

Summer & Old Home Days Approach

From Peggy's Desk

On May 1, in my childhood, we made May Baskets – cone shaped from colored construction paper. Each cone was filled with flowers: violets, pansies or daffodils and carefully hung on the doorknobs of older neighbors, affectionately granted the status of “Aunt”. There were no Maypoles in my small Town; I grew up during World War II. I was safe in small town Illinois, and only on the fringes of understanding what war meant besides writing letters to older cousins in Europe or the Pacific. And the knowledge that we had a prisoner of war camp for German soldiers about 25 miles away.

Why bring this up? Because the daily pictures from Ukraine are haunting; they bring back all I have subsequently learned about WW II, and every deadly skirmish since then which has taken the lives of individuals living simple lives. No children are making May baskets in Ukraine. They are essentially crying “Mayday”, a universal cry for help. Kudos to Dennis Marcom and Peter Stolley who are in Poland feeding refugees.

Dennis quietly announced at the last Power Committee Meeting he would miss a meeting or two because he would be traveling. Someone on the committee pushed for more information: where are you going? Poland said Dennis. What will you be doing? “Probably peeling potatoes or whatever they need me to do.” It takes special strength to do something to alleviate suffering by stepping up to help. Many of us just read about it. Our prayers and good wishes are with you, Dennis and Peter.

On another note, Walpole is steadily moving forward toward completing the Brownfield cleanup. The EPA Project Directors were in Town recently to walk




PHOTO: RAY BOAS

Watch Your Step

As Old Home Days approaches this June, please accept this warning to “watch your step” on and around the Town Common. In my twenty years of living on the Common, it has never looked as poorly, nor had hazardous uneven ground been covered with rocks and gravel. And it is not just at this focal point of the village, but there is deterioration in many places around the community where it is apparent that the Walpole Highway Department has done more harm than good in “maintaining” the sides of our roads and public properties. Instead of always going forward with improvements, we, as a Town, have gone backwards.

The problem on the west side of the Common began May 2021, when Elm Street was torn up to replace the water

Uneven ground and gravel, extending feet into the Common, has replaced the grass that previously met the road surface.



Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 30

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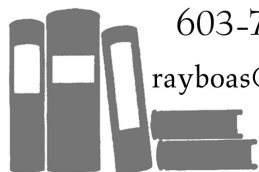
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Housing Survey

Southwest Region Planning Commission

Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC), an organization that provides regional coordination and technical assistance to Towns in Southwest NH, is conducting a regional housing needs assessment (RHNA). A RHNA is a comprehensive study of housing need across all income levels.



As part of the RHNA project, SWRPC will analyze the latest housing and demographic datasets and collect feedback directly from regional stakeholders to identify and prioritize Southwest NH's top housing issues and develop recommendations to address those issues. Upon completion, the RHNA will contain tools, recommendations, and strategies for local decision makers to consider when addressing housing challenges and opportunities for the 34-community region comprising Cheshire County, western Hillsborough County, and the Town of Langdon.

Community engagement is an important part of this project. In order to assess housing needs in Southwest NH, SWRPC is seeking feedback from area residents about their experience with the housing market as well as their opinion of what housing-related public policy priorities the region and towns should focus on, if any. To share your story and opinions go to the following URL: www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWRPC-RHNA -- in addition to taking this survey, please consider distributing it through your network. You can share this survey with friends, colleagues, neighbors, or any resident of the Region. Simply copy and paste the URL above into an email, text message, or social media post to share the survey.

More information about this project is available at the RHNA project webpage: www.swrpc.org/housing. For more information about SWRPC, visit <https://www.swrpc.org/about/mission/>.

— Andrew Smeltz

Hooper Scholarship Program

Something for Everyone

Hooper Scholarship

The Hooper Scholarship was established as a trust in the will of George L. Hooper to foster and promote the teaching and learning of agriculture, forestry, botany, conservation, environmental sciences, and the development and improvement of soils. This scholarship is available to all Walpole, NH citizens, regardless of age, who wish to pursue study in these and other closely related fields.

Since the scholarship's inception in 1998, 50 Walpole students and adult residents have received funding totaling \$405,281. By May 15 of each calendar year, applicants for college or graduate coursework scholarships should submit: a letter of application outlining accomplishments to date and the proposed program of study for the upcoming year, recent academic transcripts, and household financial information. Applications for workshops or seminars such as bee-keeping, seed-saving, cheese-making, sustainable agricultural practices, food security or alternative energies should submit a letter of application outlining the proposed workshop/seminar, its applicability to support study in appropriate fields, and fee information. Applications are accepted throughout the year. All application materials should be submitted to Chair, The George L. Hooper Scholarship Committee, PO Box 729, Walpole Town Hall, Walpole, NH 03608.

— Carol Malnati



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Walpole Walking Group Seeks New Members



PHOTO PROVIDED

We are an informal group of friends who walk together on trails through woods in and near Walpole. No dues or signup is required. We meet in Walpole every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 8:00 AM, decide where to walk, then drive to the trailhead. Our walks cover two to four miles, and we are generally back in town around 10:00 AM, sometimes 10:30. While there are about 30 possible walks, we do have our favorites, including the trail to High Blue (the highest point in Walpole), the trail to the Boy Scout Camp, and the trail around the Mill Pond. New walkers are always welcome! May, which is the start of wildflower and mushroom seasons in the woods, would be a great time to give the walking group a try.

For our meeting location or with any questions, email Debbie Hutchings at dhutchings2@myfairpoint.net.

– Debbie Hutchings



Fountain Square

50 Main Street

Fountain Square is an interesting building which was built in 1860. This is the second property that the Walpole Foundation purchased and renovated. It was used over the years for a store selling general merchandise, a saddlery, cobbler's shop, a tavern, and a meat market. The building was converted into Central Garage. It had gas pumps and repair ramps that rose into the first floor while the work was being done below in the basement. Model T Fords were also delivered to the garage in crates and assembled in the basement.

Transformation happened again to turn the building into what it is today. Extensive renovations were done to the building; a porch was added, and two apartments were made above the retail space which is now home to the Walpole Village Salon.

– Bert Wiemers

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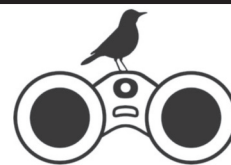
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line. Originally Walpole's Road Agent wanted to widen the road but his idea was dismissed. To wisely enhance both sides of the Common in conjunction with the new paving, a proposal was made to install granite curbing on both sides of the Common (over 800 feet) at no cost to taxpayers. The Road Agent, convincing the Selectboard that, unlike in the majority of the country, curbing was a nuisance that caused him problems, this gift to the Town was flatly rejected.

Prior to the water line project, concrete bumper curbs lined Elm Street to the west of the Common, and Washington Square on the east side. Those bumpers were removed on Elm Street, and for the first time in most recollections, the concrete bumpers were damaged by plows on the east side this past winter. Grass lined both sides of Elm Street - from the Common to the pavement, and from the Town "tree lawn" on the west side, to the pavement. The Road Agent decided that, to hold the new pavement in place, the edges should be backfilled with gravel on both sides. The snows came, and then the plows. Gravel was plowed up and tossed away from the pavement many feet. As shown in the images, cars have driven onto the tree lawn, and dirt and stone now extend many feet onto the Common, replacing what was previously even, grassy lawn space. The appearance and safety aspect is totally unsatisfactory. And worse, if our Highway Department repaired the damage, we are rewarding them by paying them to fix their destruction instead of working to make improvements elsewhere.

Look at the Town Common in person, or the images here. Look at the image in the April **Clarion** of the plow damage on the northwest corner of the Common. If you have similar damage near your property, or are aware of similar situations in North Walpole, Drewsville, and Walpole, please make your concerns known to the Selectboard, and share with the **Clarion**.

But, most important while enjoying the Common, "Watch Your Step."

- Ray Boas



PHOTO: RAY BOAS

Curbing now removed from Elm Street, cars and trucks park well off the street atop the dirt and gravel that replaced grass and curbing.

Congratulations to Diane Gallion on her 30th anniversary with Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW). Diane is SBW's longest tenured team member and it is safe to say that she has been working closely with and providing great service to her customers in Walpole for her entire time with the bank. Anyone who knows Diane has witnessed her passion for her customers, her coworkers and SBW. A sincere thank you, Diane, for all you have done.



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Some Damage Repaired

In last month's **Clarion** was a picture of the northwest corner of the Common as damaged by Walpole's Highway Department when they plowed way off the road bed of Elm Street. That damage was repaired the week of April 11. Several hours of road crew time that could have been constructively spent elsewhere was used to level the damage caused by careless plowing. Soil, grass seed, and hay were applied over a large area. Hopefully this area will be safe for walking during Old Home Days.

- Ray Boas

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the property, discuss our final plans and meet with the Executive Committee of the Walpole Foundation to discuss their plan for installing electric charging stations in the new Parking Lot. A survey of the area has been completed, engineering is underway for the drainage system to be installed, and bids will soon be out for paving.

The Green Space which will be in the spot formerly occupied by the Central Plating Garage, has been suggested as a bus stop, should Walpole ever get public transportation. A graduate student from Norwich University has agreed to help us find that partner for transportation as a part of a graduate project. We may be rolling in the future!

The Boy Scouts are in charge of our Memorial Day Period this year. It will be a special treat to come out for the Parade after two years of Covid.

A thank you to the Fall Mountain School District for hosting a cookout for all the highway departments in the district. It was a well-deserved thank you for keeping bus routes open and passable this past winter. It was a happy, tasty event!

The work of the Police Committee increases in importance as we recognize the deficiencies of our current structure. On a quiet Sunday recently, at the end of one police shift and the beginning of another, an angry person whose car had been impounded arrived at our station demanding the release of his car by kicking, pounding on the sally doors, yelling etc. The two officers in the station went outside, were attacked and slightly injured. And when the person was finally handcuffed and put in a holding cell, he did a good bit of damage by ripping things off the wall; he destroyed an expensive instrument etc. Could that have happened in a new facility? It is unlikely. Our holding cell is a bathroom, too narrow, not soundproof and generally inadequate for a disturbed individual.

Yes, this month I rejoice that I live in Walpole, that we have citizens who do more than care, they respond to cries for help; we have daffodils, and hyacinths and sunshine.

— Peggy Pschirrer

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The George Levi Hooper Birthday Party is May 14, at the Hooper Institute from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be May Crowns to make beginning at 1:00 AM. At 11:30 AM two teams of Morris Dancers arrive to dance and sing. At 12 noon we will celebrate our founder George Levi Hooper, sing our hearts out and eat cake! Parking available across the street by the Watkins Inn and Tavern. FREE!

Please consider a donation to The George Levi Hooper Birthday Fund as we fundraise for the future of the Hooper Institute's education and scholarship programs. All gifts go directly toward serving our youth. See you on May 14th.

The Hooper Institute Summer Camps

Hooper Institute Morning Camp

This is a morning only camp that meets at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd



We gather Monday through Thursday Week 1 for Walpole students entering 1st and 2nd grade. June 27 through June 30, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

We gather Tuesday through Friday Week 2 for Walpole students entering 3rd and 4th grade. July 5 through July 8, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Four day session cost per camper \$50.00/week

Deadline for applications and forms is June 1. Do you need an application or have questions for morning camp, please email Becky Whippie rwhippie60@gmail.com

Hooper Institute Adventure and Woodworking Camp

For Walpole students entering 5th – 8th grade

All campers meet mornings Monday through Thursday Week 1, Tuesday through Friday Week 2

Adventure Camp June 27 through June 30, and July 5 through July 8, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

For Walpole students entering 5th – 8th grade

These two sessions are full of local adventures and exploration on trails, ravines, ponds, forests, riverside and more. There is a different location every day.

Four day session cost per camper \$50.00/week

Woodworking Camp is now full!

Deadline for applications and forms is June 1. For an application or any questions,

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First Congregational

May Events

Sunday worship is held in person every week at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary at 15 Washington Street. We continue to make the worship service available on Zoom.

Communion Sunday is every first Sunday of the 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, on Zoom, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, led by Pastor Richard Malmberg. We are currently studying the book of 1 Samuel. All are welcome to join at any time. Just use the Zoom link below.

Spring Rummage/Yard Sale - The Congregational Church of Walpole will be having their spring Rummage/Yard Sale on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Many household items as well as clothing from all seasons will be on sale. Our Bag Sale will happen at noon. Buy a small bag for \$5 or a large one for \$7 and fill it. There will also be a food table with a variety of baked goods for sale.

Join First Congregational Church of Walpole for 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, as well as on the church's Facebook page. For more information, call 613-756-4075.

- Richard Malmberg

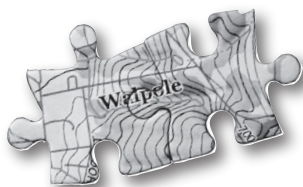
Unitarian Church

We are pleased to be back in the church for Sunday services at 10:00 AM each Sunday, with the exception of May 15, when we'll join the Springfield UU church for their service on Zoom.

Looking ahead, we are planning a spring/summer food sale outside of the post office on Saturday, June 11th.

For more information, visit our website at www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

- Wendy Harty



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The Walpole Players

The Players are Bringing Back a Classic for Old Home Days

On June 17, 2022, The Walpole Players will open its second production of Alan Bennett's adaptation of *The Wind in the Willows*, the children's novel by Kenneth Grahame. Their first production of this play was in 1993 and was not only the US premiere of that show, it was the premiere for the entire Western Hemisphere! At the time, the original production was still on stage at the National Theatre in London and we were not allowed to reference that fact. Directed by Jane Skofield with the assistance of her husband Herman, they spent months retaining the rights to produce the play here after learning about it during a trip to London.

While it's the same story, with a slightly shortened script from the original, this year's production will be different in several ways, from the costumes and set design to the music. However, it is the same charming story with the same delightful characters, and many cast members from the 1993 production are either

reprising their original roles or appearing in new ones. And don't let the term "children's novel" deceive you into thinking this is a play just for children! Alan Bennett's script injects plenty of sly jokes for the adults. This is a play for all ages!

We are dedicating our 2022 production to Jane, who not only directed this and other plays in the early days of The Walpole Players, but was instrumental in making the Players a successful organization and a permanent part of our community. We hope Jane would approve of what we've done in her honor!

Tickets will go on sale on May 18, and for the first time be available to purchase online through our website, TheWalpolePlayers.org. Tickets will also be available at Galloway Real Estate and at the door. Show dates and times are: Friday, Saturday, and Thursday, June 17, 18, and 23, at 7:00 PM; Sunday, June 19, at 2:00 PM; and Saturday, June 25, at 8:00 PM. Ticket cost is \$15 for ages 12 and over, \$10 for children under 12.

So mark your calendars now and plan to attend one of our shows the weekend before and during Walpole's Old Home Days!

— Lisa Bryan

CVTC

Dine Out for CVTC This Spring

CVTC invites you to a special Wednesday night dinner fundraiser at The Woodbound Inn in Rindge, NH from 5PM – 9PM on May 4th. You will enjoy a buffet dinner to benefit CVTC. The cost is \$16 per person and \$3 from each plate is donated to CVTC. Reservations are not needed but are encouraged. Call 603-532-9505 to book your table.

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Main Street Memories - Working at the IGA

When Small Can Be Big

Cleaning up an exploded can of IGA Tomatoes highlighted my very first day, on my very first job, which was in the grocery business. It was May 5, 1964 when I, the brand new rookie, was given this far from glamorous assignment. The Walpole IGA store, which, in 1964, was an important hub of my home town village, Walpole, New Hampshire, is where my grocery days began, at the age of fourteen. I worked in that village store a total of six plus years, in two separate stints, in the sixties and early seventies. In the next twenty-five years, I rose, from that lowly stock boy position in Walpole, to upper management positions in the grocery industry, ending my grocery career with monstrous, corporate behemoths, such as Hannaford Bros and others. I was to work in the retail and wholesale food industry for a total of thirty plus years, until the fall of 1994.

We held a Walpole IGA store reunion this past summer, of twelve people who worked in the store between the years 1964 and 1976, all of us putting in various times in our old stomping grounds. Bill Williams purchased the store in 1964 from his retiring uncle and aunt, Guy and Marion Bemis, and was the owner for the following twelve plus years. What a time we had remembering those oh so many good times that we had in that store. The reunion was an awakening moment for me. I had seldom stopped to think about how much that small grocery store meant, not only to us who had worked there, but to the entire community as well. It was central to the village, providing more than just goods to all of us living in the town. It was a place of meeting and friendship. It was a place of love and laughter. In the words of the television show 'Cheers', it was a place "where everybody knows your name." But, alas, the store was faced with competition from the larger stores in Bellows Falls and Keene. To compete with them with their larger physical plants and bigger wallets, Bill closed the Main Street operation and moved to the new "plaza" on Route 12. The feel of that village store was not carried to the new store, which was virtually impossible to accomplish anyway. I know this to be fact, as I have been on both sides of this grocery war, with both large operations and in the small store where I began my work-life journey. My memories related here are of that "Main Street Walpole IGA."

But I also believe that those large, corporate stores, in search of the almighty



dollar, do not really become part of the essential fabric of their community, in the way small, village stores do. Yes, large stores offer a multitude of products in a modern setting, but in a much more sterile, impersonal environment. In that

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The Walpole IGA

**We had a reunion this Sunday past
I fear it will be the first and last
Our group was met to celebrate
The time had come, but oh so late
Forty years since goods were sold
Yes, four decades without tales told
From within the walls so much a part
Of all our lives - we still take heart
We know that village store meant lots
More than goods and such to even tots
Gone now and alive only in mind
Unique and oh so truly - one of a kind!**

- Bruce Sherwin Cumberland, Maine, 8/17/2017

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small store in Walpole, we gave our customers of ourselves, along with selling them their necessary groceries. We knew every regular customer personally, what their likes and dislikes were. It was one of life's pleasures to get to know every one of them, usually right down to each family member. To this day, over forty years after the store closed, I stop in regularly at the town cemetery in Walpole to quietly visit with many of my old friends, who had done their grocery shopping at our character laden (both literally and figuratively) village store, which is so long since closed.

When we worked at this small store, what a time we had - we all lived and laughed and loved. At our reunion Sunday, we cherished those priceless values! What memories we had! What stories we told! I have never found the same feelings at any other job! Looking backwards, one's vision can be so clear!

In the grocery business, as in life, small truly can be big!

- Bruce Sherwin

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We breathe deeply the aromas of spring now. We notice the sweet smells of flowers or the earthy odors of fresh soil. We've all experienced the acrid smell of skunk as it wafts through the evening air. Yet, there are many smells we cannot detect, let alone recognize. Have you noticed how meticulously a dog investigates an area with its nose? The invisible world of canine communication far outstrips our olfactory acuity. What scents and signs do wildlife use to leave their messages?

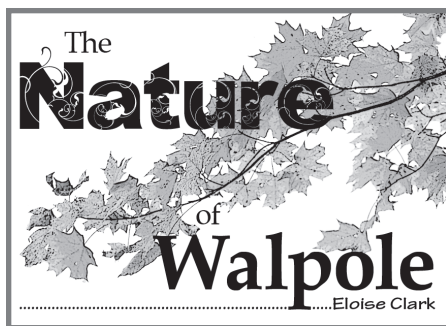


Deer Tarsal Gland

White-tailed deer have glands that secrete a substance recognized by other deer. As a herd animal, it's important to keep in touch, for there is safety in numbers. Interdigital glands are located between the hooves, while the metatarsal gland is located on the lower part of the hind legs. It is a slit only an inch long. Both types of glands secrete a substance that clings to plants as the deer brushes past. Bucks have scent glands on their head that is released when they scrape the "velvet" off their antlers in the autumn. They will also use urine to mark their territory.

All members of the dog family, including your pet, the wolf, coyote and fox are noted for the scented signposts they leave using urine and scat or feces. Purportedly, red fox have the strongest urine smell, akin to a skunk's odor. Coyotes and domestic dogs have scent glands in their paws. The odor is released when they scratch the ground. With its nose close to the ground, one dog can easily track another.

Beaver Mound



Bobcats too will mark stumps and rocks with urine. Their urine is said to smell like that of the domestic housecat. Bobcats follow very predictable trails. They tend to use small stumps and some rocks as their signposts. Their scat is left in a shallow depression as a message to other bobcats.

Beavers will make piles of mud and vegetation near their dams on which they place a gooey secretion of castoreum from their castor glands. Add urine to the mix and it leaves a compelling message to other beavers. These mounds are usually on dry ground near the beaver pond or stream. You may have heard of castoreum, a stinky, orange-brown substance that it is an ingredient in perfumes. Another member of the rodent family, the gray squirrel leaves a scented arboreal trail through the treetops for others to follow.



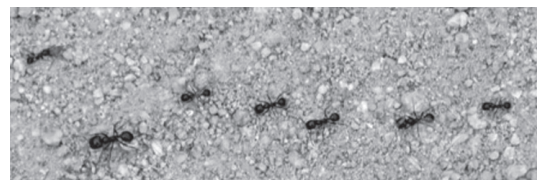
Bear-marked Tree

Black bear leave very dramatic signposts for other bears. Besides claw marks, the bear will bite the "bear tree" trunk. Missing bark, deep gouges and splintered wood indicate where their teeth have done damage. Often these

are pines with softer wood. The bear will also rub up against this signpost and leave hair caught in the surface for the next bear to investigate.

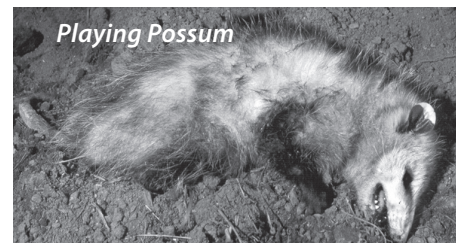
Ants leave scent trails for other ants. As they run along a path, they touch the ground with the tips of their abdomens leaving a tiny drop of formic acid. Female *Cecropia*, *Polypheumus* and *Luna* moths emit their enticing pheromones. Male moths locate the females with their

Ant Trail



finely branched and very delicate antennae. Male monarch butterflies have small, visible scent scales located on each lower wing.

Many animals have smells that act as a defensive tactic toward predators, think skunks! Our smallest mammals, members of the shrew family, have an odor obnoxious to other animals. Have you ever picked up a garter snake only to quickly put it down when its nasty smell reaches your nose? It is emitted from its cloaca. This defensive measure can also signal when the snake is ready to mate.

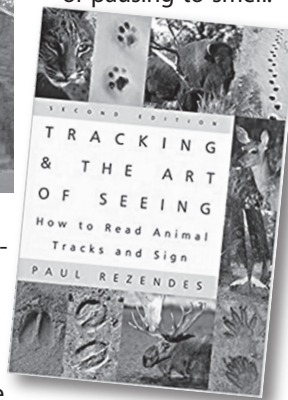


Playing Possum

When an opossum keels over to feint being dead, it also emits a disagreeable smell from glands near its anus, yet another tactic to encourage a predator to leave it alone.

Whether for self-defense, sexual allure or marking territory, scents are an important way wildlife communicates. On the next outing with your dog, allow it the pleasure of pausing to smell. Now you know what their nose knows!

Paul Rezendes book *Tracking and the Art of Seeing*, provided many of the nuggets for this column. Books by Tom Brown Jr. are also very insightful regarding tracking and animal behavior.





I recently had a Walpole Recycling site visit from the CEO of the Recycling Partnership, Keefe Harrison, and Senior Director of Recycling Industry Collaboration, Liz Bedard. They informed me that twist caps can be left on and recycled along with our plastic bottles. (No more separating caps from bottles). They also informed me that there is a market for recycling #5 polypropylene plastic (yogurt containers, syrup bottles, etc.). We will be incorporating #5 plastic recycling into our current #1 and #2 plastic recycling program going forward. Please pre-sort your recyclables to include the separation of #5 plastics!! We are working to improve signage that will clearly identify where to recycle your pre-sort plastics.

In order to make room for #5 plastics on our recycling line, we are replacing the steel can bin with a #5 plastics bin. We are moving the steel can bin outside of the building near the recycling windows. Recycling markets are always changing, and we are fortunate to have industry leaders helping us at Walpole Recycling adjust our process to recycle all that we can.

Organization, cleanliness, and diligent recycling are qualities that are noticed at Walpole Recycling by those touring the facility. Much of that success can be attributed to the pre-sort recycling practices of the public attending Walpole Recycling. Thank you for doing the work to keep recyclables out of the waste stream!

Keefe Harrison awarded me the Steve Thompson grant to attend the Recycling Partnership National Recycling Conference in Austin, Texas. Conference registration, hotel, and airfare are covered by the grant. Thanks Keefe! I'm not only going to return to Walpole with valuable recycling knowledge, but perhaps a little honky tonk square dancing as well!

Keep recycling Walpole, leave caps on your plastic and start pre-sorting #5 plastics!!

Shredder is on its way - 6-8 weeks!

- Ben Hoy

Great Decisions

War in Ukraine & Changing Demographics

The second "Great Decisions" public forum will meet on Monday, May 2, at 6:00 PM in the Hubbard Community Room at the Walpole Town Library. As the war in Ukraine grinds on without an end in sight, we will continue our discussion of Putin's Russia and the crisis in Ukraine, then segue to changing demographics, with a focus on U.S. immigration, refugee and asylum policy and enactment. The forum will be moderated by Tom Durnford, Professor Emeritus, and is free and open to the public.

A first-hand report from two of our fellow Walpoleans who are now in Poland working with Ukrainian refugees will begin the evening. Dennis Marcom and Peter Stolley will describe their experience and the plight of Ukrainians fleeing their war-ravaged country.

The articles from the Foreign Policy Association's *Great Decisions* briefing book that are relevant to the discussion are *Changing Demographics in the World* by Joseph Chamie and *Putin's Russia* by Allen Lynch. These are available from the Walpole Town Library, or copies may be requested via email: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

Also available at the library is a *Great Decisions* DVD with Master Classes (lasting 30 minutes) on each topic. The Master Class on *Demographics* will be shown during the public forum on May 2.

The public is welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. To obtain the Zoom link to the meeting, please send a request to jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

Founded in 1954 under the auspices of the Foreign Policy Association, *Great Decisions* has become the largest non-partisan education program on foreign policy and international affairs in America. We are grateful for the support of Library Director Jane Malmberg and our public library in hosting this exceptionally informative discussion program. Please join us on May 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Walpole Town Library.

- Sue Kibbe

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To read the *Clarion* on-line or receive reminders of events, head to <https://thewalpoleclarion.com> and scroll down on the right to "Follow this Blog" and sign up.

What is a Variance?

From the Zoning Board

One of the responsibilities of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is to hear requests for variances.

A variance is a waiver or relaxation of zoning ordinance requirements whose strict enforcement would cause undue hardship because of circumstances that are unique to the property.

A hardship would arise if special conditions of the property make it different from other properties in the area, meaning that it couldn't be used in strict conformity with the ordinance.

Before the ZBA can grant a variance, New Hampshire law requires it to determine that all five of the following conditions have been met:

1. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest.
2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed.
3. Substantial justice is done.
4. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished.
5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

How is a variance different from a special exception? A special exception grants permission to do something that the zoning ordinance, under specific conditions, allows. But a variance grants permission to do something the zoning ordinance does **not** allow because of conditions that are unique to that property.

You can find the Walpole Zoning Ordinance at <https://www.walpolenh.us/document-center.html>. If you are unsure what zoning district you are in, check with the Selectboard Office.

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Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

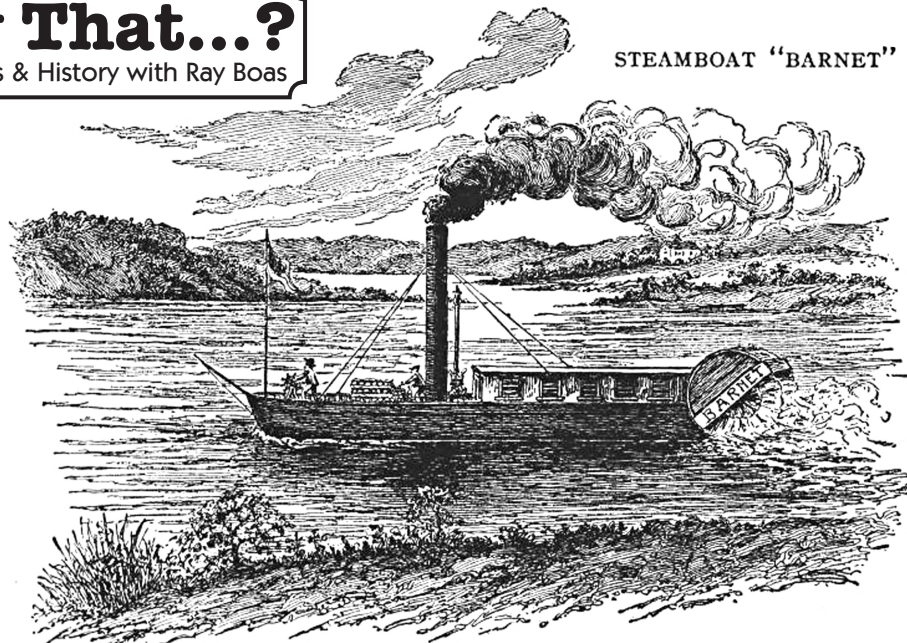
...on December 20, 1826, the steamboat BARNET passed Walpole on its way to Bellows Falls? The goal for this new steamboat was to travel from Hartford, Connecticut to Barnet, Vermont, thus it being named BARNET. The BARNET was the first steamboat traveling north of Hartford on the Connecticut River, but the vessel never made it north of Bellows Falls.

In 1813, the first commercial steamboat traveled from the mouth of the Connecticut River to Hartford. By 1822, steamboats had become the commercial vessel of choice south of Hartford. But north of Hartford, rapids at many points - including Enfield, Connecticut, and Hadley and Turners Falls, Massachusetts - made passage almost impossible. To open the river for more trade, in 1822, a number of Connecticut merchants received a charter for a series of canals to Northampton. Other merchants, perceiving the canal as a threat to their businesses, developed another solution to overcome the rapids. In 1824, the Connecticut River Company was formed, and it commissioned Brown and Bell of New York to build a steamboat that could navigate the swift currents and rapids found in the northern part of the Connecticut River, and ultimately reach Barnet, Vermont.

The BARNET was completed in 1826. It was 75 feet in length with a beam of 14 1/2 feet, with a maximum draft of 22 inches. It had a flat bottom, wall sides and stern paddle-wheel. To prove its viability, she left Hartford for a "pioneer trip" on November 24th, with much fanfare, heading north and causing excitement at every landing it passed.

Brattleboro was no exception in welcoming this first steam vessel. When coming into sight, the river banks were packed with spectators, church bells were rung and an old cannon fired. A stretch of fast water, known as "the tunnel," provided raftsmen difficulty, and so too the underpowered BARNET could not make headway and soon lost control. Grabbing a spiked pole, the Captain tried to move the boat by pushing, but fell over the side. He was pulled back aboard in the nick of time, and the vessel was secured to a flatboat's windlass on shore and pulled to safety.

Danger over, Captain saved, it was time to celebrate in the fashion of the day - the consumption of much drink. The party aboard the BARNET continued all night, and, as the sun rose, it revealed broken windows, tables, crockery and glassware everywhere. But off to Bellows



STEAMBOAT "BARNET"

Falls and its nine locks to raise the craft 52 feet to continue to Barnet, Vermont.

Passengers and crew were probably feeling little pain as they passed Walpole, waving at the spectators on the banks. Approaching Bellows Falls, to show off its maneuverability, the BARNET made several turns around the eddy at the mouth of Saxtons River. Reaching the locks, and welcomed by the only bell in town, the crowd most likely included Walpole citizens. The welcoming party greeted the craft with this speech:

"Gentlemen, the inhabitants of this Village have instructed us their committee to greet you with the most hearty welcome and to assure you they feel a pleasure and delight in the novel manner you have visited them. The arrival of the steamboat BARNET to the Falls will be ever held the most memorable epoch in its history and will speak volumes of conviction to every candid mind of the practicality of improving the noble river."

President Smith, of the Hartford Association for Improving Connecticut River, responded with a speech of

pleasure. The committee then invited all aboard to the Mansion House, the prominent tavern on the west side of the square. Speeches, toasts and a banquet followed in the dining hall where every seat was occupied. Over thirty toasts are documented in the 1907 history of Bellows Falls, beginning with, "The BARNET which scatters inducements to industry as she passes our farms; we bid her welcome with all our hearts." The firing of the cannon fifty feet from the hall on the hill to the west punctuated the toasts. Fireworks in the evening topped off the celebrations.

The morning of the 14th began with a few excursions for guests around the eddy and a short distance down the river and back. Departing to complete its trip north, it was discovered that the BARNET's designers had made an error. The boat was a tad too large to enter the locks. The BARNET departed Bellows Falls at eleven o'clock, heading south under a parting salute of one hundred and twenty-four discharges of the old cannon. The steamboat arrived back in Hartford on the 19th.

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Yo, Bob...

We Still Have Your Soap...and it's Still Coming.

Imagine my surprise this time last month when, a few hours after sending the April Clarion pdf off to press, a FedEx delivery driver trashed the conclusion of my Bob We've Got Your Soap story. Yes, the soap is still coming. All the high hopes and optimism spawned by two weeks of Yardley-free life turned to ashes by one unassuming package. The nightmare isn't over after all.



We're really very tired of this now. And my befuddlement has reached unheard-of heights. As noted last month, Bob O... has never lived at this address — not as a phantom boarder in the year we've been here, nor was he the prior owner, or the owner before that, or the owner before that, which takes it back more than 20 years.

We've now gotten eight deliveries— two to our P.O. Box and the rest by both UPS and FedEx, which covers most delivery systems except carrier pigeon. My addled brain no longer remembers when the first arrived... perhaps January. That's about one bar every two weeks, but they haven't been arriving regularly. There was a burst of about five in one two-week span. The one bar we've been using is still going strong after more than a month. Unless Bob showers every 15 minutes, the bars delivered so far would last more than a year.

I went online to see if Yardley offered a soap of the month (week?) deal. No soap. (Sorry, couldn't resist.) Amazon offers individual bars as well as bulk lots of 40-some. Wherever they're coming from, Bob hasn't been getting them. For someone whose soap consumption appears to be considerable (see preceding paragraph), why hasn't he noticed? One would think that at some point Bob would run out of suds and/or realize his Yardley fix wasn't showing up and maybe try to find out why. He appears to be a very patient man... and perhaps somewhat unwashed.

There is another angle to this drama that only struck me recently. I confess I'm an indifferent cellphone user, often ignoring mine for days at a time. A week or so ago I bestirred myself to clear my messages...and discovered more than a dozen spam-worthy items going back several weeks pushing a variety of dubious products/services. All addressed to Robert.

Bob.

Could it be...? Nah, I'm not that paranoid. Not yet, anyway. Hopefully, we will never need to speak of this again.

— Jan Kobeski

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Walpole Town Library

May News and Events

We have a new way to keep up to date on what is happening at the library - a monthly newsletter! The newsletter will come out the first Monday of the month. If you are on our mailing list, you will receive it automatically. If you are not on our mailing list and want to be, email Julie at jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org. Paper copies will also be available at the library and around town. Check it out, there are exciting things going on!

Read and Run a Marathon! Come to the library to pick up a log and start reading. Students who read 26 books will win a free book to keep! Through May 31st.

Beginning in May, **Wiggle Times** and **Story Times** will meet outside, behind the library, weather permitting. Be prepared with a blanket and warm clothing.

Books and Friends: Mondays, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, in North Walpole. A brand-new program for adults at the North Walpole Branch! We'll share what we are reading, authors we like, chat and catch up. Bring a friend or come and make new friends!

Check 'Em Out. Saturday, May 7th, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Participants will have a choice to read one or more from a selection of titles with a common theme. May's theme is Hygge, the Swedish word for comfort. Books are available at the library.



Crafternoons. Friday, May 13th, from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. Crafting and camaraderie for adults. Materials will be supplied. Space is limited. Registration is recommended. This month we will create beautiful felt daffodils.

For a complete list of our monthly programs, please visit our website: www.walpoletownlibrary.org. If you are not able to come into the library, give us a call at 603-756-9806 or send an email to walpolelibrarycirc@gmail.com to request curbside pickup or home delivery service.

— Jane Malmberg



The Library Plant Sale

The annual library plant sale will be different this year. Beginning in May, the sale will take place throughout the growing season, and will be housed at the Walpole Reuse Center. Please check out our inventory of plants (and books) anytime you are at the Recycling Center. The hours there are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 am to 4:00 PM.

If you have plants that you would like to donate to the library plant sale, please contact us at 603-439-7778. If you need help digging plants to donate, let us know. Please do not drop off plants at the Reuse Center without talking with us first. Thank you so much for supporting the Walpole Library.

— Jana Sellarole



Hooper Hill Hoppers 5th Annual Golf Tournament

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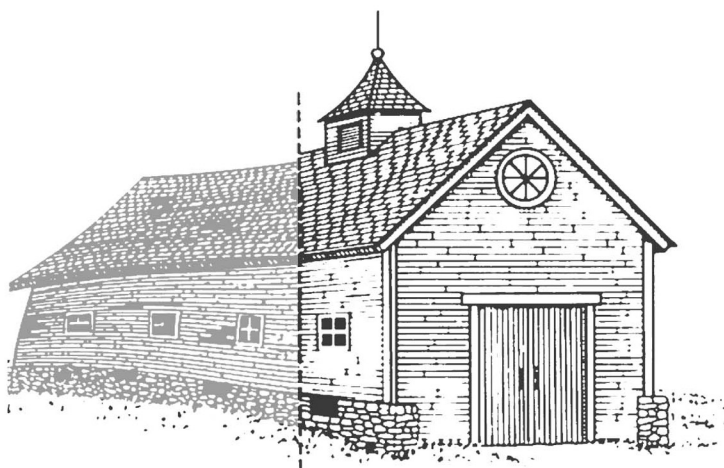
All players will receive breakfast, lunch, goodie bag and a chance to win amazing raffle prizes!

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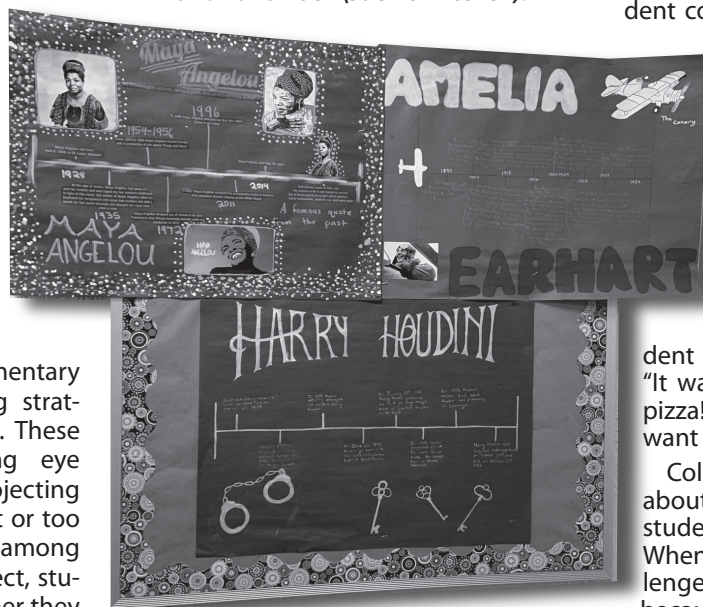
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After learning that public speaking was the number one fear in America, comedian Jerry Seinfeld joked that this meant that, at a funeral, most people would rather be in the coffin than doing the eulogy. Sometimes, the best way to overcome our fears is to face them head-on, in a safe and comfortable environment, where we can stretch our individual comfort zones to improve ourselves. That was the goal of the public speaking units that students at Walpole Elementary School recently participated in during Language Arts class.

The 8th graders of Walpole Elementary learned several public speaking strategies as part of a large project. These strategies included maintaining eye contact with an audience, projecting their voice, not speaking too fast or too slow, using strategic pauses, among other things. As part of the project, students had the choice as to whether they wanted to deliver a persuasive speech or teach a lesson to the class. During their presentations, the 8th graders did an incredible job. They taught on a wide array of topics including self-defense, the mysteries of the Zodiac Killer, fishing in New Hampshire, how to bake a cupcake, analyzing films, climate change, and many other informative topics.

The 7th graders of Walpole also delivered their own public speeches in class. Students chose historical figures to research and learn about. After creating a timeline of the eight most important moments of their lives and writing about those moments, students presented to

Seven Historical Figures (left to right)
*Xavier Bruder (Albert Einstein),
 Isabella Bowman (Jack Nicklaus),
 Maya Carbone (Frida Kahlo),
 Jake Buswell (Alexander the Great),
 and Luna Loch (Jackie Mitchell).*



the class as their chosen historical figures. These included Frida Kahlo, Albert Einstein, Alexander the Great, Jackie Mitchell, Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, Amelia Earhart, Alexander Hamilton, Stan Lee, Harry Houdini, and more. Some students even dressed up as their historical figures to improve their portrayal.

After April break, the 6th graders of Walpole Elementary will deliver persuasive public speeches about a charity of their choice, information about it, and why people should support their selected charities.

– Jacob Gagnon

Pages for Pizza

Walpole Students Celebrate Reading Competition

This past month, our Walpole Parent/Teacher Group sponsored a new challenge for the Walpole School students to try. Pages for Pizza is the latest challenge for Walpole School students, and many students enjoyed the new reading challenge. There was a certain amount of books that they were required to read in order to complete the challenge. Pre-K was to read 20 books, Kindergarten students were to read 25 books, and 1st and second graders were challenged to read 30 books. Third grade students were to read 500 pages, and fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students were challenged to read 1,000 pages. These books and pages were to be read by the end of the month, and 141 students completed the challenge! When a student completed the challenge, they received a certificate and a ticket for their own FREE personal sized 1-topping pizza from Diamond Pizza in Walpole!

Vera Cassarino, a kindergarten student in Walpole says, "Yummy, pizza!" and when she was asked if she would do the challenge again, she said "Yes, because it was super fun!"

Another kindergarten student at Walpole, Coen Jenkins, says, "It was super good and I want to eat pizza! Yes, I would do it again because I want more pizza."

Colton Hubbard was also asked about the challenge. The kindergarten student said, "I liked the challenge!" When asked if he would do the challenge again, he answered with, "Yes, because I like reading and pizza."

It's clear that this challenge was a hit all through the Walpole schools, and Walpole students would like to thank our awesome Walpole Parent/Teacher Group and Diamond Pizza for this fun event!

– Emily Heddon (Grade 8)



Red Sox - Yankees

Why the Red Sox are Way Better

There is no bigger rivalry than Red Sox vs Yankees. It's been going on for almost a 100 years and shows no sign of stopping. When the Sox and Yanks are having a bad year the heat dies down, but when they have a good year the heat is right back up. Some sport reporters call it the biggest rivalry ever, and who can blame them? Fans on each side of the argument can come up with 1,000,000 reasons why their team is better, but I'm gonna give you the real reason why the Red Sox are waaaaay better than the Yankees.

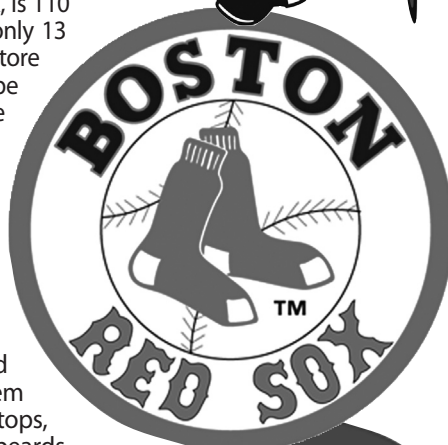
First of all, Red Sox's home field, Fenway Park, is 110 years old. Yankee Stadium (talk about ego) is only 13 years old, and that's only the new one. They tore down their beloved field where the great Babe Ruth once played and put in a new park. The original park was 99 years old. So the Red Sox are obviously the older and wiser team, while the Yankees have no respect for history because they ripped down the field where legends had played.

Second of all, the Red Sox players have more freedom to express themselves. They have all different haircuts. But the Yankees have that plain old fashioned haircut. The Red Sox have a variation of haircuts. Some of them are braids, mohawks, buzz cuts, and mop tops, along with players who have famously had beards. The Red Sox, in 2013, grew out their beards during their World Series run.

Finally, the Red Sox have way more wins than Yankees in all of history. The Yankees have 570 wins. But the Sox have 794 wins. Yes, the Red Sox are older and more talented. But the Yankees still could make up for their wins.

Those are my reasons. They are older. They are wiser. They are better. They are the ultimate team. Go Sox.

— Riley Marquay (Grade 6)



Boston Celtics

Begin Playoffs Against Brooklyn

The Boston Celtics are placed at 2nd in the Eastern Conference and 3rd place in the league. The league that they play for is called the NBA (National Basketball Association). Their record is 51 wins and 31 losses. The Celtics are currently the second seed for the playoffs, having an exceptionally good chance of making it very far in the playoffs. The Celtics opened up their first round series against the Brooklyn Nets. Former Celtics' and current Nets' star Kyrie Irving has had an emotional return to Boston. On April 17th, the Celtics hosted the Nets. Despite a great game from Irving, the Celtics won with a last second layup from Boston's best player, Jayson Tatum. On April 20th, Boston rallied from being down 17 points to defeat Brooklyn, taking a 2-0 series lead. It will be interesting to see how the series ends up, but my hope is that the Celtics will be competing in the next round of the playoffs by the time my next article comes out.

— Taylor Latham (Grade 6)

Mental Health

Bipolar Disorder

This is the third in a series of mental health talks. This month's topic is Bipolar Disorder. What is bipolar? Well, it is a series of manic and depressive episodes that can last weeks to months. It causes people to have high highs and low lows.

This disorder is more common than you think. Some famous people that have this disorder are Buzz Aldrin (astronaut), Carrie Fisher (actress from Star Wars), David Harbour (Stranger Things actor), and Jimmi Hendrix (musical legend).

There is a medicine that is available for people with this disorder. It doesn't get rid of it but it lowers the effects. If you know someone with bipolar disorder, the best thing to do is be patient with them and support them through their dark times.

— Leo Gould (Grade 8)

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

May Day Adventure!

Elwud's story as related to me.

May first and Velma is starting with, "We need to do some spring upgrading" around here!

Too late to hide, I ask, "What do you mean?"

"We need new furniture, at least in the living room and possibly the bedroom."

Well sir, I check around NH and VT to find the largest furniture store there is. Lo and behold, I find one in the Northeast Kingdom of VT. They are so big that they have entire rooms set up just like your living room or any other room in your house. So we pack up and head out on a road trip.

We arrive at this store, three hours later, and it is the biggest store I ever seen.

The sales person greets us and offers us some libations. We are then informed, "Feel free to roam around each and every room. If you have question, there is an intercom in each room, just buzz us and someone will be able to assist you."

Well, Velma heads for the bedroom and I head to the living room. There is a huge lounge chair, wide screen TV and the usual stuff. As I walk into the room, a voice invites me to act just like I am home and enjoy the surroundings.

So I get comfortable in the lounge chair with my adult beverage, cigar and turn on the TV

I am really liking this, when in charges the Store Manager, seemingly very irate.

Apparently making myself comfortable, just like I do at home, does not mean, getting naked and sitting bare butt, drinking beer and smoking cigars. He seemed especially irate at the naked part.

Needless to say we were escorted from the premises and advised to never set foot in their store again.

In addition, they notified every furniture store in the twin state region of my conduct, so we, or I should say, "I" was banned from every store in the twin state region.

In addition, Velma has put me on probation and I am now sleeping on the porch. Well we do not have a real porch, just an unscreened deck and the local bears are coming out of hibernation. They seem to be attracted to the bird feeders that Velma has hanging on the porch/deck. So the next time you see me, if'n I look a mess, now you know why.



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FROM THE CLARION...

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

One Year Ago (May, 2021) – Village Construction to Begin – Two construction projects will disrupt life and traffic patterns and dig up the village this summer. Beginning May 3, Elm Street will be torn up for replacement of the century old water main, and sewer system repairs as necessary, approximately 1200 feet from Westminster Street south to South Street. This section includes in front of the Town Hall and the west side of the Common.

Three Years Ago (May, 2019) – Gateway to Walpole Open House - Once threatened with the prospect of a gas station taking over a beautiful piece of agricultural land, the townspeople of Walpole acted. Led by a dedicated group of citizens, Walpole joined together, fought back and ultimately purchased the land. The property was then handed over to the care and stewardship of the Walpole Conservation Commission. ... The Open House was Saturday May 11, 2019..

Five Years Ago (May, 2017) – Jake's Targeted by Break-in - Shortly before 5:00 am Easter Morning, the first 911 call was received. "Something is not right," the caller said, "there is a car near Jake's Market that should not be there." A cruiser was dispatched to investigate the suspicious activity. While en route, the burglar alarm signal was received. "Now assuming it was not a false alarm," Sergeant Justin Sanctuary told me, "a backup unit was called in from Bellows Falls."

Seven Years Ago (May, 2015) – The ninth annual Walpole Cabaret was held on April 11. The community- wide event took place in the recently renovated Fellowship Hall of the Central Congregational Church of Walpole. Admission was by Free-Will Donation. More than ninety people were treated to fourteen acts.

Nine Years Ago (May, 2013) – Did You Know Thatin the early part of the 20th century you could take a train from Walpole to Bellows Falls, transfer to a trolley, and go to an Amusement Park in Saxtons River?

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Keep Bellows Falls Beautiful

Meet & Greet

Come meet other volunteers and learn about our local non-profits! The Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance and Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Meet & Greet for Volunteers at BFDDA's first Keep BF Beautiful on Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Join us at the Waypoint Center for coffee and pastries from the BF Rotary Club and find out more about our non-profits and upcoming events. A list of activities for the morning is below - choose something you would like to paint, clean or plant and stay for a pot-luck lunch at noon.

Please dress accordingly and bring gloves and any tools that might help! Jobs for the 14th: Planting flowers in planters and other pots, cleaning up existing flower beds, sweeping and cleaning stairside, spring cleaning the Waypoint Center, cleaning windows and glass on kiosk, Painting, brainstorming and having fun!

Keep BF Beautiful is a monthly volunteer event where we pick a small project around town and make it pretty. Future projects include hydrant painting, brush clearing, and poison ivy control. We would love other ideas.

BFDDA is looking for help for the fundraiser at the Guilford Welcome Center on Friday, June 3. Do you love baking? We need treats and savory items, please contact bfdda1@gmail.com if you can help, and check out Facebook for all of the latest activities around Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls- Greater Falls Farmers Market Fridays 4-7 pm in Downtown Bellows Falls. Kick-off fundraiser with live entertainment on Friday, May 20 from 5-8 pm on BF3F. The first Market starts the Third Friday in June with live entertainment, take-out food and vendors and runs Fridays from June 17 through September. For more information or becoming a vendor visit them on Facebook at Greater Falls Farmers' Market.

— Betsy Thurston

Gleanings from the Town Minutes

Selectboard April 14 - Trees on the Common: Mrs. Downing is waiting for a certified arborist to contact her about the trees on the Common. (Editors note:

You are invited to read *Only The Trees Are Different*, which you will find linked from the **Clarion's** home page).

Vilas Bridge: Mr. Dalessio reported that they were supposed to do a drone video of conditions on the Vilas Bridge for preliminary engineering on movement of the wastewater line off the bridge.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

I really do not like the telephone, but what a treat it was when I answered on the 21st, and it was Bruce, an on-line **Clarion** reader living in Maine. I was relieved I did not have to give out my Social Security Number or a Credit Card number for some possible nefarious reason. Growing up in Walpole, and working at Guy Bemis' IGA, reading of the theme of this year's Old Home Days, Bruce wanted to share his "Main Street Memories." Newcomers may not be aware the store was there. It was in the northern building (of what is now the post office block) before the north and south buildings were joined about 1975. I told him this is just the type of first person history related story I want to share with my readers, and now it is in print for all times. Thank you Bruce. Does anyone else have some mid-20th century recollections to share?

As you can see some events are again going to occur - rummage sales, the "Hoppers" fundraising golf tournament. I spent some time emailing with Jane about the new library website and the library's newsletter. Space often is hard on my pages to share all details of activities, so I encourage you to sign up to receive the newsletter to really keep informed. I have links to the library's information from the WALPOLE ON-LINE RESOURCES link on the **Clarion** web-site menu. If other groups, particularly non-profits, have a newsletter or website to reach the community, let me know.

Stay safe and well.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

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