bills arrived last week. Sandra Smith and Meghan Hanson have been very busy in the Town Clerk's/Collector's

office. Cash flow for the Town is at its lowest just before tax bills are mailed, but Rich Kreissle, Manager of Finance, carefully monitors every expense in anticipation of tax money.

On the home front, we have all been experiencing new ways to celebrate as our family graduates from high school and college. Saturday, I joined thousand who watched the virtual graduation of my granddaughter from William and Mary, followed by a virtual program from the Department of Arts and Architecture for all the personal comments and awards. So different than that the actual graduation trip planned for Williamsburg a year ago. That job offer for Ellie hanging in limbo because museums are still closed. And also, so different than all those years ago when it rained on graduation, but I looked forward to a wedding and a teaching contract and a new city life.

The Library begins curb-side pickup May 19, but the books I check out two months ago have to wait to be retuned at a later date. We need a survey to learn how many more books were read during this stay at home period, or what were your favorites on Amazon Prime, Netflix or Hulu?

Looking forward to May 31 and the Governor's Stay at Home update. Will

we be free to come and go as in Vermont where the Governor asked everyone to Stay at Home until June 15 but with "relaxed" conditions, or will we burst out, or will we tip toe cautiously into the "what's next?" 'Til next time...

– Peggy Pschirrer

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Walpole Town Library

Summer Reading

This summer's theme is *Imagine Your Story!* The Summer Reading Program may look a little different this summer but we are going to have lots of fun! Here's a list of just some of the adventures we are planning:

- Online reading log with prizes and a community wide reading goal
- Weekly Take-Away craft activities
- Doctor Doolittle Read-Along
- *Why I love the Walpole Town Library* video contest
- Share stories you write and read on our YouTube channel
- and more!

Stay tuned to our webpage www.walpoletownlibrary.org or follow us on facebook for all the details!

The Summer Reading Program starts June 15 and runs through August 7 and is free and open to the public.

June Library Services

Beginning June 1st we will have Curbside Pickup services offered daily. **This plan is subject to change.* You can call the library during curbside hours to place your order and request a



pickup time, or email Justine at jfafara@walpoletownlibrary.org We will be calling individual patrons to schedule return times for materials they have at home. Please wait until we call you to return anything. There are lots of precautions to take, and we don't want to be inundated with returns. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we adapt to the ever changing guidelines.

Our wifi is available 24/7. Feel free to sit on the porch or at the picnic table to use it, just please make sure to maintain a 6-foot distance from other and wear a face covering if you can.

We will continue our virtual programming on Facebook and Youtube through June. Our digital resources such as Libby, Hoopla, Newsbank and more, are still available. If you need help with any of our resources please email Julie at jjrios@walpoletownlibrary.org or watch one of Julie's fabulous tutorials on our website at walpoletownlibrary.org/tutorials

– Justine Fafara

Walpole Unitarian

Walpole Unitarian Church Sunday Services

All are invited to join our Sunday worship services each week at 10:00 AM via ZOOM. We will continue ZOOM services through June, and re-evaluate for July based on the recommendations from the State of NH.

To join us on a Sunday, consult our website – www.walpoleunitarianchurch.com - for instructions on how to join in on your computer or other electronic device. The Sunday service topic and related information will be posted on the website by Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Please Note: There is no worship service on Sunday, June 7. We will hold our annual meeting on that date.

Fall Mountain Food Shelf Collection Point

Beginning June 1st, the Walpole Unitarian Church will provide a covered collection crate for the collection of non-perishable food or personal health and hygiene products for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. The collection crate will be located on the porch of the Hastings Memorial Parish House, 14 Union Street, Walpole. Donations will be collected and delivered to the food shelf on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Please be sure to secure the cover with the bungee cord once you have placed your donations inside. Thank you for your donations to assist our friends and neighbors in need!

– Wendy Harty



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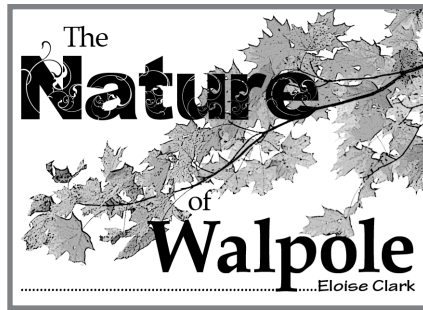
Here's a nature quiz for the month. What do all the following have in common: mud, sand, stones, sticks, twigs, pine needles, birch bark, grapevine bark, moss, grass, leaves, lichens, milkweed down, thistle down, horse hair, fur, insect cocoons, bird feathers, spider silk, wood chips, snakeskin, rootlets, oak catkins, cattail leaves and fluff, saliva, yarn, string and other manmade materials? If you've guessed 'bird-nesting materials,' you are correct!

June is a bonanza month for birds to nest because of the more abundant food supplies of insects. Each phase of an insect's life offers a protein packed meal for baby birds, especially yummy caterpillars that feed on tree foliage. Other foods include worms of course, berries, fruit, seeds, spiders, ticks, small mammals, small birds, fish, frogs, snakes and carrion.



Bird nests can range from marvels of engineering to a simple depression on the leafy forest floor. Apparently there's no right way to build a nest. As long as it provides enough structure for eggs to be held in a cup, parents can incubate the eggs. Protection from weather and predators are other considerations.

There's no preferred location, either. Birds build nests in every available habitat from forest floor to treetops, from gravelly ground to cliff ledges. While it may seem risky for a bird to nest on the ground, the nests are marvels of



camouflage. It's rare to recognize a wild turkey or ruffed grouse nest in the barely scratched leaves next to a fallen log. Killdeer lay speckled eggs in a depression surrounded by similarly marked stones, perhaps on a gravel bar or the edge of a parking lot! The ovenbird is named after the dome-shaped disguise it constructs over its nest in the dark woods.

Cavity nesters rely on dead or dying trees for the hollow spaces they provide. If you have one on your property and it is not a hazard, please do not cut it down to tidy up the yard or woodlot. Here's a list of birds who will thank you: chickadees, nuthatches, tufted titmice, tree swallows, brown creepers, bluebirds, smaller owls, wood ducks, winter wrens and all kinds of woodpeckers. Bank swallows and belted kingfishers create cavities in sandy banks along the Connecticut River.

Many songbirds take advantage of the forks of branches to attach their nests. The cardinal may use a bush in your



yard, while the northern oriole uses the precarious twigs at the tips of tall trees. Cupped nests are fascinating for the different materials they employ in their elaborate designs. Many of these will have rougher material as an outer layer such as grape vine bark, birch bark, leaves or twigs. The bird weaves a round shape with its beak assisted by its feet. Robins use wet mud to add strength. It's surprising how many smaller birds use sticky spider silk to help adhere materials. The hummingbird crafts its tiny nest with spider silk, camouflaged with lichen so it is barely visible as a bump on a branch. The chimney swift uses its sticky saliva to glue its tiny twig nest, hidden inside a chimney.



The inner cup is the cradle for the eggs and nestlings. It will be lined with softer materials such as pine needles, horsehair, fur, plant down, even the fuzz of a cinnamon fern!

If you are interested in learning more about these fascinating creations, *A Field Guide to Birds' Nests*, by Hal H. Harrison is full of color photos of nests. *A Field Guide to the NESTS, EGGS and NESTLINGS of North American BIRDS* by Colin Harrison has photos of eggs and detailed color illustrations of baby birds. The books complement one another well.

If you encounter an active bird nest, please do not disturb it. It's fun to watch the progress at a respectful distance. You'll soon have an exciting tale to tell.



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Summer Fun With Hooper Institute

After careful consideration, Becky Whippie, educator and I, Helen Dalbeck, Director of the Hooper Institute, have decided not to host traditional Hooper Institute style camps this summer. Instead will plan to offer our classic summer camp fun in treasured folders to be reserved and picked up at the Hooper Institute, brought home and shared with your family and perhaps some close friends! The activities will focus on our five subject areas: Botany, Environment, Farming, Forestry and Soils. We know it will be fun, make you happy and you will definitely learn a little (maybe a lot) along the way.

There will be versions of active adventures for older students and the opportunity to do some woodworking (see nest box below). Please know that even though the Hooper Institute is supported in part by an endowment, we have not been able to raise needed funds during this pandemic to support all of our programs. Please consider a generous donation in honor of the work we do here in Walpole, for everyone. We are a special place! Please register for all:

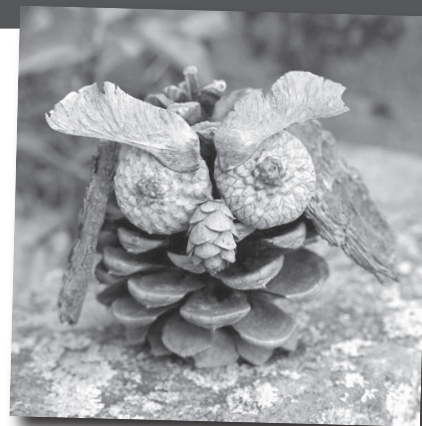
Eight Days: Hooper Camp At Home
For kids entering 1st through 4th grades, we are providing folders to be picked up at the Hooper Institute to take home that include some of the classic camp materials: crafts, activities, songs and more with links to a how-to videos with Mrs. Becky Whippie. You will provide: glue, paint, nature's materials, fresh dairy products and some simple tools. The 8 Camp themes will include: Do Moose Moo?, Sand & Gravel, Dairy Delights, Feathered Flyers, Woolly Friends, Still Waters, Web Builders and Timber Time. Pre-register with Helen Dalbeck. hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net by June 5. Donations accepted at pick-up.

For kids entering 5th through 8th grades, we present **Independent Adventure Camp**. We'll provide a pick-up at the Hooper Institute of four folders, each one including a local hike, natural history hand-outs, maps, a craft to be made at home and activities to do in the field. It will be just like we were there with you. Four days, four hikes, four crafts, four adventures, all independent but infused with classic Hooper Institute know-how and insight. Pre-register by emailing Helen Dalbeck. hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net by June 5. Donations accepted at pick-up.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

For woodworking, we will have for sale a take and make at home **Screech Owl Nest Box** kit, available first to 5th-8th grade campers, then open to all ages. Pre-registration is required, \$30/kit. Email Helen Dalbeck by June 5. hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net



For Walpole families, an invitation to come to the Hooper Institute, walk the trail; make stick shelters and fairy houses. **Shelterwood and Fairy Houses** Natural material will be supplied by the Hooper Institute woodlands. Bring other natural materials from home if you wish. Make sure to take all non-natural materials home with you each time you visit. We expect all to respect the work of others and observe their projects from a distance. Staff will curate but this activity is self-guided. We invite you to visit us anytime during the summer and if staff are there, stop in to say hello.

Thank you and our very best to all.
Happy summer!

– Helen Dalbeck

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The Interior Stadium

It's June, but the dugouts are empty. The base paths untrodden. No one is warming up in the bullpen, and don't even think about a seventh inning stretch. Thanks to Covid-19, the national pastime languishes...along with its fans. You can count me among them. I think it was baseball writer Roger Angell who coined the phrase "the interior stadium" — that place in every baseball fan's mind where games played or watched are forever replayable. My own, personal interior ballpark has ivy covered walls (closely resembling those of long-demolished Forbes Field) yet features moments from at least a dozen major league teams. There are, however, some non-major league moments that I was privileged to witness that I've revisited recently...and that I'd like to share.

Actually, it's a series of events – games – that were played in 2002. Our son was a senior at Fall Mountain, and one of several Walpole boys on a talented Wildcat baseball team. At the time, I worked in Keene, but would drive to Langdon to watch their home games. On Monday, April 22, Fall Mountain was matched against Souhegan. It did not go well. Souhegan scored often, while the Wildcats could only manage one run – fashioned from a walk, a stolen base, a fielder's choice and a sacrifice fly. No hits involved. Not just that inning, the whole game, which ended 8-1. A no-hitter. I'd never witnessed one before.

Fall Mountain's next game was away on Wednesday; don't remember where. I didn't attend. That Friday was another home game, this time against Newport. The Wildcat's starting pitcher was a freshman, Aaron LaPlante. It may have been his first start of the season (my interior stadium is sketchy on some things), but it did not matter. That day, Newport batters could not figure him out. They managed to push a run across without benefit of a hit, but LaPlante's teammates scored eight. Final score, 8-1. And Aaron could savor his no-hitter.

The following day, Saturday the 22nd, I was one of several parent chaperones who accompanied Walpole Elementary School 8th graders (including our daughter) to Fenway Park – at the time an annual occasion for the students. Our seats were deep in the left field corner.

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I had a splendid view of the Green Monster and a less-than-comprehensive view of the actual baseball game. The Sox were playing the Devil Rays. Derek Lowe took the mound for Boston and was even better than Aaron LaPlante. (Unless you're completely clueless or haven't been paying attention, you probably know where this is going.) Tampa managed nothing while Boston scored all afternoon. For a while the game had a chance to match the charmed 8-1 tally, but the final score was 10-0, and Lowe became the 16th Sox pitcher to achieve a no-hitter. A good time was had by all, unless you were a Devil Ray.

And I had just witnessed my third consecutive no-hit pitching effort; two with identical scores and one that came tantalizingly close. Before that week the closest I'd come to witnessing a no-hitter had been listening to the radio broadcast of Harvey Haddix's perfect 12 innings against Milwaukee in 1959 (11 years old, in bed, transistor radio pressed to ear). And now, three within six days! Had nothing to do with any of them – didn't contribute a thing other than my presence, but I'll replay them forever in my interior stadium.

– Jan Kobeski



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"Bo" Kiniry's Barn

At the corner of Elm Street and Pleasant Street sits the former home of Tom "Bo" and Elinor Kiniry. A large white house with many rooms, some for extended family. A private family. There was a large barn attached to the house in the way of many old farm houses. A risky set of stairs from the upstairs where "Bo" and Elinor lived that descended to a door that led to another door that led to the barn, all while staying inside away from the elements. When you entered the barn from the house, you walked into one of the living spaces for the cows. There were two rows of 20 or so stations, one for each cow. They faced each other. They were located there during milking in the spring, summer and early fall. From the late fall until the late spring they were inside under the constant care of "Bo" and his hired help.

When making a call to the farm, I would drive up to the small "U" shaped driveway on Pleasant Street where the entrance to the milk house was. Entering it I saw one end of the long "milk hose" sticking in the top of the stainless steel bulk tank where the milk was cooled and stored before being picked up by the milk truck. To find the other end of the milk hose, where I knew "Bo" was, I needed only to follow the hose and the sound of the vacuum pump, the machine that provided the milking units with the power to milk the cows. After washing my boots in the milk house and gathering the necessary equipment to accomplish my job, I followed the milk hose out the milk house and drew closer to the sound. Leaving the milk house I would turn right, walk behind some of the cows in the lower level, go out the door and immediately turn left which took me up a long ramp under a roof to the upper level where there was another barn, perpendicular to the barn below, and more cows, and "Bo".

"Bo" was a smart man. The radio was always on during milking and the news feed was constant. A Korean War veteran, "Bo" had a depth to him that enhanced his vocation. News, politics, sports and always the weather were topics he mastered. The cows, Holsteins, were also in two rows of stations but here they faced away from each other. They all had names. He said their name as he spoke to each one part of the ritual of getting her prepared to be milked. There were names like Sneakers and 34 West. Unique, affectionate and colorful.

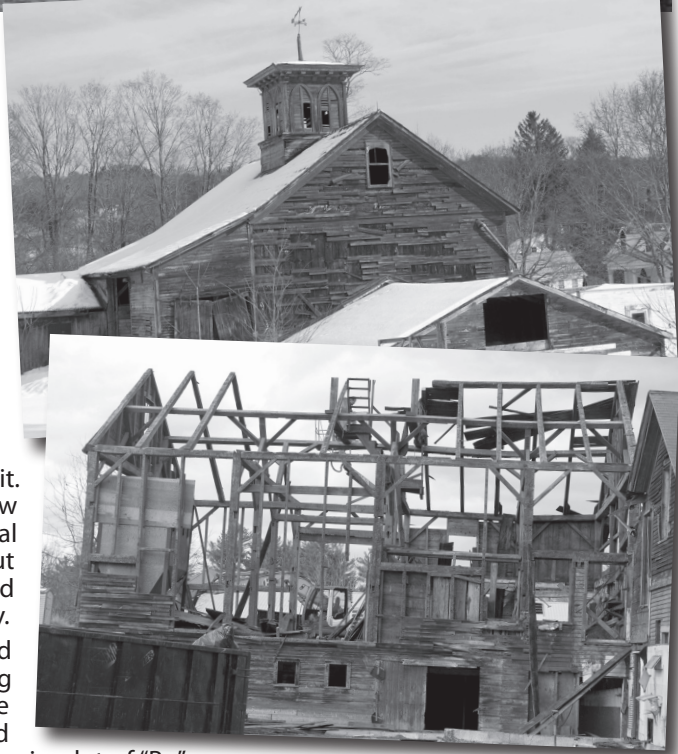
Milking cows with hand carried machines and a very long milk hose in a labor intense environment became increasingly inefficient. So was feeding them. So was cleaning out the manure



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behind them and giving them fresh bedding. It was a style that became unsustainable in a low profit margin business. But "Bo" cared for his cows and he did it as long as he could. He sold the entire herd. Except one. The one he kept he considered insurance against any future effort to prevent the farm from ever having dairy cows on it. I don't remember how long that last animal stayed on the farm, but it kept "Bo" moving and caring. "Bo" passed away.

These memories and many more keep coming back to me after I drove north on Elm Street and the barn was gone. There is a lot of "Bo" and those that worked for him, like me, in that barn less space. That space is priceless to those whose sweat and heart invested part of themselves. In its own way it is sacred. I hope and pray before



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we move on very far that there will be an acknowledgement of the life that was there.

– Charles P. Shaw, DVM

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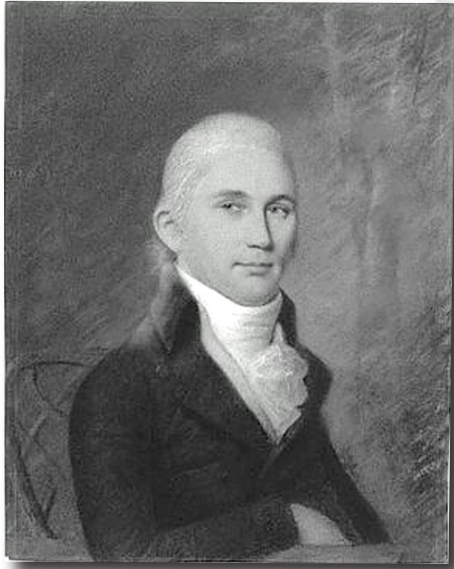


Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

... Walpole was known in the

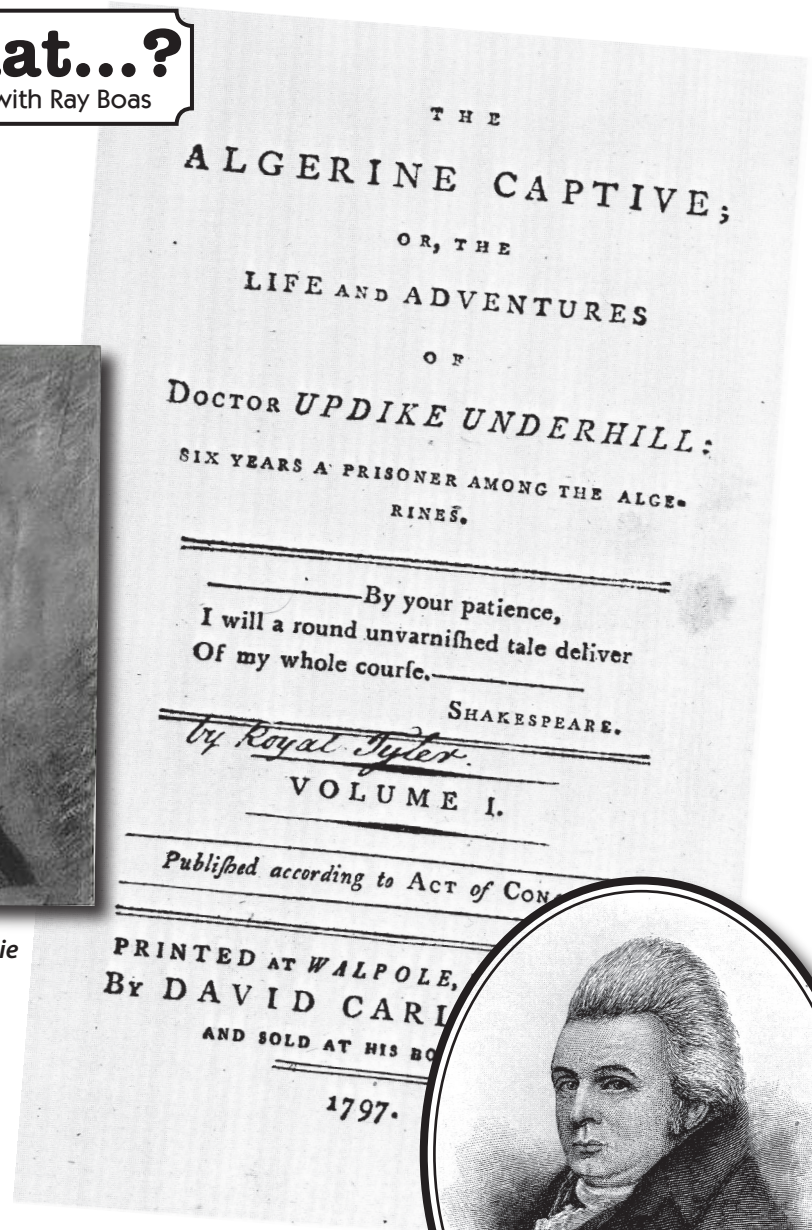
1790s and early 1800s for its literati, and its literary club was known affectionately as "The Walpole Wits?" This coterie of "wags and wits" were mainly Harvard graduates, in the legal profession, and aspiring writers. There were already three lawyers in town (population then 1,245) when Joseph Dennie (1768-1812) moved here in 1795 "under the pretense of practicing law," but more likely to be with his friend, Roger Vose. The "wits" met at Craft's Tavern on Main Street and, besides Dennie and Vose, included: Royall Tyler, Jeremiah Mason, Samuel Hunt, Thomas Green Fessenden (son of Parson Fessenden), and others.



Joseph Dennie

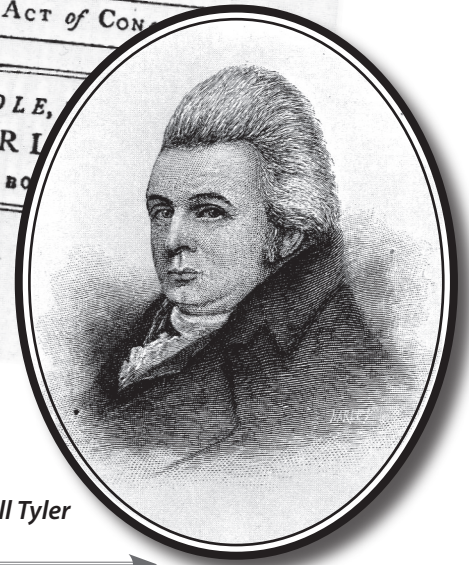
The *New Hampshire Journal and Farmer's Museum* began publication here April 11, 1793. Dennie began contributing essays to the *Museum* in late 1795. In the Spring of 1796, publisher Thomas Carlisle made arrangements with Dennie, giving him control of all but news and advertising. Beginning April 1st, Dennie was paid a salary for his editorship. Under his guidance (and ability in collecting the local literati), the paper quickly became the best and most popular newspaper in New England as far as literature and politics were concerned. Dennie's contributions included *Literary Intelligence*; political satires; and his series, *The Lay Preacher*, which brought Walpole's press to national attention. In 1799, Dennie moved to Philadelphia where he commenced publication of the *Port Folio*, a popular monthly journal.

A second notable "Walpole Wit" was Royall Tyler (1757-1826). Tyler settled in Guilford, Vermont, in 1791, moving later to Brattleboro. In 1807, he became Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, holding that position through 1813. As a writer, he is often considered one of the most significant figures in American literature following the Revolution. During this time period, newspaper contributors regularly adopted pseudonyms. Dennie and Tyler collaborated, writing *From the Shop of Messrs. Colon and Spondee*, for the *Museum*.



Tyler is best remembered for his *The Contrast, A Comedy; in Five Acts* (1787) and *The Algerine Captive, or The Life and Adventures of Dr. Updike Underhill: Six Years a Prisoner among the Algerines* (1799). *The Contrast* is the first commercially successful play written by an American.

Royall Tyler



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Also significant, if not more so, his *The Algerine Captive*, first published by David Carlisle on the same Walpole presses that printed the Museum, is one of the first American novels, and the first American novel to be republished in England (some sources say 'one of the first,' and others, 'the second').

By 1797, Dennie's and Tyler's words on the *Farmer's Museum's* coarse-laid paper of four pages reached over 2,000 subscribers throughout the infant country. This circulation was far greater than any other village paper in the United States. To understand the use of the word "museum" in the title, one must consider the development of a word's meaning and the context of the times. Walpole's newspaper, was not a newspaper as we think of them today, but instead a collection of literary curiosities. Other papers at the time also used the term museum in their banners. Further confirming this usage, when Isaiah and Alexander Thomas wrote to George Washington, October 24, 1798, they offered him a subscription to Walpole's *Museum* – a "...specimen of literary and miscellaneous..." Washington replied that it was not his custom to accept presents, but asked "...to know the terms of subscription, and to whom I shall make payment."

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- Ben Hoy

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According to Mrs. Landry's statement, "We truly believe that this is in the best interest of the Walpole School Community, and we are looking forward to the year ahead." Mr. Jacobs agrees.

"Justin (Cassarino) is a great example of a strong leader within our school and community, and he has the desire to be an administrator," said Mr. Jacobs. "This is a wonderful opportunity for me to finish my career mentoring."

"Walpole is an incredible community that is so supportive of local education and always wants what's best for its students. I have had the privilege of teaching in this community for 10 years. My family moved here because we believe Walpole and the Fall Mountain district offers unique opportunities for our children's learning and growing," said Cassarino. "I am honored to continue to be a part of something this great. I am grateful for the years of guidance and professional support I received from Mr. Jacobs the last 10 years, and I am humbled that he is willing to continue to mentor me in this next chapter."

— Jake Gagnon



From left: Justin Cassarino, Jake Gagnon, Sam Jacobs.

The Coronavirus...

Students' Points of View

The very first thing that I thought when school was cancelled was, "Why is the Coronavirus affecting our lives more than the flu or any other disease?" In my research, this is what I found:

"While many people globally have built up immunity to seasonal flu strains, COVID-19 is a new virus to which no one has immunity. That means more people are susceptible to infection, and some will suffer severe disease. Globally, about 3.4% of reported COVID-19 cases have died. By comparison, seasonal flu generally kills far fewer than 1% of those infected."

So, this basically means that since the Coronavirus is a new disease, people haven't built up immunity to it yet, but for other diseases like the flu, they have since it has been around for longer. So for the Coronavirus, the death toll is higher.

Now for the student's point of view. I've asked some of my friends a couple of questions while I was on video chats and here is what they said.

How is quarantine going?

"Being quarantined is the best experience of my life. I really like hanging out with my pets," said 6th grader Emily Heddon.

Classmate Riley Beckweth said: "I am sick of my house. I want to go back to school and hang out with my friends."

Do you miss going places?

"I miss going to my Grandma's house and sometimes school too," said Emily. I agreed. I miss going everywhere!

Do you Facetime and call people very often?

Everyone agreed that they had to communicate with friends, cousins, and grandparents.

What does the COVID-19 mean to you?

"The Coronavirus is deathly, powerful and sad," said classmate Kaiya Roberts.

I definitely agree with all of them. I miss all my friends and teachers at school.

— Bridget Bascom, (Grade 6)



The **Clarion** wishes to thank all the WES students who contributed to these pages throughout the 2019 - 2020 school year – with all the unique and ongoing challenges that entailed.

To the graduating 8th Graders, congratulations, and keep writing.

To the 6th & 7th Graders, see you in the Fall, hopefully in a classroom.

8th Grade: Ben Tetu, Emma Soohoo (Photographer), Malesa Seavey, Sydney Palmiotto, Jade Nadeau, Patrick Manning, Etta Bea Harrison, Ian Gould, Camden Fuller, Ben Frithsen, Morrigan Farnum, Cameron Clark

7th Grade: Francis Aldrich, Emmaline Cook

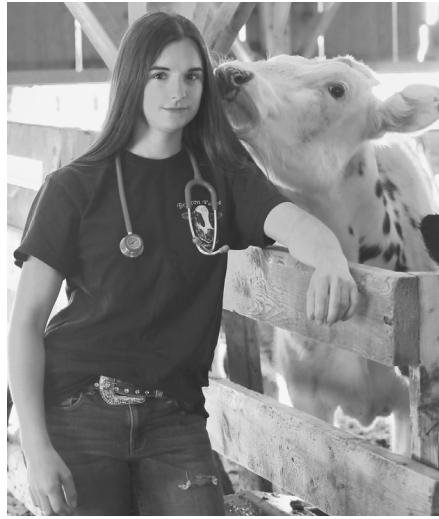
6th Grade: Bridget Bascom, Riley Beckwith, Jordan Brooks, Kelsey Fillion, Lauren Gould, Siera King, Evan Parker, Kaiya Roberts, Maggie Struthers, Owen Tetu, Winter Wise

A Shooting Star

On March 27, 1998, a blinding shooting star was born to Josie and Larry Britton, the fourth generation of farmers in Walpole, NH. The star named Emily Britton grew up on the farm with the heart of an angel, the intelligence of a genius, and the work ethic of a true farmer. She is one of a kind and Walpole has the honor to say, "Emily grew up here."

Emily's first memories were her dad and grandfather pushing her around in a grain cart at the age of two. By the time she was five her career was set in stone as she told her father in the barn while milking cows, "I want to be a doctor of Veterinary Medicine." As a stellar academic student at Fall Mountain Regional High School, winning many achievements and scholarships, Emily went on to graduate this year from the University of Mass, Amherst, with a Bachelor of Science degree. Having received top honors, Emily was immediately accepted to Oklahoma State University to finish her education and become a Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine.

In Emily's words, "An essential characteristic of any veterinarian is the ability to calmly make decisions while problem-solving stressful situations. This approach ensures that critical thinking is always paramount and helps to prioritize a situation, remember the basics, consider



the differentials, and then implement a plan. Staying calm and critically thinking through tough moments ensures that you will not let the intensity of the situation or emotions result in words, behaviors, or actions that could end in disaster for the animal or owner. Staying calm allows you to use the clues the animal is providing to take action and also allows you to assess the environment and hear the history without jumping to conclusions. Stressful situations do not always have to directly involve the animal itself; they could manifest as a difficult colleague, a grieving owner, or an angry farmer. As a vet, it is important

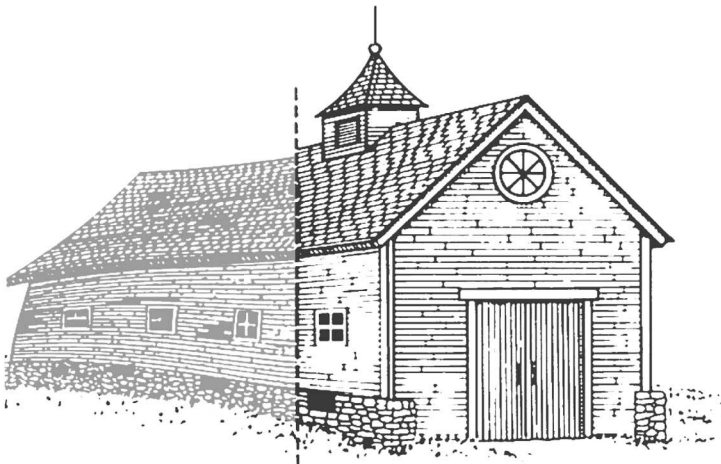
to always be a role model and to stay as professional as possible. Staying calm and objective is an important characteristic in a vet because it establishes a pattern of professionalism, and ultimately a good reputation.

"Once during a lightning storm, I rescued a cow tangled in barbed wire and fence posts. It was the kind of weather that snapped trees like twigs. My fingers flew, my teeth gritted, and my arms were gentle but strong- I worked on her by myself but couldn't get her free. I raced back to the barn and demanded my exhausted father help. I already had a plan, I just needed manpower. The entire time, I thought I was going to die seared by lightning bolts connecting to the wire cutters in my hands. My father congratulated me on the way I handled myself once she was finally free. It was a feeling of pride, accomplishment, and satisfaction knowing that I had saved a life under difficult circumstances. Remaining calm is a strength for me, and I am grateful I have chosen a career path where this characteristic will be challenged and hopefully perfected every day."

Emily has the intelligence, passion, motivation, dedication, and love to make this world a better place - not only for humans but, more importantly, for all the creatures on this planet.

— Harvey Edwards

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Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

Selectboard Meeting – April 30. Mrs. Pschirrer said the Selectboard is pleased to have Mr. Justin Cassarino as the new Assistant Principal of the Walpole School. Ms. Landry advised that Mr. Sam Jacobs will be back with us to mentor and provide guidance for next year. It will be a good working relationship for everyone.

Fall Mountain Region School District: Mrs. Pschirrer announced that Ms. Lori Landry, Superintendent of SAU 60 Fall Mountain Regional School District, is present to discuss the district and CARES funding. Ms. Landry thanked the Selectboard for giving her the opportunity to provide an update on the FMRSD for the community. She met recently with the FMRSD Board and, after a lengthy discussion, the Board made the decision that their last school day will be Friday, June 5th, 2020. Notices were sent home to parents yesterday. Teachers will continue to work until Wednesday, June 17th. During this time they will hold different types of professional development and have closure for the year. Remote learning is different. With this closure, they can put an end to this year and look forward to the next year. They are planning for the fall and what school will look like. All the teachers have done a wonderful job. They worked together and made remote learning successful. There are a lot of unanswered questions but they are having those conversations now.

Hooper Trustees Meeting – May 7. Hooper Institute Board: Mr. Dalessio advised that the financial position in their bank account is good. Friends of the Hooper will be putting out a newsletter that will include a section for fundraising. Mrs. Dalbeck and Mr. Dalessio are working on the owl house project as a fundraiser. Mrs. Dalbeck is starting to evaluate what can be done to make the building usable year round. Members will be doing trail work, with Holly Gowdy marking trails.

Selectboard Meeting – May 7. Tax Collector's Warrant: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Tax Collector's Warrant in the amount of \$5,786,581 for the first tax bill of 2020.

Burdick's and Spencer's Place Outside Seating Requests: A diagram was submitted by Mr. Tom Goins for Burdick's seeking authorization to place a 16'x32' tent in their parking lot at 47 Main Street to accommodate outdoor seating. This tent is no larger than the space currently allocated for automobile parking. The tent will be centered in front of the restaurant taking up four parking spaces. The Town will have to waive the Liquor Container Ordinance. Mr. Dalessio moved to accept Burdick's tent plan for outside seating and to waive the Open Container requirements.

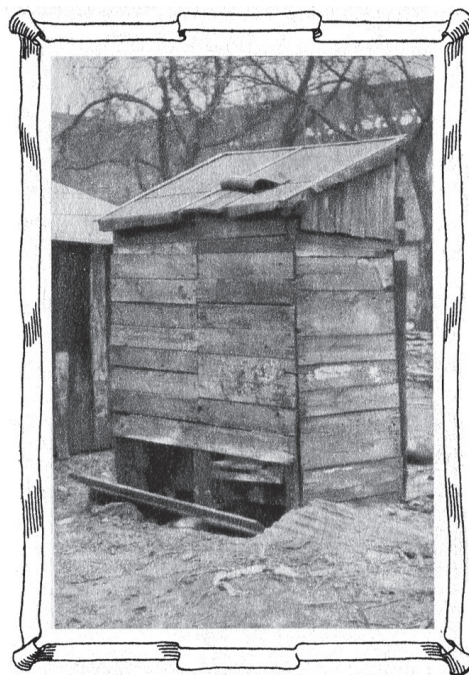
Spencer's Place: Mrs. Pschirrer explained that Spencer's Place has made a request to put tables in front of the restaurant on the sidewalk plus along the side of the building where their handicapped ramp is for outside seating. Mr. Dalessio moved to table the Spencer's Place request until more information is received about the seating arrangement. The motion was approved.

Front Line Responders Stipend: Mrs. Pschirrer advised that they heard the Order from the Governor about Front Line Responders Stipends. Full-time responders would get \$300 and part-time responders would get \$150 per week. The Town is to supply the State with all the names of Front Line Responders we have. In the Town's Police Department, there are people who work for us and other towns part-time. This is effective the day it was announced (May 4th) and it is good for eight (8) weeks.

Cloth Masks and Recycling Center: The Selectboard discussed the fact that masks are required at the Recycling Center. However, some people have chosen not to wear them. All staff members are wearing them. The staff wants masks to be worn because it is difficult to always maintain social distancing at the Recycling Center.

More TP Solutions

(Editor's Note: I recently purchased a small catalogue, titled Gems of American Architecture, published in Keene in 1935 by The L. A. Vitorie Company. On its pages are over twenty suitable structures, but The Eureka (Order Number 66 P 5000 - \$41.50) seems most suitable for Walpole's terrain. Following is the catalogue copy)



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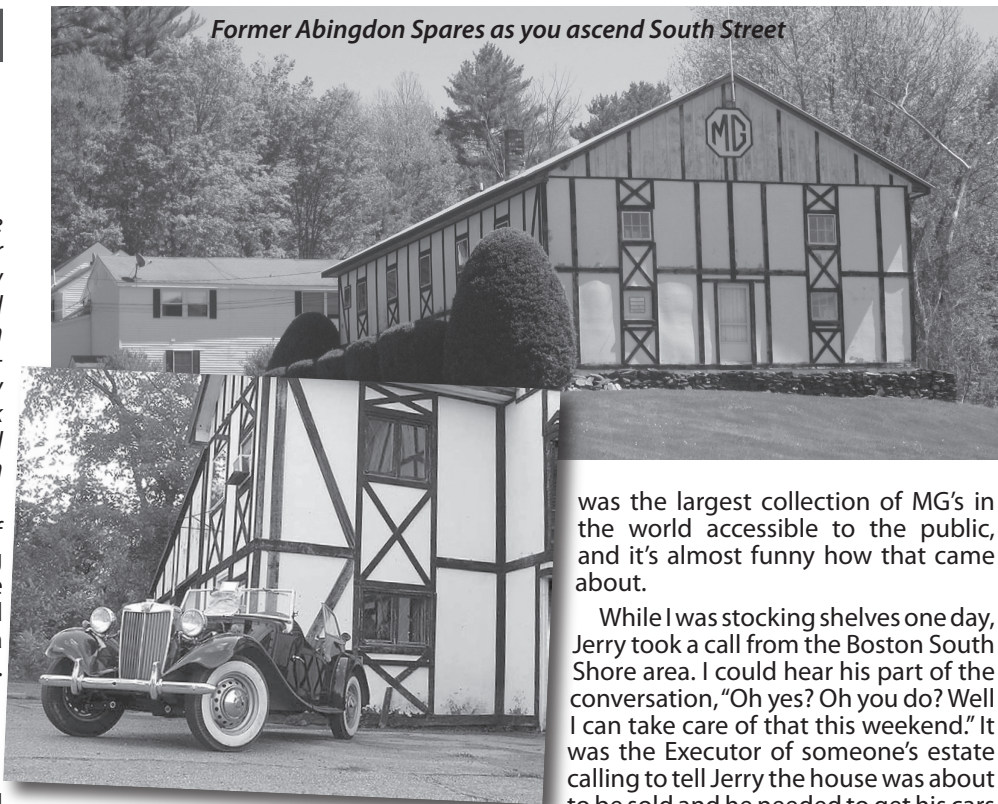
(Editor's note: With this article, the hope is to satisfy your curiosity about another Walpole icon you may pass every day without thinking about. Author, David Clark, owner of Sports Car Services in Westminster West, Vermont, from 1987-2015, and raconteur with an extraordinary memory, took care of my ladies, Black Beauty and Blue Belle until his professional retirement. Adapted, this is reprinted with his kind permission.)

In my feckless youth, the occurrence of an early marriage, followed not too long after by the birth of my first child, led to the need to generate an income which could be derived from within my skillset as a journeyman carpenter and housepainter. It was while prospecting for work in 1980 that I happened to go knocking on Woody Boynton's door at the antique shop on River Road at the junction with South Street in Walpole. Woody's house needed paint badly. I was redirected by his wife to the old Hubbard Farms building (soon to house Abingdon Spares as it turned out), where some sort of renovation project was going on, because Woody was busy down there pounding nails, Woody's response was a pretty direct, "Bah ! I'm gonna put vinyl siding on it." On my way out the door I noticed a wooden board with the words "Abingdon Spares" stenciled on it, to which I remarked, "Someone around here must like MGs." Woody told me that person was Jerry Goguen. Jerry, who founded Abingdon Spares on his kitchen table in Needham, Massachusetts, had moved his MG supply house here. I was hired.

If you've ever been to Walpole, then you know that the Abingdon Spares building could be described as a Mock Tudor. It's one of Hubbard Farms' old chicken houses and quite interesting, actually. The white siding is exterior grade homosote that we rolled the paint on first, and the battens holding it up are dismantled packing crates, which the rough pine board inside the building had once been a part of. At the peak of the roof on the west end, visible from NH Route 12, is a PVC pipe flagpole topped by a toilet tank float, both from North Walpole Supply.

Much later I was to find out that it was Russian, not English, pine, and it was a profit center for the shipper who was billing time and materials for construction well into an era when other freight expeditors were piling cardboard shipping cartons on pallets and plastic wrapping them. No matter, ultimately it was cheap building material and much

Former Abingdon Spares as you ascend South Street



was the largest collection of MG's in the world accessible to the public, and it's almost funny how that came about.

While I was stocking shelves one day, Jerry took a call from the Boston South Shore area. I could hear his part of the conversation, "Oh yes? Oh you do? Well I can take care of that this weekend." It was the Executor of someone's estate calling to tell Jerry the house was about to be sold and he needed to get his cars out of the garage. Jerry had MGs stashed all over Massachusetts and Rhode Island and who knows where else. He had quite literally forgotten where two of them were. The result - He decided to build a car museum and get everything in one place.

of Abingdon Spares was constructed from it, including the attached garage, for which we caught Holy Hell from Jerry, when we finished sheaving the roof on a day he was out of town and we'd gone out and bought local rough cut for 13 cents a board foot.

If you never met Jerry it's interesting to know that his day job before he retired was actually a night job as a trumpet player in the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and he retired to Walpole to pursue another of his three passions, skiing. An Olympic caliber athlete in his youth, later on Jerry would also work as a ski instructor at Stratton Mountain. And of course even if you never met him you already know his third passion, MGs. Jerry had 'em all, and later on they ended up in Westminster for a while. At that time, back before the British Motor Heritage Museum was opened in Gaydon, Jerry's

Actually, what he did was to renovate Frank Arena's cattle auction barn which was directly across the Connecticut River in Vermont. Perhaps you visited there, most likely on Columbus Day Weekend when he ran his "Westminster Autojumble", which was really a low key, but well attended, car show, mostly featuring the cheap and cheerful MGs, Triumphs and Austin Healeys of the region, with perhaps a few Jaguars and Morgans and their ilk mixed in.

—David Clark

(Final Note: Abingdon Spares relocated to Deep River, Connecticut in 2015)

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Observations by William Moses

Was at the local gas station/convenience store and noticed some old dude sitting on a big rock in the far corner of the parking lot. He looks depressed, so I decided to approach him, of course keeping the socially acceptable distance, thinking I might offer him some comforting advice and a cup of coffee. As I got near him, he lifted his head and I realized that it was my friend, Elwud.

"Well sir, I am socially distancing myself from Velma. We had words again this morning when I tried to get in the house to get some coffee. I decided I needed to distance myself."

"Well sir, Velma has been listening to the President and Governor continuously for the past two months and they have convinced her that if she gets too close to anyone, including me, she will get this Corona stuff. So she gave me an old sleeping bag and sent me out of the house until this stuff gets cleared up."

"Well sir, you know that fancy house I built for the two coon hounds out back?"

I smiled, waved, climbed into my pickup and headed home.

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December 10, 1929 - April 26, 2020

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Inspiration for my words here usually come on the final review of the **Clarion** files before printing. This month was different, inspiration came early, actually a big *Thank You*. A thank you to **Clarion** advertisers, and **Clarion** readers.

What triggered the inspiration was the notice in the May 6 issue of *The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*, that we all get in the mail. It should be no surprise to you that print media has been struggling for years. Many newspapers have folded with the advent of social media and the internet. Covid-19 has not helped. There are no events to advertise or sales to announce. The Shopper's number of pages reduced dramatically. The ads were gone, and also the revenue to support that paper. They asked for donations from readers.

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– Ray Boas, Publisher



FROM THE CLARION...

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

One Year Ago (June, 2019) - A retirement reception for Eloise Clark [was] held Sunday, June 23 at the Hooper Institute on Prospect Hill Road. A large crowd helped celebrate Eloise's 42 year tenure as Director of the Hooper Institute.

Three Years Ago (June, 2017) - Ernie and Susan Vose worked with the Monadnock Conservancy to protect their farmland. They love this land and have been caring for it for nearly half their lives. While the Voses are unsure of what will happen to the farm in the long-term future, they are sure of one thing: it will continue to be farmland.

Five Years Ago (June, 2015) - Ernie and Susan Vose worked with the Monadnock Conservancy to protect their farmland. They love this land and have been caring for it for nearly half their lives. While the Voses are unsure of what will happen to the farm in the long-term future, they are sure of one thing: it will continue to be farmland.

Seven Years Ago (June, 2013) - Chuck and Sue Bingaman shared their decision to move to California. What would happen with Chuck's blog *The Walpolean*. With more than 300 subscribers, this internet site has kept the townspeople informed. Lil DeCoste was concerned. "Will we lose 'The Walpolean'?" Chuck approached her asking if she would consider taking it over. And, we still have *The Walpolean*. (Editors's note: Sign up to receive almost daily local news).

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