



The WALPOLE Clarion

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Hooper Golf Course Celebrates 90 Years

George Levi Hooper's will left his property at the top of Prospect Hill Road, known as Meeting House Farm, to the Town of Walpole. The trust he established stipulated that an institute be formed to provide programs in the fields of agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental science for Walpole's youth. A new Colonial-style building, The Hooper Institute, was built on the site of the old meeting house, across the street from the old Watkins Tavern.

The Hooper Golf Club (named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hooper) was formed June 26, 1926. The club proposed to the selectmen (Trustees of the Trust) to lease part of the property to build a golf course. A special meeting was held July 10, 1926, and the proposal accepted.

The old Watkins Tavern became the clubhouse when the course officially opened at 10:00 AM July 2, 1927. Dinner was served at the clubhouse to 130 guests, who then danced away the evening. Recently, Ron Whitten, Golf Digest Architecture Editor, ranked the Hooper Golf Course as number 11 on his list of the twenty-five best 9-hole golf courses in America.

In celebration of the 90th anniversary of Hooper Golf Course, Meeting House West, LLC (which currently oversees the operation of the golf course), is hosting a golf tournament, Saturday, August 19. In scramble format, the event will be flighted to accommodate all handicaps. The tournament begins at 8:30 AM, with a shotgun start. A catered meal on the porch follows beginning at 1:30 PM. The price is \$100 per person (foursomes happily arranged). Commemorative hats and prizes are included. Non golfers may sign up for lunch only and enjoy the beautiful scenery on the porch for \$30 per person. For more information contact Joe Goodhue 756-4080.

- Ray Boas



Walking for ALS

During Old Home Days, Gretchen Hurlburt and her daughter Gillian Cox organized a walking team to raise awareness and money for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease). The team has joined The Northern New England Chapter of the ALS Association's walk Saturday October 7 in Manchester NH. Every 90 minutes, a person in this country is diagnosed with ALS, which is a progressive, fatal neuromuscular disease that slowly robs the body of its ability to walk, speak, swallow and breathe. The life expectancy of an ALS patient averages 2 to 5 years from the time of diagnosis.

Naming themselves The Walpole Walking Warriors, the team currently has more than 20 members willing to walk in person or virtually to raise monies in support of ALS. The Walpole team includes friends and family of Walpole residents who have been touched by ALS. Walpole, as a small community, has lost many to this disease, and the Team

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Route 12 Reconstruction

More than 50 people attended a June 28 New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) public information meeting on the planned reconstruction of three miles of NH Route 12 in Walpole and Charlestown. Attendees included the entire Walpole Selectboard; Walpole's Road Agent, Mike Rau; Walpole Fire and EMS was represented by Bryan Wetherby, and Walpole's Police Chief Mike Paquette, and Sergeant Justin Sanctuary. The advertised short presentation lasted more than an hour with questions and concerns expressed by attendees.

The project entail reconstruction of approximately three miles of NH Route 12, north from North Walpole to the intersection with NH 12A in South Charlestown. Proposed work includes full box reconstruction, riverbank slope stabilization, construction of storm

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water treatment and drainage upgrades, as well as guardrail replacement. The result will be improved safety of the corridor by widening the roadway and constructing paved shoulders, which will result in increased comfort during use by commercial vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists, and during maintenance activities.



Studies in 2013 showed substandard drainage and the southern part of the embankment failing on this section of road that was travelled by over 6,300 cars a day. This new and final design will not impact the railroad right of way or the 12A overpass. There will be a minimal westerly shift of the roadbed to accommodate 11 foot lanes (one foot less than safety standards recommend and were promised at earlier meetings). In addition, improved drainage and filtration systems will separate contaminants from water entering the Connecticut River.

The project will take three years. It is anticipated that contracts for the work will be awarded in late December 2017 or early January 2018. In February/March 2018 clearing on the embankment will begin followed by slope stonework, relocation of utility poles and drainage structures. Year Two will see the roadway rebuilt and the remaining drainage completed. The final paving and clean-up will occur in the third year. The new river slopes will be repopulated with native species. During the daytime work alternating one-way traffic will be controlled by flaggers. Outside normal construction hours, Route 12 will remain a two-lane road to minimize delays during high commuting hours.

Additional information about the project can be found on the NHDOT web site at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/walpole14747/index.htm> Or you may call (603) 271-2171 for information on Walpole-Charlestown Project 14747.

- Ray Boas

Property Revaluation

Update

In late August, a letter will to be sent to property owners that will include a web page address (url) to a draft tax property card. The tax card can be reviewed online, downloaded and printed. Owners can also query the Avitar system to view comparable properties. Property owners are encouraged to review their draft cards to ensure they are correct.

If there are questions with how assessments were determined, or if you believe your property tax card contains inaccurate physical data, residents should call to arrange for an informal hearing with one of the Avitar Assessors. The hearings will be held at the Town Hall following the phone call process.

The fall tax bill will reflect updated property values.

- Sarah Downing

Farm Tour

Local Farms Take Part in New Regional Event

Farms throughout the Monadnock region will open their barn doors to the public this month. The first Monadnock Farm Tour will be held Saturday, August 26 from 2 to 6 PM, featuring locally-grown food and snacks. With partial funding from the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, The Monadnock Farm & Community Coalition has recruited 19 regional farms to participate - from Hinsdale to Fitzwilliam; Peterborough to Walpole. Walpole Valley Farms, the Inn at Valley Farms, and Alyson's Orchard are the local participants.

Among the attractions: border collie and shepherding demonstrations, alpaca fiber-making, wagon rides, egg collecting and cow milking, scavenger hunts for kids, farm tours, trained pigs, antique tractor show, and lots of animals - draft horses, alpacas, mini-horses, goats, sheep and chickens.

Pets are not allowed. Farm homes are not part of the tour. No admission after 6 PM. Admission charged. All proceeds go to the 2018 Farm Tour.

For more information, a full list of participating farms, an interactive map and tour brochure (and a detailed list of visitor "dos and don'ts"), go to www.mfcommunitycoalition.org/farmtour.

- Jan Kobeski

Hooper Institute News

More than one hundred Walpole youth ages six to sixteen have participated in Hooper Institute summer programs. The camp for younger children based at the Institute had forty-five enrolled. The kids are broken into smaller groups and shepherded by high school age counselors, all under the supervision of my colleague Rebecca Whippie.



They explore the fields, forests, garden, brook and pond at Hooper. Each day a different theme reflects the Hooper areas of study: agriculture, forestry, botany, soils and environmental studies. The high school counselors suggest games for active fun. There are always crafts to take home. This year, all the campers brought home their Hooper Camp tee shirts, always a popular keepsake. Each tee shirt is individually stamped with critters by the campers. For Garden Party day, campers planted potatoes in the Community Garden, destined for the Fall Mt. Food Shelf in the fall. You can imagine what "My Name is Mud" day entailed!

This is the second year we have had visiting goats pastured at Hooper thanks to our neighbor Chuck Wise. He also brought his chickens to camp for kids to see and handle. Dr. Meghan Coneeny from the Walpole Veterinary Hospital came to camp one day to show the group what it's like to check the health of the goats. We thank both for how they have enriched the camp experience.

Adventure camp enrolled thirty-two children for the five days. Again, high school age counselors were crucial to the success of the hikes. We visited Kingsbury Mtn. and played a spirited

game of capture the flag. We scrambled up the recesses of the Academy Ravine and climbed Fall Mt. The most popular day is our cookout and games at the Hooper Shelter. The last day we biked from Homestead Farm to Boggy Meadow Farm. We were greeted by Donna, their excellent cheesemaker and treated to a half dozen different flavors of Swiss cheese she's created, garlic being the

built bird feeders, boxes, benches and chairs, a dog bed, a coop for chicks and a skateboard ramp. Thanks to Leon Jones for generously donating lumber for the program for the past several years.

Although camps may be finished, the high school summer work program will continue through the summer. Twenty-one students are enrolled, most working in agricultural operations in town, plus the Walpole Recycling Center. Students are at Abenaki Springs Produce Farm, Malnati Dairy Farm, Alyson's Orchard, two horse farms, Barnett Hill Vineyard, The Village Blooms, Distant Hill Gardens and the Walpole Veterinary Hospital. We have one student helping at the Walpole Community Garden and the three school gardens. She just planted beans for fall harvest at the schools. The program would not be a success without the cooperation of the many mentors at each site who patiently teach the work skills the teens need to succeed.

This year we have had the financial assistance from many individuals and businesses in town. Thanks to the Savings Bank of Walpole, EE Houghton Company, Bowman Dental, Walpole Veterinary Hospital, Emily Samuels Orthodontics, Bensonwood, Applied Bolting, and Hooper Hill Hoppers. Several foundations have also helped including the Hubbard Charitable Foundation, the Bailey Charitable Foundation and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

– Eloise Clark

favorite of the group. After visiting the heifers, we rambled to the Connecticut River for a wade, swim or fort building in the floodplain forest.

Woodworking camp welcomed twenty-two eager carpenters. Kids create the project of their choice. Some use plans on hand, but many come with an idea. I ask that they draw it out on paper. We see if we can engineer it, and away they go! It was a big year for tables of different sizes and heights, but they also

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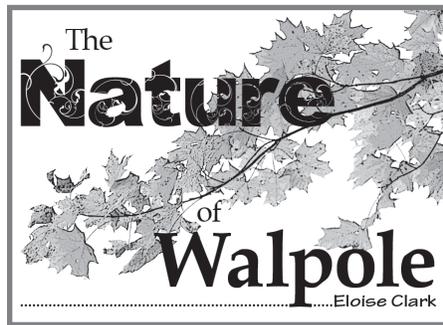


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Rimming to the banks and floodplains of the Connecticut River is a magnificent forest community. The last day of Hooper Institute Adventure Camp we traversed a narrow band of this forest between the fields of Boggy Meadow Farm and the CT River. A broad canopy of silver maples (*Acer saccharinum*) creates deep shade. There are also huge cottonwood trees puncturing the canopy. In June, their seeds create a carpet of white "cotton" on the ground.

The flood plain forest has a very different feel from the other forests we visited during camp week. It's unlike the tall straight red pines in the Hooper woodlot or the stunted pitch pines embracing Table Rock on Fall Mountain. It's really unlike the red oak forest cladding our drier hillsides, and a bit more like the rich ravines with sugar maples off County Road. In this flood plain forest, the dense understory of tall ostrich ferns, even taller stinging nettles and biting insects brings to mind the perils of a tropical rainforest.



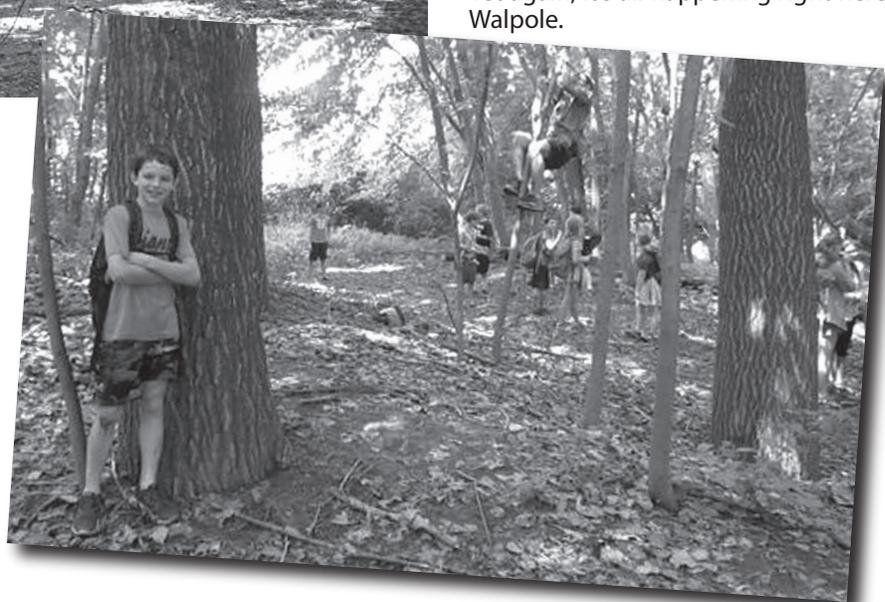
According to literature in the NH Wildlife Action Plan bulletin about Floodplain Forests, "Floodplain forests occur in the low, flood prone area along rivers, typically less than 20 feet above the river channel. Periodic floods in these forests recycle sediment and nutrients, creating some of New Hampshire's richest soil deposits" This type of forest has been lost to agricultural fields because of the rich soils. The lower expanses of Boggy Meadow Farm were likely once covered by this type of forest.

PHOTOS: ELOISE CLARK



As with any unique habitat "floodplain forests contain uncommon plants and animals and are important reservoirs of New Hampshire biodiversity." The cerulean warbler, northern leopard frog and red-shouldered hawk are three rare species not found in other forests. "Research in the Connecticut River region has shown that spring flooding thaws the soils of floodplain forest earlier than soils in surrounding areas. This early thaw means that insects become available to birds as food earlier in floodplain forest, so birds will feed in, follow and depend more heavily on floodplain forests than other forested habitats during the early spring migration." Smaller songbirds cling to these forests for food and cover to rest and refuel on their journey northward.

"Floodplain forests contribute many free ecological services to our society: they help filter pollutants to prevent them from entering streams, improve water quality, are critical in controlling erosion and help buffer rivers against catastrophic flooding." One fascinating thing I noticed as we trekked in the shallow water along the river bank was the vibrant new growth of young silver maples and cottonwood trees. This was an area scoured by high waters just a few years ago. The saplings were crowded blade to blade and stem to stem so very few other plants could get a toehold. Other areas where the banks of the river have been cleared of floodplain forests, invasive species easily gain a foothold, notably monocultures of Japanese knotweed. In this intact tract of silver maples there was no sign of this noxious invasive. As we followed the tracks of a rambling raccoon along the silty edge of the river, I couldn't help wonder if the floodplain forest had the secret to resisting the invasive species onslaught? Yet again, it's all happening right here in Walpole.



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The fourth piece, titled Space-Time Artifact, received one of four Juror's Recognition Awards at The AVA Gallery & Art Center in West Lebanon, NH. This regional exhibition features 103 works by 81 NH and VT artists.



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will walk to honor them all. Currently In Honor are: Sharlene Beaudry, Brenda Hayman, Alice Howe, Herb Hurlburt, Doris LeClair, and Keith LeClair (If you have another individual you would like to add to the list, please contact Team Captain Gretchen Hurlburt).

It is easy to join the team to walk, or to make a donation in support of a walker. Instead of providing the lengthy web address for you to copy, the easiest way to get to the donation site is to Google - walk to defeat als hurlburt - and one of the top links returned will bring you to the Walpole Walking Warrior page. If you end up on the main ALS page, scroll down and you will see The Walpole Walking Warriors as a Top Team with a link to their donation page. There you can join the team, or make a donation directly in support of the walker's efforts.

- Ray Boas

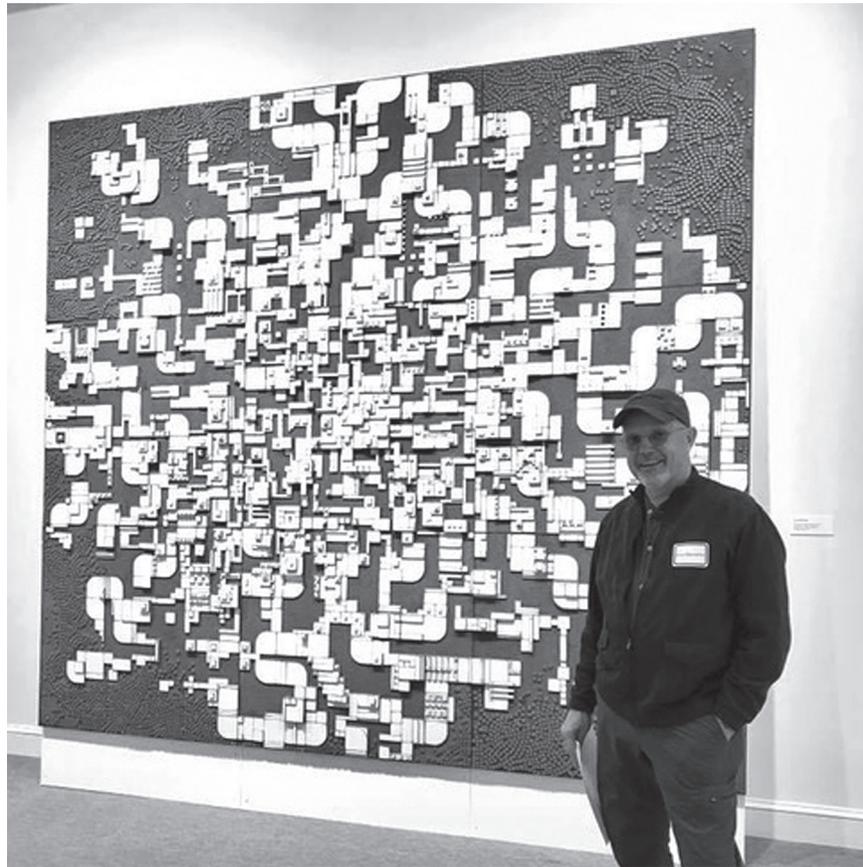


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Hi everyone! Here we are in the summer heat, vacationing and celebrating our National Holidays. The 4th of July was a beautiful day and worthy of remembering our Founding Fathers and those Revolutionaries who, throughout the years, gave all they had to make and keep the United States the most desirable nation on the planet.

Even with our many flaws as a country, it is evident that God has blessed us with a freedom that few others enjoy. We've also been blessed with intelligent people who know how to re-use and recycle glass, paper, plastic, metal, etc., so that our resources will still be around for many generations.

Speaking of recycling, many thanks go out to our new volunteers who heard the call, and to our many veteran volunteers who faithfully come at their appointed times and also fill in when the need arises.

Volunteerism is a valued trait of Americans. We've seen it in the beginning days of our nation, and we see it today. If you have some time, please do volunteer

at the Recycling Center. You'll get a sense that you have done something good for your community, your state, and yes, even your country (not to mention the world at large).

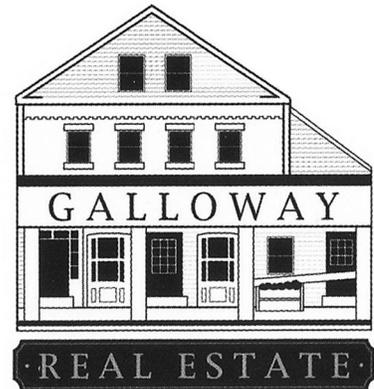
We look forward to seeing you soon at the Walpole Recycling Center, 207 Whitcomb Rd. (Rt. 123), Walpole. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. 603-445-5197. Thank you in advance for your support.

– Cynthia Herron

Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on August 21, 2017 at the First Congregational Church. Eloise Clark, Director of the Hooper Institute Summer Program, and several of her students will be our guests. We look forward to their discussion relating to the Summer Program and the activities offered to the young people in our community. Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

– Jan Martin



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- Ray Boas

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

Crop Hunger Walk

Join friends and neighbors on Saturday, September 30 for a fun, community walk in Walpole to raise funds to help eradicate hunger and provide access to clean, safe water in the United States and around the world. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will go to the fall Mountain Food Shelf. Join the churches in Walpole, or create your own team to join in. The 3-plus mile route is great for all ages. For more details visit: www.crophungerwalk.org/walpolenh.

- Wendy Harty

HCS Wellness Clinic

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) will hold a Nurse In clinic in Walpole on Friday, August 25. An HCS wellness nurse will be at Applewood Senior Housing from 10-11AM to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and any health concerns you may have. These screenings are open to the public of all ages and are offered free of charge. No appointment is necessary.

Nurses in clinics are sponsored by HCS, a Monadnock United Way agency. For a complete list of area clinics or for more information, visit www.HCSservices.org or call HCS at 352-2253.

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POINTS of Interest

Local Perspectives by Bill Lockwood

The Historical Society Across the River

With Walpole's every three year Old Home Days just past in June and the annual Rockingham Old Home Days in August, thoughts of the history of this area come to mind with the celebrations. Bellows Falls Historical Society is an active organization with ongoing projects that are not necessarily well known to those of us in Walpole, though the history of the two towns right across the river from each other is shared in many ways.

The biggest attraction of the Bellows Falls Historical Society is the old Adams Grist Mill down a steep slope just off the south end of the Bellows Falls Square. It houses the society's collection of chiefly industrial artifacts from the Old Arch Bridge, the creamery, Vermont Farm Machinery Company machines that were made locally, and the railroad. Curator Chris Glennon says he has rearranged the exhibits in an effort to make them more "user friendly". The mill is open to the public every Sunday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. When he is there at other times, Glennon hangs out the "Open" flag. There are some local nonindustrial items in the collection as well, though one prized possession, Hetty Green's garden gate, is not currently on display. She was a longtime Bellows Falls resident, and, in the early 1900s, known as the "Witch of Wall Street"; and, at one time, the richest woman in the US.



PHOTO: BILL LOCKWOOD

The water-powered Adams Grist Mill was built in 1831 on the Bellows Falls canal. The mill is actually an exhibit itself. The canal was diverted when the dam and hydroelectric plant were built in 1929, and the mill was electrified. The wires and motors installed then are still there for us to see. The mill ceased grinding local farmer's corn and grain in 1965. The power company has rented the mill and eight acres of adjoining parkland to the society ever since.

This coming fall they will dedicate a "poet's bench" overlooking the river that has been a project for a while, and there is a future plan to complete a trail up the Saxton's River all the way to The Pinnacle. Glennon says, "That would be quite a hike." Development of the long unoccupied TLR buildings next to the mill is also a future project.

Anyone seeking information on the mill or in joining the society should call Chris Glennon at (856)701-4284.

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Reader Submission

Editor's Note: Walpole resident, Melissa Whittaker, contributed a poem to the **Clarion** in May, 2015. Recently she received an email in regard to a scheduled meeting, reminding her that it was to be "talk, face to face," and where there would be "no hiding behind a computer screen." In her note to the **Clarion**, she wrote, "As someone who is shy and introverted, sometimes it can be hard to open up around certain people and in certain situations." It hit her that in "coping with shyness" she found it easier to "hide behind a screen", taking the time to write out her thoughts. The email she received reminded her that "having conversations face to face can be beneficial. They can help with social communication skills, help clear up any misunderstandings, and also help relationships grow because they're more personal." And, it led to her poem which she wished to share...

- Ray Boas

Hiding Behind Screens

By Melissa Whittaker

Sometimes it's easy
To hide behind a screen
To hide behind a mask
And never be seen.

Sometimes it's easy
To let the words flow
By typing them up
Hitting send, off they go.

Sometimes it's hard
To talk face to face
To get the words out
Though thoughts constantly race.

Sometimes it's hard
To not be scared
Of being more open
When feelings need to be shared.

Sometimes we need
A helping hand
To step out from behind
Help us open up, to understand.

Sometimes we need
To let our guard down
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Robochicks

WES Holds Annual Summer Camp

From July 10 through July 14, Walpole Elementary School hosted their annual Robochicks Camp for the middle school students. The camp was run and organized by Jackie Ronning, Jake Gagnon, and Justin Cassarino. Thirteen students participated in the event, including seven incoming sixth graders, two incoming seventh graders, two incoming eighth graders, and two recent graduates of Walpole Elementary.

During the weeklong camp, students collaborated in groups to build Lego Robots and write code for those robots to be able to perform tasks for the final day's competition. These tasks included making several 90 degree turns, stopping and pausing, moving at least eight feet, making noises or sounds, displaying an image on the programmable brick, and avoiding obstacles.

Students were not only introduced to building robots and preliminary programming, but also to various 21st Century skills that will prepare them to be productive and successful members of the work force and society. In between working on their robot and participating in other activities, students were able to perform an Hour of Code online, which allowed them to learn how to write code for versions of some of their favorite games, including Flappy Bird and Minecraft.

Students watched short videos and participated in discussions that showcased the attributes those companies such as Facebook and Google search for in their employees. The attributes that were primarily focused on included collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, perseverance, research skills, and communication.

Other activities during the week included a discussion with Brad Tetu, a software engineer, who showed students the real-world application of learning these skills. The discussion was both informative and interesting for the participants. Students also had the opportunity to be active almost daily, going to the town pool for an hour of swimming and going outside to play games. This showed students the importance of balance in life for staying both physically and mentally active throughout the day.

On Friday, the final day of the camp, family members and friends were welcomed into the gymnasium at Walpole to view what the students had worked so hard to create throughout the week. Each team had brought personalized creativity and ingenuity to building their own robots. The competition was close, with each team's robots performing a majority of the tasks. The first team was made of Alex Bernard, Colin Kinson, Bella Smith, and Jade Nadeau. The next team included Colin Reagan, Murray Spaulding, and Ian Smith. Another team was comprised of Ben Tetu, Logan Wilbur, and Sam Caserta. The winning team, which earned a perfect score, included Grace Conety, Bennett Shriver, and Aidan Parrott. While each student made vast improvements throughout the week, Ethan Parrott and Logan Wilbur were awarded as the Most Improved. All students earned a certificate for their completion of the robotics camp.

Walpole Elementary School would like to offer an enormous thanks to the Walpole Parent-Teacher Group and Mr. Jacobs for their unwavering support. Without their help, the Robochicks Camp would not be possible..

- Jake Gagnon

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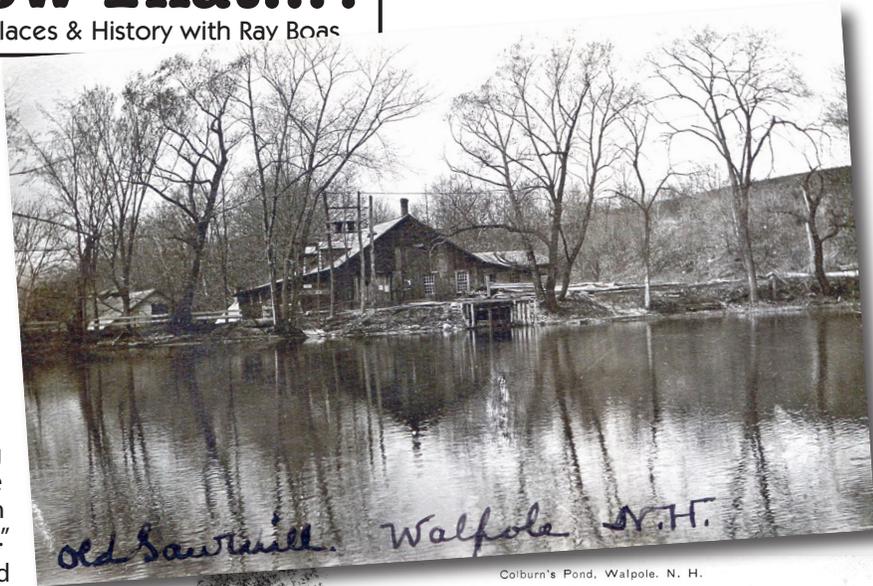
Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...Colburn's Mill Pond

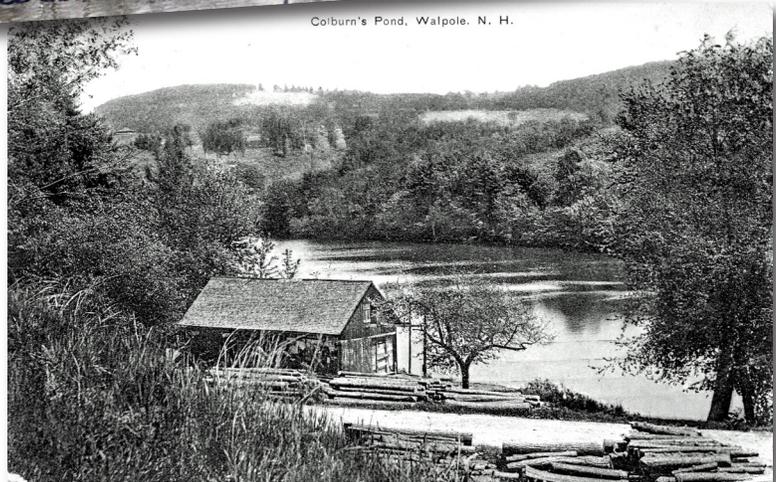
provided a source of water power for a number of mills in the 19th and early 20th centuries? And you probably pass by this spot several times a week without realizing all that was there. Colburn's Mill Pond is on the east side of Turnpike Street (Main Street) on the flat just south of the incline to the new Fire House. If you stop and walk along the road looking west, you see there is quite a drop in elevation - the perfect scenario to capture the power of falling water. That area, west of the turnpike to where Route 12 was constructed in 1962, became known as the "Mill Area."

In 1818 Thomas Bellows allowed Blanchard Brook to be rerouted from the Sikes property (naming it Sikes Brook) to increase the flow of water to a natural body of water, thus creating a mill pond to "maintain a good and sufficient gristmill." This mill pond (no longer remaining) was created to the west of Turnpike Street for the gristmill. The gristmill fell into disuse by 1913. A house stood on the former gristmill site until removed during construction of the new Route 12.

Besides the grist mill, other mills in the "Mill Area" included a clothing works and sawmill (located west of the Turnpike and north of the brook). In 1850 Uriah Newton reported sawing 1,500 logs (200,000 feet of lumber) with one "up-and-down" saw. John Selkirk added a cider mill in the 1870s, which in 1880 produced 1200 barrels of cider. Then in 1887, Selkirk "built a capacious ice house." In 1889, he sold his mill properties to Willis A. and Warren H. Colburn. The Colburn family combined their ice business with this purchase, establishing regular ice delivery in Walpole. The original ice house (1887) was at the south end of Colburn Pond, but moved to the north end of the pond in 1890. The Colburns built two additional ice houses in 1892 and 1893. They sold their mill properties in 1912. By 1922 the mills were gone, but their name "stuck" to the pond for a while, and was used on two post cards in my collection. These different cards (one circa 1900 and the second mailed 1917) both picture the same earlier image (probably from the late 1890s - a common practice for rural postcard publishers) with logs alongside the icehouse.



Colburn's Pond, Walpole, N. H.



In 1985, Hubbard Farms, Robert L. Galloway, and Jack Johnson gave 86 acres of land (including the Mill Pond) to the Town of Walpole for the creation of a nature preserve. "A Guide to Walpole Conservation Lands" prepared in 1991 by the Hooper Institute and Walpole Conservation Commission describes the preserve - "Mill Pond Conservation Area - Once a power supply for mills and a

source of ice for refrigeration, the Mill Pond, now hosts one of Walpole's best wildlife sanctuaries. Trails totaling 1.5 miles wind through upland hardwoods and floodplain forest or down to the watery world of the beaver pond. Beavers and bullfrogs, waterfowl and warblers are abundant, as are spring wildflowers." Plan to stop, follow the trails, and do so through the seasons.

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Great River Co-op

Fall Event Lineup

The Great River Co-op, a cooperative grocery store in the development stages, announces a full schedule of fundraising events for late summer and into fall. Their next step in development is hiring a Project Manager, and their goal is to raise \$40,000 by the end of the year to accomplish it. The board of directors and volunteers have put together a number of events to rally the community and invite them to join in supporting the project.

First, the Great River Co-op will be the recipient of proceeds from a Pizza Night at Orchard Hill Breadworks in East Alstead, NH on August 1st. Orchard Hill provides the crust, sauce, and cheese and you bring your favorite topping to share or pick fresh from their "Pizza Garden!" Watch as they cook your pizza in their outdoor brick oven and then enjoy your pizza at the picnic tables.

Next will be a Music Night at Mole Hill in East Alstead. Held on Friday, September 15, the evening will feature a number of local bands, with local food and a silent auction to benefit the co-op.

In celebration of Co-op Month, the Great River Co-op will hold its 2nd Annual Harvest Dinner with a menu that showcases seasonal foods from local farms and producers. Details to follow.

And also in October, a special movie showing of Producer and Director Steve Alves' *Food For Change* at the Bellows Falls Opera House. The film talks about food co-ops and how they're changing American culture. It also goes into the history of co-ops through the Great Depression, WWII, and the 1960s. Details to follow.

All co-op events will depend on volunteers and support from area businesses. If you would like to get involved, please send an email to info@greatriverfoodcoop.com, or visit the website: www.greatriverfoodcoop.com. You can also follow Great River Co-op on Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreatRiverCoop.

— Stacey Nachajski



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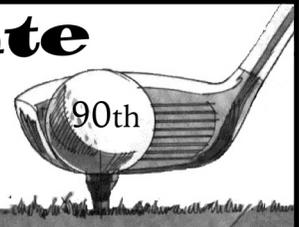
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CRVBL Baseball

Both Walpole teams had a successful July. The Maples won both matchups with the Wild Blue, 3-1 and 5-4; beat the Putney Fossils, 7-6, and the Claremont Cardinals, 4-2. The Wild Blue thumped Brattleboro, 27-0 and beat the Connecticut River Iron Men, 2-1.



The Maples and Wild Blue met twice in June at Hubbard Park. These plays are from the Maples' 5-4 win.



Tied for first place going into the last game of the regular season, the Maples and Summit Athletics met to determine who would earn a first round bye in the playoffs. That advantage went to Summit after their 11-2 victory.

Other playoff seedings have not yet been determined. The first rounds will be over before the August Clarion mails. The championship game will be Sunday, August 6, at Hubbard Park at 1PM.

– Jan Kobeski

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Alyson's Pork Pull

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Sunday, August 27, Alyson's Orchard and Kirby's Q of Alstead will host the 5th annual Amateur BBQ Pulled Pork Competition for the benefit of the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. The event will run from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole. There is no entry fee for participants, but they must supply 20 pounds of pulled pork that has been cooked over wood or charcoal for sampling.

The public is welcome to sample the pulled pork and vote for the People's Choice Award between 12:00 noon and 2:00 PM. There is no admission charge for this event, but anyone wishing to sample is asked to make a contribution to benefit the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. There will also be BBQ food for sale to the public from Kirby's Q; a Beer and Soft Drink Tent to compliment the BBQ; and unique ice cream, mixed and frozen on the spot using liquid nitrogen, from Sub Zero Ice Cream & Yogurt! Alyson's farm stand store will be open with new, local products as well as fresh seasonal fruits and berries.

- Fran Imhoff

Friendly Meals

The Friendly Meals for Senior Citizens will hold their monthly dinner on Friday, August 25 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole. The meal will be served at noon. On the menu will be turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, and chocolate cake with raspberry sauce for dessert.

Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns, and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by noon on August 24.

Arrive early and have your blood pressure taken at the Nurse Is In Clinic. A wellness nurse from Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will be available from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and general health concerns you may have.

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- Lara Larson

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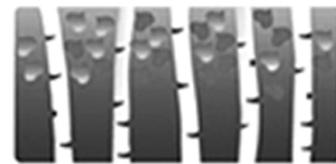
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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Signs of Maturity

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Well here are a few signs which will alert you that you might be growing older. If you recognize some of them, fear not, you are in good company.

You will know you are getting older when you stop growing at both ends and start growing in the middle.

You find it difficult to make ends meet – ends like your fingers and your toes.

You consider that a trip to the Post Office is a busy weekend.

You wake up with the 'morning after' feeling but you did nothing the night before to earn it.

You find yourself in the bathroom and you cannot remember if you were coming in or leaving.

You know you are old when you have money to burn but you cannot get the fire started.

You feel like you have all the answers but no one asks the questions.

You can clearly recall an incident that happened when you were six years old but cannot remember what you did yesterday.

And the real sign of aging is when all the names in your little black book are for doctors and nurses!

Reader Commentary

If you were in Walpole on June 19th you probably were impressed with the rain "events" in town. Surely, those of us living in the vicinity of Union and School Streets were. The little trickling brook coming down the side of Kevin Healey's driveway became a torrent, overflowing its banks and flooding yards and basements all the way across Main Street. For the third time since 2005, the entire north side of my yard on School Street was temporarily turned into a stream. Once the waters receded, I was left with rocks, tree branches, silt, sand, gravel and mud. My neighbors and others on Ford Avenue also suffered at Mother Nature's hands. Many basements around town were flooded, and driveways and roads were washed out.

Nine of us attended what I consider a very well-run meeting with the Select Board and Road Agent on June 22nd. Each of us were given the opportunity to be speak and express our frustration with the recurring flooding. The Town Officials listened and assured us they

were concerned and will be creating a plan to alleviate problems as they are able, acknowledging the Town cannot do anything on private property. There also is that issue of funding.

I would like to thank the members of the Select Board and the Road Agent and his crew who put in lots of hard work and many hours whenever there is a storm. I especially want to express my gratitude to Kevin Healey who was out on School St during the flooding with his tractor building a berm to try to hold back some of the water. Kevin also worked with Kelly Lawn Care who showed up at my house on June 26th to clean up the mess. I was so surprised to arrive home from work that Monday evening to see everything had been cleaned up. Somewhere in town there is an anonymous angel who hired Kelly to do this for me. I don't have to know who you are, but please know I will pay it forward when I can.

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– Judy Epstein

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Sunday night. I can hear the Savings Bank of Walpole's band concert outside my window, and I am proofing this issue of the **Clarion** for the about sixth time. Many activities take a break during the summer months, but as you read through, a great deal is still happening in town. Fund-raising events, camps, golf tournaments, just to mention a few things on this month's pages. Enjoy too Melissa's poetic words, and Judy's thank you. Will you be next to contribute?

Also, please look closely at some of the new advertisers who have joined us. Doug Faxon was pleased with the calls he got following his ad in the July issue, so asked that his ad be run again. Advertising works, and often just one or two new clients or customers makes it worthwhile.

'Till next month, do enjoy your summer.

- Ray Boas, Publisher

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