



# The WHATELY SCOOP

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

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## The State of the Scoop

by Joyce Palmer Fortune

Five Plus years of the Scoop! If you told me back in September 2004 that in 2009 we would still be publishing the Scoop with volunteers gathering electronically to submit the articles and gathering in person to fold, seal and label our little newsletter four times a year, I might have been skeptical. But here we are at the end of 2009 and still going.

One of the most amazing things about making the Scoop has been the response of volunteers. Every three months I email a request for help and the response is always there, whether I am asking for articles or whether I am asking for someone's precious time at the folding table.

Today I need to ask for help to make the Scoop sustainable financially. The Scoop needs a fundraising coordinator or perhaps a *director of development*, dare I suggest a *minister of finance*. As editor and organizer of volunteers at the Scoop, I can no longer keep up with the task of asking businesses to place ads and asking individuals for donations to keep the coffers full enough to keep the scoop running.

Don't get me wrong - The Scoop is actually in OK shape financially. But I know that the Scoop will need someone to start contacting businesses and individuals soon so that the money will be

there 6 months from now to cover the costs going forward.

I think our community does not lack for people and businesses who want to see this newsletter continue, but we just need someone to follow up and follow through on the fundraising.

Thank you all in advance, please contact me at [jpfortune@comcast.net](mailto:jpfortune@comcast.net) or 665-6739 if you are interested in adding the title "Whately Scoop Financial Tsar" to your resume.

## Winter Market at Enterprise Farm

by Kacie Beault

Enterprise Farm will be opening the "Food Shed" winter market December 5th. The Market will run from 9am to 2pm every Saturday though the winter. The market is open to the public so all are welcome and please tell your friends. We have spruced up our barn and have a new heater to make your shopping experience enjoyable during those cold winter months. On that note we have also done some work on our parking area so no more getting stuck during mud season!

We be stocking the shelves with local goodies from the freshest organic produce to locally grown, raised, baked and made goods. We will have delicious greens, root veggies, onions, sweet potatoes, winter quash, herbs, apples, pears, avocados, citrus, much of which is organic and all of which is the freshest you can get. We will also be supplying eggs, cheese, cider, meat, breads, baked goods, and much more. We hope to see you all at the Food Shed soon.

## The 2009 Whately Talent Show

Steve Calderone

Save the date – March 27, 2010 – for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Whately Family Talent Festival.

For twelve years, this wonderful town has supported the children and adults who wanted to share their special skills – music, dance, magic, stories, poems, whatever. The event has been

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Enterprise Farm – 72 River Rd. Whately

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Details on last page of this issue.

great each year, and for the second year in a row, we are planning it before April 1.

The good news: As always, the event is still free, the performances are still great, and (thanks to our wonderful sponsors) everybody who attends still has many chances to win a door prize.

The winter break is always a great time to start thinking about what you might want to do on stage. Please consider this a reminder to start those creative juices flowing.

The event is on Saturday March 27, at 7pm, in the Whately Elementary School Gymnasium.

The process for getting on stage is quite simple: just call & describe your act. If you have something in mind, please call Dave Robinson, at 665-8452.

For over a dozen years, "Uncle Dave" has invited hundreds of acts onto the stage in your home town – from the youngest children to the most seasoned performers. Every year, the story is the same: everybody who attends, and everybody who performs, has had a great time. Everybody is welcome to join in the fun.

The obligatory rehearsal is on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, same place, 6-8pm. We are unable to allow any acts to perform on Saturday if they do not attend on Friday. There will be no exceptions. Thank you for understanding

We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your continued support.

### **WHATELY GRANGE NEWS:**

by Ruth Fairman

Seven officers attended the Mass. State Grange session Oct. 22-25, 2009. Those attending were: Ruth Fairman, Master; Ed. Marion, Overseer; Adelia Bardwell, Secretary; Fred Bardwell, Steward; James LaSalle, Treasurer; Jan Roberge, Gatekeeper and Lois Skelton, Pomona.

LaSalle Florists provided the flowers for the session, other members took part in the session and Ruth Fairman took the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. There were approximately 200 State Grange members present.

It is also noted the Virginia Allis's knitted sweater won a prize and has gone on to the National Grange for further judging.

Next meeting of the Grange is Dec. 10, 2009 at 7:30, Town Hall. The Grange is collecting items for the Amherst Survival Center and any non-

member who wishes to donate can contact Adelia Bardwell or bring the items to the meeting that night. The Graces are in charge of the program.



### **Whately in the spotlight**

Scoop's newest feature- compiled by Judy Markland

**John LaSalle and LaSalle**

**Florists** were one of the three winners of Citizen's Involved in Supporting Agriculture's 2009 Local Hero Award for "careful stewardship, enlightened

pesticide management and commitment to community involvement." LaSalle's installation of a wood chip furnace has saved over 750,000 gallons of oil, while pesticide use has been reduced to less than 5% of previous levels. And everyone in Whately knows about their long history of community support. The award will be presented at CISA's spring annual meeting.

**Sarah Belder** was awarded first place in the 4-H Showmanship Contest at the Big E in September, competing against many older entrants.

Showmanship tests the performance of the individual showing the animal, rather than the animal itself. She was then invited to attend the National Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin where she placed 10<sup>th</sup> in world rankings. Way to go, Sarah!

**Becky Jones**, president of the Vermont chapter of Doctors for America, attended the White House press meeting on health care reform in the Rose Garden on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Do you know of other Whately celebrities for the next Scoop? Contact Judy Markland at 665-4638 or [jmarkland@LMstrategies.com](mailto:jmarkland@LMstrategies.com).



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### **Historical Society Update**

by Adelia Bardwell

Happy holidays from the Historical Society. We're so grateful to so many that the season has already begun among our membership! We invite you to join so you may share the same good times.

This has been an eventful year. Our two Festivals were successful. The House Tours was a wonderful day of community involvement. Words can not express the appreciation of those who helped in any way. A special thanks to those who opened their homes. 2009 is a banner year.

We are looking ahead to 2010. Our theme is CHILDREN : Toys, Books, Games, Furniture. Wedding pictures will be replaced by children / baby pictures. All are invited to submit a photo. Look for your favorite shot and drop it off at the

Museum. We will copy it so all will be nearly the same size. What fun to try to identify us in our younger day!

We hope to continue our conversations with those who will share memories of Whately yesterday. Let me know if you will join us for an evening of reminiscing.

We are rearranging our museum to accommodate acquisitions from former long-time president Gertrude Bardwell who passed away recently. The challenge is to fit things in without pushing out the walls. She was so generous to us. We are anxious to show these new furnishings.

### **Family Craft Fair, Montague Grange**

Saturday Dec 12, 2009, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Don't drag the family to the mall for holiday shopping! Come instead to the Make-It-Yourself Family Craft Fair at the Montague Grange. Affordable, guided craft activities for all ages to make great gifts! Cool jewelry and jewelry boxes, beeswax candles, painted glass ornaments, gnomes, paper crafts, picture frames, lavender sachets, and lots more. Proceeds to benefit the Montague Grange Building Fund. For more info or to volunteer call Laurie Davidson, 367-9608 or email [lauriedavidson@verizon.net](mailto:lauriedavidson@verizon.net)

### **Seasonal/H1N1 Vaccine & Whately:An Update**

by Michael Archbald

With several clinics completed including our most recent at the Elementary School for all students and a follow up on 11/18/09 we know the majority of kids in our community who want the vaccine have received it.

Allow me take a moment again to thank the Whately Citizen's Corp, several nurses with Julie Mason's guidance and of course Peter Crisafulli, the Principal for letting us use the school cafeteria to get that done.

Those who have indicated an interest (if you'd like to help in any of a variety of roles just give Lynn Sibley a call!) in helping out in these clinics and emergency dispensing sites will be called upon to help as we go forward with more smaller

type clinics in our future. As soon as more vaccine (both H1N1 and seasonal flu) is available we will put together clinics both regionally in Deerfield and here in town if it makes sense.

We've said before and we'll say it again, our strength shows when we turn to each another, relying on each other, to meet the needs of our community. Thanks again to everyone who participated (on both sides of the needle!) and again to the Whately Citizens Corp! Any questions don't hesitate to give Lynn Sibley or me a call.

### **Whately Citizens Corps Assists Town**

by Sandy Mazzacane

The WCC has most recently assisted the Board of Health with the Whately Flu clinic held at the elementary school and last April the Door-to-Door exercise conducted by Lynn Sibley – town Emergency Management Coordinator. The Mass Homeland Security evaluation stated: "The Whately Citizen Corps was frequently mentioned in evaluation as a real strength of the volunteer effort."

The WCC has also donated 8 cots to the town for its emergency shelter. This donation was made possible with the addition of a generous contribution from the Whately Lions Club. The town still needs an additional 12 cots in order to fulfill its emergency supply quota. If you are interested in donating money toward purchasing an emergency shelter cot please contact Roland Kinsman at (413)665-9337 or [coffinkinsman@comcast.net](mailto:coffinkinsman@comcast.net) or Sandy Mazzacane at (413)665-3985 or [smazzacane@hotmail.com](mailto:smazzacane@hotmail.com)

We are an independent, private volunteer citizen group that will assist emergency personal or first responders in case of urgent need. Our group consists of a core guiding group as well as a secondary group of volunteers available as an additional resource when a priority need has been identified. These volunteers are available via a Phone Tree call list. These volunteers don't attend meetings or require any training. If you are interested in contributing your services as a Phone Tree Volunteer, please contact Roland or Sandy for further information.



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**Michael Archbald, RN- Owner**

## Zoning Task Force Update

By Whately Zoning Task Force

Whately residents enjoy our community's farms, forests and open spaces. We know that to keep the rural and historical character of our town, we need to work at preserving it. That is why the Zoning Task Force was formed some months ago, to look at ways we can keep Whately's rural character while allowing growth, providing more affordable housing, and preserving agriculture.

The task force includes representatives of the Agriculture Commission, Open Space Committee, Planning Board, Selectboard and the Implementation Committee. Thanks to a grant received by the Franklin Regional Council on Governments, we have had the technical support of Peggy Sloan, the council's planning specialist.

We looked at how other towns in Franklin County have zoned for growth and land protection and found an approach we think might work for Whately. This approach combines traditional single family lots along existing roads with less dense residential zoning back from the roads with incentives to "cluster" housing: to group subdivision homes on smaller lots at a greater density than otherwise permitted and preserve a large portion of the parcel for farmland or forest.

Zoning for clustered development currently exists in our bylaws: however, the bylaws now favor the development of traditional subdivisions and developers have little incentive to set aside farmland or open space. Our proposed changes to the zoning bylaws would create that incentive. We believe that "clustering" is the better option for Whately because clustered developments reduce sprawl and can help preserve our farm and forest lands.

There would be no change in zoning for lots and flag lots with frontage on existing roads. For new building off existing roads, the minimum lot size would be increased. However if a cluster subdivision approach is used, the developer can receive a "density bonus," or approval for additional lots if the new buildings are clustered and open space is formally preserved, if a portion of the new housing is affordable, and/or if the structures incorporate green building techniques and appliances.

Our proposal would also allow accessory, or small, apartments to be built in existing residential houses or outbuildings, without requiring any special permits. This reduces sprawl, helps create more affordable housing units, and may help existing homeowners support the expenses of large houses and make it possible for seniors to remain residents in town.

The Task Force is seeking public input on these ideas and concepts before we go to the Planning Board and the Select Board prior to a vote at town meeting. We've scheduled a public forum on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Town Hall to discuss the proposals and hope you'll attend. (Snow

date is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.) In the meantime, please call any of the task force members for more information. We'd love to hear from you.

Margaret Christie, Cris Coffin, Becky Jones, Nicholas Jones, Kay Klippel, Judy Markland, Paul Newlin, Bill Obear, Mary Shanley-Koeber, Lynn Sibley, secretary

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## January classes at NEWFS/NASAMI

By Steve Ziglar

**Saturday, January 16, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Winter Botany.** Instructor William Kuriger, Ph.D., includes classroom lectures on the taxonomic characteristics of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous and evergreen plants in winter; and hands-on identification of twig and plant specimens. Learn the significance of macro and micro characteristics including growth habit, bud morphology, phyllotaxy, leaf and bundle scars, floral patterns and fruits. Acquire experience with an extensive array of classroom specimens and field identification of woody plants. Fee: \$75 (Member) / \$85 (Non). Pre-registration necessary, at 508-877-7630, x3303.

**Saturday, January 30, 1-3:30 p.m. Native Seed Propagation Workshop.** This workshop will focus on all aspects of native wildflower seed propagation including appropriate storage of seed, scarification, stratification, media selection and proper germination conditions. Workshop will involve hands-on participation and all materials including seeds will be provided. Work side-by-side with the New England Wild Flower Society's chief propagator and learn some tricks of the trade. Feel free to bring your own seeds and any questions. A variety of seeds will also be available for purchase. Fee: \$28 (Member) / \$33 (Non). Pre-registration necessary, at 508-877-7630, x3303.

## Town Clerk News

By Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk

**Street List** – During the last week of December, the 2010 Annual Street List forms will be sent to all households. Please verify the information, sign and date the form and return to the Town Clerk's Office by January 16<sup>th</sup>. It is important that the town has a correct account of all residents because

many of our assessments and grants are based on population and we must have accurate numbers so that we receive or are charged the correct amount of money.

**Federal Census** – The Federal Government will be conducting its decennial census in April 2010. The census bureau has been doing intermittent census taking over the last ten years on a random basis but this 2010 census will go to every household in the country. They have eliminated the long form this year and there will be 10 questions to be answered. Please complete this census as well as the town street list. Both have their specific purposes and the Federal Census figure is what our representation in both state and federal government is based on.

**Special Elections** - The death of Senator Edward Kennedy has resulted in the need for two state elections. The Special Primary will be held on December 8, 2009 from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Whately Town Hall. The Special State Election to elect Senator Kennedy's replacement will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Other State Elections for the year will be the State Primaries on September 14, 2010 and the State Election on November 2, 2010.

**Town Meeting & Elections** – Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 27, 2010 at the Whately Elementary School and the Annual Town Election will be held on June 8, 2010 at Town Hall. Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election will be available starting February 18, 2010. If you are interested in running for office please call the Town Clerk's office at 665-0054.

**Dog Licenses** – The Town Clerk's Office will start issuing dog licenses on February 2, 2010. There will be an insert in the Street List envelope explaining the requirements to license your dogs. All dogs must receive a rabies vaccine and any dog six months old or older must be licensed per state law. Late fees for not licensing your dog will go into effect on June 1, 2009.

### **Information on Whately's Way Cool Website!**

By Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator

*We have added a number of new features to the website.*

**Pay Taxes on Line.** You can now pay your real estate and personal property taxes on line. Check out [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) and go to [Pay taxes online here](#) on the home page. You have two options. You can have payment deducted directly

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from your bank account or you can pay with a credit card. Paying directly from your bank account is free but paying by credit card has a fee attached. Check the fee schedule for the particular fee amount. We hope to expand the options available in the future so that you would be able to

pay other taxes and fees online as well. Stay tuned.

**Blackboard Connect** – On November 10<sup>th</sup> the town put out a test phone call notice to all residents regarding this new service. Blackboard Connect allows the town to send a notice to all residents in a matter of minutes. Representatives of the town will use this service for important messages such as road closures, Amber alerts, emergency evacuations, and other critical notices. If you did not receive the test call please contact the Town of Whately at 665-0300 to be added to the list or you may also click on the Blackboard Connect portal on the [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) website home page and follow the instructions given. There is also more information on the website as well.

**Building Permit applications** can be obtained on the website by clicking on Zoning on the home page. We are working on getting the town zoning bylaws on the website as well.

We would also like to give **kudos** to Municipal Secretary **Barbara Hancock** who maintains the website. She does a great job keeping all the information pertinent and up to date.



### **WHATELY WATER DISTRICT WINS 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE!**

by George Colt

"Water is good; it benefits all things and does not compete with them," observed Lao-Tzu more than 2500 years ago. The Chinese philosopher got the first part right--water is good, especially if it's from the Whately Water District--but not the second part.

On September 9, 2009, a quart bottle of Whately Water District water took second place in a blind taste test held by the Massachusetts Rural Water Association, and the 32 families served by the WWD received independent verification of something they have long known: their water tastes great. More than 30 entrants from across the state brought samples to the Northfield Mountain Environmental and Recreation Center; the expert palates judging the competition belonged to State Senator Stephan Brewer, State Director of the USDA Jay Healy, and EPA State Drinking Water Program Coordinator Kevin Reilly. At the awards luncheon following the competition, Nicholas Jones, Water Commissioner and Superintendent, accepted a plaque and ribbon on behalf of the WWD, a non-profit system owned and operated by residents along Chestnut Plain Road and Haydenville Road in the center of town. The plaque can be viewed at the Whately Inn (a longtime member of the WWD); the ribbon and prizewinning bottle can be viewed on the windowsill in Nicholas Jones's living room. For the second year in a row, the Munson Water and Sewage Department, the New York Yankees of the rural water world, took first place. Wait till next year!

**Library Notes**

by Tiffany Hilton

Re-usable Fabric Gift Bags for the Holidays - **Sewing Workshop** with Artist Linda Ruel Flynn Wednesdays, December 9 & 16, 6-8pm.

Produce 3 unique fabric gift bags at this 2-evening workshop. Sew one of two designs the first evening and decorate the fabric at the second. Free and open to those 16 and older. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required, please call 665-2170.

**Movie Times:** Thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding these programs and providing refreshments. Parents are welcome, but not required to stay.

**One Magic Christmas**, Walt Disney Pictures, Rated G. Monday, December 21st 6:00-7:30pm

This family film features Mary Steenburgen as a young mother who rediscovers the joy of Christmas thanks to her six-year-old daughter, Abbie, and Gideon, the mothers' very own guardian angel. Join us for popcorn and hot chocolate.



**The Incredibles**, Walt Disney Pictures, Rated PG, Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:15pm

**Book Discussion Group** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30pm. December 28<sup>th</sup>: Unaccustomed Earth, short stories by Jhumpa Lahiri. Copies are available at the library.

**Yoga Classes** Gentle Yoga for ALL Ages with Alexandra Mello, NEW TIME, Every Saturday morning 9:00-10:00am. First class is free.

**December Craft Table** – Make paper bird and Swedish heart ornaments for the holidays. Drop in anytime.

**Fresh!** Movie screening and Discussion: Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. "FRESH" celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system." Join us after the film for a discussion led by Margaret Christie, CISA's Special Project Director. [www.freshthemovie.com](http://www.freshthemovie.com) for more information.

The library staff, trustees and Friends are greatly saddened by the passing of our friend **Jim Ostrowski**, our custodian for fourteen years. We remember him fondly and will miss him a great deal.

**THANK YOU** to our Volunteers: Bryanne McDonough, Bobby Kieras, Barbara Banik, Sharon Young, Judy Markland...and to the Trustees and Friends of the library for all your time and effort. Library Custodian Position Available – Inquiries to Joyce Tutun, 665-8124, 2 hours per week. Volunteers wanted to help organize craft projects for children or adults.

For more information visit [www.whately.org/library](http://www.whately.org/library) call 665-2170, or email [library@whately.org](mailto:library@whately.org)

**Annual Holiday Reminder - Free Recycling**

by Fran Fortino

Did you know that we as a nation generate 25% more trash during this holiday season than at any other time of year? Much of this trash is recyclable & can be recycled free at the Whately transfer station.

Our Town recycling service is open to all residents, even if you have a private trash hauler pick up your trash. Any trash leftover can be disposed of in Whately bags for just \$2/bag at the transfer station - still one of the best bargains around.

Please recycle corrugated cardboard boxes, paperboard gift boxes, and greeting cards (except those with foil or wire). The following items are not recyclable: glossy gift-wrapping paper; ribbons, bows, and



tinsel; plastic coated boxes; tissue paper; plastic packing peanuts and styrofoam.

**Thanks for bulky day support!** On October 17, Whately residents brought in tons of bulky items, metals, old TV's and computers, BBQ tanks and tires at the fall bulky waste day. Like last year, nearly 17 tons were collected, about half of which were recycled. \$160 was also collected for the "Beautiful Whately" Fund. Thanks again to all the bulky day volunteers: Montserrat Archbald, Chris Boutwell, George Chapman, Caroline Gear, Larry Kutner, Gary Lawrence, Bill Obear, Ronnie Williams, and staff Clint Labato. Next bulky day will be May 8, 2009.

### **Whately Heritage Landscape Report Complete**

Alan McArdle, Historical Commission

Whately now has available a new resource to help us protect, maintain and preserve the landscapes that make our town unique and give our town its special character. Over the past year, several town residents and representatives from the Historical Commission, the Historical Society and other local organizations worked with staff from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) to produce an inventory of heritage landscapes in Whately. The final report is now available to everyone in town.

What are heritage landscapes? They are, to quote from the report, "special places ... that help define the character of a community and reflect its past. They ... reflect the history of a community and provide a sense of place." The Heritage Landscape Inventory program helps communities identify landscapes that are particularly valued and provides them with strategies for preserving them. In Whately, these include the Milk Bottle, the views of the valley from the town center, our town common and its many distinctive buildings and many more.

Our inventory describes in detail five areas of the town which were identified by townspeople at a public meeting. These heritage landscapes are Whately Center, the three town cemeteries, North Street, tobacco barns in general and the Westbrook Mill Corridor. Specific recommendations are provided for each of these areas ranging from assessing damage to gravestones to writing National Register of Historic Places nominations. The Selectmen and several town boards and commissions have copies of the report and will be drawing on its recommendations for planning and assessment purposes.

One of the pleasant surprises to come out of this project was how much we have already done to identify and maintain the scenic qualities of our town. This report will help us take a more

systematic and coherent approach to working together as a community to continue this process.

In the next few issues of the Scoop, we plan to provide short articles describing in more detail the landscapes identified in our inventory and the recommendations made about them. We hope to build awareness of the many different kinds of landscapes we have in town and what we can do to protect them. In turn, we hope to encourage our friends and neighbors in town to look more closely at the land around them and plan better for its future.

Copies of the report are available at the Library and online at [http://www.whatelyhistorical.org/Heritage\\_Landscape\\_Inventory\\_Final%20Report.pdf](http://www.whatelyhistorical.org/Heritage_Landscape_Inventory_Final%20Report.pdf) as well as the DCR web site - <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland/histland.htm>. A small number of printed copies are available on request.



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The Scoop is sent free of charge to all Whately residents with Whately PO Boxes, North Hatfield PO Boxes, or delivery from So. Deerfield or Haydenville Post Offices. It is also available at the library and the town Clerk's office.

If you live in Whately & have not been getting the Scoop, please let us know where you get your mail so we can get you on our list. Or, if you are not a resident but have a Whately connection and want to receive the Scoop by mail or email, contact Joyce (same email, phone, address above).

Businesses or individuals wishing to donate to help support the production cost of the scoop, please contact Joyce (same address above). Most businesses contribute \$100 to place a business card sized ad in 4 issues (1 year). Other businesses have contributed \$50 to be listed in the sponsor's area on the front page.

**FRONTIER COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND & WHATELY - CHANNEL 12 - FALL 2009**

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
8:00 AM					FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING (2ND WEEK)			8:00 AM
8:30 AM								8:30 AM
9:00 AM	MASS FROM HOLY NAME OF JESUS		AT THE DANCE	MASS FROM HOLY NAME OF JESUS				9:00 AM
9:30 AM			HEALTHBEAT					9:30 AM
10:00 AM			THE SOAPBOX	POLKA TIME WITH ED TARGONSKI	PROGRAM FROM FALLS CABLE		POLKA WITH JOE	10:00 AM
10:30 AM			MUSIC & WORD					10:30 AM
11:00 AM						FRANKLIN COUNTY MATTERS	PROGRAMMING FROM GCC	11:00 AM
11:30 AM					MUSIC & WORD			11:30 AM
12:00 PM	POLKA TIME WITH ED TARGONSKI	PROGRAMMING FROM GCC			THE SOAPBOX			12:00 PM
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7:00 PM	POLKA TIME WITH ED TARGONSKI	THE SOAPBOX	FRANKLIN COUNTY MATTERS	PROGRAM FROM FALLS CABLE	HEALTHBEAT	PROGRAM FROM FALLS CABLE	POLKA TIME WITH ED TARGONSKI	7:00 PM
7:30 PM		AT THE DANCE			AT THE DANCE			7:30 PM
8:00 PM	POLKA WITH JOE	HEALTHBEAT	PROGRAMMING FROM GCC	FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING (2ND WEEK)	FAT GUYS ON FILM		MUSIC & WORD	8:00 PM
8:30 PM		MUSIC & WORD						8:30 PM
9:00 PM	MASS FROM HOLY NAME OF JESUS	HOME GROWN (REPEATS AT 1 AM)			FRONTIER RED HAWKS SPORTS	HOME GROWN (REPEATS AT 1 AM)		9:00 PM
9:30 PM								9:30 PM
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December's here - it's time to rest  
All creatures find a cozy nest  
Or else a warm and ample cave  
For them and all the food they've saved.

Birds are quiet - not a song  
to hear from them all winter long,

Snow is quiet coming down,  
It muffles sound throughout the town.

So let's keep warm and ease our pace,  
Remember life is not a race,  
Enjoy the winter and the snow,  
Drive with care and keep it slow!



This Special Online edition contains an extra page that the original scoop mailed on Dec 7 did not have, because I inadvertently left out a wonderful article on the WLP Photo contest, and an ad for Austins, as well as a new winter poem for the front page. I feel doubly sorry for these mistakes because I also inadvertently left out an announcement for WLP in a previous scoop too! Please forgive my omissions, and be assured there is no malice toward WLP, Austins or our staff poet. - your humble editor



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## "Capturing Whately" Photo Contest Showcases Town Beauty and Character

By Cris Coffin

Over the past two months, visitors to the Whately library have been admiring an exhibit of nearly 50 photos entered in the Whately Land Preservation's "Capturing Whately" photo contest. While the exhibit has ended, Whately Land Preservation (WLP) plans to use the photos in other ways to showcase Whately's natural beauty and character.

Photo contest winners were announced at a ceremony at the library on October 17<sup>th</sup>. First place in the adult division was awarded to Chris Abel for his photo "Scott's Fields along North Street." Second place went to Bill Markland for "Cemetery Barn, Chestnut Plain Road," and Soren Mason Temple placed third for "View East from Whately Town Hall." In the junior division, Yo Kinsman took home first place with her photo "The Brook at Whately Glen." Catherine Futter won second prize for "Barn at the Brooks Farm," and Amelia Olsen placed third for her photo "The Reservoir near West Whately Chapel." Honorable mentions were awarded to Jared Kellogg in the junior division for his picture, "Mount Toby from Chestnut Plain Road," and to Mary Dingman-Abel in the adult division for her photo, "Joe-Pye Weed along the Mill River." Congratulations to our contest winners!!

WLP would like to thank those who participated in the contest, whose wonderful photographs show the tremendous diversity and beauty of the community around us.



We would also like to thank our three contest judges—Gabe Cooney, Tom Leaman, and Tiffany Hilton—as well as Tiffany and Betsy Cook, who facilitated the use of the library.

Photographs from the exhibit can be seen on the Whately Land Preservation website:

[www.whatelylandpreservation.org](http://www.whatelylandpreservation.org). As a fundraiser, WLP will also be offering for sale note cards of some of the photographs from the contest. A pack of six 4"x6" note cards will be available for \$12.50; a pack of twelve for \$20.00. Consider buying a few of these packs as holiday gifts! Cards will be available in mid-December; an order form can be downloaded from the WLP website, or cards may be purchased at the town library or at LaSalle's Florists.

Whately Land Preservation is a community organization established by local residents to help preserve Whately's rural character. We welcome new members and thank our current members for their continued support. If you are a landowner and are interested in protecting your land or have questions about land protection options, please call Pete Westover, WLP Land Projects Chair, at 665-4077.



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