



# The WHATELY SCOOP

*Certified* News for the Town  
with the Milk Bottle...

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## Whately Historical Society News

by Barbara Drollette and Dee Bardwell

### Whately Historical Society Spring Festival.

Sunday, May 27, 2012. Noon-3pm. Center School Grounds, 218 Chestnut Plain Road. (Rain or Shine)! Follows the Grange's Parade and Memorial Day Remembrance, which starts from the church parking lot after the 10am service, All town organizations and children are encouraged to join. Following the parade, a brief ceremony in the Center Cemetery the American Legion and V.F.W. will honor fallen heroes at the Common. Mary Lou Rup is this year's speaker. Frontier's band will play. School children will perform. Antique vehicles are welcome to travel in the parade.

NEW Museum Exhibit: "Education In Whately: Past-Present". The 2012 exhibit at the Whately Historical Society Museum is taking shape. Highlighting schools has allowed us to bring out many pictures of buildings, classes, and individuals. Some of our collection is not identified and we hope someone will be able to assist with this mission.

We have graduation pictures from past years, but fewer more recent years. It may be hard to imagine, but if you do not donate your pictures they may be lost to our preservation goals.

We have taken the Taddy Mouse stories written by Dorothy Polhemus, a teacher for

many years, to a publisher. A book and hand-crafted mouse will be on sale at our May Festival. We are pleased to be able to bring this history to life for those who enjoyed her stories.

Pat Bell will greet former students in the museum May 27. She connected her classes with Whately history and several of her projects will be on display.

If after viewing the exhibit you realize you have things to add, please bring them to us. We need help from all of you to preserve our past.

MUSIC: Ruth Fairman at the Keyboard!

ENTERTAINMENT: Trevor ,The Gamesman. North County Line Dancers.

Garden Plants to dress up your yard!

**Food:** baked goods, hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, beverages. **FREE ICE CREAM** from the milk bottle.

This program funded in part by the Mass. Cultural Council.

*\*\* See also the Whately Historical Society membership form on the last page of this issue. \*\**


## Whately Land Preservation marks a successful spring! by Don Wheelock

Who knew that picking up trash was so much fun? Only Whately Land Preservation members and volunteers, who spent a Saturday morning scouring our roadsides for trash. And trash we found. Thanks to all the volunteers and to Mass Audubon and Berkshire Bank for

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**Dr. Rebecca Jones**

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Our annual celebration at Enterprise Farm was equally successful. Thanks to those who donated food, chairs, trucks, tables, roofs, entertainment and much more. Special thanks to Cris Coffin and Rich Hubbard for their inspiring talks and to Dave Jackson for hosting the event.

Most of the land preservation effort happens in conversations, telephone calls, emails, and in private and public meetings. We work constantly with people wanting to preserve their land. (I count four current ongoing projects). We can always use more volunteers. Join us at any of our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. We need you. You can also support our efforts by sending a check to Franklin Land Trust – Whately Fund and mailing it to PO Box 450, Shelburne Falls, 01370.

**From the Whately Congregational Church** by Cynthia Crosson Harrington

On May 27th, we invite you to join us as we begin the our town-wide Memorial Day service at 10 am in the church. It is here that we welcome the various community groups that serve Whately so well—police, EMTs, Fire Department, Grange and so on. Following worship, we will form for our parade, visits to graves and speaker as Memorial Day continues.

On June 3rd, we will honor our church family graduates during worship. And on June 10th the Sunday School children will host a Children's Day worship service. There is always a skit or presentation

that lets us all know what they have been doing during the year.

Our strawberry supper on June 21st is always a big draw. Come and join us for good food and fellowship.


We worship at 10 am on Sundays and would love to see you there. During July and August we will be worshipping at the West Whately Chapel.

**Spring greeting from the Friends of the Library** by Susan Boone

We have some great programs coming up, all supported by generous donations from you. For your "sporting pleasure" on Monday June 4th at 6:30 at the library Mickey Novak from the Cronin Salmon Station in Sunderland will talk about the salmon hatchery. There's more information about salmon hatcheries on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife website. For your musical pleasure "TJ and Peepers" will be performing on July 23rd and "Old Country Road" on August 27th in the gazebo. These concerts are also funded in part by the Whately Local Cultural Council. To find out more about these great groups and listen to some good music go to <http://www.myspace.com/tjthepeepers> and <http://www.oldcountryroad.net/> then come hear them live in your own back yard. You may find enclosed with this issue

of the Scoop our latest membership appeal. Should you receive another in the mail feel free to pass it on. We thank you for your generosity. We are beginning to take book donations for our annual book sale. Books in good condition can be

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dropped off during regular library hours (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 1-8; Saturday, 10-3). Please don't leave boxes of books on the porch and check in with the Betsy or Tiffany. We appreciate it... thanks a lot!



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for school-age children. Pajama Story Time- Tues, July 31, 6:30pm Come to the library in your pj's for a special story time and craft project.

Magician for Non-Believers: Peter Boie-Wed., Aug 15, 6pm An all-ages show

sponsored by the Local Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library. Bring your 5 year old, bring your grandmother – enjoy award winning magic and comedy from one of Boston's best!

Monday Movie Times -Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Descendants, R, June 18, 3 & 6pm; War Horse, PG-13 July 16, 3 & 5:30pm; The Artist, PG-13, Aug 20, 3 & 6pm.

**From the Whately Public Library**  
by Tiffany Hilton

Elder Law / Estate Planning Seminar - Wednesday, May 30, 6-7pm Join us for a free seminar with Atty. Susan A. Mielnikowski to answer your questions about Elder Law. Topics of discussion will be: Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, Wills, Trusts, and planning for nursing home expenses.

C/WMARS & Volunteer Appreciation Party - Sat, June 23 from 11-1 The Library is ready and waiting to join C/WMARS this summer! Please help us thank our dedicated volunteers who re-barcode the entire collection. There will be cake!

Concert for Children with Jay Mankita - Wed, June 27 6:30pm Kick-off the Summer Reading Program with Jay's Big Dream Songbook featuring fun and participatory songs to get kids moving and dancing.

Summer Reading Program "Dream Big, Read" – For children and teens of all ages. Sign up late June and keep a log of your summer reading. Prizes, crafts, and special programs will be happening all summer.

Stories of the Night Sky- Tues, July 10, 6:30pm Learn about the stars, constellations, and planets in your night sky – including ancient star lore. Projected planetarium will be indoors. This program is

**NEW Public Access Channel For Frontier towns starting June 16**

By Joyce Palmer Fortune, FCAT Board of Dir.

In Conway, Deerfield, Whately and Sunderland, we all have our *Government access* channels (15) that operate independently in each town. But all 4 towns receive the same programming on our common *Education Access* channel (12) from FCAT, the non-profit formed by the towns in 2006 to foster collaboration and improvements to our common EDU access channel.

Starting June 16, FCAT will produce and Comcast will provide a 3rd *Public Access* channel (17) serving all 4 towns.

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With the additional shared channel, FCAT will have a lot more flexibility to meet the needs of the polka fans and the sports fans alike, but here, *we would love to have some input from our viewers.*

On May 29th at 5:30 at our studio at 8B Elm street in South Deerfield we will have a meeting to discuss the programming options Please stop in to see us then, or contact us by email ([mail@fcat12.org](mailto:mail@fcat12.org)) or phone (665-0012) to let us know what you think. Even if you have no ideas about programming for channel 12 and 17, please fill out the yellow survey on the front of the scoop.

### **FCAT Summer Program for Youth**

by Doug Flinn, FCAT Operations Manager

***JUNE 18 - AUGUST 10  
Mon-Thurs, 2:30 - 5:30***

FCAT welcomes area youth 12 to 16 years in age, to participate in a high-tech, summer-long adventure that teaches media concepts, film production and media literacy through hands-on opportunities.

**SCRIPTING AND PLANNING:** Students will learn proper script format, including dialogue and direction. Storyboarding will be examined, and shot preparation and planning will be strongly emphasized.

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### **SUMMER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

FCAT's Summer Program is open to members of FCAT. Annual Membership is \$25 per person, and \$50 per family. Summer program space is limited, so early applications are encouraged.

**HOW TO APPLY** Apply in person at FCAT during normal business hours (Monday evenings, Tuesday through Thursday from 12-6 PM), or online at [www.fcat12.org](http://www.fcat12.org)

### **Dear Whately Families**

by Pete "Mr. C" Crisafulli WES Principal

There are many things that go into the making of a great school. Great teachers and a staff that loves to support children are a couple of the most important factors. A school administrator and a central administration that support excellence and provide the tools for instructional success are also key factors.

But lately I have been thinking a lot about what may be the single most important factor in creating and maintaining a great school; and that is the presence of a supportive and involved community of parents and neighbors. Indeed, all taxpayers play a role in supporting a great school because those tax payers vote and have the final say in the school budgets that support the programming that a school offers.

The Whately community has been a truly outstanding supporter of our Elementary School. A few years ago,

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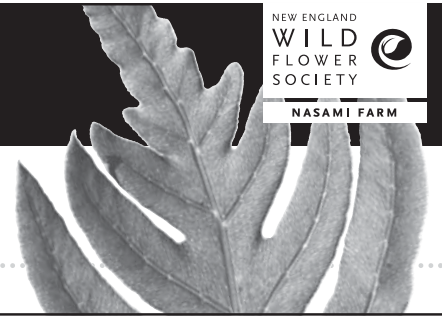
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school administration asked the voters in Whately to provide the school with a new roof. The voters said "yes" and allocated tax dollars and now we have a new roof. Last week, at the 2012 Town Meeting, the community was asked to provide the money to make major repairs to the school sprinkler system. The community said "yes".

A couple of weeks ago, if you were at our Spring Concert, you heard me thank the community for supporting the Arts for Whately Elementary. Now while the school administration is responsible for creating the programming and the budget that supports the Arts in our school, that budget and programming is meaningless without the support of our community. The Whately community has said "yes" to maintaining visual arts, general music, band instruments, and even strings instruction in our school. Yes, the strings program is after school and there is a fee involved, but if families did not value it, we would have no students for our strings teacher to work with. There are so many schools that do not have any of the above or severely limited versions of the Arts. Add to that the Spanish lessons and a vibrant Library/Media program and what you have is a well-rounded education for young people that covers academic curriculum frameworks as well as significant Arts education. That is a rarity more and more these days.

We are fortunate to have this kind of support from all of you, the members of the Whately community, and I want to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" on behalf of all of the faculty and staff of the Whately Elementary School. We very much appreciate your generous support!

## **Yet Another Successful Event**

by-Steve Calderone

The 15th Annual Spring Whately Family Talent Festival (ASWFTF) was held on Saturday, March

31st at the Whately Elementary School (WES). Once again, the very talented volunteer musicians in the community provided a performance that was enjoyed by all. This year, we not only enjoyed the amazing WES student performers, but we were also thrilled to enjoy WES graduates, as well as many parent and grandparent performers. Thanks to the wonderful folks who took part in this great traditional springtime event.

Thanks to the many sponsors of this year's ASWFTF event. The audience included 19 winners of the \$300 worth of door prizes, provided by the following wonderful local establishments: The Whately Inn, LaSalle's Florist, the Bow Wow Bath House, the Yankee Candle Flagship in South Deerfield, Wolfie's Family Restaurant in South Deerfield, Holiday Pizza in South Deerfield, the Whately Antiquarian Book Center, the L&L Fence Company, Subway and Dunkin Donuts, both from Circle K on Rt 5 & 10 in South Deerfield, and Staples of Northampton (who printed our programs). Please visit these businesses and thank them for supporting the talented folks of Whately.

Thanks also to the WES staff. They know the wonderful benefit of this great community tradition. Their support made this event possible.

Our mission statement says it all: Public performing experiences always enhance the confidence and communication skills necessary for lifelong success. Each year, our young performers are gaining this valuable experience, while simultaneously having a great time. That's why so many return to the ASWFTF year after year after year.

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We look forward to seeing more talented folks and enthusiastic audience members, next spring, at the 16th ASWFTF in 2013. Hope to see you then!!

### **Gratitude of So Deerfield Family Boosts VFW Mission** by Quint Dawson

The family of WW II US Navy veteran Charles F. Sadoski II of South Deerfield, expressed gratitude to VFW Post 3295 for their "extreme kindness" in paying tribute to him at his funeral and burial in February. Sadoski was known for singing God Bless America at area events, and once at Fenway Park. On March 12th several family members appeared at a VFW meeting to present a generous check and a letter, which said in part: "we donate this money so that this Post is able to use this gift to help other deserving veterans. . . "

About a dozen Post members in uniform attended Mr. Sadoski's wake at the house where he was born and lived his whole life. "Our family was so deeply moved by the dignity, respect and honor you paid to our dad and grandad," the letter continued. "On a very sad day for our family you provided comfort to all of us."

The Post's Honor Guard fired a rifle salute the following day at Mr. Sadoski's internment, while active US Navy personnel folded and presented the family with the American Flag that draped the casket.

Roland Kinsman, Commander of Post 3295 said "We believe that every person who served honorably in the US armed services deserves this kind of tribute when they pass on. We will do our best to be there for any family that asks us to come."

"It was a special honor to serve the Sadoski family," Commander Kinsman continued. "On May 26th, there will be a 5K and 10K road race co-sponsored by the

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"The gift from his family is a real morale booster as we prepare for the Memorial Day weekend," the Commander said. "Along with the race on May 26th, we'll be marching and firing at observances in Sunderland on the 25th, Whately on the 27th and South Deerfield and Old Deerfield on the 28th." The eleven-man honor guard includes eight Whately residents

Commander Kinsman noted that Hale-Clapp VFW Post 3295 is always looking for new members interested in serving local communities and veterans. The Post is named for two area men who died serving in foreign wars: Sergeant Archie Hale in the Spanish American War and Private Michael Clapp in WW I. The Post meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM at the South County Senior Center, 67 North Main St., South Deerfield. For information, contact Roland Kinsman at 413-648-9623, or Alan Thackeray at 413-665-2529.

### **Watermelon Wednesdays Summer 2012**

by Paul Newlin

Here's the lineup for the coming season

- June 6, Louise Taylor & Ray Bonneville: great blues!
- June 13, Tim Kliphuis: Gypsy jazz & swing violin
- June 20, Deadstring Ensemble: eclectic & acoustic string wizards
- June 27, Karrin Allyson: 4x female jazz Grammy nominee
- July 11, Chiara String Quartet: Classical
- July 18, Bearfoot: Nashville bluegrass rising stars
- July 25, Deadly Gentlemen: Folk-bluegrass fusion
- August 1, Sierra Hull & Highway 111: Major popular-bluegrass
- August 15, Matt Haimovitz: World-class cello
- August 22, Heather Maloney: Local pop-blues-folk



star rising

August 29, The Quebe Sisters: Texas swing fiddles/vocals

September 5, Annie Patterson & Friends: Folk classics

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**Town Clerk News**

By Lynn Sibley

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**Elections:** The Annual Town Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2012 at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Absentee Ballots

will be available for those who will be out of town, physically unable to make it to the Town Hall, or have religious reasons for not being able to vote that date. Applications for absentee ballots must be received before Noon on Monday, June 11, 2012. However, keep in mind that you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk before the close of polls on election day. A copy of the warrant for this election will be posted at the Town Hall, Center School Offices, Post Office, Library and the Town of Whately website [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) by May 24, 2012.

**Town Hall Building Assessment**

By Jonathan Edwards

In April of 2011, Whately Town Meeting, at the advice and guidance of the town's Community Preservation Committee supported a proposal to assess the capacity of our town hall and also evaluate whether this 1844 building could adequately support not only the current but also the town's future administration needs in order for the town to function properly.

We are glad to report that earlier this year, the Building Committee hired the firm of Margo Jones Architects of Greenfield to perform this building assessment. As part of the selection process, the Committee received 11 bids from an RFP that was widely distributed. We were very impressed with a number of bids and ultimately interviewed three firms. Without question, Margo Jones Architects, which is also the firm that drafted the plans for the Whately Elementary School, stood out above the rest. Shortly after the Board of Selectmen made the offer and a contract was signed between the Town and Margo Jones our work began.

Because we are using CPA funds, our scope of work is limited to what the potential is for Town Hall. Many people in town know the building needs a lot of work. For those who are unfamiliar with the present state of the building, we encourage you to visit and get a firsthand understanding of its deficiencies and also its unique charm.

What is unknown to all of us

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is what the building could do and at what cost. That was the challenge we gave to Margo Jones Architects in our first meeting. What they come up with and then how that compares to other options will determine the recommendations we take to a Town Meeting in the future.

Having been a part of these meetings over the past several months, it is now clearer than ever that we are doing the right thing with this Town Hall needs assessment. Running a town is supposed to deliver services to the people in the most efficient and cost effective manner. And the meetings we have had to date have been a constant reminder that we are not currently efficient and we would be more efficient with all town administrative and professional staff in one location.

As we all know, people in town go to one building to get things like permits, various types of licenses, including dog licenses and also to register to vote. We go to another building to pay our taxes, talk with assessors or attend a small meeting or hearing. And still, we go to another building for any meeting with an attendance above 30. If we guess wrong and hold a meeting that is better attended than we anticipated and hold it in the current town hall, many town's people sit in obstructed view seats as if they were sitting at Fenway Park. It is simply not the way government should run and be in the best interests of people and critical service delivery.

So as we are deep in the middle of spring, the building committee is meeting on a regular basis with the team of architects and we are evaluating concepts, plans and discussing what is adequate and what is not. We are putting a lot of work into this process, but it is very important work that will provide us with great vision in the weeks and months to come.

We all agree that we can't wait to present to the entire town what we have found and what we are recommending.

Therefore, we have TENTATIVELY schedule a public forum to discuss this assessment on Thursday, June 21st at 7:00am at the Elementary School. We will present our capacity needs, our current building realities, a potential plan for a renovated town hall, and concepts for a new town hall. With all that needs to be discussed and decided we

hope the whole town turns out to learn, share thoughts and be a part of the solution to our current town hall needs.

In the near future we will confirm this date, time and location. So, stay tuned!

Photo - Westbrook Road Beaver pond - Marianne Simon



### **Wildlife Sightings**

by Marianne Simon

The beavers have constructed a beautiful, strategically located pond on Westbrook Road, opposite the storage facility. They obviously learned a lesson (if this sounds like I'm anthropomorphizing, I am) from their cousins, who flooded an enormous area just a bit further west, on both sides of the same street, a few years ago. Unfortunately, they were unaware that their location was almost at street level, so that when the rains fell, the street flooded. What was more distressing, at least to me, was that the water washed away all the marsh marigolds that decorated the edges of the streams there. But, of course, what mattered intensely to commuters was that Westbrook Road became unnavigable during rainy weather. Therefore the town road crew was alerted, the beaver dams were



breached, and the beavers evicted, mortally, I suspect.

Well, this time the beavers sent their engineer-in-chief to find a site that would not inconvenience anyone, and sure enough, she found one. It is well below the street level, there are no marsh marigolds to wash away (though it may unroot an apple tree), and it has become a glorious wildlife refuge. They've built a lovely lodge, created a broad pond that now supports mellifluous tree frogs, ducks, kingfishers, and is a very pleasant fishing spot for the magnificent great blue heron who occupies our area each spring and summer. There are probably other creatures benefitting from this engineering feat, as well. I'll report as I see them, and I hope you will, too.

**The Whately Scoop needs help** following up on the small amount of fundraising we do to keep this newsletter free to all. If you have even a small amount of time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

The deadline for submission to the Sept. 2012 issue of the Scoop is Aug 31 2012. Please email your literary contributions to [jpfortune@comcast.net](mailto:jpfortune@comcast.net).

If you know of any local businesses that you would like to see advertising in the scoop, LET THEM KNOW!, and give them the following contact information: Joyce Palmer Fortune, [jpfortune@comcast.net](mailto:jpfortune@comcast.net), 665-6739.



WLP Volunteers and residents sign in for the whately clean up on Earth day 2012 (April 30)

Photo - Westbrook Road Beaver pond - Marianne Simon



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Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

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Library - Mon Tue Wed 1p. – 8p; Sat 10a – 3:00p  
Selectmen - Mon Tue 9-6– Wed Fri 9a – 4:00p  
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**MEETING SCHEDULE FOR TOWN BOARDS**

Assessors- Most Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00p, Town Hall  
Board of Health-2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, 7:00p, Center School  
Conservation Commission-3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, 7:00p, Town Hall  
Council on Aging - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue, 4:00p Library  
Franklin Tech School Com. 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, 7:00p, Tech School  
FRS School Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, 7:00p FRS  
Historical Commission -3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00p, Town Hall  
Library Trustees - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00p, Library  
Planning Board - Last Tuesday, 7:00p, Town Hall  
Recreation Commission –2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, 7:00p,WES/Herlihy  
Selectmen - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tues, 7:00p, Center School  
Water Commissioners - 1<sup>st</sup> Tues, 7:00p, Center School  
Whately School Committee -1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00p WES  
Zoning Board of Appeals - 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs, 6:30p, Town Hall  
Historical Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00p, Center School

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This past winter and spring –  
 a peculiar thing:  
 Minimal snow, too little rain,  
 Gave ski slopes and farmers significant pain  
 April like March and March like May

But global warming? You're just fooling me

Let's wait til the shoreline recedes a good mile  
 We'll welcome fleeing residents with a big smile

But global warming? C'mon, no way.

But global warming? Hey, get real  
 And put our minds to this big deal

Tornados abound, glaciers resound  
 As they fall in the sea, which gets more ice-free

Let's do what we can to reduce our pollution  
 Til some mass movement propels a solution.