



The WHATELY SCOOP

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

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Memorial Day Events

by Dee Bardwell

May 29 is the annual Memorial Day Celebration starting at 10 at the church. Immediately following, any who wish may march in the parade to the cemetery and back to the Common. The American Legion will honor fallen heroes, James Ross will speak, Frontier Band will play, and the school children will perform.

After the parade, the Historical Society Museum is ready for its opening May 29 from 12 to 3. The grounds are begging for farm equipment to add interest to our Agricultural exhibit. Bring items to the Center School from 12 to 3. If you have questions call 665-3837.

Church Organ Concert

by Dee Bardwell

Mark your calendars! June 26 at 4 P.M. is the opportunity to hear the sounds produced on the Whately Congregational Church Estey organ by Marjorie and William Ness. Both are accomplished organists in the Worcester area. Marjorie is an

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associate professor at Fitchburg State and William is Minister of Music and the Arts at First Baptist Church in Worcester. They come to Whately to celebrate the restoration of the church organ. Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal, Inc. of Northampton recently completed

the work and now we are pleased to invite the public to an afternoon of listening pleasure. A free-will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of this project. Refreshments will follow the concert.

Whately Grange Community Service Night

by Dee Bardwell

Whately Grange's Community Service Night will be at the Whately Congregational Church June 9 at 7:30. Peter Westover will present his program on Conservation in the Connecticut Valley.

Interns to Help Update Whately Inventory of Historic Places

by Alan McArdle

This summer, the Whately Historical Commission is sponsoring two interns, Laura Clampitt and Megan Svoboda, from Smith College who will be helping us update, correct and expand our inventory of historic places in town as well as working on other projects related to historic preservation. Both are enrolled in the Smith College Landscape Studies Program. You may see them as they go about town with laptops and cameras, perhaps phoning you or knocking on your door to ask questions about your house, outbuildings and land. Please make them welcome and help them out if you can. Their project will improve our knowledge of our town's historic resources and help make the town better aware of its history and the need to preserve and protect it.

Our inventory of the town's historic resources has had few updates since it was created in 1993. The existing inventory can be found online through the Whately Historical Society's web page (www.whatelyhistorical.org). Click on Museum &

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Resources and look for the link to MACRIS in the middle of the page. If you find any errors in the inventory descriptions, please contact someone on the Historical Commission - Alan McArdle (Chair), Judy Markland, Howard Nenner, Darcy Tozier.

We worship at 10 am on Sundays and would love to see you there. Happy Spring!

Preschool Openings by Peter Crissafulli

Whately Elementary Preschool has openings for the 2011-2012 School Year. Program hours are 9 - 11:30, Monday - Thursday. Program tuition - sliding fee scale available. Children must be three years of age on or before September 1st. Call Michele Regan-Ladd at the Early Childhood Office, 413-665-8928, for more information or to receive a preschool application. Thanks for your help!



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 Coffee hour following the service.

News from the Friends of the Whately Library
 by Susan Boone

Thanks to your generous donations the Friends have purchased passes to the Smith College Museum of Art and the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory. They can be checked out at the library. Also just in time to enjoy the view from behind the library, the promised picnic table is on its way. Mark your calendars for our annual fall used book sale on September 24th. We'll be accepting book donations over the summer so you can

clean off your shelves and make room for your new (cheap!) purchases. If you'd like to help us out with this project, don't hesitate to volunteer!

Greeting from the First Congregational Church by Cynthia CrossonHarrington

May brings with it our Ham and Asparagus supper on May 19th. , and concludes with our Memorial Day town wide service on May 29th. It is here that we welcome the various groups that serve Whately so well—police, EMTs, Fire Department, Grange and so on.

On June 12, we will be confirming six young people who will then become new church members. And, we invite you to celebrate Father's Day with us on June 19th.

Yet Another Successful Event

by Steve Calderone

The 14th Annual Whately Family Talent Festival (AWFTF) was held on Saturday, March 26th. Once again, the very talented volunteer musicians in the community provided a performance that was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the wonderful folks who took part in this great traditional springtime event.

Thanks to the many sponsors of this year's AWFTF event. The audience included winners of the 17 door

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Thanks also to the Whately Elementary School 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 AWFTF year after year after year.

We look forward to seeing more talented folks and enthusiastic audience members, next spring, at the 15th Annual Whately Family Talent Festival in 2012. Hope to see you then!!

Watermelon Wednesdays 2011 by Paul Newlin

Here's the lineup for the concerts at the chapel in West Whately this summer. All shows begin at 7.30 pm. All tickets are \$15, Advanced tickets are available at Brattleboro Tickets (www.brattleborotix.com). Some tickets will also be available at the door the night of the show. For more information call Paul Newlin at 413-665-3741. This series is made possible in part by a grant from the Whately and Massachusetts Cultural Councils More description at



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- Tashina Clarridge, Jefferson Hamer & Special Guest: June 8
- Donna & Molly Hebert-Wilson & Max Cohen: June 22
- Annalivia: June 28
- Matt Glaser and Matt Munisteri: July 6
- Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum: July 13
- Yellow Barn Ensemble: July 20
- Karrin Allyson and Valley Jazz Divas: July 27
- Session Americana w/ The Henry Girls: Aug. 10
- 4 Toads in a Basket: August 31
- Aoife O'Donovan and Band: September 7
- Maeve Gilchrist and Band: September 14
- The Bee Eaters: September 21

WLP News -

Mary Shanley Koeber & Don Wheelock

Thanks to all who turned out for WLP's annual meeting at Enterprise Farm in March. And thanks also to Enterprise Farm and to everyone who contributed local prizes for our raffle.

In the last Scoop we described WLP's work to preserve the quality of life in Whately by preserving farmland, forest habitat, aquifer land (thus drinking water), and historic landscape. Maple Hill Farm, WLP's first major project, combined all those features, so it was easy to communicate the urgency. But let's not forget Whately's forested land, land rich enough to make biologists' and conservationists' hearts beat faster. For a town like ours, our forest is unique because we have so much of it. Indeed, there are few localities in the Commonwealth with as much uninterrupted forest habitat, making it a high priority for preservation by the Nature Conservancy, a prestigious international organization. As you know, our forest is home to many animal species, including bear, bobcat, moose, fox,

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deer, coyote and salamanders, not to mention many species of birds. No one needs to be reminded of the seriousness of climate change, the need to conserve forests in order to help capture the carbon with which we so freely pollute the atmosphere. Our own Whately forest habitat has high carbon sequestering value.

For more information about WLP email Mary Shanley-Koeber, maryngeorge@comcast.net. Mary, author of this series, is a resident of West Whately, a member of the board of WLP and Director of Mass Audubon Sanctuaries in the Connecticut River Valley including Graves Farm in Whately and Williamsburg. Co-author Don Wheelock is a quarter-century resident of North Street, President of WLP and a recently retired Smith College professor.

FCAT Summer Video Training Sessions

by Joyce Palmer Fortune

This Summer FCAT will offer 4 video training summer workshops. All sessions run 2pm-7pm

Session 1 - June 20-23 Camera : basic & advanced

Session 2 - June 27-30 Introduction to Editing

Session 3 - July 18-21 Intro. to Studio Production

Session 4 - August 8 - 10 - Individual Study

Folks who have a story to tell are encouraged to join our summer workshops, learn to use the equipment and call on the expertise of the staff at FCAT to *tell their story in video* for broadcast on Channel 12. Whether your story is about a person, a place, an event or a topic of general interest, our local access station Channel 12 is all about helping YOU get access to our public access channel.

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Folks who don't have a story to tell yet but would like to learn how to produce their own videos are encouraged to join our summer workshops and then join us in filming local concerts and events for re-broadcast on Channel 12. You'll not just learn the skills, you'll also use your new training right away.

Either way, the skills you learn by day you will use in the afternoon and evening events *throughout the summer* in the "Frontier" towns To sign up, contact Kevin Murphy 413-768-8332 or kevmurphy775@gmail.com

Include: Which session(s) you are interested in, your name and contact information.

Workshops are open to all, FCAT membership required, Regular membership - \$25/yr, Family \$50/yr, Associate membership is free if you are willing to help broadcast one live government meeting.

Supported by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and the Whately Cultural Council.

Summer Events at the Whately Library

by Tiffany Hilton

Did you know? Aside from best-selling books, new DVDs, travel guides and more...the Library also has wifi, high speed internet, a copy machine, meeting room availability, comfortable chairs, museum passes, movies, lectures, workshops, crafts and concerts? Sign up for our monthly email newsletter by writing to whatelypubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Polish World War II Survivor - Kazimierz Barut shares his story - Monday, June 20, 6:30pm Join us for a special talk from "Kaz" Barut, age 88 of Chicopee - who was only 15 when his family was deported from Poland to Siberia in 1940 as part of Stalin's ethnic cleansing. Separated from his family on a rail journey, he continued on alone to

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join the Polish Army. Barut says it's "my duty, my obligation to pass it on." Come hear his story. Books will be available for sale.

Whately Memories Public Reading – Tuesday, June 21, 6:30pm at Town Hall After a series of writing workshops led by Katherine Jamieson, we will publish a collection of Whately Memories and host a reading at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30pm. Funded by the Whately Cultural Council.

"One World Many Stories" Summer Reading Program

Canto for Kids Concert – Wednesday, June 29, 6pm Kick off the Summer Reading Program with a bilingual concert for children and families in English and Spanish with Laurie Davidson and Tom Carroll. Then join us **Monday, August 15, 6:30pm** when Whately's own **Mister G** will rock the Library with an all ages show. Funded by the Friends of the Library and the Whately Cultural Council.

Monday Movie Times 3:00 & 6:00pm – Free popcorn. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

June 13, The Queen, PG-13, Helen Mirren stars in the story behind the sudden death of Princess Diana.

July 11, True Grit, PG-13, Jeff Bridges plays an aging marshal who helps a young girl find her father's killer in the 2010 Coen Brothers re-make of the 1969 original film.

August 8, Just Go With It, PG-13, Romantic comedy summer fun with Jennifer Aniston and Adam Sandler.

Writing Group – Tuesday, June 7, 6:30-7:30pm. New members welcome anytime. No meeting in July & August.

Kid's Craft Table – Drop-in anytime for a craft project each month.

Gentle Yoga - Wednesdays 6pm, please contact Alexandra Mello 413-210-4346.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon., Tue., Wed 1-8pm
Saturday 10-3pm

From the Town Clerk's - by Lynn Sibley

Town Department Silent Auction

Whately Departments are gathering their excess equipment to have a silent auction. We expect this auction to take place in June but as of the SCOOP deadline a specific date has not been set. Once we have completed our list of equipment and decided on a date and time, we will advertise in the newspaper and on Channel 15. We will post the list of equipment and a bid sheet on our website – www.whately.org, and make it available at various town offices. Items up for grab will include a grader, backhoe, van and police vehicles. Most vehicles will be sold in "as is" condition. We will also set a date and time for a preview of all equipment available. So... if you need parts or could use a backhoe or grader on your property stay tuned.

Tag Sales

Tag Sale permits are required in the Town of Whately. Permits are \$10 for one day and \$15 for a weekend. A three-day weekend is only \$15. Permits can be obtained at the Selectmen's Office in the Center School Offices during regular business hours. Call 665-4400 for more information.

Dog Licenses

Just a reminder that all dogs need to be licensed by June 1st or a \$25 late fee will apply. You will need to provide a valid rabies certificate in order to license. Dog licenses are \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$10 for an unaltered dog. Dogs can be licensed by mail by sending the correct payment along with a valid rabies certificate and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Town Clerk, P. O. Box 89, Whately, MA 01093. You may also license in person at the Town Clerk's Office in the Center School Offices at 218 Chestnut Plain Road during regular business hours. Please call 665-0054 for hours.

Elections

The Annual Town Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 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 13, 2011. However, keep in mind that the return ballot must reach 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 by May 24, 2011.

ON THE BALLOT

Highway Department Dump Truck Vote

By Keith Bardwell, Whately Highway Superintendent

At the upcoming election on June 14, 2011 there will be a debt exclusion question for a dump truck for the Highway Department and I would appreciate your vote to support this question.

The Highway Department presently has three main dump trucks that get used all year long. Two of them are combination dump truck/sand trucks while the third one is a plain dump body. All of them are used for plowing snow in the winter. The vehicles are a 1997, a 2000, and a 2002. The ideal life expectancy is 12-14 years and we should be replacing one every 4-5 years. The 1997 Ford F-800 is a combination dump/ sander and the proposed new truck would be replacing this truck. The new truck would be the same size as the 1997.

These trucks are subjected to very adverse conditions, especially the corrosion that the salt causes to the components of the vehicle. All three of these trucks are beginning to have mechanical issues that are above and beyond the normal wear items.

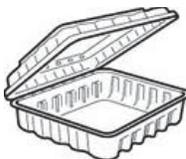
The new truck will be financed over three years. If the voters decide not to fund this truck at this time, it will more than likely create a situation in the future that we will be paying for more than one truck at a time.

Enter Whately Land Preservation's Photo Contest: Capturing Whately

Submit your best photo of Whately by Sept. 30, 2011. *You do not have to be a resident.* First prize in adult category: \$50 gift certificate to the Whately Inn. First prize in junior category: \$50 gift certificate to A to Z Science and Nature Store. Ribbons for second and third place. Contest rules and entry forms are available on line at whatelylandpreservation.org or at Dickinson Memorial Library, Enterprise Farm, LaSalle's and businesses around town.

Transfer Station adds 3 New Items to Recycling by Fran Fortino

The 3 new materials that can now be recycled with bottles and cans are: empty metal aerosol cans, clear rinsed plastic clamshell containers, and bottle/can caps and lids.



Acceptable Aerosol Cans are:

Health and beauty products such as: sun block, first aid spray, hair spray, hair mousse, deodorant, shaving cream

Food products such as: cooking spray (i.e. PAM), whipped cream, cake frosting, laundry, etc. products: spray starch, anti-static spray, air fresheners

No paint, pesticide, cleaning, automotive, waterproofing or lubricant spray cans are allowed (=hazardous waste).

Save these for the next hazardous waste collection on Sept. 24, 2011.

Spring Bulky Cleanout Day

On May 14, Whately residents and others from surrounding towns got rid of 3 huge roll-off containers full of bulky items, including, old rugs, furniture, mowers, metals, TV's and computers, sinks and toilets, BBQ tanks and tires and more at the Transfer Station spring bulky waste day. If you missed it this time, don't worry. Our next bulky waste collection will be Saturday, October 15, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thanks again to town staff Clint Labato and our excellent bulky day volunteers: Montserrat Archbald, Chris Boutwell, Vic Covaleski, Quint Dawson, Caroline Gear, Larry Kutner, Dana Robinson, and Ronnie Williams for helping to make this another successful recycling event.

Nasami Farms Adult Classes

by Steven Ziglar

May/June classes:

Saturday, May 21, 10a.-noon, Natural Pest Control

Saturday, June 11, 10a.-noon, Container Gardening with Native Plants

Saturday, June 18, 2011, 10a.-3p., Wildflower Propagation I: Transplanting Seedlings and Rooting Cuttings

For more information on these and other classes, visit <http://www.newenglandwild.org/learn>.

The Whately Scoop needs help following up on the small amount of fundraising we do to keep this newsletter free to all. It involves sending letters to our businesses sponsors, following up with a phone call, and depositing donations. This would help enormously to keep the scoop going, so if you have even a small amount of time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

The deadline for submission to the Sept 2011 issue of the Scoop is Aug 31, 2011. Please email your literary contributions to 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, 665-6739.



Scoop Annual Reader Survey and request for support

The Whately Scoop is provided *for free* 4 times per year to all town residents and anyone who requests it. It is written and produced by volunteers to keep the cost down, but our expenses are not zero. Thanks to the support of local businesses who buy ads and to community organizations like the Whately Historical Society, WLP and Friends of the Library who have made donations in the last year, 75-85% of the printing and postage costs are covered.

Thank you to the many individuals who have chipped in to close the gap, your support is very much appreciated. If you haven't done so already, please consider sending in a donation of any size to help keep the scoop running in the coming year. 100% of donations go toward printing and postage costs. ***Please send to 152 Westbrook Road, So. Deerfield, Ma 01373***

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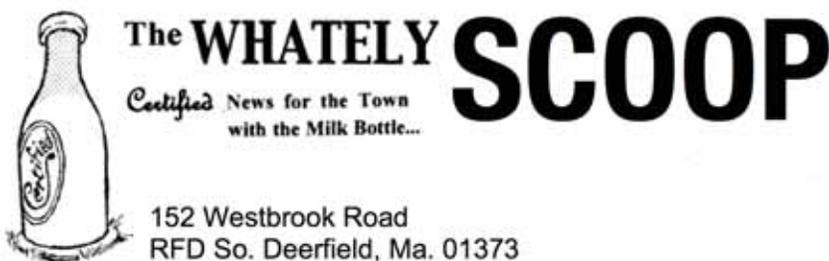
What I'd like to see more of in the scoop: _____

Special topics: WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN LATELY ON CH 12?: Frontier Events? Polka? Homegrown? Church Services? Midweek politics? Healthbeat? Franklin County Matters? Local Lens? Democracy Now? Al-Jazeera English? NASA Science for kids? Other local/regional/national/international shows?

What local access shows do you want to see on CH 12?

Contact email or Phone (optional) _____

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When it is such a loss
To our pristine road side.

I know that stuff comes from autos,
No walker holds trash.
I know no cars are too tiny
To hold so small a stash

So, please, take mindful care,
Remember not to ever dare
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But recycle it with great pride.