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**A**pril showers bring May blackflies, and May brings a plethora of plans for this month and the coming summer. Town Meeting is Friday. Participate. When only 40 or so voters show up, they have an inordinate amount of clout in deciding where all the tax dollars go. The Follies, a funny and friendly dessert theater performed by residents, is the following weekend. There is no shortage of home grown entertainment in this town as evidenced by the recent string of open mics, talent shows, comedy workshops, and the upcoming Shakespeare production. Art, music, nature, camps, fairs, crafts... lots of interesting events are already scheduled for the upcoming summer. Watch for updates and use this issue to plan ahead. Enjoy.

## Calendar of Events

May 1 Sunday **May Day and Orthodox Easter**

May 2 Monday  
7:00 p.m. **Library Trustee Meeting** at Library

May 4 Wednesday  
9:00 am **May Day Celebration** at the Village School on the common. Traditional May pole dances, songs, crowns of spring flowers, Morris Dancers. All welcome to come and greet the spring  
7:30 p.m. **Royalston Fish & Game Club meeting**

May 5 Thursday  
3:30 p.m. **Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.** Elect officers and plan the newsletter, the summer reading program, Shakespeare, and the plant sale. All ideas welcome and needed. Refreshments

May 6 Friday  
**Kindergarten screening** at RCS. If your child will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2005, you intend to enroll in public school, and you have not already registered for an appointment for kindergarten screening, please call 249-2900 immediately. (No classes for current kindergarten this day).

7:00 pm **Annual Town Meeting**, Royalston Community School cafeteria

May 7 Saturday  
10:00 a.m. **Family Fun Day** at ARMS an all-free day of hands-on activities, entertainment, food and fun until 2 p.m. Free lunches for the first 500 people, between 12:15 -1 p.m.

8:00 p.m. **Thayer Symphony Orchestra Spring Pops** at Monty Tech; this is the final concert of TSO's 31<sup>st</sup> season.



May 8 Sunday **Mother's Day**

4:45 a.m. **New Flower Moon**  
Mothers will be honored in the morning worship services at the First and Second Congregational Churches. Mothers receive a carnation.

3:00 p.m. **Pioneer Valley Young People's Chorus** with 45 voices ranging in age from 8-13 at the 1784 Meetinghouse in New Salem. Moms are admitted free

May 10 Tuesday  
noon early dismissal RCS and Monty Tech.

May 11 Wednesday  
**Monty Tech Talent Show**

May 12 Thursday  
11:00 a.m. **Council on Aging** meeting

7:30 p.m. **Open Space Committee meeting.** Public input welcomed in planning Bio-Diversity Days events, pouring over plot maps, and participating in discussions about preserving the character of our town.

May 14 Saturday  
7:00 p.m. **Royalston Follies** at Town Hall.

May 15 Sunday  
**Annual Walter E. Carlson Fishing Derby** at Royalston Fish and Game Club. Call 249-3004 for info.

May 23 Monday  
4:18 p.m. **Full Flower Moon**

May 24 Tuesday  
6:00-7:30 p.m. **"Student Showcase Art Show"** and **Open House** at RCS. All the community, and especially incoming kindergarteners, are welcome.

May 25 Wednesday  
7:30 pm **Ladies Benevolent Society** meeting and program: "Wool Soup: Spinning, Dying, and Hand Painting Wool," with local fiber artist Lynn Anair. All members of the community are welcome. Hostess: Barbara Stowell, 249-4611. Light refreshments.

May 30 Monday **Memorial Day**  
2 p.m. **Memorial Day Observance**, The Common  
3 p.m. **Memorial Day pot luck luncheon**, The Common.

June 2 Thursday **Monty Tech Graduation**

June 3 Friday  
7:00 p.m. **Ray Poole Concert** at First Congregational Church

June 4-12 **Bio-diversity Days**

Sketch contest, Town library display of century old botanical collection of Rev. James A Bates from South Royalston and guided walk with Royalston naturalists Noah Siegel, Elizabeth Farnsworth and Dave Small leaving from Town library at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday ~~June 5~~ See p. 10 Saturday  
9:00 a.m. - noon **Library Plant Sale** at Post Office and **Book Sale** at Library.

June 21 Tuesday **1st Day of Summer**  
ARRSD and Monty Tech school vacation begins

June 27 - July 1 and July 5 - July 8  
9:30 – noon **The Royalston Shakespeare Company will run free** theater workshops for kids ages 8-18 Enjoy theater games and acquire theater skills with Norah Dooley. Learn about Shakespeare while adapting *The Tempest* for the Town Hall stage. Kids also create props, costumes and sets. Free, but all actors and actresses must be committed to attending all workshop and performance dates: mornings 6/27-7/1 and 7/5-7/8. Performance July 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. (Possibility of extra rehearsal times.) An adult to direct tech crew is needed. No theater experience necessary. Call 249-0358 or 9-3572 for info. A Friends of the Library Production.



Concurrently but separately, the **Royalston Summer Arts Intensive** sponsored by the Village School will compliment and support themes from *The Tempest* through nature arts, visual arts, and dramatic arts. Royalston's *Tempest* cast may optionally participate in afternoon sessions from 11:30 – 3:00 for \$250. Call 249-3505 (See p. 6)

June 26 Sunday  
Butterfly Breakfast and Walk. 5th annual **Butterfly Breakfast and Slide Show** at the library at 9:00 a.m. and walk leaving from the library at 10:00 a.m.

July 9 Saturday **Church Fair on the Common**

August 8-12th Vacation Bible School

August 27 Saturday  
1:00 p.m. Local musicians gather for **Terrapin Fest** at the Royalston Fish and Game (off Rte. 68) Children 12 and under are free. The cost of the ticket is \$15.00. No coolers please, food, soda, and beer will be sold on the premises. Rain or shine. Contact [www.terrapiintraders.com](http://www.terrapiintraders.com) for band list and other updates or call 978-632-4893

## What to Expect at Town Meeting

*Beth Gospodarek*

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Friday May 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royalston Community School. Resident registered voters will have the chance to raise their hands or not over a variety of proposed policy changes and budget expenditures. This public commitment to issues makes for a pure democracy. (It is also why squeamish voters try to arrive early and get a seat in the back.)

Voters are given some guidance at the meeting. The Finance Committee has had previous opportunities to study the budget issues and makes considered recommendations. Often, but not always, the majority present follows these recommendations. The Town Moderator asks for discussion on each article and after the most salient points have been brought out, a vote is taken.

The official Town Meeting warrant was not finalized at press time, but the following issues are included in the draft copy and apt to come up at the Annual Town Meeting. The public schools are looking for funds to both operate and pay off building debts on the elementary and middle schools. The South Royalston sewer and waste water treatment plants seek operating expenses, which are mainly covered by fees already collected. The library wants \$2000 worth of roof repairs. The assessors want a new computer. Voters will be asked to approve the remaining \$50,000 needed to purchase a new emergency rescue vehicle for the Fire Department as well as a new heating system for the Center Fire Station. Changes to the Plumbing Inspector Fee, Wire Inspector Fee and Board of Health Agent revolving accounts are proposed. The DPW needs a new dump truck and seeks \$500,000 for engineering and planning on the Rt 32 project. It seeks to transfer funds from the Police and Fire expense accounts to the DPW. The Police Department seeks changes in by-law wording which would make by-law enforcement, particularly regarding junked cars, easier to enforce. Citizen petitions call for many by-law changes to the Town zoning by-laws as well as call for the Town administrator's hours to be increased to 24 hours/week. Also, budgets for each Town department will be approved that night.

## Open Space Committee Info is Now On-line

Curious about just what the newly formed Royalston Open Space Committee actually does? Check out its recently posted information on the Internet. Find out about the committee's goals and current projects. Get info about local wildlife habitat and possible Town sites for public recreational space. For those who are interested, there are also links to local land preservation groups with information about the ins and outs of establishing conservation restrictions on their property. The Open Space website is accessible through a link at [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org).

Other Town groups and boards who would like to post community oriented information on the library website are welcome as long as the Friends of the Library approve the request, the web space required is relatively small, and posting the information doesn't make an inordinate amount of work for our web master. Contact the library with questions.

## Reminders from the Town Clerk

Lloyd LeBlanc

**Dog Licenses:** Less than 1/2 the dogs required to be registered this year have been registered so far. Dog owning residents can come down to Whitney Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm to get dog licenses. It is also possible to get a licence by mail: send a self addressed stamped envelope with proof of current rabies vaccination and neutering as well as a check written to "The Town of Royalston." The Town Clerk will promptly return their Rabies / Fixed certificates along with their new license and dog tags. The cost is \$6.00 per dog that is fixed and \$10.00 per dog that is not fixed. Please call for Dog Kennel License prices. Send your mail to: Town Clerk/ PO Box Town Clerk/ Royalston, MA 01368

**Census Forms:** I would also like to remind people to complete their Annual Census forms and return them to either Whitney Hall on Tuesday evenings or to the same postal address listed above. Please, also fill out and return the pink form (on the reverse side) with the information you would like to have listed in the next Royalston phone listing directory - The Pink Pages -. As always, thank you for your support and I will see you on Tuesday evenings or at the Annual Town Meeting on May 6.

## Town Election Results

With 251 of 898 registered voters casting ballots, the results of the April 4, 2005 Town election were as follows: Andrew West won the selectboard seat; Kelly Newton won the 3 year ARRSD school board seat; Lloyd Leblanc will serve two more years as Town Clerk; George Vaccari took the 1 year seat on the Board of Health and Marie Holmes will serve 2 years as Sewer Commissioner. Melanie Mangum has the one year position of constable and Jim Richardson will continue to serve for three more years on the Board of Assessors due to their subtle yet effective write-in campaigns. Re-elected to three year terms were John Divoll as the Cemetery Commissioner, Phil Leger to the Board of Health; Polly Longworth as Library Trustee; Kevin Fabrizio as a Sewer Commissioner; and Wayne Newton to terms on both the Board of Public Welfare and the Planning Board. All of the trustees of the Bartlett Fund, Mary Barclay, Brenda Putney, Barbara Richardson and Wayne Newton were re-elected to 1 year terms. The election warrant was posted late, so these results may need to be confirmed at the Annual Town Meeting on May 6. Also, a complaint was filed with the State Elections Division that a campaign button was worn inside a polling station and that write-in ballots were illegally hand delivered to shut-ins. However, as all these breeches of election law were due to inexperience of Town officials (rather than ill intent to manipulate the election results), there will be no sanctions filed against the Town.



## Memorial Day Committee

Memorial Day Exercises take place on Monday, May 30, 2005 at 2 p.m. on The Common in Royalston center. Following ceremonies in front of the Town Hall and at the Old Centre Cemetery and a concluding ceremony at the Town Hall, all parade participants and townspeople will be invited to attend a pot luck luncheon. Advance assistance is needed for marking veterans' graves with new flags and making wreaths to lay at each veteran's grave site. To assist with this worthy endeavor, please contact Brenda L. Putney at 978-249-7787 or [bputney@crystal-mtn.com](mailto:bputney@crystal-mtn.com).



## Board of Health News

Phil Leger

George Vaccari of N.Fitzwilliam Rd. is the newest member of the Board of Health. Welcome aboard. New compost bins are available for sale at the transfer station for \$30.00. A free kitchen scrap bucket are available with purchase while supplies last. Be alert for illegal roadside dumping. Even though the official town roadside clean-up just passed, residents can still help. To clean up a section of town, contact Board of Health Chairman Phil Leger ahead of time to make arrangements for disposal. He can be reached by pager 978-366-1553. Leave your area code and phone number and he'll get back to you. Remember Reduce/Reuse/Recycle

## Fire and Emergency Medical Services News

The non-profit groups affiliated with the Town of Royalston Fire Department met recently for their annual meetings, reviewed by-laws and voted to merge under a name that more accurately reflects the organization's membership from the Royalston Firemen's Equipment Fund and Rescue Squad to the Royalston Fire And EMS Association. This consolidation better reflects the interdependent nature of Royalston's firefighting and emergency medical services personnel, and focuses all fundraising on a single priority list.

As a historical note, the Firemen's fund originally supplied firefighting equipment for the fire department. When the fire department accepted the responsibility of providing emergency medical services in the early 1970s, the Rescue fund was started, and immediately raised funds to equip the first Town rescue truck with the necessary tools and supplies. Over the years, these two funds have provided everything from protective gear and specialty tools to rescue vehicles and fire trucks – at no cost to taxpayers!

The Royalston Fire And EMS Association supports the Royalston Fire Department's firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, as always, and will continue to need generous support from the townspeople. The Royalston Fire And EMS Association is qualified as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, and, as always, your donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. So far, the Royalston Fire And EMS Association has amassed more than \$78,000 which will help purchase a badly needed Emergency Rescue Vehicle (ERV) for the Town of Royalston's Fire Department. Donations are still being accepted for this purpose. Checks should be written to the Royalston Fire and EMS Association, and mailed to Treasurer James M. Putney; 185 North Fitzwilliam Rd; Royalston, MA 01368.

## Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longsworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

Mondays: 10:00am - 5:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm. Thursdays: 1:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:00 noon

978-249-3572 [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org)

### Thank You

**Becky Divoll** for candy for the party at the Preschool Story Time  
**Nick Smith** for cleaning the library yard and filling the ruts in the driveway

**Ashley Bergquist** for help processing books, reshelving, weeding, and shelf checking

**Norah Dooley** and the No Name Band for a great contra dance

**Norah Dooley** for leading the Comedy Improv Workshops for kids

**Peter Kraniak** for an interesting, educational, and fun Cross Cultural Club presentation about Poland.

**B. H. Gronowicz** for a magazine subscription

The **Royalston Cultural Council** for sponsoring a very fun evening with the HaHa Sisterhood

**Polly Longsworth, Pat Jackson** and **Henry Cole** for book donations

### The Dewey Decimal System

Ms. Drouin's Math Club made a trip to the library on April 11<sup>th</sup> to learn about the Dewey Decimal System. Participants discovered that the system is not only a means to shelve books but is also a hierarchical system that discloses exactly what the book is about. I contacted the Worcester Public Library Reference librarians to ask what the longest Dewey number ever assigned has been. They referred me to the Madison (Wisconsin) Public Library, where the librarians there had researched it and found a book with 23 numbers assigned to it. That book is *Arab Attitudes Toward Israel* by Yehoshafat Harkabi and the number designated by the catalogers is 301.1543012917492705694. In other words: Historical and geographical treatment of opinions on countries where Arabs predominate, and their relations with Israel. A poster in the library illustrates the breakdown and meaning of each of the groups of numbers. Melvil Dewey actually devised and perfected his system at Amherst College right here in Massachusetts.

### Databases Available

Soon the Library's website will have links to all the databases available through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. You will need our library's code and your library card number to access these databases from home. There are some really cool sights for elementary students to help with research on all sorts of topics. You can also access the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, and Worcester Telegram and Gazette.

#### Preschool Story Time - Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 at the library

Stories read by Jen Bartkus

Healthy Snacks - Play and sharing for kids

Conversation and company for parents and caregivers

Free, no registration, drop ins welcome

Funded by the Athol-Royalston Community Partnership for Children

### Friends Membership Drive A Success

There has been a wonderful response to the Friends of the Library membership drive this year. It is especially nice to receive contributions from first-timers. Donations to the Friends go toward purchases of library "extras" like DVDs, shelves and computers, publishing this newsletter, the Pink Pages and the town directory, as well as running programs like the recent cross-culture club and comedy workshops. If you like the cheery daffodils in public spaces all around town, thank the Friends who planted them in past seasons. Our gratitude to the following people who have kindly made membership donations to the Friends since our last newsletter:

The Knights

Albert & Linda Gallant

Nancy Newton

Steve & Cindy Savoy

Gary Lippincott & Wendy Warner

David & Shirley Putney

Jeff & Bren Hopkins

Joy & Ralph Cutter

The Mangum Family

James & Maureen Meausky

Phil & Nell Mickey

Benny & Susan Gronowicz

Gene & Marita Cauthen

Tony Cooper & Carol Englander

Mike, Diane & Mikey Lafond

Aaron Ellison & Elizabeth Farnsworth

Rev. Philip Jacobs

Meryl & Marie Willhite

Celt Grant

Mary Coflesky

Neuza Silva

Matt & Nancy Hickler

Rev. Dr. Ginger Asel

Barbara Rogers

Barbara & Enis Willhite

Boyd Estus

Dan, Kay & Ben Schodek

Arline Vining

Louise & William Altieri

The Hutchins Family

Diane Lincoln

Om Yoga

The Landry Family

The Carriers

Paul Montero

### Time To Update The Pink Pages

The Royalston "Pink Pages," a telephone/address/e-ddress directory of Royalston residents, is being updated by the Barclay Family. Through the generosity of the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library, the Pink Pages will be printed and mailed, free of charge, to all Royalston residents. Pink Pages notices were mailed with annual town census reports, and are now coming in by way of Royalston Town Clerk Lloyd LeBlanc. If you did not send in your information, or are a part-time resident and would like to be included, please send the following information to [royalston\\_community\\_news@yahoo.com](mailto:royalston_community_news@yahoo.com):

Last name, First name, Middle Initial

Street Address

Mailing Address with zip code

Home phone number

You may also include cell phone, business phone/address, data phone, alternate home address, e-mail or web address; children's e-mail addresses are welcome with parents' permission.

### Didn't Get your Last Royalston Community Newsletter?

Due to a snafu at the Athol Post Office, around 100 newsletters went missing in the bulk mail on the April issue. After all the work and expense of compiling, editing and printing the newsletter, the Friends of the Library were not amused. However, it was an honest mistake and future deliveries should go smoother. The Friends apologize for any inconvenience to our readers. If your newsletter fails to arrive in a timely manner some month, remember that the newsletter is available on-line at [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org). Extra copies can usually be found at the Royalston Post Office, the library and the South Royalston store as well.

### New Books

#### Adult Fiction

Adams, Lorraine *Harbor*  
 Cherryh, C. J. *Destroyer*  
 Ciresi, Rita *Pink Slip*  
 Delaney, Frank, *Ireland: A Novel*  
 Eggels, Ellie *The House of the Seven Sisters*  
 George, Elizabeth *With No One as Witness*  
 Hegi, Ursula *Intrusions*  
 Horowitz, Anthony *Eagle Strike*  
 Janowitz, Tama *A Certain Age: A Novel*  
 Kidd, Sue Monk *The Mermaid Chair*  
 Lester, Julius *Days of Tears*  
 Margolin, Philip *Lost Lake*  
 McCall Smith, Alexander *At the Villa of Reduced Circumstances*  
 McCall Smith, Alexander *In the Company of Cheerful Ladies*  
 McCracken, Elizabeth *The Giant's House*  
 McEwan, Ian *Saturday*  
 Miller, Sue *Lost in the Forest*  
 Medwed, *Mameve Mail*  
 Patterson, James *Honeymoon*  
 Patterson, James *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment*  
 Pearson, Ridley *Cut and Run*  
 Pelecanos, George *Drama City*  
 Riccio, Delores Stewart *The Divine Circle of Ladies Making Mischief*  
 Wells, Rebecca *YaYas in Bloom*  
 Woods, Stuart *Two Dollar Bill*  
 Yoshimoto, *Banana Kitchen*

#### Adult Nonfiction

Moura, Ann *Green Witchcraft: Folk Magic, Fairy Lore & Herb Craft*  
 Gladwell, Malcolm *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*  
 Cowan, Thomas *The Fourfold Path to Healing*  
 Zailckas, Koren *Smashed: Story of a Drunken Girlhood*  
 Tarte, Bob *Enslaved by Ducks*  
 Runton, Andy *Owly: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer*  
 Amos, Tori *Piece by Piece*  
 Black, Lewis *Nothing's Sacred*  
 Keena, Sheila *O, Say Can You See?*  
 Davis, Wade *The Lost Amazon: The Photographic Journey of Richard Evans Schultes*  
 De La Bedoyere, Camilla *No One Loved Gorillas More: Dian Fossey Letters from the Mist*

### Some of the Upcoming Events at Your Public Library:

#### Friends of the Library Annual Plant Sale on June 11

Pot up the garden thinnings and seed a few extras; the Friends of the Library Plant Sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. – noon outside the Post Office on June 11. A varied selection of annual and perennial herbs, flowers and vegetables will be available for reasonable prices. Local businesses always donate generously, but just as importantly, residents kindly donate their extras. Plants are swapped and the Friends of the Library benefit. Not only does this assure that the plants are adapted to our area, but it also brings in local sentimental treasures like the late Vieno Sienovouri's dahlia bulbs, the bulk of Prospect Hill Farm's iris beds, or Theresa Burgess' winter hardy climbing roses (which her daughters first gave her 50 years ago). Horticulturalist Maureen Blasco will be on hand to give advice with any plant sold as well.

#### Library Book Sale

There will be a book sale at the library on the same day as the plant sale. We've been doing lots of "weeding" and collecting of books and will have a large variety of children's, young adults', and adults' books available. We'll also have a large number of movies in VHS format as well as some new and used CDs. There will be a special table containing "collectible" books at slightly higher prices.



#### Summer Reading Program

Our summer reading program is shaping up nicely with free weekly craft and story times on Thursdays at 1:30 in July. This summer's statewide theme is "Going Places @ Your Library." Thanks to the generosity of the Royalston Academy and the Judith Jenkins Musco Scholarship Fund, we will be doing two very exciting workshops this summer. To get everyone "Up and Moving," Stephen Chase and Noah Siegel will again be leading the incredibly popular "Stilt Making." Participants will build their own pair of stilts and then learn to use them. This workshop was the most popular one we've ever had at the library and we must request that children sign up in advance so we'll be sure to have adequate materials for the stilts. Kerry Stone will also be leading an exciting workshop where participants will create clay tree masks. Our last program will be our traditional ice cream party where participants will make homemade ice cream. This year we will be having some new games as well. We are still looking for two other programs. We provide the materials and a small stipend. If you'd like to volunteer, please call the library.

#### Preschool Music and Movement Summer Program

This summer we will again be offering the preschool music and movement program for preschoolers, Kindermusic®, for five Mondays beginning July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the library. This free program is open to all preschool children and their care givers. Older children in the family are welcome to use the library at the same time but the program is only for preschoolers. Watch for more information next month.

## **The Royalston Shakespeare Company, A Free Theater Workshop for Kids Presents: *The Tempest***

Following its resounding success last summer with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Royalston Shakespeare Company, a free workshop theater company for local kids ages 8 - 18, returns this summer sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Participants will enjoy theater games and learn theater skills with Norah Dooley and Beth Gospodarek while adapting Shakespeare's *The Tempest* for the Town Hall stage. Kids also create props, costumes and sets. These workshops are free, but all actors and actresses must be committed to attending all workshop and performance dates: mornings 9:30 - noon 6/27-7/1 and 7/5-7/8 with a performance at 7:00 p.m. July 8th at Town Hall.

The *Tempest* is one of Shakespeare's last works. The main character, Prospero, is a powerful sorcerer determined to get vengeance on his brother, Antonio, who has driven him from his rightful throne to exile on a magical island. Prospero has a beautiful daughter and a crazed slave. Antonio has a handsome son and a coterie of drunken toadies. The plot involves a rolling shipwreck, a love affair concluding in rainbow wedding, and a fair amount of jesting before justice is served in the conclusion. There are lots of opportunities for home made special effects. Extra adult tech crew is needed. Call 249-0358 or 9-3572 for info.

Concurrently but separately, the Royalston Summer Arts Intensive sponsored by the Village School will compliment and support themes from *the Tempest* through nature arts, visual arts, and dramatic arts. For example, the nature arts group may create props collected from the local woods and fields for the Shakespeare performance while the visual arts group sculpts, glazes, and fires vessels to place them in. The visual arts group will also draw, paint, and create backdrops for the play. The three artistic disciplines will be interdependent thus weaving a mindful, unified thread which will run through the entire program. Celebrated artists and experienced teachers, Kim Barry, Kerry Stone and Norah Dooley, will inspire students to explore art that is meaningful to them. Students will experience art in a deep and purposeful way, with the opportunity to find some hidden gifts, or find a new satisfying avenue for creative expression. This Camp is for Ages 4-14 and runs from 9am -3pm. The Full Nine Day Royalston Summer Arts Intensive is \$500. Royalston's *Tempest* cast may optionally participate in afternoon sessions from 11:30 -3:00 for \$250. There are early and extended day options. Call the Village School at 249-3505 for more info.

## **Woman's Lib Meets Rock and Roll: Film Screening at Bruce's Browser**

On May 7 at 7p.m., "the back corner" at Bruce's Browser in Athol will show the documentary, "RADICAL HARMONIES", where Woodstock meets women's liberation in a film about a movement that exploded the gender barriers in music. June Millington, the associate director and one of the narrators of the film, will be on hand to discuss her own involvement in the movement and play a couple of songs. [www.brucesbrowser.com](http://www.brucesbrowser.com)

## **Fabulous Follies on May 14**

Ticket sales are brisk for The Royalston Follies on Saturday, May 14 at 7 PM at the Royalston Town Hall. Get your \$5 tickets while they last from Sonja Vaccari at the Post Office 7:45 AM - 11:45 AM or from Chris Black at 249-4643 or Patience Bundschuh 249-6081.


Ten fabulous acts are on the program including a return of "The Town Fathers" who will re-enact their famous meeting at The Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, concerning their holdings in the new town of Royalston. A clever new improv group called "The Grip" will tickle your funnybone. Sonja Vaccari has been seen filming all over town and even from an airplane! What's that all about? Come to The Follies and find out. It is rumored that by special arrangement, there may be an appearance by the reigning Miss Butterworth as well as other famous guests. Rene Lake will return this year at the keyboard featuring rag-time favorites.

New this year are The Royalston Follies "Oscarinas" which will be presented to the 3 top rated acts decided by the audience. This is home grown Dessert Theatre at it's best starring your friends & neighbors. The fast-paced hilarity will be under the direction of Master of Ceremonies, Phil Leger so you know it will be a good, clean show.

If you want to be a star, Madame V (Sonja Vaccari) says she might be able to still fit you in. Call her at 249- 2280. The Royalston Follies is sponsored by The Royalston Cultural Council. Tickets are \$5 and dessert refreshments will be available.

## **Family Fun Day**

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun Day will be held at the Royalston Middle School on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great day of activities for all ages. Everything is free and the first 500 people receive a free lunch. Besides a performance by Ed the Wizard, there's face painting, games, information, an obstacle course, a martial arts demonstration, paper airplane making, bubbles, a Moonwalk, magic tricks and all local agencies have booths, including the Phineas S. Newton Library. You can see a demonstration of the preschool music and movement program and learn more about it or make Mother's Day cards at our table. This wonderful day is sponsored by the Athol/Royalston Community Partnership for Children, Athol/Royalston Title One Program, and Valuing Our Children.



**SUMMER PERFORMANCE SEASON  
STARTS MOTHER'S DAY MAY 8**

Hampshire Choral Society  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHORUS  
More than 45 young people ages 8 - 13  
perform at 3PM \$5 (All Moms get in free)  
1794 Meetinghouse, New Salem Center

Complete summer performance schedule and  
ticket info at [www.1794meetinghouse.org](http://www.1794meetinghouse.org)

## Royalston Community School News

*Mrs. French, Principal*

April brought us sunshine at last!!! The students have been enjoying playing soccer, basketball and four square. Thank you to everyone that helped make our Family Fun Night and Talent Show a huge success. Congratulations to all of the unique talents that were shared with us. You were great.

May is a time to begin winding down the school year. Grades 3-6 will participate in MCAS testing from May 16-20<sup>th</sup>. It is important to get a good night sleep and have a healthy breakfast.

May events:

3<sup>rd</sup> @5:00 School Improvement Council

@6:30 PTG

10<sup>th</sup> is a half day

Please join us on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 for our "Student Showcase". Ms. Passaro, our very talented art teacher, will present an Art Show. There will also be an open house for anyone that would like to stop by and see us. Incoming Kindergarten students are welcomed.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> we will join the Village School for a special presentation by Tim Red Loon Kelly. He will provide the children with an understanding of Native American culture.

## Talent Show Results:

The recent RCS spaghetti supper / talent show was a huge success. Everyone had fun and a goodly chunk of money was raised for school field trips. Thanks to all that attended and participated in the raffles. The talent acts were impressive. The results were as follows. Best Group Act: **was kindergarten** singing "What a Wonderful World"; **Josefina Carra** and the Spanish Club got second for her amazing Tango Ballet; The **Upstairs Chorus** "Drift Away" tied for third with the **Chess Club**'s rendition of Wizards Chess from Harry Potter. Chess club also won the Best Costumes award. Group acts win an ice cream party. Overall Best Small Act went to **Tobey Rose Chase, Tiffany Lusco, Katie Robinson, and Elizabeth West** in a gymnastics act choreographed to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"; **Emma Finocchio**'s singing of "Proud to be an American" and **Dahlia Wright**'s tumbling to "I'll Tumble for You" tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The top 3 small acts won a medal and \$25 in cash prizes. Other medals were awarded as well. These include: Outstanding Gymnast and Most Gravity Defying Glasses: **Cady Boucher**; Hottest Act: **Mrs. French**; Best Ragtime: **Shelby Bronnes**; Most Inspiring: **Ally von Leigh**; Best Sister Act: **Alisha and Andrea Linnus**; Best Brother and Sister Act: **Allyna and Corey Baker**; Nicest Hair: **Chet Hall**; Most Unusual Act: **Gabe Jarvenpaa**; Most Creative Props: **Nick Powell**; Most Confident: **Kadaisa LaJoie**; Coolest Musician: **Caleb Chase**; Most Magical: **Dana Nicholas**; Cutest Act: **MacKenzie Wilson and Annie Reynolds**; Most Likely to Succeed in Show Biz: **Asher Chase**; Made Me Laugh Award: **Dustin Mallett and Andrea Hubbard**; and the Most Guts Award: **Allisyn Mowrey**. **A million thanks to the Royalston Cultural Council for loaning its sound equipment and to Jim Bennett and Noah Siegel for running the sound.**

## Monty Tech News

Monty Tech sophomore **Jessica A. Putney** recently traveled to Fenway Park in Boston, where she and four other members of Monty Tech's Marine Jr. ROTC opened a ball game between the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees. The award-winning Monty Tech Marine Jr. ROTC Color Guard presented the colors for the National Anthem.



Monty Tech received five completed applications from Royalston freshmen. The three with the highest admission scores have received their acceptances already, and were granted the three seats Royalston is entitled to by district agreement. The other two applicants should hear by June 1. Late applicants will hear after July 1.

Kudos to the members of Monty Tech's Robotics Team. They took second place at the Granite State Regional FIRST Robotics competition, and will be traveling to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in June for another competition. Be sure to check out the new and improved web site, [www.montech.net](http://www.montech.net), which includes links to regular and special announcements, calendars, upcoming events and athletics, as well as employment opportunities, the daily restaurant menu, a listing of services available in the cosmetology program, and a complete list of past and on-going community service projects.

## Poetry Club

*The Poetry Club has received notification from the National School Project that the following poets were accepted for publication. The children are: Michele Thompson, Jessica Poirier, Jaryth LaRoche, Allyna Baker, Benjamin Boudreau, Shelby Bronnes, Derek Bates, Katie Robinson, Tiffany Lusco, Emily Mangum, Kadaisa Lajoie, Austin Kinsman, Tobey Chase, and Chelsea Sanderson.*

I am the wolf who howls at the moon  
I am the moon who shines at night  
I am the night when fireflies flash  
I am the fireflies that light the path of the wolf  
Ben Boudreau

I am a lion that lays in the trees  
I am the trees that blow in the wind  
I am the wind that blows the clouds  
I am the clouds that soak the trees  
Shelby Bronnes

I am the rain that hides the sun  
I am the sun behind the clouds  
I am the clouds filled with water  
I am the water that shines in the sun  
Michele Thompson



## Congratulations and Good News

*Got something to crow about? Drop the news by the library or e-mail [chasegos@gis.net](mailto:chasegos@gis.net).*

**Jessica Guiney** has been named to the President's List at Fitchburg State. This recognition is given to those who achieve a 3.75 or higher grade point average for three consecutive semesters while maintaining full time status.

**Christopher Guiney** is the recipient of a 4 year scholarship from the state to any state college or university in recognition of his MCAS Test Scores.

Good job, MWCC nursing student **Sarah J. Ramsdell**! Schooled in Royalston elementary schools, Sarah is in the "elite group of students" selected for inclusion the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She is one of 39 Mount Wachusett Community College students to receive the honor, and was cited for her academic "achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success." Sarah is the daughter of **Tom and Linda Ramsdell** of Warwick Road.

**Shannah Lively** recently received a few more awards from her Senior year of basketball. Shannah was selected as the girls' basketball teams' MVP for the second year in a row. She was selected to play in the Senior All-Star game between the Franklin County and Hampshire County All-Stars as well as the All-Western Mass All-Star Second Team. Shannah was also selected to the All-Academic Sports First Team for academics during basketball season.

Royalston Community School 3<sup>rd</sup> Term – 2005 Honor Roll:  
Straight As: **Cady Boucher, Asher Chase, Samantha Hutchins, Nicholas Krasowski**. All As and Bs: Grade 4: **Tyler Benjamin, Shelby Bronnes, Caleb Chase, Ryan Deegan, Garrett Hall, Benjamin May, Joshua Roberts and Michele Thompson**. Grade 5: **Allison Bergquist, Kelly Frazier, Amanda Putney**. Grade 6: **Tasey Chartier, Kourtney Frazier, Dylan Hall, Ashley Sawyer and Derek Wheeler**

Births: Welcome to **Katelyn Rose Chiappetta**, daughter of former New Boston Road resident **Christie (Smith)**, and her husband, **Jeremey Chiappetta**. The beautiful bundle arrived on March 30, 2005, weighed an impressive 8 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are South Royalston residents **Donna and Roy Smith**, and Joy and Frances Chiappetta of Beaver Falls, PA. Great Grandmothers, both of South Royalston, are **Evelyn Gorham and Mollie Smith**. The family is all doing well. Congratulations can be sent to the Chiappetta family at 94 Basswood Avenue; Providence, RI 02908

Engagements: Congratulations to AHS high school sweethearts **Maile Shoul** of New Boston Rd and Sean Nolan of Athol on their recent engagement.; this HaHa Sister apparently subscribes to the Elizabethan idea that comedy ends in a wedding.

John and Terry Cloutier of Athol have announced the engagement of their daughter, **Angela M. Cloutier** to Michael Waclawski, both of Nottingham, Maryland. Miss Cloutier is a graduate of Royalston elementary schools and Narragansett High School. She earned a degree in Exercise and Sports Science from Elon University in North Carolina and is currently employed as a masseuse. Mr. Waclawski is the son of Joseph "Champ" and Terry Waclawski of BelAir, Maryland. He is a Frostburg State University (Maryland) graduate, employed in the luxury boating industry. The couple will wed on July 1, 2005 at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace, on the Chesapeake Bay.

### Memorials

**Eleanor M. (Labonte) Ruiz**, 75, formerly of Royalston, died March 17, 2005 in Natick. She was the daughter of the late Louise and Frances (Bowers) Labonte. She leaves seven children, 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one child, one grandchild and two brothers. Memorial contributions may be made to the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy; Woodholme Medical Building, Suite 515; 1838 Greene Tree Rd.; Baltimore, MD 21208.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Mary Ellen (Hand) (Hutt) Goodale** of Athol, who died March 22, 2005 at the age of 97. She was the beloved grandmother of Mary Ellen (Krustapentas) and her husband John Charles Scribner, and great-grandmother to their children, Jeffrey and Patrick. She was predeceased by her husband, Lester Goodale, and also by a brother and five sisters. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Athol Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, where Mrs. Goodale had been a volunteer, 2033 Main St.; Athol, MA 01331.

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## Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?

Melanie Mangum

*This month features sisters Gertrude Parnnanen and Lillie Dobson, who were born on a farm behind Neale Place and have lived most of their lives in Royalston.*



**Finn Hops:** “Trudy” and Lillie’s parents emigrated from Finland in the early 1900’s, joining a burgeoning Finnish community in Royalston. “We spoke Finnish at home,” Gertrude says. Lillie adds, that in their early years, “We didn’t realize there was another language.” Gertrude said one of the things she misses from their days growing up in Royalston is the “Finn Hop” that used to be held at Whitney Hall. Local residents provided music, Finnish coffee, coffee cake, and dancing.

**Whitney Hall** was a hot spot for South Royalston. Along with events like the Finn Hop, graduations, Memorial Day ceremonies and wedding receptions were also held there. Below the hall were the rooms for the South Royalston Schoolhouse, where the sisters attended school until the 8th grade. “We had four grades in one room, with one teacher in charge,” Gertrude says. After graduating from the school, students would attend various high schools in the region, taking a train from a Boston and Maine depot in South Royalston for about 17 cents a trip.

**Home Sweet Home:** Both have worked, lived and traveled elsewhere, but Royalston kept calling them back to settle with their families. “We were born here, our roots are here, and this is where our heart is.”

## Recipe: Friends of the Library Rhubarb Squares

*Each spring, the Friends of the Library hold the “Annual Meeting” required by their non-profit status. In reality, the annual meeting is not so much different than the regular monthly meetings except for the addition of rhubarb squares. Symbolic of spring, simultaneously crunchy and gooey and fruity and tart, these treats are a main attraction. All are welcome May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at the library to assess the past year, plan summer projects, elect new officers and enjoy this recipe.*

**Base:** 1 cup flour, 5 tsp confectioner’s sugar, and 1 stick butter at room temp, cut into about 8 pieces

**Topping:** 1 large egg, 3/4 cup granulated sugar, 2 1/2 tbsp flour, 1/4 tsp salt, and 3 cups sliced (1/4 inches thick) rhubarb

1. Preheat oven to 350. Lightly grease 8” square pan with butter.
2. Mix flour and confectioner’s sugar. Add the butter and crumble with hands until dough comes together. (It will look like lumpy corn meal.) Pat the dough gently into prepared pan.
3. Bake the base on a center oven rack for 25 minutes . Cool the base in the refrigerator for 15 minutes . Keep oven on.
4. Meanwhile, prepare the topping; in a large bowl, stir the egg, sugar, flour and salt together with a whisk. Toss in rhubarb.
5. Spread the rhubarb mixture over base and bake 50 minutes until set,. Cool completely before cutting. Makes 9 – 12 bars.

## Garden Notes

Larry Siegel

May is the month of reckoning for the would-be gardener. If a substantial portion of the work related to garden preparation has not been completed by month’s end, it becomes (like the Red Sox for all-too-many years) a wait-til-next-year situation.

My number one bit of advise to novice gardeners is to think small (heretic as that notion may be in this age of televisions as large as cinema screens and SUVs the size of moving vans). Gardening, first and foremost, ought to be pleasurable; it doesn’t take a backlog of too many chores to turn the undertaking into drudgery. A small plot is a manageable plot. Experiment by setting out a few plants of a large variety of vegetables and direct seeding short rows of a large variety of others. At seasons end, sort out what did and did not work for you and use the results to plan next year’s garden.

Turning sod is a thankless task; one can always opt for the neighbor’s tiller. In future years, additional garden space can be created by amassing large piles of leaves. (There is no shortage here). They will choke out the sod and enrich the soil as they decompose. Be patient and plan ahead; the process could take three years. Discarded rugs set here and there will perform the task as well; I am partial to Orientals. Sort of brightens up the landscape.

Gardening, to be successful, requires a commitment in time. As a general rule, the more commitment one makes the more successful one becomes. The garden (unless heavily mulched) will not thrive during a three, even two, week vacation in mid-summer. Be realistic in regard to our continuing involvement in the garden as the season progresses.

Potatoes can be planted any time during May; generally, I have them in the ground by the middle of the month. Potatoes are magical in their way; you drop an ounce-an-a-half piece of potato into the ground and are rewarded with over a pound of potato at season’s end. (The potato beetle, of course, has other plans, but that issue can await the June newsletter.)

I used to plant corn seed in late May, but have had very uneven results regarding germination. My current approach is to start seed indoors at the beginning of the month and transplant them three weeks later. If, like last year, the crows pull them up, I can direct seed during the warmer days of June.

Sometimes my tomatoes are in the ground by month’s end and sometimes they are not. It depends, in part, on the progress of the seedlings; and, in part, on how inviting the weather may be.

Finally, a host of vegetables can be direct seeded in May. A last bit of advise: sow lightly. Or be prepared to perform one of life’s most humbling tasks: thinning out a row of carrot seedlings.



## Fishing Derby

The annual **Walter Carlson Memorial Fishing Derby**, one of the Town's most anxiously awaited kid events of the year, is slated for Sunday, May 15 at the Royalston Fish and Game Club. Thanks to generous donors and dedicated volunteers, children will have an opportunity to land any number of prize-winning fish and enjoy a barbecue of hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Children of members participate for free; non-members participate for a nominal fee.

## Millers River Watershed Monitoring: Training Session to be Held 10 May

For everyone with a favorite stretch of river or stream they wish to help protect, the Millers River Watershed Council (MRWC) and the Athol Bird & Nature Club will hold a training session on Tuesday, May 10th at 6 pm, at the Millers River Environmental Center, located at 100 Main Street in Athol. The volunteer training session will provide residents of the Millers River watershed with the information needed to conduct Shoreline and Mid-Stream Surveys. A follow-up outdoor training date will be set on May 10th. Photo-Documentation and Stream Continuity Surveys will also be discussed briefly on May 10.

The Shoreline Survey is done by walking the edge of a waterway, and the Mid-stream Survey is done from a boat (canoe or kayak). Both surveys, when conducted regularly by dedicated volunteers, provide valuable information on the conditions of waterways, such as flow levels, habitat change, and the presence or absence of pollution, trash and invasive species.

Volunteers are encouraged to select their own stretch of waterway to monitor. Space is limited. To register or learn more please contact the MRWC at 978-248-9491 or email [council@millersriver.net](mailto:council@millersriver.net).

## Royalston Bio-diversity Days Events Planned

Massachusetts' Bio-diversity Days will be celebrated across the state June 4-12. This is a chance to appreciate and document life in our local natural surroundings. Several events are planned for Royalston. The Phinehas S Newton Library will display a **100 year old collection of pressed plants from Town** gathered and documented by Rev. James A Bates, who was the minister of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church from 1898-1903. Upon his retirement, he compiled the botanical collection between 1898-1903. The Open Space Committee is organizing a **guided walk** led by resident mushroom expert Noah Siegel and wildflower expert Elizabeth Farnsworth and possibly other Royalston naturalists for Sunday, June 5 at 2:00; (meet at the library). Also, the Open Space Committee is sponsoring a **sketch contest**. Go outside and sketch any living part of our natural world between June 4 - 12. Entries will be displayed at the Phinehas S. Newton Library and fabulous prizes awarded in these age groups: aged 2 - 5; 6 - 9; 10 - 12; 13 - 18 and over 18. (Entries should arrive at the library by June 18 with name, address and age on back). Call Beth Gospodarek 249-0358 for more info about Bio-diversity Days.

## In Your Own Backyard

*Jeff Mangum*

It was the end of April and I was excited to head into the woods with a map, a GPS, waders, a clipboard, and a vernal pool guide. Oh yeah, and a MassWildlife forester (it helps!). In one day we documented 14 active vernal pools in Royalston in the Tully River valley, and had a lot of fun doing it.

I didn't grow up knowing about vernal pools, and in fact have only been involved identifying them for about a year. Vernal pools are usually temporary pools of water that collect in depressions in the forest but dry up during the summer. Some wildlife species use vernal pools to mate and lay eggs. For example, the most common egg masses we found were wood frogs and yellow-spotted salamanders. Because vernal pools are usually temporary, they do not contain fish that would eat eggs and larvae.

Besides getting to tromp through the forest and wade in muddy pools, one exciting thing about investigating a vernal pool is you might find rare species. And we did just that! In a couple of the pools, we found blue-spotted salamander eggs! The adult is rarely seen, living most of its life beneath the leaf litter of the forest floor. So checking vernal pools for their egg masses is an easy way to identify a local population of blue-spotted salamanders.

Why document vernal pools? It is important to protect these vital habitats. Two thirds of the state's rare amphibians are completely dependent on vernal pools for breeding. Protection is important because forest cutting or development can impact the hydrology of the pool itself or alter the forest habitat surrounding the pool where the salamanders live most of the year.

Does this apply to your backyard? Yes! The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program web site (["http://www.nhesp.org/"](http://www.nhesp.org/)[www.nhesp.org](http://www.nhesp.org/)) provides information on certifying vernal pools. Certified vernal pools may be protected under the Wetlands Protection Act. If you have vernal pools on your property that is something to be excited about, and protecting them is something you can be proud of. To get started, I recommend picking up a copy of "A Field Guide to the Animals of Vernal Pools", available at the Millers River Environmental Center (["http://www.millersriver.net/"](http://www.millersriver.net/)[www.millersriver.net](http://www.millersriver.net/)) for \$10. Then get your boots on and go exploring.



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