July 2  Sunday
2:00 p.m.  Organ Concert
at 1st Congregational Church with performances on historical or-
gan by Frank Stearns and Wayne Newton.

July 3  Monday
The earth is at Aphelion today, its farthest point from the sun -
94,507,891 miles away.

July 4  Tuesday  Independence Day

July 6  Thursday
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  Summer Reading Program, What’s Buzzing @ your Library? begins. Make garden stepping stones.
Snacks. Free.

3:30 p.m.  Friends of the Library Meeting. Discuss garden
tour, newsletter, library tech support and fall projects. All welcome.

July 8  Saturday
Country Fair on The Common sponsored by the 1st Congrega-
tional Church; Pancake breakfast from 7 – 10 a.m.; Craft Fair, En-
tertainment 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Chicken Barbecue at 4 p.m.

July 10  Monday
10:30 a.m.  Kindermusik, a movement and music program
for preschoolers, begins at the library and continues for 5 weeks
thanks to the Judith Jenkins Musco fund and Royalston Academy.
Healthy snacks provided.

11:02 p.m.  full Buck Moon

July 13  Thursday
1:30 - 3 p.m.  What’s Buzzin’@Your Library? Tie Dye. Free,
but bring something(s) 100% cotton such as a t-shirt, socks, or
undies to dye.

5 p.m. Royalston Community Coop orders due

July 15  Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Royalston Garden Tour featuring
eight beautiful and varied gardens. Tix, maps, and light refresh-
ments available at the Phinehas S Newton Library beginning at
10:45. Benefits the Friends of the Library.

July 16  Sunday
noon - 5:00 p.m.  Royalston Musicfest at Bullock Park. Features
Melanie and the Blue Shots, Reprobate Blues Band, Linq, Works in
Progress, Williams Brothers Blue Grass Band, and Richard Chase.
Sponsored by Royalston Cultural Council. Fire Department will
be selling refreshments.

July 20  Thursday
1:30 -3:00 p.m.  What’s Buzzin’@Your Library? Bottle Rockets
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Royalston Community Coop delivery expected

July 25  Tuesday
12:31 a.m.  new Sturgeon Moon

July 27  Thursday
1:30 -3:00 p.m.  What’s Buzzin’@Your Library? Ice Cream Party

July 28  Friday
1914  beginning of World War I as Archduke Ferdinand of Aus-
tria Hungary was assassinated. His nephew, Emperor Karl, came to
the throne through a series of tragic deaths in 1916 and served as the
last Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary until 1818 when the
empire ws dissolved as part of WWI peace negotiations. Karl’s widow,
the Empress Zita, summered for many years with her many children at
the Bastille on Royalston Common. Tradition has it she always slept
in the room closest to Vienna. Two men from Royalston were killed
in France fighting in WW1. Henry George Duley, age 20, was killed
in action at the Battle of Soissons. Ernest Graves, age 30, died of
disease.

July 29  Saturday
TBA  Chix Barbecue by Women’s Fellowship at Royalston F&G
7:30 p.m.  Melanie Mangum & the Blue Shots featuring Royalston’s
own Open Mic Melanie, Jim Bennett, Matt Hickler, Phil Leger, and
Noah Siegel, all at 1794 Meetinghouse – a must see performance!

July 31 – August 4
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  Vacation Bible School for all ages at First Congre-
gregational Church . Theme: “Elijah and Elisha.” Recreation,
stories, puppets, skits, refreshments, crafts, fun, learning, action,
songs, contests, prizes.

August 7  Monday
9 a.m. – noon  Insect ID summer library program with ento-
mologist and school teacher, Linda LeBlanc

10:30 a.m.  Final Kindermusik for preschoolers at the library

August 9  Wednesday
6:54 a.m.  Full Sturgeon Moon

August 10  Thursday
Congregational Churches Youth Group Camping/Hiking Trip
leaves today and returns Saturday. (Info: Parsonage 978-249-9155
or Sue Veilleux 978-249-5004)
August 11-13  Pre-dawn hours Perseid Meteor Shower will send remnants of the Swift-Tuttle Comet streaking across the northeastern skyes at more than one per minute. The bright Sturgeon Moon may hinder viewing, but if it’s a nice night to sleep under the stars and moon, who cares?

August 17  Thursday
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  Royalston Community Coop delivery

August 19-20  The 2nd Congregational Church Centennial
Saturday 8/19: 6:30 p.m.  Century Celebration Dinner & Service, Second Congregational Church with Rev. Mark Bariloni
Sunday 8/20: 9 am  Century Celebration Service at Second Congregational Church with Rev. Douglas Drowne.

August 23  Wednesday
4:00 p.m.  LBS Summer Picnic and Party with Hostess Beth Gospodarek.  (Swim at 4 pm; eat at 6 pm)

August 26  Saturday
1920  Federal Womens’ Suffrage Bill Passes; 30% of eligible Royalston voters participated in latest election. No record of how many were women.

August 30  Wednesday
School Year Begins for students in ARRSD

September 4  Monday  Labor Day
NB: The Royalston Luncheon Club meets each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. It is a nice way to connect with others sponsored by the Council on Aging. Chinese Auction on the first Wednesday; Blood Pressure Clinic on the second Wednesday and Brown Bag distribution on the last Wednesday. Call Betty Woodbury 978-249-9656 for more details.

Town Clerk News
Melanie Mangum, Town Clerk
Summer Hours: Effective July 10 through Labor Day, the Town Clerk’s Office will be open on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., or by appointment. The week of July 3, the office will be closed. Regular hours will resume after Labor Day.

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
JUNE 12, 2006:
Of 904 registered voters, 272 came out to the polls on June 12 and passed the $127,500 override to provide funding for the operating budget of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District. Athol had passed their override question on March 22, 2006, the first tax override to pass in the history of that town. Results:

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Inactivation of Voters:
As part of the Annual Census process, as required by law, over 300 registered voters in town were designated as “inactive” voters after failing to return a 2006 census form. Being placed on the “inactive” list does not mean you will not be able to vote at present, but you may not be listed in the Annual Street Listing for Royalston. If you vote at an upcoming town meeting or election, your status will automatically return to “active,” but please note: At the end of June, confirmation notices were sent out to inactive voters in the form of a 2-part card, postage paid, asking them to respond. Once you return your response to this office, or vote in an upcoming election or meeting, your status will return to “active.” However, if you do not send back the response card and do not vote for a period of 4 years or 2 State Elections, your name may be removed from the voter registration rolls. This process is required by state law – Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 51, section 4. The state is making sure that towns are compliant with the requirements of maintaining Census information, and your cooperation will help “clean up” the Annual Street Listing.

In July, I will have been your Town Clerk for one full year. It has been a year full of on-the-job training. The four elections, the census, town meetings, annual reports and the many other requirements of this job have made for a chock-full year. I look forward to serving the residents of Royalston another year.

Board of Health News:
Phil Leger, BOH chair
It’s that time of year again: sticker time. New stickers have arrived at the transfer station. They are $10 for residents and $50 for commercial and non-residents. New stickers are due on all vehicles by July 1st. Revenues are projected to finish $10k ahead of last year. The BOH has approved a contract with Monadnock Disposal of Jaffrey, NH to install a compactor unit at the transfer station. This will allow for trash to be in an enclosed container. Construction of the pad for the unit will start sometime in July. There will some rerouting of traffic during the construction phase. Please be patient. Once the compactor is in, dumpsters will no longer be used for trash, which will cut down on the amount of windblown material, birds, etc. at the dump.

Royalston Country Store Closed until Further Notice

Sheriff’s Department Crew Works in Royalston
On June 21, 2006, an inmate work crew from the Worcester County Sheriff’s Department completed a two-day community service project, conducting trash clean-up duties in partnership with the Royalston Department of Public Works.

The Sheriff’s Department’s Community Service Program completed approximately 125 projects in 2005, saving Worcester County taxpayers over $1.2 million. So far in 2006, the Program has saved taxpayers over $425,000. Inmates participating in the program must meet strict eligibility criteria, including: they must be convicted of a non-violent offense, they must be within the final six months of their sentence, and they must have a spotless record while incarcerated. The Sheriff’s Office absorbs the entire cost of transportation and labor, while the host community pays only for project materials. The inmates will return for further work in July.
Thanks for Supporting the School Override
Anthony T Polito, ARRSD School Superintendent

On behalf of the entire Athol-Royalston Regional School District and the School Committee, our administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff, let me thank the voters in the Towns of Athol and Royalston for their great support of the District overrides. Our students will be the ultimate beneficiaries of your generosity.

I pledge on behalf of our District that we will continue to improve our schools and to extend the hand of collaboration with the Townspeople of Athol and Royalston. We serve you—not the other way around.

On a personal note as I finish my first year, I need to thank all of you who have given me your advice, comments, critiques and support. Even though I knew a good bit about Athol-Royalston from my years in Narragansett, you have helped me understand your history and your culture. I am indebted to you. I could not be more optimistic about our future. We are financially stable, with our bailout of FY06 and our override for FY07, and the EQA has allowed us to continue to improve and is not going to declare us underperforming.

The morale of our employees is on the upswing. We will make Athol and Royalston proud of their school district and we have already seen some “choice” students come back into our District. Enjoy the summer; because of your efforts, we will.

Emergency Services
Wayne Newton, Fire Chief

The Royalston Fire Department and Police Department will no longer be dispatched by the Winchendon Dispatch. Instead, they will be handled by the Shelburne Falls Dispatch Center as of June 27th. The change of services should save the Town more than half of the $46,000 paid last year, but will have no effect on the services provided by the Royalston Fire and Police Department. You will still dial 911 for all emergencies.

Town of Royalston Emergency Numbers:
Ambulance: 911  Fire: 911  Police: 911
Alternate Emergency Number: Fire and Police 978-249-4211
General Business Fire 978-249-8138
General Business Police 978-249-5838

News from the Selectmen’s Office
Andy West, Selectboard Chair

Reminder: The summer dates for Selectmen’s meetings have been changed from the normal schedule and are as follows: July 11th and 18th, August 8th and 22nd. In September, we will resume our normal schedule of first and third Tuesdays each month at 7 pm. at Town Hall.

It is appointment season. There are many opportunities waiting for people to get involved. Just a few hours a month will help improve the Town. What is your interest? History, Elder Services, Fire/Po-lice, Schools, Finances, Computers? Contact the Board of Selectmen at 978-249-9641 and we will find a way you can help. Royal-aston runs on volunteers! Here are some current opportunities:

• Can you help the Historic District Commission preserve South Royalston history? Adding Whitney Hall to the Historic District may help get grant money to restore the hall.
• Help plan the future of Fire Department equipment
• We will soon own the Town streetlights. Join a committee that will determine our lighting needs.
• Town Government needs help standardizing our computers.

Our brand new rescue truck has been delivered and is in service. Thanks to volunteers from the Fire department who outfitted the truck to get it ready after it arrived. The old rescue truck has been sold to the highest bidder for parts.

Come to the Zoning information meetings. Help shape how our Town will look and feel in the future. What kind of building should we allow or not allow? What kind of businesses should we

Tax News:

Tax takings: Owners of land with severely overdue taxes have been notified that on Monday July 17, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., their parcels of land will be taken by the Town of Royalston for the non-payment of taxes and interest unless paid by that date.

Tax Bills: Where the heck are they? The tax collector is more than ready, but she is waiting for a warrant from the assessors, and the assessors are waiting for approval from the state Department of Revenue. Due to the long delay, there will only be one bill this year. Once bills are out, it will be possible to pay on-line by credit card for an additional fee at www.royalston-ma.gov.

Community School Participates in State Bio-diversity Days

Grades 2-5 at the Royalston Community School recently participated in Massachusetts Bio-diversity Days by installing student-made identification markers along the Sandy Water’s Nature Trail. The markers include sketches and facts researched and written by the students. The display will be up until the end of September and is open to the public.

L-R: Beau Guimond, Tanner Favreau and Shelby Bronnes pose near a student-made ID marker describing British Soldier Lichen on the Sandy Water’s Nature Trail at RCS.
Phinehas S. Newton Library News
Kathy Morris, Library Director
Trustees: Polly Longsworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney
Mondays: 1:00pm - 8:30pm. Thursdays 1:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm
Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon
979-249-3572 www.royalstonlibrary.org

Thank You!
Janet Bettey, Aaron Ellison and Elizabeth Farnsworth, Lisa Freden, Sharon Harmon, Jim Kelley, and Theresa Quinn for book donations
Aaron and Michael Richardson for a tremendous amount of help during the book sale.
Beth Gospodarek and Maureen Blasco for their knowledge and dedication in running the plant sale. Both of them had blue lips from the wet cold by noon; each was concerned for the other. They keep giving and giving. The library and the townspeople are fortunate to have them as part of their community.
Ian Duffin for help processing books.

Recent Membership donations to the Friends:
Barbara Dean
Maj. Gen RC Davenport
This generosity helps fund this newsletter, library programs like the Modern Middle East lecture series or the Royalston Shakespeare Co. and the purchase of library supplies and resources outside the budget. Donations are welcome at any time of year.

Library Adds a Rocking Chair
Thanks to the generosity of John Poor, we have added a hand-crafted, Shaker style, cherry rocking chair to the children’s room. This beautiful rocker is in memory of his late wife, Pat Poor. She would love the rocker’s style, craftsmanship, and clean lines.

Artist Exhibit
During July and August multi-talented Laurie Truehart’s magnificent life-like carvings of birds and wildlife paintings will be on display in the children’s room at the library. Her talent is being recognized in the number of awards she is accumulating for her work. Her work fits in with our “What’s Buzzin’@ Your Library summer programs.

Kathy Morris Teaching Wheat Weaving
For those of you who missed the Friends of the Library sponsored wheat weaving workshop last December, there will be a similar workshop at the Petersham Craft Center on July 12th from 7:00-9:00 pm. The class is $10 for members and $20 for non-members and a $5 materials fee.

Summer Hours
Beginning Monday, July 3rd, Mondays’ hours at the library will be from 1:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Kindermusik® for preschoolers will meet for 5 weeks on Monday mornings but the library is not actually open.

Even with the library closed, Adrienne Humblett takes advantage of the library’s high-speed satellite internet connection using her laptop. It’s as free as the air and available to all, 24/7 outside the Phinehas Newton Library. The high speed connection is made possible by the generous donation of printing for this newsletter by the Fieldstone Press with the savings going into the Friends’ of the Library “Beyond the Box “ Technology Fund.

Electronic Catalog Begun
Thanks to a grant from Verizon, we have started entering the new books and young adult books onto the online MassCat database. You can go to http://www.masscat.org and see our progress. Alyssa Freden, a former Royalston resident with a degree in Library Science, has volunteered her time to help get us on-line.

Didn’t get your newsletter on time?
Last month some of the postal routes received their newsletters quite late. The Friends can’t do much about the mail, but we can remind you that the newsletter is not only direct mailed, it is also posted on-line every month. Visit www.royalstonlibrary.org after the first of the month and the newest edition should be there.
Lots of free Library Summer Programs for kids and a Garden Tour for adults - for info, see the next page.

NEW BOOKS
ADULT and YOUNG ADULT FICTION
Box, C. J. In Plain Sight
Carey, Jacqueline Kashil's Scion
Carey, Peter Thief: A Love Story
Allston, Aaron Star Wars: Legacy of the Force: Betrayal
Anderson, M.T. The Clue of the Linoleum Lederhosen
Baer, Robert Blow the House Down: A Novel
Cabot, Meg Sweet Sixteen Princess
Chesney, Marion Our Lady of Pain
Connelly, Michael Crime Beat
Coomy, Caroline B. Hit The Road
Crane, Jordan The Clouds Above
Curtis, Christopher Mr. Chickee's Funny Money
Delaney, Joseph The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch
Estelman, Loren D. The Adventures of Johnny Vermillion
Evans, Raquel E. Bisexual, Transgender Questioning and Other Identities
The Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Questioning and Other Identities

ADULT and YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION
American Medical Association Boy's Guide to Becoming a Teen
American Medical Association Girl's Guide to Becoming a Teen
Baker, Stephen How to Live with a Neurotic Cat
Burris, Judy The Life Cycles of Butterflies
Burroughs, Augusten Possible Side Effects
Christensen, Molly Smith The New Paper Quilling
Evans, Dwight L. If Your Adolescent Has Depression or Bipolar Disorder
Foer, Edna B. If Your Adolescent has an Anxiety Disorder: An Essential Resource for Parents
Gur, Raquel E. If Your Adolescent has Schizophrenia
Holyoke, Nancy A Smart Girl's Guide to Money
Hungrywolf, Adolf The Tipi: Traditional Native American Shelter
Kohlein, Fritz Color Encyclopedia of Garden Plants and Habitats
Masters, Alexander Stuart: A Life Backwards
Montgomery, Sy The Good Pig: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood
O'Keeley, Eugene Chasing Daylight: How My Forthcoming Death Changed My Life
The O. Henry Prize Stories 2006
Stein, Sara My Weeds
Walsh, Timothy B. If Your Adolescent Has an Eating Disorder
Vaughan, Brain K. Runaways Pride & Joy
Weldon, Fay She May Not Leave

Focus Group Report
A copy of the Focus Group Report resulting from the meeting at the Royalston Town Hall on April 20th and facilitated by Athol Library Director, Deb Blanchard, is available at the library. Briefly, people are happy with the services but would like more open hours, better parking and lighting, and more programming for young adults. The library’s role as a central meeting place was sited as a chief benefit, but the resulting lack of a quiet reading place was given as a drawback. Ideally patrons wanted a larger space but were realistic about the funding of such a proposal. There is a lot more in the report and the Trustees and Director and Staff will discuss ways in which to accommodate the recommendations. Many of the comments are already being addressed by creating an on-line card catalog as the first step towards automation, fixing the wobbly stair railing, starting to obtain more comfortable furniture, and reducing noise when people are reading. Anyone is welcome to make suggestions: write comments in our new suggestion book in the reference room, or to email us through the library website: www.royalstonlibrary.org.

Scrapbook Updated
The Town Scrapbook is a Friends of the Library project begun in 1999 to collect photos, memorabilia, interviews, memoir and other 2-D what-have-you to document the 20th Century. The result is the quirky and informative tome available for perusal in the library reference room. A good thing about this kind of scrapbook is pages can be added, so there is always room for more. If you have something to contribute or would like to be contacted for an oral history, pls. contact the library.

Recent additions to the book include a letter to Master Donald Hill recovering from flu in 1915, saying “Hope you are quite over your little sick spell and getting fatter every day,” and a letter describing how some houses on Royalston Common were offered to Harvard Law School for a retreat around 1970. The library section now proudly displays a photo of every librarian from the 20th century. Also added were some newspaper stories from the 1980s by Allen Young describing the halt of the Rt 32 road project, the close decision to pay to repair rather than replace the slate on the Town Hall roof, the expansion of Hubbard Lumber, and photos of a picturesque summer fair on the Common.
Free Summer Kids’ Programs at the Library
Lots of great kids’ programs are happening this summer at the library. Listed below is a summary of the schedule for the Summer Reading Program, the preschool Kindermusik® programs, and the A Day with Bugs program. Funding for Kindermusik® is provided by the Royalston Academy and Judith Jenkins Musco Scholarship Fund and all the other programs are funded by the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library. What’s Buzzin’ @ Your Library is sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System.

Kindermusik, the popular Preschool Movement and Music Program, returns! The PS Newton Library welcomes back the Kindermusik program with instructor Tina Gemborys. Kindermusik is an interactive music program introducing babies, toddlers and preschoolers to singing, instruments and dance. Participation by parents and caregivers is encouraged. Kindermusik begins Monday, July 10th at 10:30am and will run for five weeks. A healthy snack is provided. This program is funded by a grant from the Royalston Academy and the Judith Jenkins Musco Scholarship Fund.

What’s Buzzin’ @ Your Library: Summer Reading Program
All programs take place at the library each Thursday in July at 1:30 p.m. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Healthy snacks will be served. You must register by the Monday preceding the program by signing up at or calling the library to be assured of enough materials for the projects.

July 6th – Stepping Stones – Create a cool concrete stepping stone with Doreen Sawyer and Kathy Morris. Write a poem on it, your name, or nothing. Put your hand or foot print in it. Decorate it with stones, shells, a favorite rock. We’ll have supplies but feel free to bring items from home.

July 13th – Tie Dye – Join Beth Gospodarek for this popular workshop. Bring a 100% cotton T-shirt, socks, undies or whathaveyou and turn it into wearable art. Beth will bring examples of different types of traditional tie-dye and tell some of the history of the craft. Also on that day, for those kids who like snakes and lizards, Allison Zettel will bring her impressive collection of reptiles to the library.

July 20th – Bottle Rockets - Bring a liter soda bottle (we’ll have a few extras available) and customize it for blasting off. With a little water and some air pressure, we’ll be blasting off rockets from our custom made rocket launchers. If you have a bicycle pump, bring it along to share.

A Day with Bugs: On Monday, August 7th from 9:00 a.m. until noon naturalist, science education teacher, and new Royalston resident Linda LeBlanc will lead an exploration of the insects around us. Depending on the weather, the group will explore the fields and ponds of Royalston. This fun and educational program will teach how to identify common bugs. Each child will receive a magnifying glass, a magnifying bug jar, a journal and pencil, and supplies to help keep and record discoveries. If there is interest, one or two other sessions will be added. This program is open to children 8 and older. Pre-registration required.

Royalston Garden Tour: July 15th
On Saturday, July 15, from 11:00 -4:00, there will be a tour of eight of Royalston’s finest private gardens. Beginning at 10:45, tickets and maps will be available at the Phinehas S Newton Library, the only brick building on Royalston Common. The price is $8. Teas, cakes, fruit salad, water and other dainties will also be available. Proceeds from this event benefit the Friends of the Library.

The featured gardens display a variety of plants appropriate to our climate as well as the historic and natural beauty of Royalston. Crumb Hill Farm will be open with its huge collection of delphiniums and other perennials, a water garden and a new Japanese Garden. Prospect Hill Farm will show off its perennial beds with a view of Mt Monadnock as well as the famous organic vegetable gardens described in the Garden Notes column of this newsletter. Perennials are available for purchase. Nearby Doane’s Falls, the Richardson’s practical and pretty plantings fill the steep hillside and beautiful pool side landscaping is featured at the Coffesky’s. On Brown Rd., make two stops to visit the Bassett’s rock gardens with statuary and huge vegetable gardens as well as Ginger May’s alpaca farm. Neale Farm is 200 years old and has some of the most impressive apple trees in Royalston as well as working hayfields, farm animals, flowers and vegetables. Finally, unnoticed from the road, passersby would not guess the huge impressive gardens that lie behind the house of the Bouchards. During this tour, take the opportunity to wander around and notice the botanical “rooms” sectioned off by old rock walls, hedges and trees. It is a quiet, restful place dotted here and there with water fountains and a garden pool, all hand-made.

For more information, please call the Phinehas S Newton Library at 978-249-0358. This event is rain or shine.

LBS Blood Drive Extremely Successful
Thank you to those who attempted to donate blood, those who donated blood and volunteers. These combined efforts set an all-time Royalston Blood Donor Day record with 69 people presenting, and 53 units of blood actually collected! This is absolutely phenomenal for a town of our size. Organizer Brenda L. Putney thanks to LBS volunteers: Maureen Blasco, Becky Krause-Hardie, Karen Otto, Kristen West, Gary Winitzer and those who baked for the canteen.

Junior Tully Lake Rangers
This summer children ages 6-11 can become official Jr. Rangers! At Tully Lake Park in Royalston Park Rangers will teach children about environmental issues such as recycling, wildlife, and forestry as well as water safety and the responsibilities of being a Park Ranger. This two day program is FREE of charge.

Choose the week that is best for you: July 27 & 28 or August 3 & 4 and contact Steve, your Tully Lake Summer Ranger, to pre-register. Enrollment is limited and students will be admitted to the program on a first come first serve basis. The program will be two days, 3 hours each day. Please do not hesitate to call and learn more about the program. (978) 249-9150
**MusicFest! Sunday July 16**
The Royalston Cultural Council is holding its 4th Annual Music Festival on Sunday, July 16 from noon to 5pm at Bullock Park (South end of Common across from the Fire Station). The Royalston Fire Department will be selling refreshments. Acts include Melanie Mangum and her Blue Shots, The Reprobate Blues Band, Linq, Works in Progress, Williams Brothers Blue Grass Band, and Richard Chase and Family. The Royalston Cultural Council is an agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

**The Royalston Shakespeare Company’s Hamlet: How Express and Admirable!**

Something may be rotten in the state of Denmark, but *Hamlet*, the 3rd annual production of the Royalston Shakespeare Company was a sweet success with 39 kids participating as actors and crew. In less than 2 weeks, the actors went from book to performance, while the stage crew developed a perfectly gloomy set, worked on sound effects and learned to run the lights. Teen directors wrote original music and staged the prologue. The cast and crew from Royalston included: Michele Thompson, Darion and Brianna James, Eric Duffin, Emily Mangum, Elizabeth and Ben West, Katie Robinson, Dante Divoll, Emma Finnochio, Tobey, Caleb and Asher Chase, Grady MacPhee, Kelsey Savoy, Rosalie Dooley Fairchild, and Addie and John Ramsdell. Talented youth from Winchendon, Athol, Warwick, Orange, Petersham, New Jersey and Iowa also tread the boards.

These whirlwind productions are tons of work for both the kids and the volunteer directors. That the Friends of the Library are able to offer this theater program at no cost to participants is a credit to local generosity. Thank you to all who donated ideas, thought, talent, and labor to the show, especially director Norah Dooley and assistants Maureen Blasco, Beth Gospodarek, Ferron Dooley Fairchild, Shane Chase and Eliza Holmes. A further thank you to all who donated money either as an advertisement in the program or as a membership donation to the Friends. Thanks also to the Town for letting us use the Town Hall, to Helen Divoll for tolerating our distractions cheerfully, to Athol High School for lending its spotlight and to the Salvation Army for generosity with costuming. From the cast, special thanks from the cast to Bill Cutting for providing the pizza for its cast party.

**Summer Congregational Churches Events**

- **July 2, -** Frank B. Stearns Organist in concert accompanied by Organist, Wayne R. Newton. To follow, The First Congregational Church will be receiving a plaque from the Historical Preservation Society for their Johnson Tracker Pipe Organ.

- **July 8, -** Pancake Breakfast - Royalston Town Hall - sponsored by the Second Congregational Church of Royalston. 7-10 a.m.

- **July 8, Saturday -** 4 p.m. Chicken BBQ, On The Common, tickets $10.00/ pp. Tickets are limited, Please call Kelly 978-249-9252 for your reservations.


- **July 31- August 4th - 6:30 to 8:30 -** Vacation Bible School at the First Congregational Church in Royalston - Theme: Elijah. Classes for all ages: children and adults. Puppets, songs, prizes, stories, contests, refreshments.

- **August 6, 12:30 -** Sunday School Sign-ups - children between the ages of pre-k through 6th grade may enroll in our Sunday School on this day.

- **Aug 11th to 12th -** Youth Group Hike and Camp on A/T in Vermont

- **August 19-20 - 100th anniversary of “The Little Brown Church in the Vale” -** The Second Congregational Church of Royalston. Saturday - 6:30 pm - Celebration Service - former Pastor Rev. Mark Baraloni - speaker. Sunday Worship - 9 a.m. - former pastor Rev. Douglas Drown.

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This postcard was an invitation to the original 1906 dedication of the 2nd Congregational Church. The “Little Brown Church” is marking its Centennial this August. The original 1837 church at this location was destroyed by the October 1904 fire which consumed much of the South Village. The present church bell contains the remnants of the bell from the original church; it was given to the 2nd Congregational Church Society in memory of Col. Geo. Whitney by his son.
“He hurled defiance upon his baffled and howling foes”: Town Clerk Helps with Genealogy Research

On a rainy day last month, a retired couple, Ralph and Dorothy Holman of Bellvue, Washington, stopped by my office, explaining that they were traveling the country researching their family history. Often, when I get genealogy requests, the information simply can’t be found in town record books because of insufficient dates provided or hard-to-read documents. My first stop when I get a genealogy request is usually my office copy of Lilley B. Caswell’s *The History of the Town of Royalston 1762-1917.*

For the Holman’s, the first stop was the best. Ralph Holman’s mother, Beulah, was a Bosworth, and there was a page and a half of history on the Bosworth Family beginning with Mr. Holman’s ancestor, Jonathan Bosworth, who came from Lunenburg and settled in the north-west part of the town, according to Caswell’s History. The Holman’s were able to get all the pertinent dates and info they needed as well as information on descendants. As a bonus, there was a dramatic reference to an account of Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. and an “adventure with wolves” in an excerpt under the section *Indians and Wild Animals:* “Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., one of the early settlers in that part of the town near the Winchendon line is said to have had a lively time with the wolves one night, which he long remembered. He was set upon by a pack of them as he was returning to his home through the woods one night. He had with him a lighted torch, and as they pressed upon him, he would turn and rush among them with his flaming pine knot, scattering them in wild confusion. He continued this maneuver till he reached a place of safety. According to one version of the story he took refuge upon a huge boulder from the top of which he hurled defiance upon his baffled and howling foes, till daylight admonished them to disperse.”

Bruce Springsteen and Pete Seeger: the Royalston Connection

Two Royalston residents played key roles on the production team for a new film that chronicles the turbulent life of America’s greatest songwriter and balladeer, Woody Guthrie. American Masters’ “Woody Guthrie: Ain’t Got No Home” premieres Wednesday, July 12th at 9:00 pm on PBS (including Boston’s Channel 2 – check local listings for other stations). Royalston resident Boyd Estus is the film’s Director of Photography – shooting scenes in Boston, New York, New Jersey, Oklahoma and California. Damon Bundschuh is Lighting Technician for the eastern locations – including interviews with Bruce Springsteen and Pete Seeger. Music is at the core of “Ain’t Got No Home,” which explores the roots of Guthrie’s repertoire, reflecting both his inner emotions and the state of the nation as a whole. When he heard the hit of the day, Kate Smith’s “God Bless America,” he was moved to write a different kind of national anthem in response, a song that echoed the America he knew: “In the squares of the city/In the shadow of the steeple/Near the relief office/I see my people/And some are grumblin’ and some are wonderin’/If this land’s still made for you and me.”

“Tribalism and the Myth of the ‘Red Scare’”

On a day of August 16, 1942, the state of Massachusetts was one of the scenes of the mass evacuation of Jewish citizens under the premise of safety. The evacuation was partly due to the fear of a possible outbreak of war. Although the emergency was lifted before the actual evacuation took place, it is an important event in the history of the Jewish community of Massachusetts.

Milestones

Welcome to Derek Raymond Plummer, newborn son of Tina and Rob Plummer of Winchendon Rd, born on June 17 and weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

Rene A Lake of Gulf Rd has announced the engagement of her daughter, Angelina Lake, to Timothy Desmarais of Gardner. An August 2007 wedding is planned.

Eldora G. Bowers, 92, formerly of Frye Hill Rd, died June 16, 2006 at Henry Heywood Hospital. She was born in West Lebanon NH, May 15, 1914 to Guy Harold and Agnes Eldora Stearns. Since 1928, she resided in Royalston and attended Town schools as well as Athol High School. She worked for many years as a house keeper to the Nash family as well as other families in this area.

She was a member and Deaconess of the 1st Congregational Church, a member of the Royalston Grange 195, and a member of the Royalston Senior Citizens Club. She enjoyed doing puzzles, baking, working on church fairs, and spending time with family, friends, and her cat, Snowball.

Her husband of many years, Parker Bowers, died in 1977. She leaves three grandchildren: Kevin, Gary and Robert Partridge. She was predeceased by a son, David Partridge; a grandson, Timothy Partridge; a brother and sister in law, Barney and Anne Stearns, and a sister in law, Priscilla Moriarty. Memorial donations can be made to: 1st Congregational Church, c/o John Divoll, PO Box 73, Royalston MA 01368.

JOURNEY, a CD by Royalston singer-songwriter Linq, finished in fourth place in the Kweevak.com 2006 Reader’s Survey Music Awards out of about 150 nominations. Linq will receive free publicity worldwide from Kweevak. Her new CD, FAST MOVING DREAM, has launched, and the energy around it is palpable. She’s headed for nationwide airplay.
**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS**

**Caps off to you**

**ROYALSTON STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM ATHOL HIGH SCHOOL 2006**

and Receiving Local Scholarships


**Keiht Cosentino**, Son of Daniel & Lisa Cosentino of 24 Morse Road. Plans to attend Mount Wachusett Community College - Major: Automotive


**Michael Davidson**, Son of Karen Rexroad of 30 N. Fitzwilliam Road and Phillip Davidson of Athol. Will attend Mount Wachusett Community College.

**Derek Hartin**, Son of Irvin & Kathy Hartin of 2 Liberty Lane. Will enter employment force.

**Deans’ Lists**

**Nicola Bolduc, Elizabeth Phelps** and **Gina Verelli** were all named to the Dean’s List at Fitchburg State College. **Pawel Kapinski**, son of Grazyna and Jerzy Kapinski was named to the Dean’s List at American International College in Springfield. He is a sophomore studying business.

**Poets Published:** Congratulations to Royalston Community School poets who were selected for publication in the 2005-06 National Schools’ Project Poetry Anthology. These include **Derek Bates** for “Science”, **Tobey Chase** for “Mrs. Lick-a-chin”, **Anna Deegan** for “Cheetah”, **Andrea Hubbard** for “I Like the Smell of a Clean Shirt”, **Austin Kinsman** for “Horned Sand Vipers”, **Alyana LaJoie** for “Turkeys”, **Kadaisa LaJoie** for “Books”, **Taffiny Lusco** for “July”, **Emily Mangum** for “Snowing”, **Allisyn Mowrey** for “Kittens”, **Isabelle O’Connor** for “Woodpeckers”, **Katelyn Robinson** for “Book”, and **Michele Thompson** for “The Glassy Night”.

**Brendon Kellner**, Son of Thomas & Lynn Kellner of 10 Blossom Street. Will attend Northeastern University Major: Engineering. Received Maxine Wilcox Ladies’ Benevolent Society of Royalston Scholarship, Catherine Seymoure Bullock Cole Scholarship from Royalston Academy, Royalston Community School PTG Scholarship and the Donald T. Black Memorial Scholarship.


**Benjamin Otto**, Son of Luther Otto of 68 Laurel Lake Road and Karen Otto of Athol. Will attend the University of Massachusetts Major: Architecture. Received Clara Mims Ladies’ Benevolent Society of Royalston Scholarship.


**Recipe of the month: Minnie Jarvenpaa’s Kapusta**

Marlene Jarvenpaa offers this recipe from her grandmother—in-law, Nana (Minnie) Jarvenpaa. The name Jarvenpaa goes back a long way in South Royalston. Marlene married into its traditions when she married Don in 1976 and left her hometown of Athol. Since then, they’ve been living and raising four kids in the South Village. Marlene really enjoys crocheting and gardening and has lovely flower beds surrounding her River St home. Currently, Marlene works at the Village Grill in Winchendon.

- 1 large head cabbage
- 1 large onion diced
- 1 -1/4 oz. can sauerkraut
- 1 pkg. kielbasa, sliced
- 1 lb. sweet Italian sausage, sliced
- 1 lb. garlic Italian sausage, sliced
- 4 Tbsp caraway
- 1/2 cup caraway
- Garlic salt to taste

Instructions: In an 8 quart pot, add 3 quarts water, caraway, barley and garlic salt. Bring to a boil. Boil for 30 minutes. Then, add sauerkraut. Chop cabbage into bit sized pieces. And add to boiling mixture. Let cool. Slice meats into 1/2 inch slices. Add in the meats and reduce to a simmer. (Stir occasionally to keep barley from sticking.) Simmer till meats are fully cooked. Adjust seasonings; if more caraway is added, allow the soup to cook longer.
Wildlife Sightings
This past Spring has been the best in memory for songbirds. In a one-mile walk along Athol Rd, it is sometimes possible to identify up to 20 different species by their songs. Warblers, in particular, seem to be unusually abundant. Among the warblers seen or heard along Athol Road between Doane’s Falls and the Common during April and May were a pine warbler, a yellow warbler, many black and white warblers, two yellowthroats, numerous ovenbirds, at least one black-throated blue warbler, a yellow-rumped warbler, a cerulean warbler, a blackpoll warbler, a pair of black-throated green warblers, a chestnut-sided warbler, and several redstarts. There was also an extended, close-up sighting of a black-throated gray warbler, a western bird that occurs only rarely as an accidental in the East. Carla Rabinowitz recommends two CD’s, “Birding by Ear” and “More Birding By Ear” as very useful guides to the identification of birdsongs. The first is available at the library among its collection of audio birdsong.

Roberta Newman reports that a robin built a nest on top of the wreath outside her bathroom window; she can easily look out and watch the mama feed her scraggly babies. Interestingly, the babies remain silent when the mother returns with food.

A mama skunk and two very fluffy kits were headed under the Estus/Brandon’s porch on Northeast Fitzwilliam Rd at dusk on June 12.

Bruce Robinson had a doe and very young fawn in his yard on NE Fitzwilliam Rd on June 20.

In Your Own Backyard: Frisbee Golf
James West, Ranger Tully Lake
Light glistens off the dark blue water at Tully Lake as a faint breeze blows over the open field. Suddenly an object takes flight in the clear sky. Soaring with impressive speed and glide capabilities, it floats great distances before coming to an abrupt end. “CHA-CHING” rings in the air as the disc golf Frisbee rests in the metal disc golf basket.

Disc golf is relatively new at Tully. In fact, disc golf is fairly new to this area. The game is based on golf. You have a tee-off location and a basket, or hole. Instead of using costly golf balls and clubs, you use special Frisbees. These Frisbees are slightly smaller and heavier than traditional Frisbees. There are three types: Drivers, Mid-Range, and Putters just as in golf. These Frisbees can be purchased in local stores as well as on-line for $6-$20 each. This up and coming form of recreation is otherwise free when at Tully.

Tully Lake boasts an excellent 18-hole course. The course starts and ends at the Gate House. At Tee #1, you can pick up a course map, including score sheet. Each tee also has a map to orient your throw toward the basket. The distance and par are also displayed at the sign. Playing the entire course will take about 2-3 hours. The course was installed as part of two different Boy Scout eagle projects over the last three years. It is maintained by the US Army Corps of Engineers. There are no trash receptacles and it is appreciated if you bring out any refuse generated during play.

The Corps of Engineers has other courses at Barre Falls Dam, Buffumville Dam, Hodges Village Dam, and West Thompson Lake. You can check out more on these courses along with other recreation information at: http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil.

GARDEN NOTES
Larry Siegel
My sister and brother-in-law, representing the well-to-do branch of the family, travel the far reaches of the earth in their search for new sights and experiences. They return to affix proudly pins on the wall-mounted world map to document places visited. I travel my world as well, a one mile circle around Prospect Hill. I return to study my map, the Royalston topographical, to determine precisely where I have been and how I got there.

What does this have to do with gardening you might reasonably inquire? There is the obvious of course: one cannot tend the tomatoes while viewing the temples of Southeast Asia. There is also the notion that my (almost) daily walks sharpen my sense of observation and improve my attention to detail. I am not by nature much of a noticer. Just two months ago, I remarkably (and embarrassingly) planted out 100 feet with what I assumed to be myersonally gathered parsnip seed. It turned out to be my personally gathered dill seed. Anybody need some dill?

Year in, year out, the garden provides surprises, some pleasant, some less so. Rhubarb yields have been average but, on the heels of a spectacular prior season harvest, seem disappointing. Spinach has been as close to a dud as I’ve experienced. First the fall-planted spinach winter-killed; then one of the two varieties I plant did not emerge; finally those that did grow have begun to bolt to seed almost as quickly as I have begun to harvest. Corn remains troublesome, but it being my favorite fresh vegetable (while I retain enough teeth to continue to eat it off the cob), I put up with the trouble. I used to plant it May 15 “when the oak leaves are the size of mouse ears;” now I dare not put the seed in the ground until well into June. As I write, I notice some corn plants, a cause for guarded optimism.

One of the more pleasant surprises of the season thus far, though it is a bit of a stretch to refer to it as gardening, has been the flush of wine-capped stropharia mushrooms emerging from a wood chip pile dumped by the utility company’s tree trimmers. Ironically, several years ago we ‘seeded’ another pile with the same mushroom’s mycelium (the underground network of threads from which the mushroom arises) and none have ever appeared. Wild mushrooms, shallot greens, and asparagus: food fit for a king; fit, even for someone as unkingly as I.

The Friends of the Library tour of Royalston gardens will occur on July 15. Each will reflect the effort, interest, and personality of the garden’s caretaker. Each of us, as if we needed the prodding, will be on our toes to continue to maintain them. The Morris-Siegel gardens are ever-orderly though I attempt to inject a touch of whimsy from time to time. The current scheme is to enclose the garden with free and discarded “fencing” materials: broken ladders, iron railings, bed frames, what-have-you. Contributions to the project would be greatly appreciated.
Summer helpers needed: If you called previously please call again-lost my list. Thanks

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