

# THE ROYALSTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar of Events

February 1 Friday **RCS report cards sent home**  
7 p.m. **Open Mic** at Royalston Town Hall

February 2 Saturday **Groundhog's Day**  
Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow and be scared into his hole for the next six weeks of winter or will he emerge to cloudy skies and usher in an early spring?

**Perihelion** – Today the earth makes its closest pass to the sun for the year – a mere 91,401,587 miles, a little more than 3 million miles closer than the earth and sun will be at its farthest pass, aphelion, on July 4, 2008.

February 3 Super Bowl Sunday  
4 p.m. Undeclared New England Patriots v. NY Giants – Royalston **F&G Super Bowl** television raffle conducted during half time

February 4 Monday  
10:30 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** at the library. All welcome every Monday at 10:30 for books, snacks, crafts and company.)

1 pm **Native American storytelling**, singing, drumming and flute playing by Manitonquat, also known as Medicine Story, an elder of the Asonet-Wampanoag Nation at town hall. Free and open to the public. Supported by the Village School and a grant from the Royalston Cultural Council.

February 5 Fat Tuesday  
7 a.m.-8 p.m. **Presidential Primary** Voting for precinct one (Royalston Town Hall) and precinct two (Whitney Hall).

7 p.m. **Selectmen meet** in Town Hall

February 6 Ash Wednesday  
10:44 a.m. **New Snow Moon**  
7 pm **South Royalston Improvement Committee** annual meeting at Whitney Hall.  
7 p.m. **Monty Tech School Com** meets

February 7 Thursday  
Chinese New Year 4706 “Year of the Rat”  
3:30 **Friends of the Library Meeting**

February 9 Saturday  
10 a.m. – noon **Village School Open House**

February 11 Monday  
7 p.m. **Royalston F.D. combined meeting**

February 12 Tuesday **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**



February 13 Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. Royalston **F&G meets**; directors meet at 7 p.m.

February 14 Thursday **Valentine's Day**  
noon **early dismissal** ARRSD elementary schools  
3:30 pm **Cross Culture Club meets** at the library to explore Germany with Frances Graziano 

February 15 Friday  
afternoon **Line dancing performance** by all RCS students for the community, the culmination of several weeks of dance workshops funded by an A-REF grant.  
Close of School – **Winter Vacation** begins. Classes resume 2/25.

February 16 Saturday  
6:30 p.m. **Roast Beef Supper** at Royalston F&G to benefit Wayne Newton Medical Expenses Fund. Royalston Police, Fire & EMS **120 club drawing** will be conducted following the meal.

February 18 Monday  
**Presidents' Day observed** – Schools, post office and library closed  
7 p.m. **Royalston F.D. EMS meeting**

February 19 Tuesday  
7 p.m. **Selectmen meet** in Town Hall

February 20 Wednesday  
10:30 a.m. **Full Snow Moon**

10 a.m.- 12:30 **Art classes** at the town hall begin and continue through Friday 2/22. \$25 fee includes materials. Sign up at the library 249-3572. Intended for kids and teens 8 and up.

8:43 p.m. – 12:09 a.m. **Total Eclipse of the Moon** visible in Royalston, weather permitting. (Totality begins at 10:01 p.m. and ends at 10:52 p.m.)

February 21 Thursday  
6:30 p.m. **Monty Tech School Council** meets

February 22 Friday **George Washington's Birthday**

February 27 Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. Royalston **Ladies' Benevolent Society** meets – Call Kim MacPhee (978-249-0946) for location

February 28 Thursday  
3:30 pm **Cross Culture Club** meets at the library to explore the United Kingdom with Martin Brown.

February 29 Friday **Leap Day**

## DPW Reminders

This is a reminder that the parking ban, which means no parking on any public way, will be in effect until the end of April 2008. Also remember, when removing snow, not to push, shovel, or throw snow into the streets.

## Brush Burning Permits Required

The burning season runs from January 15th through to May 1st. Fires are allowed only from 10:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. A burning permit may be obtained on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Center Fire Station and must be obtained before burning. Prior year permits are not valid. Individuals obtain a new permit by reading the regulations and signing the permit. On the day an individual wishes to burn, he or she must call the fire department at 978-249-8138 before noon to obtain a permit to burn that day. If burning is allowed on that day, the caller must leave the permit number, his or her name, the street address, and a call-back number. Persons burning must take the safety precautions of having adequate help and fire suppression tools and equipment at the site of the burn.

## Fire Department – EMS Notification

### Looking for a Few New Rescue Squad Trainees

The Royalston Fire Department is looking for qualified individuals or those willing to take training to join Royalston Rescue Squad. For more information or to apply, please call the Fire Chief, Keith Newton at 978-249-4223 or Gary Winitzer at 978-249-8957.



## Board of Health News

*Phil Leger, Chair*

The paint collection area at the transfer station is now closed for the cold months. It will reopen in May and be available for paint and paint related material until October. This is not a free service. It has been \$1.00 per gallon container. The BOH will be raising this price to cover the expense of handling, shipping, and disposal. If you have latex paint to pitch, dry it up with speedy dry or cat litter and dispose of it in regular trash. If the paint can says combustible, flammable, alkyd and is not water base, wait until May for collection.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the transfer station was backed up over the holidays and is slowly getting back to normal. When you see material piling up near the containers, it gives you an idea of how much we consume in our little piece of the world. It's great to recycle, but even better to reduce your own personal footprint on the planet. Think before you buy, buy what you need, use what you have. When you are asked at the supermarket "paper or plastic?", you could respond, "Neither, I have my own bags." Thank you.

## Town Clerk News

*Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk, 978-249-0493*

*Mon – 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

*Tue – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

The Town Clerk's Office (staff: 1) is very busy this time of year. Along with preparing for the census, the 2008 dog licensing season, budgeting for FY09 and a host of other duties, I am in full election mode for 2008. It has been a little extra hectic with the state moving the Presidential Primary from March to February. Although a couple of months apart, I am simultaneously working on prep for both the Annual Town Election and the Presidential Primary.

**A special note of advanced thanks:** This is for all the election workers, who will have a very busy year with 4 scheduled elections. Election workers put in a long day at minimum wage and are absolutely crucial to the success of elections, especially in a community that still hand counts every ballot at the end of the night. When you come in to vote, it would be nice to say a word of thanks to the people working the polls.

**Presidential Primary:** This election will be held on February 5, 2008. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Precinct 1 is located at Town Hall on The Common, Precinct 2 at Whitney Hall in South Royalston. If you are unsure where to vote, please contact my office. Remember, since this is a primary, only Unenrolled voters will be allowed to choose a party ballot. If you are registered in a particular party, you must vote that ballot at this election. Those of you who may be registered in a "political designation" (not a state-recognized party), will not be able to vote. That means if you are registered as anything other than Unenrolled, Democrat, Republican, Working Families or Green-Rainbow, you will not vote in this primary.

## Annual Town Election April 7, 2007

**Important Dates!!!** Please take note of the following important dates, followed by a list of the positions that will be on this year's ballot. So far, only four people have indicated they will run for re-election: Jim Richardson for a 3-year seat on the Board of Assessors; Phil Leger for a 3-year seat on the Board of Health; Tom Musco for a 5-year seat on the Planning Board, and Roland Hamel for a 1-year seat on the J.N. Bartlett Fund.

Feb 19 – the last day to submit signed nomination papers to Town Clerk; they must be received no later than 5 p.m. Those of you running as incumbents must sign the blanket nomination forms by that date.

March 5 – last day to object or withdraw

March 18 – last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Election.

**List of positions on the ballot** (excluding those mentioned above)  
Selectmen – 3 years; Tree Warden – 3 years; Cemetery Commissioner – 3 years; Library Trustee – 3 years; Planning Board – 2 years (to fill a remaining term); Sewer Commissioner – 3 years; Trustees of J.N. Bartlett – 4 terms each of 1 year; Board of Public Welfare – 3 years; Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee Royalston member – 3 years; Board of Health – 1 year (to fill a remaining term).

## 2008 Dog Licenses Now Available

Licenses are \$6.00 for a spayed/neutered dog, \$10.00 for an unaltered dog. Kennel licenses also available.

## News from the Open Space Committee:

*Last month the Open Space & Recreation Committee held two well-attended public meetings about the possibility of Royalston's adopting the Community Preservation Act and building up a fund that can be used to meet the goals of our Open Space & Recreation Plan. Here are the key questions – and answers.*

**What is the Community Preservation Act?** The Community Preservation Act (CPA), adopted by the Legislature in 2000, is a local option state law that gives communities the opportunity to preserve historic properties and locations, protect open space, create and renovate affordable housing, and develop new outdoor recreational facilities. Under the CPA, the state provides an annual guaranteed state match to funds raised locally for these purposes.

**Where do the state matching funds come from?** From certain fees collected at Registries of Deeds all across the state, but sent back only to those towns that have adopted the CPA. This year, the state was able to match at a rate of 100%, and the 127 communities with CPA, most of them east of Route 495, were the ones that benefited.

**Where do the local CPA funds come from?** From a 1-3% surcharge on local property taxes – we recommend 3%. In Royalston, as in most towns that have accepted the CPA, the first \$100,000 of assessed value of residential real property would be exempt from the surcharge. Residents who qualify for low-income housing or low- or moderate-income senior housing would also be eligible for an exemption.

**How much will it cost me?** In FY07, the property tax rate in Royalston was \$8.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The average house in Royalston was assessed at \$209,000, and the average tax bill was \$1,800. The 3% CPA surcharge in 2007 would have been only \$28, or 54¢ per week, less than the cost of one cup of coffee at the South Royalston Country Store! (We have a chart that shows how much the CPA would cost residents at various tax levels.)

## Luncheon Club & COA

Warm up Wednesdays with a hot meal and some good conversation! All are welcome to attend the weekly gathering of the Royalston Luncheon Club, Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Royalston Town Hall. Recycle some of your treasures the first Wednesday of each month at a Chinese auction. Monitor your blood pressure each month the second Wednesday at that clinic, and throughout the year, have your cholesterol and blood sugar checked and receive flu and pneumonia inoculations at no charge. Sign up for "Brown Bags" from the Western MA Food Bank, delivered the fourth Wednesday of each month. Listen to guest speakers on topics of interest such as obtaining low-cost home heating oil and fire safety; enjoy entertaining musical programs. Contact Betty Woodbury at 978-249-9656 by the Monday prior to make a reservation. The suggested donation for the meal is \$2/senior and \$2.50 for up-and-coming seniors. Local grocery stores and farmers often provide additional baked goods and produce. Company, medical check-ups, fun and food are all free for the taking!

**All are welcome to attend the South Royalston Improvement Council Annual Meeting at 7 pm on Weds. Feb. 6 at Whitney Hall.**

**How much could the CPA raise for Royalston?** Based on FY07 tax figures and assuming we accept both exemptions, we would raise at least \$17,000 locally. State matching funds would be added to this every October; in FY08 the rate of that match is expected to be between 60 and 70%. (The funds raised can be saved from year to year and also can be used as the local match for other state-funded programs.)

**What can Royalston do with this money?** In developing the Royalston Open Space and Recreation Plan, residents identified their top priority as maintaining the rural and historical character of the town. We can use CPA funds to do just that – preserving and renovating our historic buildings and commons, increasing recreational opportunities for everyone, preserving our working forests and farms, creating affordable housing, and protecting our valuable open space.

**Who decides how the CPA fund is spent?** We decide! The CPA requires that 10% of the fund be set aside for or spent on historic preservation, 10% on community housing, and 10% on open space protection. The remainder can be spent on any of those purposes, or on developing new outdoor recreational facilities. Locally, a CPA Committee representing various interests administers the fund and makes recommendations for how it should be spent, but all CPA spending recommendations must be approved by voters at our annual town meeting.

**How do we adopt the CPA?** To adopt the CPA, we must first accept it by a majority vote at annual town meeting on May 2, 2008 and then again at the ballot during the national election on November 4, 2008.

**Where can I learn more about the CPA?** Come to the Open Space & Recreation Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 14 at town hall. Or visit us on the web at [www.royalston-ma.gov/OSC/indexopen.htm](http://www.royalston-ma.gov/OSC/indexopen.htm). Or send us an e-mail at [info@royalstonopenspace.org](mailto:info@royalstonopenspace.org). Or call committee chair Aaron Ellison at 249-6771 or clerk Christine Beckert Long at 249-0246.

## Free\* Money Available for Health and Safety Code Repairs to Royalston Homes

Got lead? Need a septic upgrade? How efficient is your heating system and insulation? Government funds to solve these problems and many others may be available if you meet certain income guidelines: (1 person in house-\$40,150 max income; 2 people-\$35,900; 3 people-\$51,600; 4 people-\$57,350; 5 people-\$61,950; 6 people-\$66,550; 7 people-\$71,100; and 8 people-\$75,700)

\*Loans from this program up to \$35,000 are not required to be repaid unless the property is sold within 15 years. All work is performed by licensed inspectors and contractors. Call for more information or an application at the Royalston's Selectmen's Office (978-249-9641) or the Athol Planner's Office (978-575-0301). Information on grant applications is confidential and will only be viewed by administration staff.

# Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longsworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

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

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon

979-249-3572 [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org)

## Thank yous:

**Tina Gemborys** for a great preschool holiday program and two lively CDs for children.

**Sue Gronowicz, Rolanda Brousseau, Stephen Erickson, Marcia Flanagan** for books

**Marcia Charest** for lots of supplies and movie tickets

**Jim and Pat Kelley** for more craft supplies

**Andy West** for spending a lot of time and effort getting the ice off the library steps and to **Barb Richardson** for continual shoveling of the steps during snow storms.

**Cindy Savoy** for baking a fabulous 12th Night cake.

## Friends of the Library Update

**Yellow Pages Delivered:** All residents should have received a copy of the updated Town Directory inside their Dec.-Jan. issue of this newsletter. This directory is the go-to guide when trying to figure out who to call on various town boards and offices. It also lists business, church services and community resources in town. Many thanks to Barbara Stowell for organizing and laying out the information. Copies are now available on-line at the library website [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org).

Appreciate the newsletter, library programs and the yellow pages? Watch for the upcoming annual membership letter for your chance to support the Friends of the Library's work or send a donation today to box 133, Royalston MA 01368. Also, consider buying a sponsorship ad in this newsletter. Thanks for keeping the Community in the RCN.

*Recent Donations to the Friends*

**Werner and Patience Bundshuh**

**Donald and Elvira Richards**

After many years of assiduously keeping the Friends in the black, **Barbara Willhite has announced her resignation** as treasurer effective the annual meeting in April. The Friends will miss her honesty, diligence and bemusement with the rest of the board's bookkeeping styles. Thank you Barbara.

## Jen Scherrer Featured Artist at Library

The work of Jen Scherrer of Old Winchendon Rd will be on display at the library for the months of February and March. Stop in to see her landscapes and still-lives.

## Silver Lining Circus to Perform. in April

If you've every wanted to run away and join the circus, come to the Town Hall on April 25th at 7:00 p.m. to see a mini-performance and learn how we can put on a circus here in town. This event is sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council. Watch for more info.

## Fight Cabin Fever with an Array of Upcoming Events for all Ages.

**Win Movie Tickets!** Thanks to Marcia Charest, who has donated four tickets to the Gardner Movie Theater, you have two chances to win two tickets to the movies. Check out the display of movie related books by the circulation desk at the library. This is a fine opportunity to read the book and then see the movie. All you have to do to enter is to check out any book. The winners will be drawn on February 11th, just in time for Valentines Day.

**Cross Culture Club Returns:** For the past decade, the Friends of the Library have been bringing a taste of the wider world to kids in Royalston. Cross Culture Club participants learn about a culture by locating it on a map and trying activities like pronouncing a smattering of a new language, playing a game, looking at pictures, creating a craft and/or eating typical foods. Free Cross Culture Club meetings run from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on Thursdays. It is not necessary to attend every session. RCS students can take the bus to the library with a permission slip.

This year's schedule includes:

Feb. 14	Frances Graziano	Germany
Feb. 28	Martin Brown	England
March 6	Trong	Thailand
March 13	Eduardo Ramirez	Columbia

Please call the library for more info or to register, call the library. (Pre-registration not required but is appreciated as it helps in planning.)

**February Vacation Art Classes:** Kids, Tweens and teens, ages 8 and up, are invited to participate in library sponsored art classes Weds. - Friday 10 - 12:30 at Town Hall taught by local artist ME Kane. Learn to work with acrylic paints and other media to create still-lives and nature-based projects. All materials provided. Cost for a 3 day class is \$25. Class limited to 15 participants. Sign up at the library. Sponsored by the Friends.

**Author Visit in March:** On Sunday, March 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the library, Peter Zheutlin, the author of the 'Wild Man of Royalston', has written a new book entitled *Around the World on Two Wheels: Annie Londonderry's Extraordinary Ride*. It recounts the story of Jewish immigrant, Annie Kophovsky, whose sense of adventure led her to abandon her husband and children and take part in a high-stakes wager between two wealthy men, who, in 1894, bet that a woman couldn't circle the globe on a bicycle. Annie took the name of one of the adversaries in the wager, Londonderry, and set off on an unheard of journey for a woman at the time. Surprisingly, this trek took her through Royalston and Athol. Zheutlin is Annie's great nephew. He will discuss the book and show documentary pictures as well as take questions about the yellow journalism hoax from the late 1800s publicized as the "Wild Man of Royalston".

## Resident Recommended Reading

Read any good books in the post holiday lull? The newsletter is running an occasional series of "Resident Recommendations." Write the title

there is no room to print recommendations in the newsletter, we'll post them on the library web-site. Happy reading!

Elizabeth Farnsworth recommends *The Dirt on Clean: An Unsanitized History* by Katherine Ashenburg. A fun, wide-ranging romp through world history, tracing the evolution of personal cleanliness right up to our obsessively germ-free neatnikocracy in the U. S. \*

Diane Lincoln offers *Light Before Day* by Christopher Rice. This is a mystery lover's delight. To quote Lee Child, "Fabulous. Stealthy as a desert wind and deadly as a knife - a book of the year."

Kathy Morris enjoyed *Down the Nile* by Rosemary Mahoney, a literate account of a woman from Rhode Island who rowed down and camped along the Nile River by herself.

Melanie Mangum loved *Lois on the Loose*, a true and funny story of a woman who motorcycled the Americas. \*

For its inappropriate humor and unpredictable plot, Caleb Chase liked *The Absolutely True Dairy of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, a novel about the struggles faced by a teen from an Indian Reservation who goes to a neighboring town's all white school.\*

Seven cousins (ages 5 -14) and two sisters-in-law vacationing in Florida traffic in an overcrowded rental car were completely tickled by the audio book *Framed* by Frank Cotrell Boyce. It has a very funny plot, social commentary, word play and quirky characters all delivered in a completely charming Welsh accent. \*

\* denotes books available at the Phinehas Newton Library

## New Books at the Library

### New Adult Nonfiction

Albright, Madeleine *Memo to the President Elect: How We Can Restore America's Reputation and Leadership*  
 Allenbaugh, Kay *Chocolate for a Woman's Soul*  
 Ashenburg, Katherine *Dirt on Clean: An Unsanitized History*  
 Audubon Bird *The Definitive Visual Guide*  
 Bajali, Murali *Professor and the Pupil: The Politics and Friendship of W.E.B. DuBois and Paul Robinson*  
 Bolles, Richard *What Color is Your Parachute? A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers*  
 Bolton, Vivienne *Big Book of Paper Crafts*  
 Brokaw, Tom *BOOM! Voices of the Sixties: Personal Reflections on the 60's and Today*  
 Colfer, Eoin *Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel*  
 Denega, Danielle *Gut Eating Bugs: Maggots Reveal the Time of Death*  
 Farr, Michael *The Very Quick Job Search 3rd Edition*  
 Holderness-Roddam, Jane *Horse Riding in a Weekend*  
 Katzen, Mollie *Vegetable Dishes I Can't Live Without*  
 Kennedy, X.J. *In a Prominent Bar in Secaucus*  
 Krugman, Paul *The Conscience of a Liberal*  
 Lax, Eric *Conversations With Woody Allen*  
 Meyer, Marvin *Judas: The Definitive Collection of Gospels and Legends about the Infamous Apostle of Jesus*  
 O'Reilly, Bill *The No Spin Zone Confrontations with the Powerful and Famous in America*  
 Oliver, Libbey Hodges *Williamsburg Christmas*  
 Posey, Sam *Playing With Trains*  
 Richardson, John *A Life of Picasso: The Triumph Years, 1917-1932v3*  
 Soper, Kathryn *Gifts: Mother's Reflect on How Their Children with Down Syndrome Enrich Their Lives*  
 Stanton, Cathy *The Lowell Experience: Public History in a Postindustrial City*  
 Sturm, James *Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow*  
 Vowell, Sarah *Assassination Vacation*  
 Waters, Alice *The Art of Simple Food*  
 Wenner, Jann S. *Gonzo: The Life of Hunter S. Thompson*

### New Adult Fiction

Anton, Barbara *Egrets to the Flames*  
 Barker, Nicola *Darkmans*  
 Beaton, M.C. *Kissing Christmas Goodbye*  
 Berry, Steve *The Venetian Betrayal*  
 Bray, Libba *The Sweet Far Thing*  
 Britton, Pamela *Total Control*  
 Brooks, Geraldine *People of the Book*  
 Cabot, Meg *Big Boned*  
 Carrell, Lee *Interred with Their Bones*  
 Chiaverini, Jennifer *The New Year's Quilt*  
 Clarke, Arthur C. *Firstborn*  
 Coetzee, J.M. *Diary of a Bad Year*  
 Delaney, Joseph *The Last Apprentice: Night of the Soul Stealer*  
 Downham, Jenny *Before I Die*  
 Grafton, Sue *T is for Trespass*  
 Gutcheon, Beth *Still Missing*  
 Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia *Harte's Desire*  
 King, Laurie *Touchstone*  
 Koontz, Dean *The Darkest Evening of the Year*  
 Lahiri, Jhumpa *Interpreter of Maladies*  
 Mankell, Henning *A Bridge to the Stars*  
 McCaffrey, Anne *Dragon Harper*  
 Meyer, L.A. *Mississippi Jack: Being an Account of the Further Waterborne Adventures of Jacky Faber, Midshipman, Fine Lady and the Lily of the West*  
 Michaels, Fern *Comfort and Joy*  
 Miller, Sue *The Senator's Wife*  
 Mortimer, John *Rumpole Misbehaves; A Novel*  
 Oldham, Nick *Critical Threat*  
 Paretsky, Sara *Bleeding Kansas*  
 Pixley, Marcella *Freak*  
 Quindlen, Anna *Good Dog, Stay.*  
 Rankin, Ian *Watchman*  
 Read, Cornelia *The Crazy School*  
 Robb, J.D. *Creation in Death*  
 Rose, M.J. *The Reincarnationist*  
 Turtledove, Harry *Opening Atlantis*





## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS

*Got something to crow about? Send it along to the*

**SUCCESSFUL RESCUE EFFORT:** Thanks to Falls Road resident **Gary L. Teague, Royalston's public safety personnel and out-of-town agencies**, a Dudley woman is alive and well enough to tell a tale of being stranded

in Royalston woods after dark, on a night where temperatures plunged into the teens. Teague notified Royalston Police shortly before 9 p.m. that an unknown vehicle was parked by the side of the road when he returned home from work at 5 p.m. on January 4. He reported that he thought it strange the car was still there at 9 pm. It looked to him as if someone had entered, but not exited the woods. Before all was said and done, Royalston Police, a Search & Rescue K-9, Royalston Fire & EMS, Richmond Fire Department's snowmobile team, and Wood's Ambulance all played vital roles in finding the woman, treating her for hypothermia and extricating her from the woods after dark, over rough terrain. Thank you to the alert Mr. Teague and to the members of the participating public

Singer/songwriter **Linq** has had a musical January. Her album **FAST MOVING DREAM** is one of 150+ nominees for the 8th Annual Kwevak Music Magazine CD of the Year Awards. Her song "On My Own Again" from **FAST MOVING DREAM** hit the Number 1 spot in the Folk Rock Charts at Indie-Music.com, and "Change the Picture" from her most recent release **CHANGE THE PICTURE, GEORGE!** is currently advancing in the Duke's New Music Playoffs.

**Amy Putney** and **Amanda Putney**, eighth graders at Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, were recently cited for academic achievement in that school. Amanda received high honors and Amy, highest honors. The twins, who celebrated their 14th birthday December 1, are accomplished equestriennes affiliated with the Farm Friends 4-H which meets at the Fisher Hill School of Orange, and regular volunteers with the Massachusetts Air Scent K-9 teams.

### Recipe of the Month: Pat Thai

*Long time resident Celt Grant is hosting an exchange student from Thailand this school year. Trong is a junior at Athol High School and will be leading a Cross Culture Club session on March 6th at 3:30 pm at the Phinehas S Newton Library. Celt was an early Peace Corps volunteer, signing up in 1963. (He was in training in Hawaii on his way to Thailand when President Kennedy was shot. ) He was back in Thailand last March for celebrations and receptions marking the 45 anniversary of Peace Corps in Thailand.*

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 lb rice noodles(or sticks), soaked 15-20 mins & drained
- 3 T veg oil
- 1 T garlic, minced
- 8-10 raw shrimp, peeled (or tofu or sliced chicken)
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 T fish sauce
- 1 tsp rice vinegar (optional)
- 2 T br. sugar ( or less to taste)
- 3 T roasted peanuts, chopped
- 1 C fresh bean sprouts
- 4 scallions, sliced to 1" pcs
- 1 lime, quartered lengthwise
- pepper
- cilantro, minced (optional)

**Directions:** (Have all ingredients prepared and ready as you must work fast and not over cook)

- Heat 2 T oil in wok or skillet @ med-high
- Add garlic, toss til golden
- Add shrimp (or other). Remove when pink and reserve
- Add egg. Spread thin & allow to set. Scramble to sm. curds. Remove and reserve.
- Add remaining 1T oil. Heat
- Add noodles. Stir and separate gently til soft and ivory, a few mins
- Add fish sauce and vinegar. Stir
- Add sugar, scallions, peanuts and pinch of pepper
- Retaining sm amt of sprouts for garnish, add remainder to noodles along with reserved shrimp and eggs. Stir and cook 1 min.
- Remove to platter. Squeeze 2 sections of lime over noodles
- Garnish with remaining sprouts and lime. Top with cilantro. Serve immediately.

Note: This dish does not keep, so go back for seconds!

### Milestones

During the recent holiday season, **Rene' Lake and Peter Gagliardi** announced to family their engagement to be married. A summer wedding is planned at their home on Gulf Road. They are looking forward to a future with family, friends, music, wood cutting, finishing the house, bocce, and travel.



*Rene Lake and Peter Gagliardi*

Condolences to **William** and **Sherry Gates** of town on the death of their brother, **Alan F. Petesa Gates** Dec. 14, 2007. He was born in Gardner on Aug. 26, 1941 and lived in Athol most of his life where he was a volunteer firefighter for many years and worked as a truck driver. He was a life-time member of the American Lithuanian Naturalization Club and the Orange Rod and Gun Club. He leaves five daughters, eighteen grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a dear companion.

The local public schools lost a committed champion with the death of **Anna Garbiel**, 55, on Thursday, January 17, 2008. She served as teacher, Title I Director and principal at her grade school alma mater, the Montague Center School, in various combinations of responsibilities between 1980 and 2003. She served as Director of Operations in the Athol Royalston School District from 2003 until her recent passing. She was a community advocate, farmer and educator who touched many lives positively. Memorial donations to assist her husband with medical-related expenses and establish a scholarship in her memory may be made to the Anna Garbiel fund; c/o Linda Ackerman, 195 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA 01376

## September 25, 1956: A Day The Town Came Together

Carolyn Labonte recently related the account of the day her home on Stone Rd. burned in 1956. She and her husband, Louis, had moved to town two years earlier and bought a colonial era house with a huge three story cow barn in the back on the advice of his uncle, Parker Bowers, of Frye Hill.

Carolyn's husband was a mustachioed Merchant Marine who served as a chief engineer on oil tankers and was often away from home for months at a time. On September 26, 1956, Carolyn was home with her four young children. The day was hot, dry and very windy; Carolyn was running a bog harrow across the street in order to turn over sod to expand the family vegetable garden. She sent her oldest, Louis IV, to fetch a wrench. He came panting back to tell that the barn over the chicken coop was in flames. She called the fire department and both the firefighters and neighbors came very quickly. Soon, the cars of volunteers lined the street and everyone was organized and put to work. It was clear that the barn could not be saved, so everyone started pulling valuables and furniture from the house. These belongings were transported to the Parsonage. Nothing was lost, broken or stolen. Carolyn left her 3 year old to watch the infant in her carriage in the yard while she kept a watch-eye and joined in the removal. All of the furniture was rescued, but when the fire eventually spread, the house burned to the ground. The flames were so hot they melted the tires on the tractor across the street. When 11-year-old Louis tried to run a hose from the blacksmith shop to the fire, it melted before he could turn the water on. There was a fear that the blowing hot fire would spread downwind to Arline Vining's home. After the heat and flames had passed, all that was left of the home was a cellar hole with an unscathed tank full of fuel, an antique brick chimney with built-in bread ovens and the melted jars of home-canned peaches and tomatoes Carolyn had spent the previous weeks putting up "sparkling like colored jewels."

The fire seems to have been caused by exposed connections in old tar covered wiring in the barn. When Mr. LaBonte was reached at sea, he profoundly expressed relief that no one had been hurt and began the insurance proceedings. The LaBonte home was eventually rebuilt on the same footprint and in a replica of its original style by Harold and Willard Newton. However, the impressive barn and its contents were gone forever.

## Royalston Community Coop

The next order date for the COOP is Monday, February 18, and delivery will be Thursday, February 28. A guest catalogue is available for Royalston residents who are considering joining the coop. A one-time \$20 buy-in fee helps defray costs of invoicing, as well as a monthly subscription to the catalogue/price list which features hundreds of thousands of items including organically produced foods, non-toxic household cleaning agents and ecologically sound paper products. Anyone interested can contact Mary Barclay at 978-249-2598 or mcb Barclay@juno.com.

Now, at 82 years old, what Carolyn remembers most of that day is not the tragedy of losing her house and barn but gratitude that no one was hurt and thankfulness for all of the help she received from the community. She remembers "everyone who could had a hose, including the millionaire Mr. Bullcock from the big houses on the Common. There were over 100 people working all day. Townspeople donated sandwiches to the volunteers, which the wives drove around to pick up and deliver.



*Carolyn LaBonte*

Helen Williams husband, Bill, took a movie of the event. After the fire, Dot Newton went through her daughters' wardrobes and picked out clothes to give little Cindy LaBonte. Also, family, friends and neighbors took up a collection to help out and Shirley Putney delivered a \$100 bill."

Carolyn thinks Royalston is "wonderful" town because its people still make an effort to look out for one another. Carolyn had moved around a lot as a child. She attended 21 different schools as her family moved with her father's work. However, since she moved here, she has been glad to call Royalston her permanent home.

N.B. Over on Stone Road, Jean Le Ray has these memories of the day. She thinks she was probably busy on the farm caring for her five children (ten and under) on the day of this fire, but she knows her husband was there. Says Jean, "It is well known that people can perform unheard of deeds when under stress. My husband, George LeRay, was a member of the Royalston fire department at the time of that fire and it was reported that he disconnected and carried away two propane tanks single-handedly to some distance away from the fire."

## Two Untitled Wintery Poems

snow  
soft white  
compacting, drifting piles  
falls gracefully, hard slippery  
ice skating freezing  
cold cubes  
ice

As in the dark of winter night  
the eyes seek dawn  
As in the bonds of bitter cold  
the eyes crave sun  
So blinded and so bound  
The heart cries out to thee  
Be our light, our life, our fire  
Liberty

by RCS Poetry Club, group one:  
*Tayah, Isabelle, Haylie, Sarah, Olivia,  
Alyana, Rebecca, Abigail and Molly*

*By Emma and Kristen Finocchio*

## Royalston Fish and Game Club Ruffling BIG TV

*Chris Cormier*

The Royalston Fish & Game Club is raffling a 42" Panasonic Plasma TV which includes a stand, high definition cable and surge protector. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Royalston General Store or at the Fish and Game Club on Tuesday or Friday nights up until the day of the superbowl. The drawing will be held after the superbowl game. There are usually only about 250 tickets sold.

## OPEN MIC on Feb. 1 at Town Hall Come for the Music; Stay for the Food

*Rene Lake*

Open Mic had a great turn out in January with lots of talent on stage offering an assortment of styles and tempos. Cultural Council member Elizabeth Farnsworth provided homemade soup with hot garlic bread. An assortment of homemade desserts, fruit, sodas, and hot coffee, cocoa, and tea offered a choice for everyone.

Open Mic is a great family event bringing people together. A variety of music is welcome - come share yours with an encouraging and supportive audience. The next Open Mic event is Feb. 1st beginning at 7:00 p.m. and continuing until 10:00 p.m. Performers should remember to sign up when they arrive to book a 15 minute slot, or less if preferred. This month's hosts will be Andrea Lively and Marie-Claire Humblet and the hot dish will be pea soup. Come join us. For information contact (978) 249-2705.

## Congregational Churches News

The search for a new pastor has begun. The interview process starts with Pastor Jeffery Francis. He is 33 years old, married with two children, and has an extensive background working with youth as a pastor and teacher at Zion Bible College in Providence R.I. Hear him speak on Feb. 10th and 24th at the services at both churches.

### Schedule of February Speakers:

South Church (9 am service)	Center Church (11 am service)
Feb. 3 Pastor Fred Swedburg	Deacon David Williams
Feb. 10 Pastor Jeffery Francis	Pastor Jeffery Francis
Feb. 17 Pastor Fred Swedburg	Deacon Mike Veilleux
Feb. 24 Pastor Jeffery Francis	Pastor Jeffery Francis

**Youth Group** gathers every Sunday from 6 - 8 pm at the Center Church. Walk-ins welcome. Youth group is a blessing to many through its community service and ARK (Acts of Random Kindness.)

Youth events:

\* Every 3rd Sunday the group attends a concert at the Monadnock Bible Conference Center featuring Arise, a contemporary praise and worship team focused towards teens but enjoyed by all. A caravan leaves the center at 5:30 pm and returns at 9 pm. Come join us.

\* Lock-in on Sat. Feb. 23. The guest speaker will be Pastor Jeffery Francis, candidate for open pastor's position in town. His talk will be followed by plain old teen fun: music, games and much more. All welcome. Call Sue or Mike Veilleux for details or a parental permission slip; 978-249-5004.

## Fundraising Meal & Drawing For Newtons

The Royalston Fish & Game Club is committing profits from their annual February Roast Beef Dinner to the Wayne R. Newton Medical Expense Fund. Meal tickets are \$12, and available at the Club. On the menu are salad and bread, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverages. In conjunction with the dinner, the Royalston Police and the Royalston Fire and EMS Association will be working together on a 120 Club fundraising raffle, with winning tickets selected following the meal. Tickets for the 120 Club are \$20 and available from any firefighter, police officer or rescue squad member. Tickets for both the dinner and the 120 Club are limited, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions may be directed to the Club at 978-249-3004.

## Hold on to your hats, Royalston!

### It's time for the Follies!

*Elizabeth Farnsworth, Cultural Council member*

Once again, the Royalston Cultural Council is sponsoring Royalston's quirky, one of a kind, community talent show and dessert theater! On Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm, the big lights in our venerable Town Hall will shine on local performers (also known as our friends and neighbors) who will dazzle you with their award-winning abilities and talents you may not have known they had. Folks of all ages will grace the stage with song, comedy, dance, comedy, drama, comedy, guaranteed to produce a fun - and funny - family evening. Our own immensely gifted Phil Leger will emcee the event. Prizes will be offered for the most "original" acts. Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale March 1, available at Open Mic and by contacting Lorraine Casinghino at 249-5151.



The Follies has a long and illustrious history, stretching back at least 15 years (although nobody can quite remember how and when this tradition got started exactly...strange, that). Patience Bundschuh recalls: "In 1999, at the end of the twentieth century, the Follies presented a look back at some of the highlights of Royalston's past. "A Short, Fractured History of Royalston," for example, dealt with clearing the land, the origin of the town's name and a piece about the war years, 1939-1945, when a famous Empress, Zita of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, stayed at the house known as "The Bastille" on the Common. Who can remember that another royal person graced our village at the same time in a house across the street? We were introduced on stage to a glamorous royal person resplendent in a dress made entirely of pasta! Her name was Empress Ziti from the famous Italian Macaroni family. If you were there, you'll remember that this walk-on brought the house down!"

And in 2005, the houses brought the house down - literally, the ingeniously costumed, dancing landmarks of Royalston. Who could forget Kathy Morris dressed up as the Phineas S. Newton Library, rocking to "Brick House" by Lionel Richie?

Every show gets better and better, and this year's will doubtless reach new heights. Producers and talent scouts, Patience Bundschuh and Sonja Vaccari are hard at work rounding up promising prospects. Stay tuned to this newsletter for more information on participating and getting tickets. But save that May 10 date!!!!!!!

## Native American Storytelling and Music

*Royalston Town Hall Monday February 4 1:00 pm*

Manitonquat, also known as Medicine Story, is an elder in the Assonet-Wampanoag Nation. Medicine Story has led medicine circles all over the U.S. and Europe. He is presenting a program for children, with storytelling, singing, drumming, and Native American flute playing. This program, free and open to the public, is supported by the Village School and by a grant from the Royalston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

## Village School Open House

*Saturday February 9 10 to noon (Snow Date March 1)*

This is an opportunity to see classrooms, meet teachers, talk to current parents and students, and learn about the engaging curriculum. From 10 to 11:45 a.m. children can join in arts and crafts projects and science activities in all the classrooms. At 11:45 a.m. everyone gathers together to meet with school director Risa Richardson. Refreshments are served.

The Village School is an independent school offering a supportive learning environment for children from preschool through 6th grade. The Village School is located on the Common in Royalston, off Route 68, in the old brick Raymond School building. For more information, call (978) 249-3505, or go to [www.villageschool.to](http://www.villageschool.to). There are limited openings for the 2008-9 school year.

The Village School's mission is to create an educational model for children in rural areas, based on the principle that a direct connection to nature can be a lifeline for children, connecting them to their essential selves and awakening a sense of meaning in their lives. In addition to in depth academic studies, the school focuses on kindness and attention to the individual.

Director Risa Richardson says, "We are a hands-on school, using project based learning to reach all different learning styles. We have found that daily extended outdoor experience in the natural world refreshes students' minds, and enhances learning. Academics are rigorous and challenging. The science program is led and taught by scientists. Each class is immersed in a central theme study (for example, Ancient Greece) for the year, which knits together all parts of the curriculum. At the end of the year, the 2nd - 6th grades write and perform an original play. The hard work that goes into the play builds belief in oneself and confidence in the strength of community."

## Ladies' Benevolent Society

The first meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Royalston, now entering its 184th continuous year of service, is planned for Wednesday, February 27. This will be a business meeting for members to discuss some interesting opportunities, and for potential members to see if they might like to join in for fun and fellowship. All women of the community are invited into membership of this non-sectarian organization that has fun while serving others. For additional information, contact President Kim MacPhee at 978-249-0946.

## Athol High School News

Joy Cutter, school nurse

AHS has a new web page going up at [www.atholhigh.org](http://www.atholhigh.org). Parents and students will be able to access a copy of the Student Handbook as well as the Program of Studies on the site. Also included will be athletic schedules and directions to away competitions. There is a listing of staff and more. AHS invites you to log on and explore its new site.

## Monty Tech News

In response to the desperate shortage of help in the medical field and projected increase in need due to an aging population, Monty Tech's evening program is beginning a new Nursing Assisting Program in the spring. The 73.5 hour program meets three evenings a week, concluding with a practical week. Graduates will be prepared to challenge the Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) exam. CNAs are immediately employable at hospitals, long term care facilities and home health nursing in the range of \$10-\$13/hour. CNAs in some workplaces receive financial incentives to continue their education in practical nursing (LPN) or towards a degree program (RN). This is a great first step for men and women interested in working towards a career as a nurse. Contact Rich Ikonen at Monty Tech, 978-345-9200 X5220.

## RCS Recycles e-waste

The Parent Teacher Group and Student Council at the Royalston Community School are trying to save the world and earn some cash at the same



**Reduce  
Reuse  
Recycle**

time. Everyone in the broader community, families, neighbors, businesses and friends, is encouraged to recycle electronic waste by leaving it at the school during regular hours. ***These items are accepted: all brands of laser and ink jet printer cartridges, used cell phones, video game consoles (include all accessories), video games (include case), digital cameras, lap tops (include power cords), PDAs/palm pilots (include all accessories), iPods (include all accessories) and DVD movies (include original packaging).*** The school gets a paid for each item recycled.

**Line Dancing Demo at RCS:** Thanks to a grant from the Athol-Royalston Education Foundation, all students at RCS have been enjoying weekly dance workshops as part of the health and fitness curriculum. The community is welcome to come watch the kids show off what they have learned on Friday, February 15 in the afternoon.

The 5th and 6th grades at RCS are working hard to raise funds so that no child is left behind due to money considerations when their respective classes go to **Nature's Classroom**, a week long experiential/environmental education program on the Maine coast. The cost per family is around \$360/participant. Donations from the community for the Nature's Classroom General Scholarship fund are sought to help defray these costs. Please call the school, 978-249-2900, if you are able to help. Also, watch for a pancake breakfast this spring to benefit the Nature's Classroom trips as well.

## Wildlife Sightings

Neale Place area residents enjoyed the presence of a **bald eagle** for about a week at the end of December / beginning of January. The majestic bird was spotted in a dead tree in a beaver pond situated along Toney Road. Both **Ted Neale** and **Ralph Parnanen** enjoyed the eagle's visit.

The Putney families on North Fitzwilliam Road did not enjoy mid-January visits by **minks**. Both **David Putney** and **Jim Putney** observed minks taking down a broad array of ducks, chickens and guinea fowl over a period of days. According to Brenda Putney, they lost a total of 15 fowl, including several locked in a hen house in an attempt to protect them. The mink climbed the building, clawed or chewed at the sliding window until it opened a crack and then killed the occupants. Apparently David Putney entered the hen house on his property to find a mink doing in one of his birds.

Near Roland Hamel's home on Athol Rd on Jan. 13, **Pat Jackson** glimpsed a snow-white slinky rodent with a long skinny black tail that she identified as a **long tailed weasel**.

**Aaron Ellison** and **Elizabeth Farnsworth** have a resident **grouse** living under the forsythia right outside their NE Fitzwilliam Rd. house. Very cute when it is asleep.

## In Your Own Backyard

Probably nothing in the local woods is as startling as the Ruffed Grouse. It's ability to come shooting out of the brush while drumming a loud "rat-a-tat" can get an unsuspecting passerby's adrenaline flowing fast. This sound, used to attract females and scare off male rivals, is made by the male cupping its wings and rapidly beating them against the air. Native Americans called the grouse "The carpenter bird" because they thought the noise was caused by the bird hammering its wings on dead logs.



Ruffed Grouse have several interesting adaptations for winter. As the daylight shortens, they grow small comb-like projections on the sides of their toes. These help to walk on the top of soft snow. These combs are shed in spring. Also, in the right snow conditions, grouse take advantage of snow's insulating properties and scratch out snow caves to nestle in. These tunnels can be recognized by the cylindrical droppings and plant fibers left behind.

## Get Involved In Animal Rescue

Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue is looking for foster homes for dogs and cats. We provide the food and medical care, you provide the love. (It's also looking for event and transport volunteers.) For more info, please visit [www.ahimsahaven.org](http://www.ahimsahaven.org) or call Marjorie at 978-790-6025. "

## Garden Notes

*Larry Siegel*

It was an abrupt close to the garden season; one day I was raking leaves and hauling compost and the next found me shoveling paths to the chickens and cows. The ground was snow-covered at the beginning of December and remained so until the second week in January when patches of open ground appeared again. Everything that was green before the snow cover remained green still. The spinach, lettuce, parsley, and strawberries had not yet received their blankets of hay but the snow provided the service for me. There was no frost in the ground so I took the opportunity to scrape off some snow and dig a couple meals' worth of parsnips. A couple of days later, the snows returned, providing shelter once again.

February is arm-chair gardening, turning the pages of seed catalogues and giving thoughts to the upcoming season. Those catalogues paint such a pretty picture; every vegetable and flower is perfection. If that were only the case. The breeders continue to fiddle with the plants; new varieties abound each year. The current craze seems to be color. I think it started with peppers (I counted six different colors of peppers in one catalogue), moved on to tomatoes, and now embraces most every vegetable. You can grow purple beets, red beets, yellow beets, white beets. . . . I grow one type (Chioggia) that has a rosy pink exterior and red and white zones within. Carrots are still orange. They are also purple, red, yellow and white. I would prefer the breeders devote a bit more attention to improving the nutrition of vegetables. Alas, color sells and nutrition does not, so it is not likely to occur.

Vegetables (with the exception of butternut squash) are holding up quite well in the root cellar; apples a bit less so. The apples are sorted every couple of weeks and there is often a stockpot of applesauce-in-progress on the wood cook stove. There is always a gallon of cider available and I eagerly anticipate tapping into the eighteen gallons of cider under the kitchen table, slowly turning itself into hooch. There may be a downside to last fall's remarkable apple harvest: it brought in the deer. The apples are gone but the deer are not. The trail from the woods to the garden is well-traveled; it remains to be seen how long that will be the case.

My 'gardening' occurs in the kitchen now. I've always considering gardening as but one step in the process of feeding myself: planting, growing, harvesting, retrieving, preparing, cooking, consuming. . . I am particularly partial to soups and stews, often using a half-dozen different vegetables in their preparation. My frozen vegetables (corn, beans, sugar snaps, corn, cauliflower, and broccoli) seriously decline in quality as a result of freezing but serve quite well as ingredients in soup or stew; providing one more dimension to a dish heavily laden with root crops. My time in the kitchen is well spent. I do not believe I would be cooking if I did not garden and I do not believe I would be gardening if I did not cook. My career as gardener-cook continues.





### **Bruce's Browser 3rd Anniversary Celebration**

Bruce's Browser, 1497 Main St, Athol is celebrating its 3rd anniversary on Saturday February 9th, and Royalston owner Diane Lincoln would like to invite you all to the party. WJDF will be broadcasting live by remote in the morning, and there will be several authors on hand to speak with during that time, too, including Royalston writer Allen Young. There will be drawings for prizes, free snacks and Dean's Beans coffee, as well as a 20% discount on everything in the browser all day.

### **Classifieds:**

**2 male ducks** looking for a home; they are free Call any time 978-249-8636

**Ruth's cat** - lovable, spayed female; indoor/outdoor, tortise shell coloring; looking for a good home. Call 978-249-9901.

**Free printer.** HP DeskJet 610CL. Works fine, needs color cartridge. Call 978-248-2094.

**House-cleaning Service:** Special reduced rate for Feb and March. 4 hours for \$49.95. Please call Fran, Royalston resident. Cell: 978-895-0817 or home: 978-249-4596.

**For Rent. Two bedroom cottage.** Royalston Historic District. \$800/month plus utilities. 978-249-0358.

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