



**VFW Post 3295
67 North Main Street
South Deerfield
Massachusetts
01373**

*Serving veterans,
the military,
And our communities*

Dear American Veteran,

November 11, 2011

When thieves stole the bronze veteran's markers from the Deerfield cemeteries in early 2010, VFW Post 3295 stepped forward and helped the cemetery caretakers identify and replace each and every marker in time for the Memorial Day remembrance.

When the towns of Deerfield and Whately needed a Rifle Honor Squad for the Memorial Day parade and salute in 2011, VFW Post 3295 organized, trained, marched and fired in honor of our fallen comrades.

When John S. Klisenbauer, former VFW Commander & WWII veteran passed away in September 2011, VFW Post 3295 attended the wake and our Rifle Honor Squad fired the salute at his funeral.

As the "Greatest Generation" departs, the next generations must step to the plate, providing service to the community and honor to our fallen comrades. There were six of us in the honor squad last Memorial Day. Since then, our professionalism, seriousness, and dedication drew five more to the squad. We recently received six Ceremonial M1 Garand rifles, replacements for our M1903 Springfield rifles. We have six more on order. Our plan is to offer both a Color Guard and Rifle Honor Squad as needed to our communities. We would like to provide other services but we need your help.

We meet at 6 P.M. on the first Wednesday of the month in the Senior Center at 67 North Main Street in South Deerfield. Our members come from Deerfield, Whately, Sunderland and surrounding communities. We do not know who you are because that information is confidential. The Post has decided to add this letter to the next issue of the Whately Scoop. If your service was in a foreign conflict, you may qualify to join us. If you are curious or unsure about joining our VFW Post, we would welcome your call or email. Our mission as a VFW Post is to help veterans, the military and our communities.

**Like you, we served our country as brothers-in-arms.
Proudly, we still serve.
Join us.**

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The WHATELY SCOOP

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

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Whately Cultural Council

Neal Abraham, chair.

The Whately Cultural Council will hold its annual meeting for public comments and for reviewing proposals received for grants for events in 2012 on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall. The Council received 23 applications for about \$7500, twice its annual allocation of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. I would also like to offer special thanks to Marianne Simon who served an extra four months as Treasurer for the Cultural Council as we made our transition to new members. Thanks to Katie Edwards for assuming the role of Treasurer.

The 2012 Whately Talent Show

Steve Calderone

Save the date – March 31, 2012 – for the 15th annual Whately Family Talent Festival.

For fourteen 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



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has been great each year, and for the third year in a row, it will happen 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 door prize list now includes 10 sponsors!

The winter break is always a great time to start thinking about what you might want do on stage.

Join us on Christmas Eve.



6:00 Family-style supper with a Special Visitor

8:30 Service of candles and carols.

All welcome and invited.

Whately Congregational Church (UCC)

These businesses have made donations to help cover the cost of printing & mailing the Scoop

Enterprise Farm – 75 River Rd. Whately

Julie's - North Street, Whately

Pro Pel Plastech, Long Plain Road Whately

Look for the ads from *Austin's, Collective Homecare, Goin Gray Auto repair, Hillside House, Nicholas Jones, Pioneer Valley Housing, Poplar Hill Farm, Signature Sounds, The Whately Congregational Church, The Whately Inn, Western Mass Realty Group & The Whately Health Center* inside!

Want to see your business listed here? Details on last page of this issue.



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Please consider this a reminder to start those creative juices flowing.

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

The process for getting on stage is quite simple: just call and 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 30th, same place, 6-8pm. We are unable to allow any acts to perform on Saturday if they do not attend on Friday. Thank you for understanding and for your continued support.

Whately Historical Society Events

by Dee Bardwell

The Whately Historical Society was pleased to receive a grant from the Community Preservation Committee. Its purpose is to digitalize our audio tapes to preserve them for future generations. We have completed our interviews and soon the work will begin. It is exciting to be learning new techniques in the media world.

We have new acquisitions which have been added to our collection. Many farm related tools were on display at this year's exhibit and now are part of our permanent collection - a carpenter's vis, a large standing butter churn a wooden roller, a Consolidated Cigar Corporation cap.

When cleaning your attic or barn remember to ask, "Should I bring this to the Historical Museum?"

A new project needs your help. Who remembers Taddy Mouse? Those who do will be pleased to know that the stories will be published and Taddy himself will be created. Dorothy Polhemus, a teacher here in the Center School wrote stories about Taddy and shared them with her pupils. Since Taddy is small (9 inches miniature) objects are needed for posing Taddy in pictures for the book. If you collect doll house furniture or miniatures perhaps you have some of the following: little red wagon, small pair of roller skates, a pony cart that Star, the pony, could pull, a small toy cat, miniature church steeple with a weathervane, tiny food (doughnuts, nuts, candy) a little boy doll and a bed for him, a small frying pan.

If you are willing to let us photograph Taddy with your possessions contact me at 665-3837 to make arrangements. This is an exciting endeavor for us and we look forward to a great exhibit next year with Taddy a special feature.

Whately Land Preservation

Mary Dingman-Abel, WLP

Over 95 photos capturing beautiful Whately!! If you haven't seen them yet, head to the Whately Library where the exhibit will be up until January 4, 2012 (date extended). Whately Land Preservation, sponsors of this wonderful event, wishes to thank all those who contributed their work, as well as the Whately Inn and A2Z Science and Learning Store for their share of the prizes, and our judges, Suzanne Bell, Greg Cangialosi, and Tom Leamon. The show is quite an eclectic collection that certainly pays homage to this beautiful and diverse little town.

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Dr. Rebecca Jones

Thank You
 to everyone who helps produce the Scoop and helps keep Whately informed.

Winners of the 2011 Photo Contest in the adult division are: 1st place - Michael LaCoy (Beetle on a Stalk, North St), 2nd place - Gail Cleare (Yellow Barn, 207 Chestnut Plain Rd.), 3rd place - Terry Gadomski (Trees in Bloom, Dickinson Hill Rd), Honorable Mention - Nick Sarfaty-Jackson (Beautiful Whately Flowers, Town center) and Liz Scott (Bringing in the Hay at Scott Farm). In the Junior Division, 1st place went to Keaton Warren (Pond Near State Road), 2nd place to Sierra Warren (Flower at Quonquont Farm), and 3rd place to Ryan Brown (Stream Along Williamsburg Road).

Once again, WLP will be using this rich source of material to print two different batches of note cards (6 different cards per batch) and a 2012 desk calendar. Look for these items soon at the Library, at LaSalles, and at the Library's Dec. 3rd Holiday Fair to be held at the Church. They make wonderful seasonal gifts and their purchase helps WLP preserve the land and its bounty so abundantly celebrated in our photographs.

On April 21, 2012, in honor of Earth Day, WLP will be sponsoring a roadside trash pick-up. We welcome all in the community to be part of this. Mark your calendars now and look for details in the New Year.

www.signaturesounds.com

Friends of the Library

Susan Boone

Thanks to everyone who have supported the Friends of the Library through your donations and attendance at our programs. Our annual book sale was a huge success thanks to you all. Check out (literally) our newly renewed



passes to Historic Deerfield and Magic Wings as well as the one for the Smith College Museum. It's a great way to enjoy some local culture, especially when you have friends visiting from out of town. We're planning some great lectures for the winter and spring, keep an eye out for coming attractions. Best wishes for the holiday season from us to all of you.

From the Whately Public Library

by Tiffany Hilton

THANK YOU to our Volunteers Bryanne McDonough, Barbara Banik, Judy Markland, Bob Gaffney, Linda Stairmond, Kathy Layer, Jackie Siller, Sharon Young, Clara Kohrman, Maryellen Cranston, Susan Boone, Katie and Jim Ross, Sheila Powers, Linda Theriault, Martha Goodridge, and the Library Trustees for all your time and effort. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks also to LaSalle Florists and Chamutka Farm for the beautiful seasonal decorations all year long.

The Whately Library is joining the C/W MARS regional library network in 2012!

C/W MARS is a network of public, academic, school, regional and special libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts. Members share an online computer system and have combined collections of more than 8 million items. Library patrons will be able to search for materials online, request and renew library materials and download hundreds of ebooks and audiobooks. The Whately Library has received an annual \$2,500 grant from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to supplement membership fees.

\$5 off every \$50 Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays Whately Residents only



193 Chestnut Plain Road, Whately Center, 413-665-3044

Meanwhile, library staff and volunteers are quite busy putting new barcodes on every item (18,000) in the library to get ready for this transition.

Kid's Crafternoon:

Make Your Own Gift Wrap - Tuesday, Dec. 20, 3:30-5:00pm. Make your own holiday wrapping paper and gift tags using stamps.

"Happy New Year" Craft - Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1:00-3:00pm. Make a "Happy New Year" crown or hat and decorate it with lots of glitter and feathers!

Movie Times – Join us for movies and popcorn each month!
The Help, PG-13 Monday, December 19, 3pm & 6pm
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Howard Hoxie Memorial Gazebo

The library dedicated a gazebo in memory of Howard Hoxie on Sept. 25. This gazebo is a beautiful addition to our town and library and it is available to rent for events free of charge to Whately residents (donations welcome) and \$100 for non-residents. Many thanks to Larry Ashman, Gary Lawrence, Keith Bardwell and the highway crew, Lynn Sibley, and the Whately Grange for your help with this project.



Hillside House Bed and Breakfast

60 Masterson Rd
Whately, MA 01093
413-665-5515

Outreach Services Available – Having trouble getting to the library this winter? Outreach Volunteers will select and bring books, movies, or audio books to Whately residents who would otherwise have difficulty reaching the library, typically the elder community and those with visual impairment, low mobility, or other health concerns. Contact Tiffany at 665-2170 to get started.

Capturing Whately 2011 Photo Exhibition

View over 75 entries to the Whately Land Preservation photo contest now on display through January 4, 2012. Photos feature the beautiful scenery and people of Whately.

Do you Blog? The library is compiling a list of Whately residents who blog. Send your

blog link to whatelypubliclibrary@gmail.com and the library will publish a list soon. Find a new way to get to know your neighbors.

Kid's Craft Table – Drop-in anytime in Dec. for a popsicle sled craft project. New projects each month.

Beautiful Whately - greetings to you all From the top of the world

Sad to hear of all that early snow you all had to deal with.

I was hoping that some one would be able to clean up the flower beds for me. Just a matter of pulling out the plants. If no one can get to it I will be back in town for a while in December.

I would like to thank



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Michael Archbald, RN- Owner

Mike Morawski for the beautiful large rocks he placed at the Christian lane intersection just making it a little harder to drive over the bed of flowers ..

I am living with my mum and dad taking care of them. It is beautiful spring here, all of the daffodils, tulips are flowering and we here on "top of the world" as we like to think of it.'

Also enjoying the days getting longer and longer. Trust you all had a lovely Thanksgiving. Enjoy the season and I look forward to seeing some familiar faces when I come to visit. Yours faithfully
Fiona

Transfer Station News by
Fran Fortino

Holiday Hours at Transfer Station Dec. 24 and 31 Since Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are Saturdays this year, the Whately Transfer Station will only be open shortened hours on those days from **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** both **Saturday, Dec. 24 and 31.**

Annual Holiday Reminder - Free Recycling
You can recycle much of your holiday trash free at the Whately transfer station. Town recycling and food waste composting are open to all residents, even if you have a private trash hauler. Any trash left over can be disposed of in Whately bags for just \$2 per bag at the transfer station.

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



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boxes; tissue paper; plastic packing peanuts and styrofoam.

Thanks for Bulky Day Support On October 16, Whately residents got rid of tons of bulky items, metals, old TV's and computers, BBQ tanks and tires at the fall bulky waste day. Thank you to town staff Clint Labato and the bulky day volunteers: Montserrat Archbald ("Recycler of the Year" awardee), Chris Boutwell, Vic Covalleski, Quint Dawson, Caroline Gear, Larry Kutner, Gary Lawrence, Dana Robinson, and Ronnie Williams. Next bulky day will be **May 2011.**

Medical Waste and Sharps Disposal Tips Medical prescriptions, pills and used sharps (medical needles) pose risks to our health and the environment if disposed of improperly. **Do not flush them.** Septic systems are not designed to treat medical waste! Place medications in a small bag that is not clear, tape

or otherwise close the bag, and put it in your (Whately) trash.

Do not put sharps in your trash. They can poke through bags and containers, potentially exposing transfer station staff or haulers to

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serious diseases. For 2011, we will again have a local option for safe disposal of sharps at the Whately Health Center on Tuesdays. Please call 665-4561 for more info.

CPA Project Application Deadline Dec. 15 by Community Preservation Committee

The Whately Community Preservation Committee is now accepting applications for projects to be voted at the April 2012 town meeting. The deadline for submitting project proposals to the CPC is December 15, to give the committee time to review submissions, make its choices, and hold a public hearing on the proposals prior to publication of the town meeting warrant. An application form and project eligibility criteria are available at the town's web site, www.whately.org.

Whately was one of only eight Massachusetts communities to receive a 100% state match of its FY 2010 Community Preservation revenues. The average match percentage statewide was about 37%, with only those communities - like Whately - which had adopted the full 3% CPA surcharge getting more than the 26.6% first round state match distribution. The match brings the CPA revenues for FY2010 to more than \$126,000. The funds may be spent on open space (including APR's), historic preservation, community housing, and recreation. Funds may also be saved to spend on projects in these categories in the future.

Town Clerk News

By Lynn Sibley

Street List – During the last week of December 2011, the 2012 Annual Street List forms will be sent to all households. Please verify the information, include all household residents including children, sign and date the form and return to the Town Clerk's Office by January 20th. There is a locked black mailbox outside the Town Clerk's office at the Center School Building at 218 Chestnut Plain Road for your use. 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.

Dog Licenses – The Town Clerk's Office will start issuing dog licenses on February 1, 2012. 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. See section below for new online payment availability. Late fees for not licensing your dog will go into effect on June 1, 2012.



Elections – The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. Nomination papers for elected positions will be available on February 1, 2012. Visit www.whately.org for more information in the weeks to come or contact Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk at 665-0054.



By Lynn Sibley

New Services Now Available

Online Vital Record and Dog License Requests The Town Clerk now has an online system that will allow you to purchase dog licenses, birth, marriage and death certificates online. Much like the present system for paying real estate taxes on line, the Clerk's office offers you the opportunity to purchase your dog license from the comfort of your home. If the Clerk's office has a valid rabies certificate on record, you will be able to pay from your checkbook or with a credit card on line. Just go to www.whately.org and click on Order Online Vital Records here. (Additional fees will apply to purchases made with a credit card). **If you have a new dog or need to provide updated rabies information you will need to do the transaction by mail or in person.**

Birth certificates will be available for those people whose parents were living in Whately at the time of their birth. Marriage certificates will be obtainable for those people who filed their marriage intentions in Whately, not necessarily

that they lived or were married in Whately. Death certificates will be available for any person that died in Whately or was living in Whately at the time of their death. If you are unsure of these requirements please call the Clerk's office at 665-0054.

Fish and Game Licenses Although the Town Clerk is providing a new online system for certain transactions, the office will no longer provide hunting and fishing licenses for 2012. Due to a new online program the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has acquired, the Town Clerk's office computer will not be able to meet the system standards necessary to be a Licensing Agent. The town is also uncomfortable with the new requirement that a vendor would be able to sweep our bank account on a weekly basis to get the payments for the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

However, personnel in the Town Clerk's Office or the S. White Dickinson Library staff would be happy to help any residents with the online transaction. Those of you who have automatically received free licenses over the years will also need to go online to get your license or to another participating vendor such as Dick's or Walmart. We regret that we won't be able to provide licensing directly for the residents.

Connect CTY Town Wide Notification System Lynn Sibley, Emergency Management Director

When the town first purchased the Connect CTY system I never realized how much it would be used and what a vital service it provided to the residents. Using the system for updates on Tropical Storm Irene and for the October 29th snow storm we recognized how important cell phone numbers are to the system. Residents who had corded phones and Verizon service were able to receive calls. Residents that used



Comcast or had portable phones lost the service a few hours after the power went out. Cell phone service in general was up and running through most of the storm.

I encourage everyone to include their cell phone numbers in our Blackboard Connect CTY program. It is very simple to do. You can go to Whately.org, scroll down and click on "Sign on to Blackboard Connect CTY". It will ask you some simple questions. If you have another number as your primary number, your cell phone will not be called for routine messages. However if the message is of a critical nature such as the recent storm updates, the system is programmed to call all numbers. You may also call 665-4400 directly and we will input any numbers that you would like into the system.

I would also like to thank everyone for their positive comments regarding this phone notification system.



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 Dec. 2011 issue of the Scoop is Nov. 30, 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.

TOWN DIRECTORY

<i>Department</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Assessors	Town Hall	665-3470
Board of Health Health Agent		268-8404
Animal Control		665-8027
Emergency Mgmt	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Inspection Services:		
Building	Courthouse	772-2026x123
Plumbing & Gas	Courthouse	772-2026x125
Wiring	Courthouse	772-2026x126
Police (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional School		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectmen/Center School		665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library		665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Hall	665-2595
Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

If you misplace your copy of the Scoop - do not despair! You can always find it on the Whately Library's website (www.whately.org/library)

Assessors - Tue 9a – 8p. Wed. 9a – 4p
Library - Mon Tue Wed 1p. – 8p; Sat 10a – 3:00p
Selectmen - Mon Tue 9-6– Wed Fri 9a – 4:00p
Town Clerk – Mon noon-7:00p; Tue-Fri 9:00a -4:00p
Treasurer/Town Collector -Tue & Thu 8:45a-2:45p Mon. 3-7p
Transfer Station - Tue., Noon-5p; Sat. 7a-5p

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR TOWN BOARDS

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

Note: This schedule is provided for informational purposes only. Meetings are also posted on the Whately Bulletin Board, Channel #15 for cable viewers in town and at the town's website, www.whately.org. Please check at the Town Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings.

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 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!

WHATELY NEEDS YOUR HELP! Selectmen seek volunteers for newly formed Housing Committee to determine most appropriate strategy for Whately's future housing needs (senior / affordable housing, rehab of properties, loans/grants for future income qualified residents). CPA funding may be used as leverage. One of major responsibilities will be to advise the CPC. Interested? please contact Lynn Sibley at 665-4400.