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Calendar of Events

February 1 Tuesday

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Open Burning continues** (ONLY with permit) through May 1, 2011.

7 p.m. **Board of Selectmen** meets at Town Hall

February 2 Wednesday **Groundhog Day**

9:31 p.m. **New Snow Moon**

February 3 Thursday

Lunar New Year 4709 – **Year of the Rabbit**

3:45 p.m. **Friends of the Library** meet at the library

7 pm **Town 250th Anniversary Planning Meeting** at Town Hall. All welcome to drop by with ideas for festivities or fundraisers. Buy a 120 club raffle ticket to support this cause by calling Geoff Newton 249-3726 or see any committee member.



This photo of the 150th town anniversary celebration was shared by Clarence Rabideau, who recently came across a photo album of its bunting bedecked buildings and lovingly decorated parade floats from the 1915 event. Cars had been in town for less than 5 years. Twenty-first century townsfolk and civic groups are encouraged to vie for prizes with parade float entries for the upcoming library celebration June 18, 2011 and also join in the hoopla for the upcoming 250th bash.

February 4 Friday

7 p.m. **Open Mic** at the Town Hall. The host band is the Jazz Depot. Aspiring performers should sign up for a time slot with Jim Bennett at 978-575-1052 or arrive by 6:30 p.m. Free admission and delicious food on sale, thanks to our Cultural Council.

February 5 Saturday

10 a.m. – noon **Village School Winter Open House**

February 6 Sunday

7 - 11 am **Fire Dept. and EMS Association breakfast** at the Winchendon Rod and Gun Club. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an A.T.V. for rescue and recovery work. Tickets from firefighters or at the door.

February 9 Wednesday

7 p.m. **Village School Literacy Night & Student Work Display**
7:30 p.m. **Royalston F&G Club meeting** (Directors at 7 p.m.)

February 10 Thursday

7:30 p.m. **Birch Hill Rangers Snowmobile Club** meets at Pete and Henry's. Optional dinner at 6 pm.

February 11 Friday

Last Day to obtain nomination papers to run for an open elected seat in town government. (For a list of open positions, see p 2)

February 14 Monday

Valentine's Day

5 pm **Deadline to return nomination papers** or sign blanket nomination papers for re-election at Town Clerk's Office.

February 17 Thursday

Random Acts of Kindness Day. Observe the day by surprising others with good deeds, both small and large.

3:30 pm **Cross Culture Club:** international students from Athol-Royalston Middle School present power-points and answer audience questions about their home cultures. Come visit: Mexico, Uruguay, China and Puerto Rico. International refreshments served. RCS students can take the bus to the library with pre-arrangements.

February 18 Friday

3:36 a.m. **Full Snow Moon**

Winter School Vacations begin at close of school today

February 21 Monday

Presidents' Birthdays Observed

(Post office and library closed)

February 23 Wednesday

1:30 pm

Creature Teachers - live animal program at town hall. See a sugar glider, kinkajou and a degu and more. Free, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

7:30 p.m. **Ladies' Benevolent Society** meets "Strictly Business" on 2011 plans

Save the Date

March 20 Sunday

2 pm **Seeing New Englandly**, meet filmmakers and writers of new Emily Dickinson documentary

May 14 Saturday

The Follies

June 18 Saturday

Phinehas Newton Library's 100th

Anniversary Celebration: living history, games, pie, parades and dancing. Not to be missed.

Board of Selectmen's Corner

Broadband Update: Still a lot of work to do for broadband. The town (that means you) needs to decide how to get broadband to each house. We'll need help, your help. You don't need to know a bit from a byte to help with broadband. We need help making phone calls to see what other towns are doing. We need help drawing on maps. If you want broadband, step up to help. Call the Selectmen's office or email bos@royalston-ma.gov to volunteer. Watch for the next Broadband meeting next month.

Budgets: Budget planning for fiscal year 2012 (starts July 1, 2011) is underway. As in previous years, Beacon Hill is warning of cuts in State Aid. State Aid comprises approximately 20% of Royalston's budget. Once again, there is less money to fund services with increasing costs.

Selectmen Winter Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9am-2pm; 249-9641

Open Positions for Annual Town Election April 4, 2011

Time is running out! The last day to return nomination papers or sign blanket nomination papers for re-election is Mon., Feb. 14. Those seeking to run for an open seat have until Feb. 11 to obtain papers.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE POSITIONS EXPIRING THIS ELECTION SEASON:

*** in position at the present time**

# of positions	position available	# of years
1	SELECTMAN *ANDREW WEST	3
1	ASSESSOR *JAMES RICHARDSON	3
1	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER *DUANE NEALE	1
1	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER *ROLAND HAMEL	3
1	BOARD OF HEALTH *PHIL LEGER	3
1	LIBRARY TRUSTEE *MARY LONGSWORTH	3
1	PLANNING BOARD *VYTO ANDRELIUNAS	5
1	SEWER COMMISSIONER *CHRIS FITZPATRICK	3
4	TRUSTEES OF JOHN N. BARTLETT FUND	1
	*MARY BARCLAY	
	*WAYNE NEWTON	
	*ROLAND HAMEL	
	*ROY SMITH	
1	BOARD PUBLIC WELFARE *NANCY MELBOURNE	3
2	ATHOL ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMM. MEMBER -ROYALSTON *NANCY MELBOURNE	3
2	ATHOL ROYALSTON REG SCHOOL COM. - ATHOL	
	*WAYNE WHITFIELD	3
	*KAREN MCNIFF	3

Nomination papers for the Royalston positions are now at the Town Clerk's office - Whitney Hall, 5 School St - by appointment or during regular office hours, Mondays from 9 AM to 1 PM and 6 PM to 8:30 PM. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, February 11, 2011. The last day to submit nomination papers to the Town Clerk's Office for Board of Registrars Certification is Monday, February 14, 2011 by 5 PM. The last day to object or withdraw from the ballot is March 2, 2011.

The last day **to register to vote** in this election will be Tuesday, March 15, 2011 when voter registration hours will be held from 2 - 4 PM and 7 - 8 PM in the Town Clerk's Office, Whitney Hall, 5 School St. All mail-in registrations must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2011.

Also, **2011 Dog Licenses are available**, and still the same low price of \$6.00 per spayed/neutered dog, \$10.00 for unaltered dogs.

Department of Public Works News

Keith Newton, superintendent

A simple reminder for snow process. All residents are subject to fines for plowing, throwing or blowing snow into the public way. A suggested method would be to plow or snowblow into your property so we are not left with huge deposits on the road. The act of causing a hazard at your driveway entrance will be dealt with by enforcement of the Town by-laws. Please help keep Royalston roadways safe for travel. Your neighbors will thank you, and the school bus drivers will appreciate you as well.

Parking is still a concern in some areas. Please don't park any vehicles in the public way. Thank you for your full cooperation.

Letters from far Flung Correspondents - Tom Freudenheim of Stockwell Rd and NYC muses about snow removal .

Whatever part of the year I'm not in Royalston, I'm nevertheless thinking about it and often pining for it. New York City's recent Bloomberg Bust reminded me that had I been snugly ensconced up north -- singing "Let It Snow" and "Baby, It's Cold Outside" -- I could have been reciting John Greenleaf Whittier's "Snowbound" without actually being snowbound. OK, we live on a major NYC thoroughfare, which was sort of plowed after the recent Christmas week-end blizzard. But climbing on and off busses still meant attacking banks of sloppily-plowed snow. And had we lived off the beaten path, as we do in Royalston, we would likely have been plowed out just in time for the storm that came a couple of weeks later. So looking out my window at Central Park's winter wonderland didn't make me wish I were in the Caribbean. I thought happily that my friends up north live with much more efficient public services. Let's hear it for New England's famous village governing systems.

Luncheon Club and Council on Aging

January was a tough month for the Luncheon Club; two Wednesdays' meals were cancelled due to snow and bad traveling conditions. With any luck, good weather will prevail for Tuesday night deliveries and Wednesday meals in February. The Club is planning its annual Valentine's dinner on February 9. All are invited, regardless of age. Seniors (60 and older) are asked to contribute \$2 for the dinner and pre-seniors are asked for a \$2.50 contribution. Those 55 and older may participate in the Western Mass Food Bank "Brown Bag Program," which supplies free, nutritious groceries that are delivered the fourth Wednesday of each month. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meals are \$2 for seniors and \$2.50 for pre-seniors. Call Betty Woodbury at 978-249-9656 by Monday to reserve a seat for the next Wednesday's meal.

Betty Woodbury was feted on the occasion of her 80th birthday with a surprise party at the Town Hall on Sunday, January 16th, attended by more than one hundred family members and friends. Betty has been a Royalston resident since 1953, raising daughter Jan and working at the old Grants and Mars department stores, as well as Quabbin Valley Nursing Home. Betty has been the tireless leader of the Council on Aging, serving as chairperson since 2000.



New Massachusetts Tax Incentives for Land Conservation

Paul Montero, Open Space and Recreation Committee Chair

Beginning January 2011, eligible donations of land or conservation restrictions to land trusts or conservation agencies may receive a state tax credit equal to 50% of the appraised fair market value of the land, up to \$50,000 per gift. The "Land Conservation Incentives Act" establishes a Massachusetts state income tax credit for landowners who donate qualifying conservation land to a municipality, the Commonwealth or certain private nonprofit corporations.

Benefits to qualifying taxpayers under the Act are as follows: Tax credit is valued at 50% of the appraised fair market value of the gift; tax credit is limited to \$50,000 per gift; tax credit cannot exceed the donor's annual state income tax liability; however, it may be carried forward for 10 consecutive years; and the tax credit is a Massachusetts tax credit that may be taken irrespective of any charitable deductions claimed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the same qualified donations of certified lands.

The Act is a major change in environmental policy in Massachusetts. It provides taxpayers with a new economic incentive for land stewardship and conservation efforts, and serves as an additional tax planning tool for philanthropic individuals. Credits will apply to land donations that result in the permanent protection of drinking water supplies, or wildlife habitat and biological diversity, scenic and cultural values, and agricultural and forestry production. The program is capped at \$2 million per year.

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs must determine the property meets the public interest standards for natural resource protection. Please read the full bill <http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/seslaw08/sl080509.htm> for more information about the Land Conservation Incentives Act (House 5080).

Board of Health Update

Winter is here. Be careful where you step when dumping recyclables at the transfer station. We try to keep things shoveled and sanded but watching one's step is always prudent.

This just in for 2011: Still can't make paper out of plastic. It is getting better but plastic, styrofoam, and other non-paper items still make it in the roll off container. If not sure where to dump, please ask one of the attendants.

Royalston Emergency Management Agency

Jim Barclay, EMD 978-249-2904 ema@royalston-ma.gov

This winter has been a particularly active one from a weather standpoint – snow, ice, brutal cold and whipping winds. While there isn't anything one can do to prevent these occurrences, there are ways to make sure the consequences are minimal. Please make sure roofs, especially those with shallow pitches, are cleared of snow – a fluffy foot of snow that falls one day becomes a crushing weight to bear when mist and drizzle soaks in or it is topped by a generous coating of ice. Keep a container of sand right by your door and sand icy steps and walkways ahead of you – the Department of Public Works maintains an easily-accessible sand pile for residents' use. Clear heating and plumbing vents of snow so gases do not back up into the house. If you have a generator, now would be a good time to give it a test run. As always, keep in contact with your neighbors and make sure everyone, especially elders and shut-ins are safe and warm. If you have reason to believe someone is in a dangerous situation, immediately contact the appropriate public safety department – fire, police or EMS. Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency or contact dispatch for urgent, non-emergencies 978-249-4211.

The Follies are Coming! The Follies are Coming!

The Cultural Council will be hosting this year's Royalston Follies at the Town Hall on Saturday, May 14th. Sounds like a long way off, doesn't it? It will be here before we know it, after we get through all this snow! This (in)famous Royalston event happens just once every three years and now is the time to start thinking about your skit or act. This is your opportunity to compete for one of the Council's famous Oscarette statues, replete with pink tutu. Hollywood has nothing on us! Contact any Council member with your ideas and look in the March newsletter for more information.

Police Department News

Thanks to an observant Royalston DPW plow driver, the fact Environmental Police Officer Tony Wolski's was in Royalston, and back-up was offered by well-timed passer-by residents Chet Hall and Karen Kollimaga, three criminals were discovered and apprehended during a brazen, day-time house break in, on a well-traveled Royalston road. The criminals were apparently going to unoccupied-looking homes, knocking on the door and, if someone answered, offering to shovel driveways and walkways. Of course if nobody was home, a pry bar was used instead of a shovel! The trio has a court appearance February 15; charges include felony breaking and entering in the daytime while placing a person in fear, possession of burglary tools, wonton destruction of property (over \$250), malicious destruction of property (under \$250) and attempting to commit a crime.

Residents should be aware that opportunists like this do, in fact, find their way to Royalston, but with vigilance, can be stopped. If someone comes to your door with a questionable story or offer, tell them "no thanks." If you can do so safely, note any details about the person(s), vehicle(s) and its direction of travel, then immediately dial 9-1-1 to report the suspicious activity.

Town Poet Laureate Sought

As part of its 100th anniversary celebration, the library is looking for an original ode that captures life in this community. Entries are due by the 22nd of April (the cruelest and yet National Poetry) month. Entries will be judged by Emily Dickinsen scholar and library trustee, Polly Longworth. The winner will be crowned in laurel and lauded by the selectboard as well as be asked to please read the winning poem during the library anniversary festivities on June 18. Please submit questions or entries either in person at the library, by mail to PO Box 133, or electronically to the RCN (chasegos@gis.net). Here are recent poems by the Royalston Community School Poetry Club, under the tutelage of our current Poet Laureate, Mary Carnie.

Snow angels are fun to make but
I'd rather have a piece of my
Mother's chocolate cake!

Emma Alger

Snow Day

By the snow inside my boots, By the chill inside my suit,
By the piles that grow and grow, By the great big balls of snow,
By the snowflakes falling down, Can you guess? I'm in Snowtown!
Can you tell I'm flipping out, By the way I roll and shout?
I hear the crunching ice, Don't you think it's very nice?
I think today's a very good day For us to go outside and play!
*Jocelyn Trenga, Molly Divoll, Isabelle O'Connor, Olivia Parnanen,
Hannah Bartkus, Erika Gambill, Abigail Roberts, and Tayiah Neale*



Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

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

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon

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Resounding Thank Yous

Ninety-five out of four hundred fifty Royalston households kindly responded to the recent request for voluntary newsletter subscriptions. The newsletter staff is humbly grateful for such wide-spread support. Thanks to these donors, the newsletter now has solid financial footings for the future.

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In addition, especially generous donations were given by:

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Upcoming Events

Interested? If the Friends of the Library offered any of these gatherings, would you want to participate? If so, call the library 249-3572. With enough support, the groups can start:

Chess club on Monday nights with Bill Manser

Weekly yoga classes with Brandi Lyfsek

A bi-monthly reading discussion group

Your ideas

Cross Culture Club

The 2011 Cross Culture Club will feature two gatherings, one targeted at children and one aimed at adults; however, generational cross-over is encouraged. Pre-registration is not required, but it is helpful:

February 17 at 3:30 pm Cover 6 time zones in one hour as international students from Athol-Royalston Middle School present power-points and answer audience questions about their home cultures. Come visit:

Mexico with Viridiana Serratos

Uruguay with Kevin Pfeifle

China with Chao Wang

Puerto Rico with Rosa Vazquez

International refreshments served. R.C.S. students can take the bus to the library with a note from a parent.

To be scheduled in March: Visit Syria with part time Royalston residents Halima and Abraham Sussman.

Emily Dickinson Documentary Discussion

Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 pm, join writer and narrator Susan Snivley, editor and producer, Ernest Urvater, and Emily Dickinson Museum guide, Terry Urvater, as they show clips and discuss their documentary, *Seeing New Englandly*, the second program in the series *Angles of a Landscape: Perspectives on Emily Dickinson*.

Ongoing

Drop-in to Zumba classes on Mondays from 6 --7 pm and **Tai Chi** classes on Tuesdays from 6 - 7 continue at Town Hall in February. Both are sponsored by the Friends and free to participants. (Voluntary donations to defray costs can be put in the jar by the door .)

Preschool Playgroup at the library on Mondays at 10 am. Stories, snacks and socializing, right in your town.

100th Anniversary Programs Taking Shape

Plans are well underway for the 100th Anniversary program for the Phinehas S. Newton Library. On Saturday, June 18, 2011 (rain date: June 25, 2011) at 1:00 pm a parade will wend its way through the common to the library. Giant puppets made during the April vacation program with Manuel King will lead the way for fire and police vehicles and local marching bands. We need YOU to join the parade: prizes will be awarded for best float, best costume and best decorated bike. At 1:30 pm speeches will ring out from the steps of the library. Following that, a living history program, including the guest appearance of Phinehas S. Newton and many other local historical characters, will be presented in the library. Guests will wander through the library and then enjoy refreshments under tents around the library. Games like croquet, hoop rolling and badminton, with lots of prizes for the winners and extra prizes for players in period costumes, will take place all afternoon on the common. At 5:00 pm the Royalston Fire & EMS Association will hold a BBQ for dinner. And finishing off the evening, a gala "Literary Ball" featuring dance music across the decades performed by Melanie and the Blue Shots from 7:00-10:00 at the Royalston Town Hall. Come dressed as your favorite author or book character and win cash prizes. If you'd like to help or find out more about the celebration, contact the library.

Animals Around the World - February Vacation Program

Come take a trip around the world to explore diverse habitats and the animals that live within them. A Sugar Glider, a Degu, a Kinkajou to name a few will accompany the Creature Teachers to the Town Hall, Wednesday, February 23rd at 2pm (during February school vacation). The event is appropriate for all ages, free and generously sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Some of the New Materials at your Library

Adult Fiction

Auster, Paul *Sunset Park*
 Burrowes, Grace *The Heir*
 Casey, John *Spartina*
 Crais, Robert *The Sentry*
 Goolrick, Robert *A Reliable Wife*
 Grossman, David *To the End of the Land*
 Hoag, Tami *Secrets to the Grave*
 Hunter, Stephen *Dead Zero*
 Koontz, Dean *What the Night Knows*
 Krentz, Jayne *In Too Deep*
 Lescroart, John *Damage*
 McCullough, Colleen *Naked Cruelty*
 Phillips, Susan *Call Me Irresistible*
 Schlink, Bernhard *The Weekend*
 Tapply, William *The Nomination*
 Toiin, Colm *The Empty Family*
 Vreeland, Susan *Clara and Mr. Tiffany*
 Wheeler, Richard *The Owl Hunt*
 Willig, Lauren *The Orchid Affair*
 Woods, Stuart *Strategic Moves*

Adult Non-Fiction

Armstrong, Karen *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*
 Austin, Joanne *Weird Hauntings*
 Castella, Krystina *Crazy about Cookies*
 Greenspan, Dorie *Around My French Table*
 Fogle, Bruce *Dog*
 Hillenbrand, Laura *Unbroken*
 Kingston, Maxine *I Love a Broad Margin to my Life*
 Proulx, Annie *Bird Cloud*
 Richards, Keith *Life*
 Safina, Carl *The View from Lazy Point*
 Venditti, Robert *The Lightning Thief*

Adult Audiobooks

Coben, Harlan *Play Dead*
 Hillenbrand, Laura *Unbroken*
 Morris, Edmund *Colonel Roosevelt*
 Willig, Lauren *The Orchid Affair*

Young Adult Fiction

Carey, Janet *Dragons of Noor*
 Cast, P.C. *Awakened*
 Cornish, D.M. *Factotum*
 Noel, Alyson *Dark Flame*
 Noel, Alyson *Evermore*
 Noel, Alyson *Night Star*
 Noel, Alyson *Shadowland*

Young Adult Audiobooks

Tanner, Lian *Museum of Thieves*

Cds

Jones, Norah *The Fall*
 Urban, Keith *Get Closer*
 Hannah Montana *Forever*
 Heather Maloney *Cosy Razor's Edge*
 Underwood, Carrie *Some Hearts*
 Zac Brown Band *You Get what you Give*

Art Display: Stop by the library and admire the woodcarving of Hugh Blake who has resided on Stewart Road since 1978. His delightful carvings of birds and people will be on display through the end of February.

Juvenile Fiction

Aardema, Verna *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*
 Allen, Julia *My First Grade*
 Bell, Hilari *Trickster's Girl*
 Hobbie, Holly *Everything but the Horse*
 Santoro, Lucio *Wild Oceans*
 Steele, Philip *Trains*
 Tanner, Lian *Museum of Thieves*
 Van Draanen, Wendelin *Sammy Keyes and the Wedding Crasher*

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Bishop, Nic *Lizards*
 Cuxart, Bernadette *Modeling Clay Animals*
 Eisner, Will *Moby Dick*
 Emberley, Ed *Ed Emberley's Great Thumb print Drawing Book*
 Krull, Kathleen *Giants of Science*
 Mar, Jonathan *The Body Book for Boys*
 Reynolds, Aaron *Joey Fly, Private Eye in Big Hairy Drama*
 Sakai, Stan *Usagi Yojimbo*
 Thompson, Jill *Scary Godmother*

Dvds: *Alpha and Omega, Angels of a Landscape, Christmas Carol, Coco before Chanel, Despicable Me, Eclipse, Jumanji, Knight and Day, Legend of the Guardians, Restrepo, Salt, Secret in their Eyes, Shrek Forever, The American, The Social Network, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, The Town, The Yellow Handkerchief, Town Meeting and You, Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, Un Propete, and Where the Wild Things Are*

Memorials

Paul Cormier, 49 of Royalston MA, died Wednesday afternoon, December 15th at home surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was strong and continued fighting, right to the end.



Son of Philius and Devita Cormier, Paul was born on July 28, 1961 in Toronto, Canada. He grew up in the "French Hill" area of Leominster and moved to the tranquil woods of Royalston with his wife and daughters in 1987. Paul served as an altar boy at St Cecelia's Parish and attended St Cecelia's Elementary School, grades 1-8. He graduated from Leominster Trade High in 1979, in the machine shop program. He was employed by United Solutions in Leominster for 13 years, until his illness forced him to retire. Prior to that, he worked at Tucker House Wares for many years. He was a loyal and hard worker, who continued working for many months after his diagnosis, until it was no longer possible. And even then.....he still tried to go to work.

He was an avid fisherman who spent countless hours fishing and ice fishing or just hanging out with his family on Laurel Lake in Fitzwilliam NH. He was very talented with his hands and could accomplish any project. He once built a tractor out of an old international pick up truck and a fork lift. He always said he loved a good challenge. He enjoyed gardening, puttering around in the yard and working in his shed or on his sawmill, which he built himself. He had looked forward to milling the trees he had cut down and doing some woodworking when he retired. After working with metal, "wood cuts like butter" he'd say. He received many hours of enjoyment trying to grow the "biggest pumpkin" in his garden every year. He especially enjoyed country music and listening to the Sunday morning country oldies full blast from his shed!

His greatest joy were his children and grandchildren. Paul was the type of guy who would do anything for anyone, whenever asked. No matter how busy he was, or how sick he felt. He continued to help people until it was no longer physically possible. He was a kind, loving, caring man, who will be missed dearly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be sadly missed by his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 28 years, Patricia (Moore) Cormier, who was lucky enough to have almost 33 wonderful years together with the love of her life; Two daughters, Jennifer Fowler and her husband Ulysses of Fitchburg and Crystal Shotwell and her husband Matthew of Gardner; a grandson and best friend, 4 - year-old Tyson Thomas Trimel of Fitchburg; a brand new granddaughter, 17 day old Madisyn Laurel Shotwell of Gardner and another grandchild due in July, that he will sadly never get to meet; and three step grandchildren, Lauren, Ulysses (Bucky) and Derek Fowler of Fitchburg. He also leaves his parents, Philius and Devita Cormier of Ashby.; two brothers and two sisters, Victor Cormier and his wife Sandra of Ashby, Roger Cormier of Leominster, Bertha

Braneff and her husband Kris of Ashby and Kathy Cormier of Ashburnham; his mother-in-law, Irene Moore of Winchendon; two brother-in-laws and two sister-in-laws, Johnny Moore of Leominster, Mike Moore of Fitchburg, Nancy Williams of Fitzwilliam NH and Maureen Moore of Charlestown; as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends in the United States and Canada.

For their compassionate support and care, the Cormier family would like to thank Dr Christopher Lathan MD, Pamela Calarese APRN, Stephanie Benoint RN, Kitty Hooper RN and all the staff at Dana Farber Cancer Institute; the doctors and nurses at Leominster Hospital; as well as Lisa Davis RN, Sarah and the Gardner VNA hospice. It would especially like to thank Ed Zephir, Donna Cosenza and all the employees of United Solutions, for their understanding, compassion and generosity throughout this horrible ordeal. They were there for Paul from the beginning to the end and their kindness will never be forgotten. "We couldn't have done this without you. We know you truly loved Paul and knew what an amazing man he was and we love you all for that. He is now our guardian angel and will watch over us until it's our time to join him. Until we meet again my love...."

Burial was in Jonas Alliene Cemetery, Royalston. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA. 01701. A video tribute to Paul can be seen at www.stone-ladeau.com



Ralph Joseph Shatos, 70, of Northeast Fitzwilliam Rd, died on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010 at the Athol Memorial Hospital after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Ralph was born on May 24, 1940, and was raised in Athol. He graduated from Athol High School with the class of 1958. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1964. He achieved Corporal status and was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal. Upon his honorable discharge from the military, Mr. Shatos worked for the former Union Twist Drill Company in Athol for 25 years. He also worked for the Royalston Highway Department for many years and served on the Royalston Police Department. Ralph was a Boy Scout Leader in Royalston and a communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Athol. He is remembered most as a man of his Lithuanian heritage and one with many traditions.

He loved being a Marine, living in Royalston, hosting sauerkraut parties, making Lithuanian food and spending time with family and good friends. He was known for his extreme generosity and his welcoming nature. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and died a Marine.

He leaves his wife of 45 years, Sandra J. (Francis) Shatos; two daughters, Jacqueline M. Shatos Carroll and her husband Donald, Mar-nie J. Shatos Farrell and her husband Michael, seven grandchildren; Molly, Maddison, Kyle, Matthew, Maggie, Mallory and Abigail all of Marlborough, and many close relatives and good friends. He was predeceased by his daughter, Meg Elizabeth Shatos of Newton in 2000; and by his mother, Pauline M. Shatos of Athol in 2001. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made in his memory to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 101 Main St., Athol, Mass. 01331.

New Baby

Madisyn Laurel Shotwell was born on November 28, 2010, in Peterborough NH. She was 7 lbs 11 oz and 20 in long. She is the first-born daughter of Crystal (Cormier) Shotwell, formerly of Royalston and Matthew Shotwell, formerly of Millis. The new family now resides in Gardner. Her maternal grandparents are Paul and Patricia Cormier of Royalston; paternal grandparents Dorothy and David Hobson of Millis Mass.; paternal great grandparents, Irene Moore and Phil and Devita Cormier; and a paternal great grandmother is Theresa Shotwell. She also joins a very proud cousin, Tyson Thomas Trimel and aunts and uncles, Jennifer and Ulysses Fowler, Katie Stuckich and Daniel Stuckich. Madisyn has brought much joy to the family at a time when they need it most.



Dorothy Winchester Newton, 92, of 58 Athol Rd, died Friday January 7, 2011 at the Baldwinville Nursing home. Dorothy was born in Woburn, Mass, March 12, 1918, the daughter of Bertine P. and Anna (Holland) Winchester. She was brought up in Woburn, graduating High School in 1936. She lived in Woburn for 22 years, Winchester for three years and since 1941 has resided in Royalston.

Dorothy worked at Ray's Pharmacy in Athol for 29 years from 1966 to 1995. She was very proud to be involved in the Royalston community, serving on

the Council on Aging for 15 years, the Northern Worcester County Health Organization, the Bicentennial Committee, the Registrar of Voters, and the Massachusetts Republican committee, attending many dinners and functions in Boston with noted dignitaries. She was one of the organizing forces behind the hot lunch program at the Raymond School and a strong force behind the Royalston PTA. She enjoyed reading, cooking and sewing. She attended the First Congregational Church. She had a great love for her family and community.

Her husband of 58 years, Willard H. Newton died November 23, 1998. She leaves four sons: Willard H. Newton and his wife Cynthia of Athol, Wayne R. Newton, Geoffrey L. Newton and his wife Diana, and Keith R. Newton and his wife Deborah, all of Royalston; two daughters, Anne Robertson and her husband Lyall of Manchester, Conn. And Deborah Bullock and her husband Frederick E. of Baldwinville. She also leaves 15 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by a brother, Kenneth Winchester in 2008 and two sisters, Ruth Maguire in 1998 and Grace Zelanak in 1999. A private burial will be at Lawrence Brook Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions to the Royalston Fire and EMS, c/o James Putney, PO Box 53, Royalston Mass. 01368.

Randall Winfield Vining,

70, died January 16, 2011 at Redstone Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in East Longmeadow after a long battle with diabetes. He was born in Royalston March 17, 1940, son of Randall Othello and Arline Emma (Shine) Vining. He attended Royalston schools, was active in Boy Scouting, and graduated from Athol High in 1958. Upon graduation, he joined the US Army, serving as a member of the motor pool division in Fort Dix, NJ and several stations in Germany. He spent much of his life in Royalston, and many years in Lexington and Winchester, KY. Randall worked at the former Bickford's Garage in Athol during high school, and after discharge from the Army. He also tried his hand at textile manufacturing at the Troy Blanket Mill in Troy, NH, but was always happiest in a less restrictive environment. He also worked as a Customer Engineer Technician at Lexington Office Equipment. He later returned to 'the farm' in Royalston where he served many years as assistant to the 'postmistress' and companion to his mother. He dabbled in auto racing at the Cheshire Fairgrounds in Swanzey, NH and was also an avid reader. While living in Royalston he was a long-standing member of the First Congregational Church, involved in the Church Youth Group and Pilgrim Fellowship. He served for many years as an usher. He also held many positions in the former Royalston Grange. Randall was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his son Randall Paul Vining, grandson Corey Allen Vining, step-grandson Cody Ceresale; his sister Ann and her husband Ronald Bedaw; two brothers Ted and his wife Eileen and Glen and his wife, Trahesa. He also leaves several cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends across the country. The family expresses its gratitude to his many special friends and extended family, especially those who made his times away from home special and comfortable. A private burial will take place at Lawrence Brook Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Royalston Fire & EMS Association in care of Treasurer James M. Putney; P.O. Box 53; Royalston, MA 01368 or the Phineas S. Newton Library Friends, P.O. Box 133; Royalston, MA 01368.



Condolences to the Mowrey family on the passing of Sherri's grandfather, **John N. (Mustakangas) Fields**, 90, who died January 19, 2011 in Fitchburg. He was born June 9, 1920 in Westminster, son of John and Jenny (Nelson) Mustakangas, and lived most of his life in Fitchburg. He retired from Simplex in 1982, and for over 23 years, worked at the United Coop Grocery Store on Main Street in Fitchburg. He was very active in the Highland Baptist Church, a member of the Montachusett Amateur Radio Association and of the Fitchburg Sportsman's Club. He graduated in 1938 from Fitchburg High. His wife Isabelle A. (Draper) died in 2007. He leaves two sons, John A. Fields and his wife, Loma, of Ashburnham and Ronald D. Fields and his wife, Janice of Fitchburg. He also leaves five grandchildren, including Sherry; ten great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. Complete information is available at www.aucuchon-moorcroftfuneralhome.com.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS

Got something to crow about? Send it along to the RCN. Zap to chasegos@gis.net or drop at library.



Grady MacPhee was accepted into the Cushing Scholars Program, which means he will have opportunities to personally meet with distinguished speakers in a small elite group. Recent speakers have included Robert Pinsky, former national Poet Laureate.

On January 15, Athol-Royalston Middle School student **Emily Mangum** represented Royalston as part of Governor Deval Patrick's "Project 351". Project 351 brought together students from all 351 cities and towns in the state for a day of community service. Emily met with other student ambassadors in a town meeting with the Governor, and participated in a painting project for the early childhood center at Roxbury's Dimock Center. The day wrapped up with a rally and a call to action for students to continue community service in their towns. Emily had fun meeting students from other towns and having photos taken with Gov. Patrick.

Jess (Guiney) Glover has accepted a position at NASA. She'll be working as an International Program Specialist in the Office of International and Interagency Relations at NASA in Washington, DC.

Congratulations to **Gina Verelli**, the new research librarian at the Gardner Public Library. Gina began at our library as a National Honor Society volunteer while a student at Monty Tech and still works at the Phinehas Newton Library on Monday evenings.

Memory Lane

Patience Bundschuh

Readers with specific memories of life in Royalston in "days gone by" are encouraged to submit their reminiscences to the RCN for this new column, "Memory Lane".

This story was sent to me a few years ago in a letter from artist & photographer, Fleur Weymouth who now resides in Hawi, Hawaii. Fleur has deep roots in Royalston and is the daughter of Hugh Bullock who, for many years, owned the house known as "The Bastille" on Royalston common. Fleur enjoyed many summers during her childhood at her father's Royalston house.

One of her memories is printed here with her permission.

"The lower meadow behind our house was a mosquito infested swamp, most of my growing up years. Dad had the sluiceway built for "June" and "Junior", his beloved geese. One spring, he ordered a day-old rooster and hens of just about every chicken known to man! They were supposed to arrive in Royalston. Instead, they arrived at our New York City apartment the day before we were to make the two hundred mile drive to Royalston. I'll never forget that drive. We raised the chicks in a big box under a light bulb in the Bastille kitchen. Great fun. And for the first and last time in my life, I watched my father wield a hammer and saw and actually build the chicken house himself at the bend in the meadow."

Fleur was delighted to hear that the "Bastille" meadow is still kept mown and that the children of The Village School practice cross country skiing on its gentle slopes.

Birch Hill Rangers

The next club snowmobile meeting on February 10, 2011 will begin with dinner at the world famous Pete & Henry's. The dinner will begin at 6pm with the meeting to follow at 7:30.

Royalston Fish & Game Club News

Enjoy a **F&G Roast Beef Supper** Saturday, February 19; serving begins at 6:30 p.m. The \$12/meal donation covers a sit-down, family-style, all-you-can-eat meal that starts out with tossed salad and bread and butter, followed by tender, juicy roast beef, mashed potatoes, savory gravy, and steaming hot green beans, with ice cream for dessert. Tickets sell out well in advance; call Marie at 978-249-2836 to check for available tickets.

The Club is also hosting a **One-Day Pitch Tournament** on Sunday, February 20. Players should bring their own partner and sign in at 1:30 p.m.; the tournament begins promptly at 2 p.m. The \$5 entry fee covers the cost of refreshments for players and cash prizes for the top three players.

Fire Dept. Fundraising Breakfast

The Royalston Fire Dept. and EMS Association is having a fundraising breakfast buffet at the Winchendon Rod and Gun Club on Winchendon Rd on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Tickets, available from any Royalston firefighter or at the door, are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an A.T.V. for rescue and recovery work. See you there.

You're the Tops- (but maybe you'd rather not be compared to the Louvre or the Colosseum)

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) is taking off, both literally and figuratively. Pounds are coming off and members are joining on. This is a non-profit organization that supports members losing those first few pounds through development of a lifestyle that helps them attain and maintain a healthy weight. Meetings are Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and begin with private weigh-ins, followed by a brief educational nutrition program and concluding with group in-put. Start to finish, meetings are 45 minutes to an hour long. The group meets at the Second Congregational Church, which has generously donated space for the endeavor even though it is not affiliated with the group. Anyone interested is invited – and next Thursday is a great day to try it out. Drop by or contact Joyce at 978-249-8966 or Luann at 978-249-8746 for more details.

It's not a Diet; it's a Lifestyle

If you are determined to make this the year to hit that ideal weight or to fit back into that favorite pair of jeans, then join Transitions Lifestyle Coach Maureen Horn for a 12-week program that uses low-glycemic eating, body composition, and behavior modification to promote sustainable healthy weight management. An informational meeting will be held upstairs in the town hall on Tuesday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Local Music Scene

Upcoming First Friday Open Mic . Come to Town Hall to play or to listen. Admission is free. Music starts at 7 pm. Refreshments are on sale to benefit the cultural council. It's a hip scene, right in our town, no matter the weather. *Featured artists:*

Feb 4: The Jazz Depot - jazz standards. Check them out at <http://thejazzdepot.com/>

March 4: Obsession - Royalston's own rock, blues and ballads.

Also, the Open Mic, originally held at Town Hall on Nov. 6, 2010, as videotaped by Michael Young, has been released by AOTV. was aired in two parts on AOTV, Channel 11 & 13.

No AOTV? Missed it? The dvd is also available at the library.

Mark your calendars

Royalston's own Melanie and the Blue Shots will be performing at the Cheshire Tavern at the Inn in Fitzwilliam, NH on Feb 5, 2011, starting at 8 pm.

Dinner and music at the Warwick 2011 Wooden Fender Winter Concert Series at Warwick Town Hall. (Dinner 6-7; Music 7 - ??)

Feb 12 - Rick King and the Town Hall Blues Band
- Church Pizza dinner

Mar 12 - Blame it on Tina

- Church dinner (St. Patty's boiled dinner)

Apr 09- Pat & Tex
- dinner

At the Village School

The Village School is hosting an Open House on Saturday February 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. Visitors have an opportunity to see classrooms, meet teachers, talk to current parents and students, meet alumni and learn about the engaging curriculum. They can find out about openings for next year, and how to apply. From 10 to 11:45 a.m., children can join in arts and crafts and science activities in each of the classrooms. At 11:45 a.m. everyone will gather to meet with school director Risa Richardson. Coffee, tea and light refreshments are served.

The Village School is an independent school serving children from Preschool through 6th grade, located on the Common, just across from the Post Office. For more information, call (978) 249-3505, or go to www.villageschoolma.org In addition to hands on, in-depth academic studies, the school focuses on kindness and attention to the individual.

Parents are invited to attend **Literacy Night**, Wednesday, February 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will give an exciting inside view of the Language Arts curriculum, from Preschool through the 6th grade, and see how Village School students develop into motivated and accomplished readers and writers. The lens this year will focus on Interacting with Literature: Working as a Community of Readers. Parents will get to experience a language arts lesson and share their learning, exactly as the students in the classroom. Student work will be displayed.

RCS is Hopping

2/10 - author **Julie Berry** comes to RCS to work with all of its students as well as those visiting from the Village School. There is also a breakfast for parents and community members who would like to meet the author. The visit is funded by the A-REF and the RCS PTG. Berry's books include *The Amaranth Enchantment* (2009 Bloomsbury), *The Rat Brain Fiasco* and *Curse of the Bizarro Beetle*, the first two titles in the *Splurch Academy for Disruptive Boys* series of comic/graphic novels. (2010

Grosset & Dunlap/Penguin Books for Young Readers). Her latest book, *Secondhand Charm*, was released October 12, 2010 from Bloomsbury.

2/15 - **Winter Field Day** for the whole school; after lunch - snow races, snow sculptures, snow painting, sliding.

Ongoing - after school basketball clinic with Mr. Webster: 26 kids grades 4 - 6.

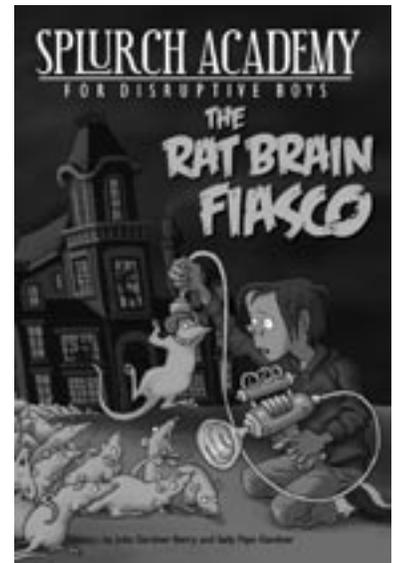
The Family Quilt project, coordinated by Whitney Archambeault, and funded by A-REF is wrapping up. Each family and teacher at RCS is designing a square.

Royalston Academy gifts: each classroom is enjoying the unique features and apps of a new Ipad and new stage curtains and a valance got their maiden pull during the recent all school MLK presentation. RCS is very appreciative of such generous community support.

Monty Tech News

MONTYTECHNIGHTS, evening fun and educational programs offered at our vocational-technical school, begins its next sessions February 28. Participants can sign up for everything from American Sign Language to **Zumba** classes. Learn about small engine repair, cake decorating, ballroom dancing, knitting or estate planning. Earn licenses as a construction supervisor, phlebotomist, photo voltaic system installer, electrician or plumber. Try stress management, smoking cessation, or diet and nutrition control.. Kids can enhance their earning power with CPR and babysitting for teens. Schedule trips to NYC for sightseeing and shopping, to the North End for historical tours and marketing or to Chinatown for lunch.

Boost your earning power with a fully-accredited Emergency Medical Technician's Course. This is limited to those 18 years or older who meet some fairly rigorous entry standards. Classes are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., and continue through May, 2012. The class, to be taught by Jason Lizotte, is limited to 16, and should fill quickly. Reserve one of the seats with a non-refundable \$100 deposit, which leaves time to seek scholarship assistance for the \$850 balance.





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North Quabbin Garden Club

On Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7 p.m. "Tomatoes, Etc." will be the topic. What are the secrets to plump, juicy tomatoes from our own gardens? John Howell of the UMass Extension Service will share some of his, including tomato physiology; varieties of tomatoes; seed-starting; soil preparation and fertility; planting in the garden; growing systems; mulches; insect, disease and weed control; and harvesting. This meeting of the North Quabbin Garden Club is sure to drive away some of this winter's snow and get us thinking about spring. Meetings are held at the Millers River Environmental Center, 100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331.

Wildlife Sightings



Mass. Audubon calls Royalston the "Winter finch capital of the Northeast" on its website. The birds are drawn to the feeders and wild fruits in our brushy 2nd growth fields; birders, drawn to uncommon and glamorous species which have erupted here in February like Bohemian Waxwings, Pine Siskins, Evening Grosbeaks and owls looking for mates, soon follow.

On January 8, Tom Musco took this photo of an "Owl that came for a snack from our bird feeders and I don't mean a seed snack."

Recipe of the Month

Here's a filling, heart-healthy soup for these cold days of February, National Heart Month. Start to finish, this one-pot meal takes less than an hour to prepare, and is a popular dish with Jim and Mary Barclay. This is a doctored-up version of the original recipe, which came from Esther (Williams) Grimes of Winchendon (who travels to Royalston on occasion for dinner at Pete & Henry's.)

MINESTRONE

In a two or three quart sauce pan, over medium heat, drizzle a couple of tablespoons of olive oil and sauté:

- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large carrot, sliced
- 1 or 2 ribs of celery, sliced
- Garlic cloves, finely minced, to taste

When the vegetables are translucent, add:

- 1 14-16 ounce can of diced or stewed tomatoes with liquid
- 2 cans of water
- 2 tbsp. or cubes of bullion (beef, chicken or veggie)
- 1 tsp. Italian herbs

Bring to a boil, and add:

- 1 14-16 oz can of drained/rinsed kidney beans (dark, light or white)

Simmer for about 20 minutes, then return to a boil and add:

- 1/4 to 1/2 cup whole wheat elbow macaroni

When pasta is al dente, stir in:

- 2 oz tomato paste (optional – makes a rich, delicious broth)
- 1 more tsp. Italian herbs

Serves two-three as a main meal or four-six as a starter. Garlic toast or cornbread make nice accompaniments.

Garden Notes

January 12, 2011

It has always been a stretch for me to come up with some meaningful garden notes for the February newsletter and this year is no exception, despite the fact that I am writing from (dare I admit it?) my mother's patio in decidedly-green South Florida. My stars were aligned: I escaped Royalston just hours before the big snow and am currently 'experiencing' the storm from the Weather Channel.

Dull garden moments provide me the opportunity to haul out the soapbox and pontificate on this or that. This month's rant: the case of the disappearing foodstuffs. Most everything in the supermarket that used to weigh a pound now weighs less than a pound. Not to be out-done, those products sold by volume have joined the bandwagon. The half-gallon of ice cream was reduced to 1 3/4 quarts and some have reduced further to 1 1/2 quarts. The quart of mayonnaise is now 30 ounces. Think you just bought a half-gallon of orange juice? Hah, the last container I examined weighed 59 ounces. (Examine closely, the information is lightly printed in the lower right-hand corner.) The packages look the same and cost the same, you're simply getting less for your money. Money, by the way, which accumulates in the (already stuffed) pockets of the food processors, not one penny being shared with the producer of the raw material, the farmer (aha, the agricultural connection).

Okay, so I climb off the soapbox, kick it under the table, and attempt to share some gardening notes. In mid-December, just before the first significant snow, I went to the garden and harvested a pile of kale, consumed to excess by Kathy and I over the following week. Prior to the following storm, in early January (which did not materialize), I returned to the garden to repeat the harvest. There was nothing to harvest, the deer having stripped all the plants. This is an annual occurrence, so I ought not have been surprised. I had kind-of thought that with the guns blazing in December, the deer might have escaped to New Hampshire. I thought wrong. Next year I will provide some protection. (On the other hand, I made the same resolution last year.) This loss of the kale was a bitter pill to swallow. There will be no more green, leafy vegetables for us until the over-wintered spinach (hopefully) begins re-growth in April.

In November I dug up a clutch of culinary herbs (cilantro, chervil, parsley, sage, two types of thyme, tarragon, oregano, and chives), potted them up and set them in a south window. They did not respond well; several died back to the ground and those that didn't dropped a lot of leaves. But all recovered, are actively growing and available for cutting, providing a nice touch to any meal.

My garden plan is now a working document and seeds will soon be ordered. For those who start seeds indoors, March is too late for onions, leeks, celery, celeriac, parsley, and peppers. Consider the season begun.

Larry Siegel

Postscript (January 19): My stars became unaligned; yesterday's snow and ice delayed my return to Royalston for twenty-four hours.



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