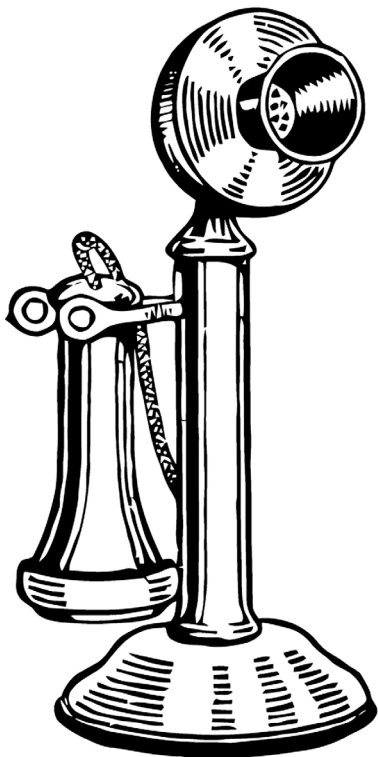


## Now into Fall



### Area Code 603 Required

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(instead of simply 7 digits)  
begins October 24.

"988" became the National  
Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
in July 2022.

The "988" number also happens  
to be a local exchange  
in many states, including  
New Hampshire,  
thus making 10-digit dialing  
mandatory after October 24.

### From Peggy's Desk

As I sit down to write we are still waiting for a disaster declaration for July 29. The Governor has declared July 17-19's storm a disaster and asked the President for federal help. We expect the Governor to soon have all the damage reports and ask for federal help for the July 29-30 storm. FEMA and Homeland Security personnel spent two days in Walpole visiting all the roads and bridges damaged July 29-30. They walked down washed out embankments, took pictures, asked questions and answered numerous questions asked by Mark Houghton, Steve Dalessio, Mike Rau and me. Many residents also stopped to ask questions and comment on the damage caused by increasingly damaging storms. What used to be called 100 year or 50 year storms seem to be five year storms. Private property owners were urged to call 211 to request help. We will apply for mitigation funds from FEMA as soon as the declaration allows us to. In the meantime, by the time you read this we will have held a public meeting to ask your permission to use unassigned fund balance money to do our emergency repairs.

The Brownfield site is undergoing multiple tests to determine where the contaminated soil will be delivered. The gaping holes were quickly filled to avoid filling with water from a recent storm. As projected there will be lags between work days, but we are definitely on schedule.

And Elm Street is on its way to being finished after delays in gravel production. We will once again be able to park in front of Town Hall. Thank you to all the crews who worked on the street over the summer.



### Seeking Oldest Resident

Walpole again is seeking to find its oldest resident to be the recipient of the honor as "holder" of the Boston Cane. Mary Shaughnessy, at the age of 100, accepted that honor in August, but sadly passed prior to being officially recognized at a ceremony. Mary followed Charmian Trundle who held the honor from November 2016 until early January, 2021. She was just shy of her 104th birthday.

The cane has been a New England tradition since 1909, when The Boston Post first presented the gold-topped cane for this purpose. In August 1909, Edwin A. Grozier (Editor and Publisher of The Boston Post) sent 700 letters to Selectboards in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In a fascinating publicity move, he asked if they would be trustees of one of the 700 ebony, gold-topped canes he recently had made. Grozier stipulated the canes were to be given to the oldest citizen in the town. Upon that person's death, the cane would return to the town to be presented to the "new" oldest citizen.

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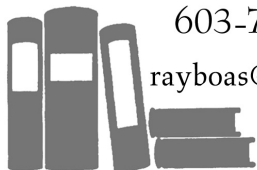
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## Women of Walpole

With the increase in Covid cases, the Women of Walpole are sorry to announce that we will not resume in person meetings during the Fall and Winter. We had hoped to resume monthly meetings indoors, but many voiced concerns about meeting in person. Instead we will wait until Spring to hopefully resume. By then, we hope to have more time to plan and perhaps get more volunteers to help.

WOW is still busy in our community. Several members helped peel vegetables for the annual Horse Thieves dinner on September 16. On July 11, WOW thanked Walpole's essential workers with free soft drinks at the SBW concert on the Common. Despite the rain, the Keene American Legion Band set up inside Town Hall and we served a modest crowd. In June and July, our banner hung in front of the Walpole Grocery thanking all the first responders, teachers, medical personnel, school personnel, librarians, bankers, and many others who dedicated themselves to serving the community through the pandemic. Looks like they will again be much needed.

The Nancy Shepard Garden has been created and maintained throughout the summer. It is nice to see lovely plantings on Middle Street.

Going forward, even though we won't be meeting, WOW will be continuing our donations to worthy causes around Walpole. We recently donated to the Hooper Institute and to Kurn Hattin. Suggestions are welcome on causes needing help in Walpole. Please contact Susan Howard at 603-762-8119.

Anyone interested in Women of Walpole should feel free to contact Susan Johnson at 603-756-3330 or [pete\\_sue-johnson@verizon.net](mailto:pete_sue-johnson@verizon.net).

— Susan Johnson, Loribeth Robare  
& Susan Howard

## North Walpole News

Summer has come to a close but there are still a lot of beautiful, colorful flowers to see at the park. We are thrilled that our dream of landscaping the north side has come to fruition thanks to our kind and generous donors. Maple Hill Nursery began work September 21.

We will be having a community pot luck on Saturday, October 2 at 11:00 am. All are welcome to come, bring a dish to share if you would like and join in the fun and games (volleyball, bocce, cornhole).

On Friday, October 15, the park will host an outdoor movie night, beginning at 6:00 PM. We will be showing the movie *Coco*. Dress warmly and bring your favorite blanket/pillow.

Lastly, we will be doing the scarecrow exhibition on the fence facing Main Street again this year. Bring your scarecrow to the park any time after October 1st. Please secure your scarecrow to the fence using zip ties only. The kids loved looking at them on their way to and from school, so let's see if we can fill the fence. All residents of Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville are welcome to participate. Scarecrows must be removed by November 6th.

— Diane Harty

## Grange Harvest Dinner

The Annual Walpole Grange Harvest Dinner is October 9 at the First Congregational Church. A Full turkey dinner, with dressing, mash potatoes, gravy, veggie, squash, rolls and apple crisp for dessert. All this for \$12.00. Tickets may be purchased at Galloways.

Take out only with pick up between 4:30 and 6PM. For further information or questions, please email Adam Terrell at [c.ssquirrl@gmail.com](mailto:c.ssquirrl@gmail.com)

— Adam Terrell

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*The Riders (Left to Right): Jerry Galloway, Ed Reardon, Jr., Bob Rhodes, Sheldon Sawyer, Jim Johnson, Dave Ramsey, Lewis McMahon & John Burrows*

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## Horse Thieves Banquet

On Thursday, September 16, about 107 members and guests of the Walpole Horse Thieves gathered at the Alyson's Orchard banquet facility for the first Horse Thieves banquet in three years. This was a special event because our 2020 banquet was postponed twice and then cancelled due to COVID, and questions were raised only a few days before this banquet about whether we should proceed due to the rising number of COVID cases. However, after careful consideration and implementation of many precautions to minimize risk, the banquet was held.

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One highlight of this year's banquet was the attendance of eight of our 12 "Riders." The 12 Riders are the Horse Thieves members who have the most seniority –those who joined the earliest. These members are listed prominently on our poster and have been honored at every banquet for many years. Our most senior Rider is Bill Fletcher, who joined the Horse Thieves in 1959. Although Bill was unable to attend, he sent his regrets and best wishes for the banquet. However, eight of the junior Riders were present, including our most recent Rider, Jerry Galloway. Clerk Lewis LaClair read the names of all 12 Riders in order of seniority. Accompanying this article is a picture of the eight riders receiving a rousing round of applause.

Again this year the banquet food was excellent and was served by the Pinnacleview 4-H Club. The young men and women were everywhere, carrying platters of food, refilling beverages, clearing the tables after the meal, and they did a fabulous job! The Club leaders kept the young people organized, and are largely responsible for the banquet going so smoothly, and we thank them. The Horse Thieves gave a large donation to the 4-H club as a token of our sincere thanks. We also donated all of the surplus food to Our Place in Bellows Falls and the Fall Mountain Food Shelf in Langdon.

After the dinner, we were treated to a humorous talk by Steve Taylor, former Ag Commissioner for the State of NH, who talked about the changes in the Connecticut River Valley during his lifetime of 82 years. Steve lives in Plainfield, NH, another farming community just north of Claremont, which shares many similarities with Walpole.

Another highlight of the evening was the distribution of the 2021 Horse Thieves posters. The Horse Thieves poster lists all

members in the order that they joined the society; we added more members in 2020 than in any year the present officers can remember so our poster was especially full, and all prior members had moved up in seniority. If you were not present at the banquet, you may pick up a copy of the poster at Galloway Real Estate, or by contacting Chas Street or Lewis LaClair (756-0001, or LLaclair@advancedrisk.com).

There is an enormous amount of work and planning involved in a successful banquet, and the Horse Thieves thank the officers and Committee for their hard work. President David Westover and Vice President Chas Street worked tirelessly to make this a success while also managing the event safely during the ebbing and waning of our long-running COVID pandemic.

The next Horse Thieves event is our annual meeting on Saturday evening, January 15, 2022. We'll provide details on the location and time in a future Clarion article. We look forward to seeing you then.


– Lewis LaClair

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## First Congregational

Sunday worship is held each week at 10:00 AM at the First Congregational Church, 15 Washington Street, Walpole. Worship in-person and indoors has resumed. We continue to require masks in the building and social distancing until further notice out of an abundance of caution. We continue to make the sanctuary worship service on Zoom.

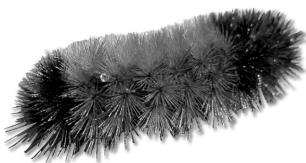
Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome at the table. We currently use Covid-safe, sealed communion elements. Our practice on Zoom has been for worshippers on the internet to take part using their own bread and cup.

Bible Study meets every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, led by Pastor Richard Malmberg. We are currently studying the book of 1 Samuel.

On Sunday, October 3, 3:00 to 4:30 PM, the church will host a Blessing of the Animals on Walpole Common, across from the church. All animals must be on leash or in a carrier. Rain Date: October 17.

Join First Congregational Church of Walpole Worship and Study on Zoom using the following link: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/87236977806?pwd=YkxyK2FwY1oyTCT5cXYzREZwL1lxdz09>. The Zoom link can also be found on our website, [www.walpolenhucc.org](http://www.walpolenhucc.org), as well as on the church's Facebook page.

– Richard Malmberg



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Originally, the senior Grozier's intent was that only the oldest male was eligible to receive and use the walking stick, but in the 1930s his son, Richard, extended the eligibility to women. Walpole received one of the original letters.

In the past 112 years a good number of New Hampshire's canes have gone missing. Walpole fortunately still has its original Boston Post Cane. To negate a possible misplacement, as has happened elsewhere in New Hampshire, Walpole's cane is now maintained on display in the Town Hall following recognition of our oldest citizen and presentation of a certificate.

The search begins again to continue the tradition here in Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville. If you are possibly one of the oldest residents, or know of someone who could be, please contact the Selectmen's office at 756-3672, or by email to [sdowning@walpolenh.us](mailto:sdowning@walpolenh.us). The deadline is October 15.

– Ray Boas

## Blessing of the Animals

The First Congregational Church of Walpole will hold a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 3, at 3:00 PM on the Common. The Reverend Richard Malmberg is looking forward to giving a blessing to all our four legged children, friends, companions and pets. So bring your cats, dogs, horses, cows and any other animal you may have.

Please have your dogs leashed and cats leashed or in a carrier. We are looking forward to seeing you there with your animals - large or small.

The rain date will be Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 PM.

– Minna Good

# 2021



## Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Day

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## Walpole Common

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We are wrapping up site work around Walpole Recycling as the new concrete pad has been poured and our spare trash trailer pulled into position. It will be very satisfying the day we come close to overflowing the dumpster and we can switch the empty/full trailer with ease on the new concrete pad. I've already WD-40'd the trash trailer wheels in earnest preparation for the switch - it's going to be a bit like an early Christmas gift at Walpole Recycling!

Thank you so much to Walpole resident Eric Merklein for putting together an informative Walpole video on our plastic recycling program. Our employees and several volunteers made cameos in our video, exemplifying the process and procedure of plastic recycling at Walpole recycling. Please check out the video on the right front side of the Clarion website. The video has also been posted to YouTube and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) website.

Thank you for the positive support that we have received from those attending Walpole Recycling and the Reuse Center. Our volunteers help make Walpole Recycling a great place to do your recycling/reusing. Please thank a volunteer the next time you recycle! Keep recycling, Walpole!

- Ben Hoy



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*Work on the Brownfield Project continues.*



*Click this graphic on the CLARION Website home page*

## Community Power Committee

The state of NH in 2019 enacted a law - SB 53 - that allows Communities to buy power in a way that will increase competition and provide more choice. In Walpole, the Select Board formed the Walpole Community Power Committee, and tasked it with determining whether the residents of Walpole could benefit from the opportunity presented by this legislation, and, if so, how best to go about making that happen.

SB 53 also allows Communities to aggregate their purchasing power with other NH communities, thus providing

more purchasing power and more savings.

You may have seen articles about other towns that are forming energy committees - Harrisville, Dublin, Keene, Lebanon, Hanover, Nashua and Exeter are a few.

If you are interested in learning more and having a voice in shaping how Walpole could take advantage of this opportunity, please attend an informational meeting on October 13 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

- Paul Looney



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The Walpole Community Power Committee will hold a public meeting October 13 in Town Hall at 6:30 PM to discuss the power project, its goals and proposed plan for the future purchase of electric power. The Committee has also put a survey on the Town's website and urges everyone to fill it out. Your input is important.

Budget season has begun in Walpole. The Selectboard met all day September 10 for our initial budget work. We will continue to massage this budget to reflect the needs of our community before we present it in a public meeting in February for your adoption in March 2022. This has been a challenging year with storm damage, COVID, shortage of available labor to repair and paint town hall or fix our concrete entry. Perhaps we will catch up in 2022.

Enjoy Walpole's beautiful fall, wear masks in public places and meetings, and stay well. I am enjoying a brief holiday visiting friends in Tulsa, OK, with a planned visit to the Crystal Bridges Museum in Arkansas.

— Peggy Pschirrer

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### 78 Main Street Pocket Park

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The Park originated with Robert Hubbard and represents his vision. The property is owned by the Town of Walpole and maintained by the Walpole Foundation. Should you want to park near the park, Robin Sanctuary of Traditions Real Estate has volunteered the back part of her parking lot for people to use while visiting the park. Before snow flies, be sure to take the time to discover a Walpole hidden treasure.

– Bert Wiemers

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## The Walpole Players

Continuing their summer outdoor performances on the Walpole Town Common, the Walpole Players entertained the community with a staged reading of *Jeeves Takes a Bow*, another Jeeves and Wooster comedy adapted from the stories of P.G. Wodehouse by Margaret Raether. The cast, headed by Mike Delaney as the immutable English valet Jeeves, and Tom Durnford as his soft-headed but good-hearted employer Bertie Wooster, entertained the audience with aplomb (in the case of Jeeves) and confusion (in the case of Bertie) as Bertie enters into New York City life . . . during Prohibition.

Bertie's friend Binky (played by Rebecca Saunders), newly appointed to the British diplomatic corps, has failed to report to duty in Washington, DC, because of his romantic infatuation with Broadway starlet Ruby LeRoy (Meg Kupiec). His entrance immediately sets the stage for chaos and confusion since, prior to Bertie's arrival, Binky has been hiding out in the Big Apple and masquerading as Bertie for several months. To further complicate matters, the ever-efficient busybody and spinster Vivienne Duckworth (Juliana Stevens) arrives on Bertie's doorstep announcing her intention of marrying Bertie solely to save him from himself until she meets Knuckles McCann (played by newcomer Eben Watson), a New York gangster and boot-legger with an alarmingly protective attitude towards Ruby. After some very poor role-playing on the part of Bertie, and some well-designed coaching by Jeeves, everyone finally learns who is who and life returns to normal—or as normal as can be expected for Jeeves and Wooster!

After a week of rain, the weather for the performance was surprisingly beautiful and the Players' hard work was well-received by the audience. The Players are hoping to return to the Helen Miller Theater with a holiday production in December, provided we are able to gather safely in large groups indoors by then.

— Lisa Bryan



Juliana Stevens



Eben Watson



Rebecca Saunders



Mike Delaney



Meg Kupiec



Tom Durnford

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### Parade of Lights

The Bellows Falls Parade of Lights Committee is looking for folks to light up their vehicles and join us in the first annual Bellows Falls Parade of Lights! Decorate and light up your vehicle and help us spread holiday cheer! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11, 2021.

The parade begins at dusk as we Light Up BF, starting on Henry North on Westminster through the Square to end at Williams Street (at the Rite Aid parking lot).

Merchants will also be celebrating Ladies Night, so come early and stay after the parade to enjoy downtown Bellows Falls.

Find parade rules, entry forms and more information on the Bellows Falls

Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA) Facebook page under 'events'. Entries must be submitted by November 26 and it is free to enter. The POL committee is following the same safety and height restrictions as the Alumni Parade, so please read all rules before entering.

BFDDA is proud to sponsor the Parade of Lights and is also partnering with the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce at the Chili/Chowder cook-off on Saturday, October 30.

This is a kick-off to our 2021 Shop Local card program where shoppers get stamps for purchases at participating businesses. Every full card equals \$100 spent and goes into a drawing to win an array of prizes. To learn more about BFDDA, visit [bellowsfallsvt.org](http://bellowsfallsvt.org) and like us on Facebook at BFDDA.

— Betsy Thurston



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## Walpole Firefighters' Auxiliary, Inc. GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Walpole Firefighters Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came out to be a part of our 10th annual golf event at the Hooper Golf Course on September 11. This year we had a full 12 teams on the course, and local businesses that sponsored or made donations to the event. Without this great support from golfers and businesses, this charity event would not be a success. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you next Fall.

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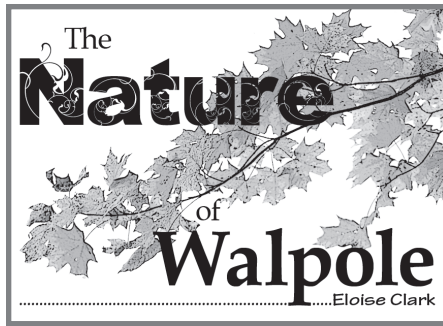


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involvement.

October is the perfect month to lace up the walking shoes and go for a hike. Consider exploring Fall Mountain State Forest. Located on the eastern side of the mountain, it has trails and many unique ecological features to enjoy.

This almost 950 acre tract of land was given by The Nature Conservancy to the State of New Hampshire in 2004, after acquiring it from New England Power. It's best accessed from Route 12A in Langdon. There's a driveway into a parking area just west of the entry to the high school.

The Nature Conservancy was interested in this tract because of the presence of several rare and endangered plants and "exemplary natural communities." In 2006, the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau conducted an ecological inventory to gather data on the ecological diversity of the property as well as document the



*Peregrine Falcon*



*Blue Heron*

More than 50 acre of ponds and wetlands support many pond dwellers including a great blue heron rookery. Scattered vernal pools are important for salamanders, wood frogs, peepers and turtles.

*Bobcat*



*Fall Mountain State Forest Trail*

known populations of the federally endangered Northeastern bulrush.

Three types of forests were identified. The hemlock-beech-oak-pine forest is locally common. The Appalachian oak-pine forest system is more common in the southeastern portion of the state. A third forest type, rich Appalachian oak rocky woods is considered a unique and exemplary natural community this far north.

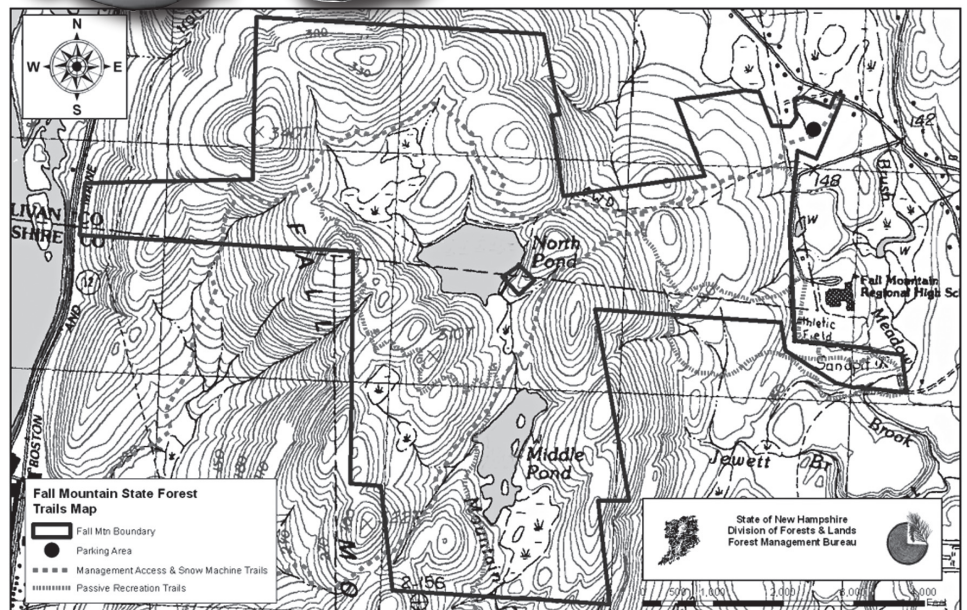
In addition, eleven different soil series or types underlie the property.

Fall Mountain State Forest contains critical wildlife habitat, as identified in the NH Wildlife Action Plan. More than 75% of the forest is listed as Tier 1, or highest ranked in NH. Why? The land is part of a large, unfragmented block of land. No roads or buildings intrude. It also ranks highly as a wildlife travel corridor between adjoining lands. Plus, a fair number of rare plants inhabit the forests and wetlands.

The forests provide suitable habitat for deer, bear, bobcat, bats, small mammals, turkeys, songbirds and raptors. Acorns produced by red, white and black oaks are an important food source for almost all these species. Dense hemlock stands provide important wintering habitat for deer, turkeys, bobcats and songbirds.

Many rock outcrops may provide denning habitat for bobcats, foxes and coyotes. The formerly endangered Peregrine falcons also use the cliffs for nesting. Historically, timber rattlesnakes would use these rock faces for basking.

Information for this article came from The Management Plan for Fall Mountain State Forest published in 2014 by the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands. It's available online with several maps.



## Walpole Town Library

### October at the Library

Join in the seasonal fun with our first annual Mini-Pumpkin Decorating Contest (October 1 through 20)! Pick up a small pumpkin from either the Bridge Memorial or North Walpole library (while supplies last), take it home and decorate it. Return your decorated pumpkin to either library by October 20 for display and judging. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: most creative, funniest, and spookiest. One pumpkin and entry per household. Please decorate without candles or carving.



**Code Club.** Starting in October. For kids in grades 2-5. Meets every Tuesday at 3:30 PM at the North Walpole Library, and every Wednesday at 3:30 PM at the Bridge Memorial Library. Space is limited. Registration is recommended.

For more information or to register for children's programs, please call Julie Rios at 603-756-9806 or email [jrios@walpole-townlibrary.org](mailto:jrios@walpole-townlibrary.org).

**Author Talk.** Tuesday, October 5 at 4:00 PM. New Hampshire author Anders Morley will visit the library to talk about his new book, *This Land of Snow: A Journey Across the North in Winter*, the story of an entire winter he spent living outdoors and traveling on cross-country



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*Whole lot of wiggling goin' on. Monday morning Wiggle Time is just as much fun out of doors.*

skis across northwestern Canada. Space is limited. Registration is recommended. Light Refreshments will be served. Books will be available for sale/signing.

**More Author Talk.** Monday, October 25, at 7:00 PM. Former New Hampshire Poet Laureate (2014-2019) Alice B. Fogel will present her newest volume of poetry, *Nothing But*. Space is limited. Registration is recommended. Light Refreshments will be served. Books will be available for sale/signing.

For more information or to register for adult programs, please call Jane Malmberg at 603-756-9806 or email [jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org).

### Ongoing Adult Programs:

**Library Knitters.** Meets every Monday, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Bring a project to work on and get to know other knitters in the community.

**Library Book Discussion Group.** Meets the last Thursday of the month from noon to 1:00 PM.

**Social Justice Discussion Group.** Meets the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

**Crafternoons.** Meets the second Friday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. Crafting and camaraderie for adults. Materials will be supplied. Space is limited. Registration is recommended.

### Ongoing Children's Programs:

**Wiggle Time.** Monday mornings at 10:00 AM, outside behind the library, weather permitting. Bring a blanket to socially distance.

**Story Time.** Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM, outside behind the library, weather permitting. Bring a blanket to socially distance.

– Jane Malmberg



### Garlic Planting

Did you ever wonder how to plant garlic the right way? Come find out at a garlic planting demonstration in the Walpole Community Garden with Fritze Till!

Happening Saturday, October 16, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd., Walpole.

Donations accepted to support this wonderful community garden. Any questions, please contact Helen Dalbeck, [hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net) or call (603) 756-4382. Thank you!

– Helen Dalbeck



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# Did You Know That...?

Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

## ...during the over 170 years

from the early 1790s until the Walpole Inn closed in 1961, there were over fifteen different inns, hotels, or taverns for travelers in Walpole? In some instances, the name for an establishment changed with a change of ownership. Within Walpole Village proper, there were five buildings serving the public, and two still stand. The most prominent and important hotel, however, stood from the early 1790s to 1950, then replaced by a Gulf service station, now Walpole Village Market (Jake's Market and Deli and Irving gas).

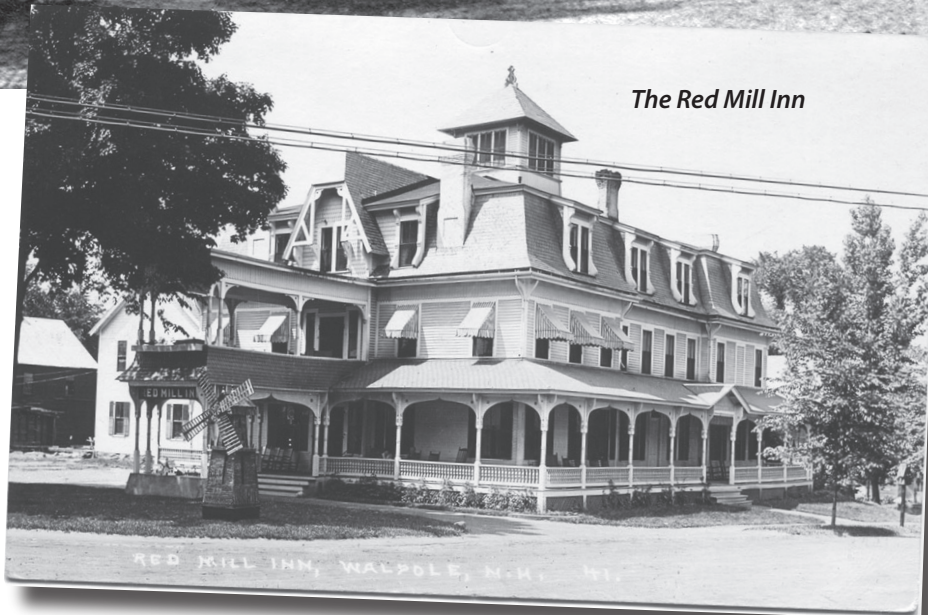
With the establishment of the Third New Hampshire Turnpike in 1799 (and the Cheshire Turnpike in 1804), Walpole became an important stop for travelers heading to and from Boston. The number of travelers, first arriving by stage, increased with the coming of the railroad in 1849. Bellows Falls became a hub for travelers from Boston and New York City north to the White Mountains, and west to New York resorts. The first hostelry in the village was built at the northwest corner of today's Fountain Square in the early 1790s. Asa Bullard operated Craft's Tavern here. When the Farmers Museum began publishing at Isaiah Thomas' print shop across the street, Craft's became an important gathering point for professionals and The Walpole Wits literary group, who provided copy for the newspaper. Crafts eventually became the Wentworth House (or 'Hotel', depending upon time period).

A fire started November 1880, in a shed between the Wentworth House and the stables. Rains helped stop the fire, but not before the hotel, barn, stable and piggery were lost. Rebuilt, the new hotel was officially opened February 20, 1882. At some point, new owners renamed the hotel The Dinsmore, after themselves, and it operated as such until the early 1920s, at which time the name changed to the Red Mill Inn. Following the flood in early November 1927, 150 people were staying at the Red Mill Inn on Friday and Saturday, the 5th and 6th. There were reporters and photographers from Pathé, Paramount, MGM, and National Geographic covering the flood.

*Wentworth House mid-1870s*



*The Red Mill Inn*



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*Postcard showing new buildings - First National Stores sign on Mascoma Bank building*

In addition, staying were repairmen and folks that had been "marooned" by the flood. As travel modes changed, the Red Mill Inn was not frequented as much and fell into disrepair.

The hotel lot went through many ownerships from the 1880s to 1949 when Edward F. and Bernard P. O'Connor of Rockingham, Vermont, became the owners. Demolishing the old inn in 1950, O'Connor leased part of the property to Gulf Oil Corporation for a service station. Now there was a second gas station and repair shop in the "square." Another

building was erected on the north part of the lot. Now Mascoma Bank, in the 1960s that building housed a restaurant and self-service laundry. In one early postcard, it appears a "First National Stores" predated the restaurant. In the north part of the building was the Walpole Post Office. In the early 21st Century, Tole's operated the service station with repair bays. The Walpole Foundation now owns the property, and has preserved the original 1950 concrete block structure while repurposing the interior, now Jake's Market and Deli.



*A snow filled Fountain Square showing Restaurant sign*



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## Reach the Beach

It's called the Reach the Beach Relay (RTBR), and nothing about it is easy. On September 16 and 17, two Walpole women were part of a 12 person team that participated in the 21st annual. 200 mile, overnight event. One of many Ragnar races around the country (named for a 9th century Scandinavian king whose connection to 20th century endurance running is murky at best, but it sounds cool), the RTBR is the premier such event in New England.

Each member of the 12 person teams is required to run three legs of the race — for a total of more than 16 miles, some of which will be at night. The race began at 6am in the White Mountains at Bretton Woods, wended it's way across the state, and finished in the Atlantic Ocean at Hampton Beach State Park at 5 the next day.

The two Walpole runners, Brooke Houghton and Emma Kobeski were part of this year's stampede. It was Kobeski's first distance event. She was recruited by one of the team's co-captains. "I said yes. I wanted to challenge myself. I've always been a competitive person. so I took this seriously; trained for nearly a year; I'd never done anything like this before and wanted to test myself with a significant challenge."

Describing the race she said, "For me, the most enjoyable part of the race was my first leg -- I was lucky to draw the 2.5 leg through Crawford Notch, and it was just lovely... Running at night was just different, not intimidating but odd. You're wearing a reflective vest and headlamp, and you never feel alone - there was always someone nearby... I was being passed or occasionally I would pass someone else."

Despite still feeling the after-effects, she hopes to do it again, "Despite the stiff muscles, the experience motivated me to continue to train... to do it again next year...but do it better."

— Jan Kobeski

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*The Golfer's Journal*  
Hospitality Tent  
at the Hooper.

*Walkin' it in...  
Jim Neal drops a putt  
on the ninth hole  
during the  
Firefighters' Golf  
Tournament.*



PHOTO: JAN KOBESKI



## Hooper Golf Course

This summer has been a busy and successful one for Hooper! Despite receiving over 20" of rain in July, and a fair amount in August and September, the course is in superb playing condition. Throughout the summer, Hooper held Men's League, Women's Twilight League, and Junior Golf Camp, along with multiple member and public tournaments. In early August, the Boston Golf and Social Club combined with Grueter Golf to hold their first ever Golf Prom at Hooper, and on September 11 Hooper hosted the 10th Annual Walpole Firefighter's Golf Tournament.

One week later *The Golfer's Journal*, an American premier golf magazine, held their much-anticipated *Outing at Hooper* event. This was an excellent opportunity to showcase Hooper to a national audience. The weather was perfect, everyone had a great time, and we hope to bring *The Golfer's Journal* back in the future. Now that school has started back up, Hooper is again pleased to be hosting the Fall Mountain Golf team for practice sessions and for interschool competitions.

We are also extremely excited about the opening of the Watkins Tavern. Owners Eric Brandolini and C.J. Lederman have done a spectacular job of updating and renovating, while keeping the classic feel of the Watkins Tavern.

Lastly, Hooper will be hosting an open house for all community members on Saturday, October 16, at 10:00 am to provide more information about our upcoming timber harvest. We will be joined by our forest plan manager from Long View Forest, as well as a representative from the Monadnock Conservancy. During this one hour open house we will take questions and go on a brief tour of the conservation easement. Any questions can be emailed to [proshop@hoopergolf-course.com](mailto:proshop@hoopergolf-course.com).

– Joshua Beer



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## Everesting?

Imagine my surprise when the September 11-12 edition of the Keene Sentinel not only delivered the usual local news but also opened unexpected vistas of personal achievement. Under the heading, "Rising to the Occasion", the paper shared the story of Aurora Leon and her adventures with something called the Everesting Challenge.

If I understand the process correctly, participants strive to climb to the full height of Mt. Everest — 29,032 feet — but using whatever mountain (hill, Mesa, plateau...) happens to be handy. Ms. Leon, a serious ultramarathon runner, trained intensively for her attempt: an assault on Mt. Sunapee, which she would need to climb 21.5 times to achieve her goal. It took her about a day and a half— from 6:00 am, Friday the 2nd, to 4:00 pm the next day. According to the Sentinel, that meant covering 62 miles and 29,442 vertical feet (a surplus of 410 feet). For her efforts, Ms. Leon has been enshrined in the Everesting Hall of Fame.

Wow. Tempting. Frankly, my odds of qualifying for enshrinement in any Hall of Fame are astonishingly low. This Everesting thing could be my best (only) chance. So here's my plan.

Remember, the choice of mountain is entirely up to the potential enshrinee.

With the assistance of an online topographic map of New Hampshire, I discovered that the intersection of Main St., South St. and Prospect Hill Road is precisely 126 meters (413.28 ft.) above sea level; the entrance to Hooper Golf Club is 217 meters (711.76 feet) above — precisely 298.48 feet higher. Which means someone would only need to climb Prospect Hill 97 times to reach Mt. Everest height.

Could it be that simple? No, actually. There were some unanswered questions in the Sentinel article. Did the attempt have to be outdoors? If not, could an Everester climb the steps of, say, the John Hancock building the required number of times? And how about getting back to your starting point? Upon Googling, things got clearer ... and trickier. First, you can bike to Everest ... or use a climbing wall, as well as walk or run it. I'm still not clear on the indoor/outdoor issue. Climbing walls are often indoor, and the rules allow you to return to your start point via any means available — belaying cord, car, bike, ski lift, skateboard, sedan chair... So, it seems you could climb the stairs of a convenient high-rise, take the elevator back to the first floor and repeat as needed.

There are two major hurdles, however. You need to be tracked via GPS and a dedicated app from the Everesting folks

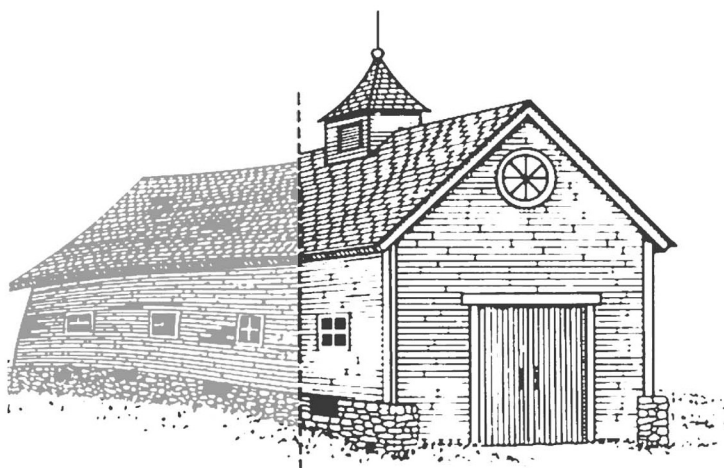
to be recognized. Not sure how that would work indoors going up a restricted space. And the real killer... you can't sleep once you start the ascent. This puzzles me a bit, since the challenge tries to duplicate the mountaineering experience as much as possible, and the folks who climb Everest generally do not do it in one day -- several days and stops at several intermediate camps seem more typical. I had also hoped to spread out the climbs over several days, with sleep liberally interspersed.

I also have a quibble. To complete the challenge you must climb the full height of Everest. But the men and women who have actually done that have not ascended 29,000 plus feet. The Everest Base Camp (Nepal) is 17,598 feet above sea level. The actual assault on the mountain requires climbs of another 11,434 feet -- with rest and sleep in between. Do the expeditions walk all the way from Katmandu... or whatever their starting point?

Quibbles aside, it's still an interesting challenge, and being able to achieve it on any of the local elevations -- High Street, Barnett Hill, North Main, Fall Mountain -- only adds to the allure. And there's a Hall of Fame at the end of the sleep-deprived tunnel. Tempting, very tempting. I may have to start looking for some sherpas.

— Jan Kobeski

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14 Bundy Lane

**Walpole School – Primary**  
18 Primary Lane

**North Walpole School**  
17 Cray Road, NW

**Walpole Town Hall**  
34 Elm Street

**Walpole Recycling Center**  
Rte 123, North Walpole

**Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic**  
11 Westminster Street

**Bensonwood Homes**  
6 & 10 Blackjack Crossing Road

**LaValley's Building Supply**  
40 Meadow Access Lane

**Hooper Golf Course**  
166 Prospect Hill Road

**Congregational Church**  
15 Washington Street

**Chamberlain Machine**  
14 Darling Lane

**Alyson's Orchard**  
Wentworth Road

**Bowman Dental**  
48 Meadow Access Lane

**Hubbard Park**  
30 Upper Walpole Road

**Savings Bank of Walpole**  
North Meadow Plaza

**Mascoma Bank**  
53 Main St, Walpole

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## Craft Fair Cancelled

To the Walpole Community: it is with great sadness that the Walpole Firefighters' Auxiliary announces that we will be cancelling our November, 2021 Craft Fair. We looked forward to rejoining you all in our beloved tradition this year to support our first responders. However, as Covid-19 makes a resurgence throughout our community, we feel strongly that the best way to support those who support our community is to mitigate the risk of exposure to Covid-19 as much as possible. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

– Michael Martin

## Gleanings

from the Town Minutes

### Planning Board - September 14:

Avanru Development Group LTD/Red Barn Lane. Request for public hearing for Red Barn Condominium development on 7.3 acres of land adjacent to Dollar Store and the Abenaki Springs residential development. The applicant is proposing to construct 5 buildings totaling 37,450 square feet. The buildings will be a mix of self-storage units, climate controlled, and some cold storage units. Some units will be approached from the outside, other renters would have to go inside the building. There will also be a 400 square-foot office area in Building No. 1. There will be a total of 25 parking spaces. The proposed buildings are single-story metal buildings with pitched metal roofs. The siding will be Dessert Sand colored. Overhead doors, passage doors and building trim will be Fern Green in color. Request for a public hearing at the October Planning Board meeting was approved.

Possible apartments in the Potato Barn: Barry Bellows presenting. Preliminary meeting for a site plan review. The owner of the Potato Barn and the Bellows Walpole Inn, Steve Rudek of Sacramento, CA, was also present at the meeting. Mr. Bellows said this was a preliminary meeting only. He wanted to know if apartments were allowed at the Potato Barn. Originally it was approved as a site for functions such as weddings, with a couple of other areas for commercial use. This would be a change of use. The project is allowed under Change of Use. Mr. Bellows will be back when he is ready to submit a plan and say exactly what is proposed.

### Selectboard - September 9:

**LED Streetlight Conversion Project:** Mr. Steve Grenier reported the LED Streetlight Conversion Project is still not finished as the installers are waiting for the new lower wattage lights to arrive.

**Community Power – Joint Powers Agreement:** Mrs. Pschirrer moved to authorize the Chair of the Selectboard, Cheryl Mayberry, to sign the Memorandum for the Record to appoint Mr. Paul Looney as the member representative and director and Mr. Dennis Marcom as the alternate member representative and director to the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. They would like to put out a survey similar to one the Broadband Committee did. It was approved that \$1,000 for the Community Power Committee survey to be taken out of the Executive section of the budget.

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## Walpole Business Notes

### Buyer/Seller Property Workshop

Have a question(s) about buying or selling a property? What's the process? What information do I need? Why should I consider using a Realtor? How do I get the process started? What is this going to cost me? Come and get your questions answered Thursday, October 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at 73 Main Street, Walpole. Traditions Real Estate office, the old Legion Building.

–Robin Sanctuary

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



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## TV Show Review

The show *Supernatural* is popular with many, having gained a large fan base. *Supernatural* has a steady main plot point that ties others together, with the main character's Sam and Dean Winchester having to face all kinds of monsters. In the show, monsters from all corners of mythology are brought to life and the Winchester brothers have to stop them. With creatures like ghosts, vampires, and werewolves to demons, gods, and even death itself.

Each episode typically has the Winchesters having to face some monster with a main enemy being announced or defeated by the end of the season. The show has 15 seasons each with an average of 20 episodes a season, so it would take about 8 days and 8 hours to complete the whole series non-stop without breaks. And yes I did actually calculate this. Also having a spin off series coming out soon will just add on to the story.

*Supernatural* is a well reviewed show that has a large proud fanbase. Having talked to some of them it is clear that they will defend their fanbase, almost as much as they defend Destiel (characters Dean and Castiel, who fans have hoped will get together)

– Leo Gould (Grade 8)



## Autumn In Walpole

It's the season of Autumn, tourism in Walpole is at its peak, the leaves are falling and life is thriving. Walpole is popular for its old fashioned look mixed with the fall colors. For some people, it's like the 1800's all over again! Well, being that we haven't lived through the 1800's, there is still plenty of history throughout the town!

Nearly every house in Walpole has a similar look: a white house with black shutters. One of the places with this sort of design is none other than Burdicks!

Now it may not look like anything too special compared to the rest of the town houses from the outside. Though upon going inside, there is a beautiful coffee shop and restaurant and you ought to like it. We recommend it.

Another place is the Walpole Historical Society. It used to be a school, you can find a lot of old Walpole artifacts there. Our town's history lives there. One of our favorite parts of the Historic Society is the big bell at the top. In the past, they used to let us ring it. You can always enjoy the Autumn scenery soon, in Walpole, we still see the wonderful colors of fall foliage

– Olivia D'Alessandro & Aidan Suozzi (Grade 7).

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# From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

## "I'll be back"

Sometimes we hear phrases and interpret them different than they are intended.

My phone is ringing, and the number indicates that it is Elwud.

"Hey, Elwud, what's up?"

"This is Velma. I need you to come take me to Claremont and pick up Elwud and his truck. Can you?"

"Of course. Do I need a chain to tow the truck back home?"

"No, I can drive it."

"Is Elwud hurt?"

"No, he's in the Claremont jail. I need to bail him out and get the truck!"

I know better than ask any more questions. I go pick up Velma and it's a long, silent ride to Claremont.

Velma goes into the police station, retrieves Elwud and exits the building. I can see steam rising from her head.

Elwud comes over and climbs into my car. "Aren't you going to ride home with Velma?" I ask.

"No sir!" he says. "I'll have to listen to her the rest of the week. I'd like an hour of peace and quiet!"

"How did you end up in jail? What's the charge?" I ask

Well sir, Cousin Daryl's son, Daryl Junior's birthday is this weekend and he likes that super hero stuff. I heard of a new store in Claremont that has tons of it, so I decided to go and get something. His favorite is that Terminator guy. So off to the store I go. I gets in the store and cant find the stuff, so I go up to the counter and ask the owner, where is the stuff for that Terminator guy."

"You mean Arnold Schwarzenegger? He asks.

"If that's the Terminator guy, yes!"

"I'll be back" he says with a smile.

So I say, "Can you tell me where it is, before you leave?"

And agin he says, "I'll be back" and smiles

Now I'm gettin' irratated 'cause he aint answerin' my question.

So I ask again and say, "Tell me where the damn Terminator stuff is, and don't

say I'll be back again, or I will punch you in the nose!"

He starts laughing and says, "I'll be back!"

"So I punch him and the next thing I know I'm surrounded by Police, I'm in handcuffs in the back of a police car and end up in jail, charged with assault!"

We finally arrive at Elwud's driveway and he reaches for the door handle.

"Wait a minute", I say, "Hand me that pad of paper in the glove box and the pen."

He hands it to me and I write something on the paper.

"So tell me again, you ask where the Terminator stuff is and he says?"

Elwud shakes his head and says, "I'll be back"

I show him what I have written on the pad. It reads "Aisle B - Back". "He was telling you the stuff was in Aisle B in the back", I say, laughing.

Elwud gets out, slams my door and heads into the barn. I have a feeling that his evening meal is going to be a lot of "hot tongue and cold shoulder".

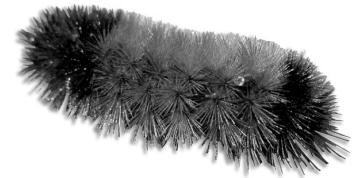
I head home to await the next phone call for help.

## Reader Commentary

### Thank You

Spencer's Place would like to thank the community for supporting them over the past three years. We are thankful that the Town of Walpole and The Walpole Foundation allowed us to expand our outdoor seating, and to The Hubbard Park for allowing us to use their outdoor tables. Without this, and our wonderful and generous customers, we would not have been able to stay in business during the pandemic. Even through rough times, we have continued to donate to many local fundraisers; and continued to give discounts every day to seniors, Veterans, Law Enforcement and First Responders. We also donate 10% of sales from "Spencer's Specials" to Boston Children's Hospital. To date we have donated just under \$10,000.

- Shanda & Steve Donovan



## FROM THE CLARION...

### A sampling of what we've reported in 10 years of publication:

**One Year Ago (October, 2020)** - Jane Malmberg became the new Library Director in Walpole. Jane was selected from a competitive pool of candidates to lead the library. Jane's first day was September 21, 2020.

**Three Years Ago (October, 2018)** - While searching through the Town safe for a different document, Jodi Daigle, Administrative Assistant in Town Hall, discovered the 1890 deed transferring the land on which Bridge Memorial Library now sits from George Jennison to Hudson Bridge.

**Five Years Ago (October, 2016)** - Our Dairy Farmers are in Trouble - All of our New Hampshire dairy farmers are in trouble. Every time they milk a cow, they are losing money. It is not just a New Hampshire problem; it is a nationwide demise of the dairy industry

**Seven Years Ago (October) 2014)** - Walpole Water: #1 - Walpole Wins Best Tasting Water in New Hampshire. This recognition came at a contest held September 9, 2014, hosted by Granite State Rural Water Association, an association of water and wastewater utilities, during the organization's annual conference at Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, NH.

**Nine Years Ago (October, 2012)** - Channel 9 news' meteorologist, Kevin Skarupa, paid the Walpole Primary School a visit on Wednesday, September 26. Kindergarten and first graders were joined by fifth graders to take part in his presentation about weather, as well as what it's like to be a meteorologist on TV.

# MILESTONES

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January 1, 1921 - August 24, 2021

Joy A. Carvage  
March 22, 1959 - August 30, 2021

Geoffrey M. Robatge  
February 13, 1943 - September 4, 2021

Jane (Phipps) Skofield  
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## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

2021 — where did it go? July was a wash-out, literally. Travels, at least for me, have been almost non-existent since I wish to remain safe and healthy. And, as you know from reading the **Clarion** each month for the past year, we have not had much communal activity in town. Most events have been cancelled or modified in some way. Will it change? I am hopeful, but will continue to limit my activities and exposure.

It is hard to understand all the ramifications of the pandemic. I do not totally understand why jobs go vacant. Sadly many businesses, particularly restaurants, have closed. The shift to remote working has impacted the economy. I just read about the impact in New York City. People not eating those business lunches or going to a show after work. And supply chains - just on the news this morning a video showed container ships backed up. I chatted with a business owner in town recently who said he is only getting 10 to 15 percent of his orders in. And, just listen to the news encouraging you to buy now for Christmas before it is too late. Has the "toilet paper syndrome" expanded to the entire economy?

As we face all these most likely permanent changes in this rapidly changing society, I often reflect and wish I had chatted with my Dad, asking him how he felt about changes during his lifetime. But being content, I feel blessed having landed in Walpole, safer from flood and fire, in a world that is a tad slower, and comfortable.

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