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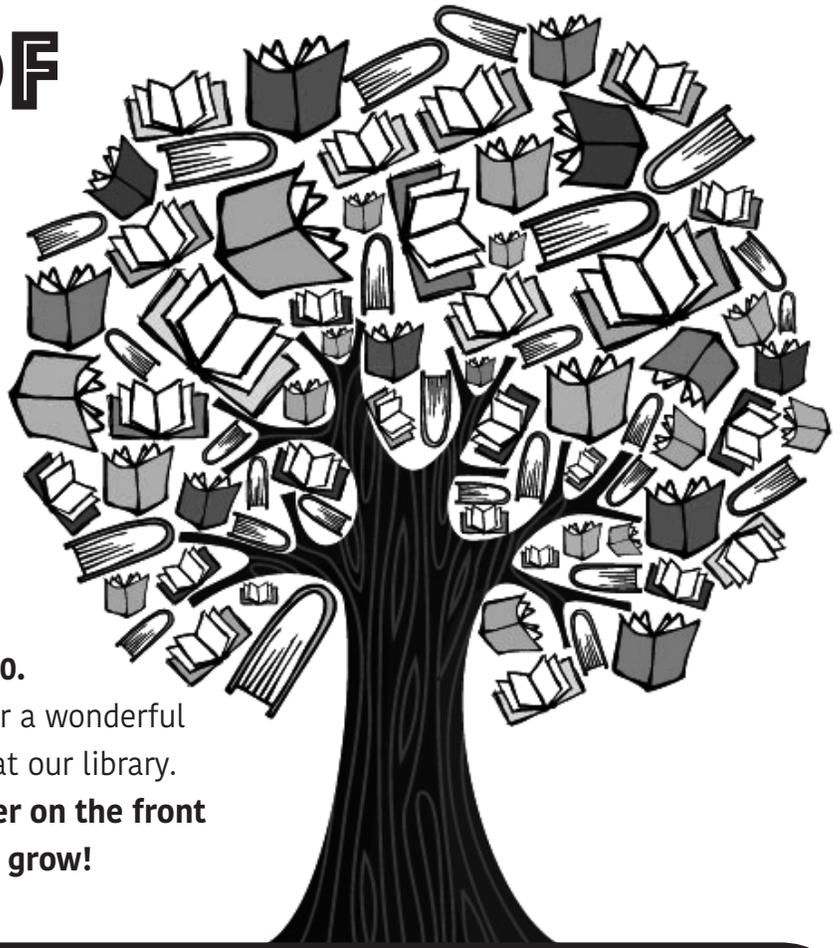
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# The WHATELY SCOOP

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Volume 14 ♦ Number 4 ♦ May, 2017 ♦ Whately, Massachusetts

*Our 14th Year and going strong. Thanks to you!*

## **Scoop - New feature that I hope will not cause severe controversy...**

By Joyce PalmerFortune, ed.

Dear readers - We had a request from someone running for local office to print a little biographical information in the Scoop. To date we have never really run info about candidates in the Scoop, especially when the editor or members of her family were running for local or statewide office. It seemed too self serving, and we really want the scoop to be informational not political. We kept to the side of caution on the whole. When information has been presented in these pages, it is always with an author's name so you know the source.

However, because the request came from a relatively new person in town, it seemed reasonable to let a little of our space go toward some information about the candidates for whom we all will be asked to vote on June 13th, (in spite of my own involvement as a candidate).

One person, cracking wise, suggested candidate biographies be included in the Wild Creature Sitings we feature

periodically toward the end of the Scoop.

We decided to go ahead with this, and see how it goes. As per our longstanding policy, the writer of the information is identified so *you know the source*. All candidates were given the opportunity to put some information in the Scoop.

## **Tick Talk**

by Dr. Becky Jones

We have all had to become experts in identifying ticks. Deer ticks with their sesame seed shape and mahogany color; the poppy seed sized nymph ticks and good old disc shaped brown dog ticks--I guess the silver lining is we all know what our moles look like, we check ourselves and each other so often! This year promises to serve up a bumper crop of ticks. I have already found them on family, friends and patients alike. Most of us know to look for the bulls eye reaction (<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/symptoms.html>) but also to pay attention for symptoms such as flu like symptoms, head ache, joint pain, or just feeling lousy. There are the co-infections too, which are still less common around here--

### **Summer Dates dates:**

May 28 - Memorial Day observation, spring festival, 4H open house

June 13 - Town Elections - 4 Sandy Lane

June 15 - Strawberry Supper - Church

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babesia, bartonella, ehrlichia, anaplasmosis, and pawassan fever.

The real reason I am writing this piece though is to share a great way to remove the tick once its embedded — I have had 100% success. Take a paper towel (or gauze, etc) and wet a corner of it to give it some traction. Place your index finger over the corner of the towel over the tick and press firmly, making tiny circles (like you are trying to rub off a smudge) first clockwise a few times and if no luck, then counter clockwise. The ticks screw themselves in, and this just unscrews them!

#### **4-H Open House At Town Hall**

by Ruth Fairman

An informational open house held at the Town Hall on May 28 will be jointly sponsored by Whately Grange, 4-H and Whately Elementary School. The hall will be open 9-1. This open house will be opened during the Memorial Day ceremonies and is open to all.

During December, 2016 a joint venture was discussed on how 4-H could be introduced to the school children. The three components of this open house focus on education, fun and learning. The school, for example, has a curriculum for gardening already, 4-H has many opportunities in that expertise, and the Grange is a community service and agricultural based organization. Start up programs for many clubs will be offered at this open house.

Please come to view what 4-H has to offer, sign up if you want to be a leader and share your knowledge and time.

Whether your passion is cooking or photography, the 4-H has guidelines for all clubs.

Those involved in this open house are Pete C., from Whately Elementary School, Tom Waskiewicz from the 4-H Extension Service and Ruth Leahey, Master, Whately Grange.

#### **Whately Congregational Church**

by Cynthia Crosson-Harrington

It's spring and we at the Whately church are anxious to begin our spring supers and anticipate the summer to come.

As always, we will be hosting 10 am worship on Memorial Day Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, and we will get you out in plenty of time to join the parade. We enjoy having the veterans and community and service organizations at this service as we pay tribute to those service members who have gone before.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the end of Sunday School for the year through a children's service and ice cream social to follow.

In July (and August) we join the Conway church in worship at the West Whately Chapel.

We also hope that you will join us for our Strawberry Supper on June 15<sup>th</sup>. For reservations please call LaSalle's at 413-665-2653. In the meantime, we worship every Sunday at 10 am. All are welcome no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

#### **Frontier Community Access TV (FCAT) is Moving!**

by Joyce Palmer Fortune

FCAT, the community access station the Whately shares with Conway, Deerfield and Sunderland, is moving their base of operations from their longtime space on Elm Street in South Deerfield to underutilized space in the old Sunderland School building, next to the Sunderland Library on School Street in Sunderland.

Chris Collins, FCAT's manager says the move will mean an improvement in the

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facilities, and will allow FCAT to better serve the 4 towns. "This is going to give us an infinitely better place to produce good, quality community TV," Collins said. "From almost the first time I walked in there I noticed the potential for a great facility."

Leo (current landlord at 8 Elm St.) was very good to us for a lot of years, but we needed to make a move, and I'm just grateful the Sunderland Selectmen and Town Administrator Sherry Patch were willing to take us in. They have been great to us, and I could not be more grateful."

FCAT offers access to video production facilities, equipment and training for anyone who wants to learn how make videos, and is willing to make their videos available for broadcast on cable channels 12, 15 or 23. Call 665-0012 or contact [Chris@fcats.tv](mailto:Chris@fcats.tv) for more information ([www.fcats.tv](http://www.fcats.tv))

**Do you have a growth mindset?**

by Dr. Cindy Burch, School Psychologist

(Reprinted from the WES newsletter)

What we believe about ourselves has an enormous impact in every aspect of our lives. Do you believe your intelligence is something very basic about you that you cannot change very much? Or do you believe that no

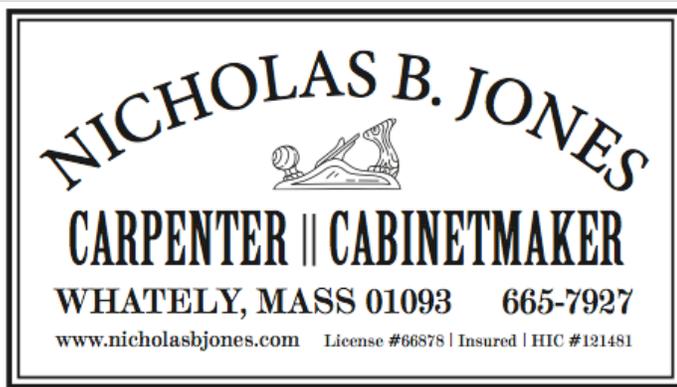


matter how much intelligence you have, you can always change it quite a bit?

Carol Dweck, a famous Stanford University psychologist and educational researcher, notes that the first question is a fixed-mindset and the second one is a growth mindset question. Which mindset do you agree with more? You can be a mixture, but most people lean toward one or the other.

Growth mindset is a belief that one's intelligence is malleable, or can be grown or developed with persistence, effort, and a focus on learning and research shows this to be true. Teaching our children about their brains is the first step in helping them maintain a growth mindset. Dweck reminds us that we should not shield children from challenges, mistakes, and struggles, but rather help them welcome challenge. Rather than ask, "How was your day?", we can ask, "What did you learn today?", "What was one mistake you made today that taught you something?", and, "What did you try hard at today?"

We can model for our children by discussing skills we have today that we did not have yesterday because of the practice we put in. Rather than thinking, "This is too hard", we think, "This may take some time and effort". Fostering a growth mindset will not only support your child as a learner, it will help their mood by encouraging optimism and a positive outlook. In addition to Carol Dweck's book, *Mindset*, check out Mary Cay Ricci's book, *Mindsets in the Classroom*, which includes



recommended games, children's books, and video/movie clips to jump-start conversations at home.

### NEWS - Whately Public Library

By Candace Bradbury-Carlin

Happy Summer! Speaking of which, don't forget that the library has air conditioning, so there is another reason to visit us in the summer. Come cool off with a good book, magazine, or your device! Also check out a brand new program at the library - Wowbrary! When you sign up for this program, you will get a weekly email newsletter that shows all the new materials at the library, with photos and descriptions. You can either click and borrow items right from that newsletter, or come to the library to check items out. This way you will always know what is new here! To sign up, visit the library website at [whately.org/library](http://whately.org/library) and click the Wowbrary button on the left side of the page and sign up.

Summer Reading Program - Whether you are learning to read, learning to love reading, or love reading, there is something for you in our Summer Reading Program! Open to all ages and all reading interests. This year's theme is "Build a Better World," which will be explored by reading, playing Reading BINGO, drop-in Crafts for Charity, posting patron book reviews, hearing local authors read, upcycled craft/maker workshops, and outdoor concerts. There will be prizes for different levels of reading success.

### Upcoming programs:

Sat 6/3, 11am: Rock Star Storytime, Ukulele, puppeteering, storytime with local rock musician & puppeteer Liam Hurley

Wed 6/7, 6pm: Gardening for Pollinators, presented by Broadfork Permaculture

Fri, 6/16, 6-7pm: Summer Reading Kickoff: Firetrucks, hula hooping, build your own dessert

Sat 6/17, 11am: Whately Library Book Club: The Swans of Fifth Avenue by Melanie Benjamin

Wed 6/28, 6-7pm: Outdoor KIDS Concert with Julie Calamine: electric ukulele, singing, dancing, and watermelon!

Sat 7/1, 11am: Local Science Fiction Author Talk: Allan Steele

Tue 7/11, 6-7pm: Outdoor Concert with Ray Mason

Sat 7/15, 11:00am: Local Author Talk: Jacqueline Sheehan

Wed 7/19, 5:30-7:30pm: Fling and Bling Kids Workshop Series Part 1: Make upcycled catapults and felted balls...and FLING!

Tues 7/25, 6-7pm: Outdoor Concert with Sugarloaf String Band

Wed 7/26, 5:30-7:30pm: Fling and Bling Kids Workshop Series Part 2: Make upcycled, soft BLING - felted bracelets and earrings!

Wed 8/2, 5:30-7:30pm: Teen Guerilla Art workshop: Create expressive, surprising, and anonymous pieces of public art

Wed 8/9, 6-7pm: Outdoor Teen concert with Cape Fournier (as seen at BrattRock)

Mon 8/14, 5-6pm: Summer Reading Program ends, smoothie party and raffle prizes given

Tue 8/15, 6-7pm: Outdoor Teen concert



with Felixis Jinx (as seen at BrattRock)

Sat 8/26, 10am: Whately Book Club book selections and breakfast

Wed 8/30, 6-7pm: Outdoor concert with TJ and the Peepers

## Town Clerk News

by Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk

### Dog Licenses

Just a reminder that all dogs need to be licensed by June 1st or a \$50 late fee will apply. You will need to provide a valid rabies certificate in order to license. Dog licenses are \$10 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$15 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, 4 Sandy Lane, So. Deerfield, MA 01373. Dogs that have current rabies certification on file with the Town Clerk can be licensed online by going to [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) and hover over "Online Payments" and then Click "Dog Licenses and Vital Records". You can use your bank account to pay with a .25¢ fee or a credit card with a fee of \$2.50. You may also license in person at the Town Clerk's Office, Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane during regular business hours. Please call 665-4400 x3 for questions.

### Town Election June 13, 2017

The Annual Town Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. The election ballot will include

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the votes for Elected Town Officials. Absentee Ballots will be available starting May 22<sup>nd</sup> for those who will be out of town, physically unable to make it to the Town Offices, or have religious reasons for not being able to vote that date. Applications for absentee ballots must be received before Noon on Monday, June 12, 2017. However, keep in mind that you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk before the close of polls on Election Day. You can also vote absentee up until Noon on Monday June 12th in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. A copy of the warrant for this election will be posted at the Town Offices, Post Office, Library and the Town of Whately website Town Clerk's page at [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) by June 1, 2017.

### Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector Office Hours

Please note that the Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector's office will be closed June 15 – 16. Lynn Sibley will be away June 14 – 16 and June 19 – 20, 2017. Maryellen Cranston will be available on June 14 and June 19-20.

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## **Candidates on the June 13th Ballot:**

### **Barbara Banik, candidate for the Whately Board of Health:**

In my professional life as a Geriatric Nurse Specialist (now retired), I have been an educator at University of Massachusetts, as well as a clinician in senior centers, home nursing, nursing homes, and hospitals (most recently at Cooley-Dickinson Hospital). Special interests I bring to the Board of Health are Preventive Health Care, Transitional Health Care after hospitalization, and Quality of Life at life's end. I live with my husband in a 25 year-old red barn "empty nest" in Whately.

### **Richard Smith, candidate for Moderator:**

A lifelong resident of Whately, he is seeking his third term as Moderator. Previous service to the community included nine years on the Selectboard, four on the Planning Board, and work on the Master Planning Committee. He is a former Director of IT at MassMutual, and recently retired from the landscaping firm (Bill's Lawncare Plus) he shared with his brother and son."

### **Justin Davis, candidate for Selectboard**

I am running for the open Selectboard seat in our town. I served nearly 10 years in the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserves. I also served our nation as a civilian imbedded with an U.S. Army infantry brigade in Afghanistan. My primary experience is in strategic analysis, which I will use to capture the collaborative voice of the people and apply to my decision making process. My formal training is in business administration, management and economics. My beautiful wife Jessica and our two lovely daughters Addison and Braelyn will be accompanying me on my endeavors to ensure the best decisions are made for the residents of Whately.

### **Joyce Palmer Fortune, candidate for Selectboard**

I moved to Whately in 1995 after working overseas (Japan) as a research Scientist. (Electrical Engineering) Along with my

husband Nat, I have raised two wonderful boys (well, now young men,) Matthew and Alex, proud graduates of Whately Elementary and Frontier Regional schools. I first got involved in local issues as a member of the WES PTO, where we (along with the Grange, the Historical Society and the Whately Cultural Council) saw a need for a town-wide newsletter, and thus the Scoop was born in Sept 2003. As for my work, I have run my own technology consulting business (1994-2003) and now I teach Physics at Smith College. I also served on the Whately Selectboard from 2009-2015, and currently serve on the Whately Cultural Council.

### **Maureen Nichols, candidate for School Committee**

Maureen Nichols is a parent of 3 children at Whately Elementary School. Maureen is currently a stay-at-home mom who volunteers for the PTO, School Council, and several other school activities. Her educational background is an MS in Biostatistics and worked as a biostatistician in the biotechnology industry. She believes we have a strong community in Whately and that our elementary school is a central component to that. Maureen is interested in keeping our elementary school a strong, healthy, and dynamic part of the Whately community and would like to work towards that objective by becoming a member of the Whately School Committee.

All candidates were invited to submit, but with a fairly short timeline, which means not all candidates were able to respond in time.

Melanie Chorak, Assessor  
Sheila Powers, Library Trustee  
Robert Smith, Library Trustee  
Georgeann Dufault, Water Commissioner  
Adelia A. Bardwell, Elector under  
Oliver Smith Will

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## **Wildlife Sightings- Easter Bear, not Easter Bunny**

by Ruth Fairman

On Easter afternoon my husband and I had been watching Northern Flicker at our bird feeder. I went to do the dishes when he called me back to our slider door area. We had another visitor—the Easter Bear who was lumbering along the tree line. I blew my whistle & clanged the pots & pans.

He sniffed the air, stretched at the tree and limbed it. I didn't know I had such an effect on him. About 3 minutes later he came down, sniffed the air again and wandered off into the woods. The 250-300 lb. male disappeared over the bank, we didn't see him again. Later that day we saw where he had returned to our yard through my white lattice fence after munching on the neighbor's bird feeder. The brown spot on his rump was like a Zorro trade mark. He'd been here before.

This is not our first rodeo with the bears. Two years ago a Momma bear proudly paraded her triplets through our yard—about 5 feet from the house. They were named Louie, Dewey and Huey and were about 3 months old. Before the family left the immediate area they had terrorize a neighbor who was riding a moped on Egypt Road. She was nearly speechless when she came into our yard. She had passed between Momma bear and the triplets. After this performance they followed Momma up the center line of Long Plain Road. We saw them only once more.

Wild life seem to enjoy our open back yard. On various occasions we have had 30-36 turkeys with the youngsters in tow; 2 coyotes, screechy fishers, hawks and assorted woodpeckers. The woodpeckers have made Swiss cheese holes in our shed. The woodchuck approves of us mowing the lawn so he doesn't have to chew so hard.

During this past week we have enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox and their 5 kits who bounce around in the grass like kittens. They are very playful and seem to annoy Mom once in a while—she cuffs them.

As I said to my husband, all we are missing is Noah's Ark and then yell "All Aboard."

## **Town Office Contact Information**

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Main 413-665-4400 Fax 413-665-9560

## **Town Offices Hours of Operation**

Assessors - Tue. 9a – 4p, Wed 9a – 3p  
Library - M, 10a-5p, T, W, 1p – 8p, Sat 10a – 3p  
Selectmen - M,-Th 8a-4p, F 9a-12p  
Town Clerk & Treasurer/Collector– M 8:15am-7pm,  
T-Th 8:15a-4p, F 9a-12p (665-4400 #3 for appt.)  
Transfer Station - Tues 12–5PM, Sat. 7am–5pm

## **Town Directory**

Assessors	665-4400
Board of Health Health Agent	268-8404
Animal Control	665-8027
Emergency Mgmt.	665-4400
Fire Department (routine)	665-8200
Burning Permits	625-8200
Highway Department	665-2983
Police (Dispatch,non-emergency)	625-8200
Police (Station)	665-0430
Schools:	
Whately Elementary	665-7826
Frontier Regional School	665-2118
Franklin County Technical	863-9561
Selectboard	665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library	665-2170
Collector/Treasurer	665-4400
Town Clerk	665-4400
Town Accountant	665-4400
Water Department	665-4400

## **Meeting Schedule for Town Boards**

Assessors- Most Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Board of Health-2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, 5:00PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Conservation Commission-3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, 7:00PM, Town Hall  
Franklin Tech School Com.,2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, 7:00PM, Fr. Tech.

FRS School Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue, 7PM FRS

Historical Commission -3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 7PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Library Trustees - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue, 7PM, Library

Planning Board - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Recreation Commission -2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, 7PM,WES/Herlihy

Selectmen - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Mon, 6:00PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Water Commissioners - 1<sup>st</sup> Tue, 7PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Whately School Committee -1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7PM, WES

Zoning Board of Appeals - 1<sup>st</sup> Thu, 6:30PM, 4 Sandy Ln.

Historical Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7PM, Center School

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April was as it should be  
Helping flower, herb and tree.  
With lots of rain and warming days  
Showing off its springlike ways

While working outside in the sun  
Makes gardening a lot of fun  
And soon we'll gobble summer fruits  
And even don our bathing suits

So even though the wind does blow,  
Summer's coming, that we know  
With thunderstorms and lots of heat  
And yummy things for us to eat.

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