November 1 Saturday  All Saints’ Day
11 am  Friends of the Library meeting. All welcome.
11 am - 1 pm  Fire Department Open House. Station 2 in South Village

November 2 Sunday
2 a.m.  Daylight Savings Time ends - Clocks fall back an hour
Change batteries in smoke, radon, and carbon monoxide detectors

November 3 Monday
6 - 7 pm  Zumba resumes and continues through the winter on
Mondays at Town Hall. Participants must carry in sneakers for the classes
to avoid tracking sand and salt.

November 4 Tuesday
7 am - 8 pm  State election. Voters will select winners in 12 state
offices, including Governor and Lt. Governor. There are also 7 questions
on the ballot, including one local question from our town asking voters
to approve a $50,000 override to fund a capital stabilization fund. For a
full listing of candidates and information on the state-wide questions, see
www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ Precinct 1 is located at Town Hall on the Common. Precinct 2 is located at Whitney Hall, South Royalston.

November 6 Thursday  Full Beaver Moon

November 8 Saturday
7:00 p.m.  An evening with author and journalist Charles
Mann at the Maples, (17 On the Common). His books include 1493: Un-
covering the New World Columbus Created, and 1491: New Revelations
of the Americas Before Columbus. He will talk about his books, his career
as a journalist, and answer questions. Copies of his books are available
to borrow at the library. Due to limited seating, reservations are required;
please contact the library. Refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends.

November 11 Tuesday  Veterans’ Day

November 14 Friday
7 pm sharp  Annual Fire Dept Turkey Raffle at Station 1 (4 Athol Rd)
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  Central Mass. Children’s Book Festival at Mount
Wachusett Community College. Free admission, geared for children and
parents. Meet local authors and illustrators, enjoy storytelling and activi-
ties for children. Info at www.centralmasschildrensbookfestival.org;

November 15 Saturday
8 am - 3 pm  Annual Holiday Fair at the Royalston Community
School. Sponsored by the 250th Committee. Crafts, vendors, raffles,
food and more. Special appearance all the way from the North Pole (or
the North side of Royalston). Help needed: please bake for our bake sale
or make a donations to the raffle table. For drop-off locations please con-
tact Carol at 978-249-5195 or Geoff at 978-249-3726

November 21 Friday
7 pm  Special Town Meeting at the Town Hall

November 22 Saturday  New Cold Moon
7 pm  Benefit buffet dinner/dance for Royalston Deputy Fire Chief
Thomas W. LeRay, a life-time resident and a 39-year member of the Fire
Department at the American Legion in Winchendon. Tickets $12.00. Din-
ner, Cash Bar, DJ, Raffles and more. For tickets, 978-895-5816 or email
brittanymnewton@gmail.com Anyone interested in making a favorite
dish to share, contact Fire Chief Keith R. Newton at 978-249-5548.

November 27 Thursday  Thanksgiving Day

November 30 Sunday
Submissions of poems for the Royalston Sesquicentennial Poet Lau-
reate contest are due. Please deliver to the library. The theme is “Life in Royalston 2015”. Winners will be
crowned at the Founders’ Ball in February.

2:00 p.m.  Holiday craft workshop at the Town Hall led by
Sharon Harmon. Create a hanging swag of different
evergreen boughs and a ‘Charlie Brown’ Christmas tree.
Preregister by contacting the library. $7 for non-members/

Royalston residents may have noticed something new over-
head on certain days in October this year. It is not a mutant
blackfly or a spy plane. In fact it is an “UAV Quadcopter”
– an unmanned aerial vehicle. Royalston cinematogra-
pher/director Boyd Estus and owner/pilot Andy Turrett (of
Northampton) have been shooting aerial views of Royalston
and other locations in the North Quabbin area as part of a
video for the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust.
Select Board Notes
By Linda Alger – member

The Board of Selectman would like to remind voters to go to the polls on November 4th. In this edition of the newsletter, you will find an insert regarding the override vote so I won’t reiterate the facts. I struggled with writing the newsletter article this month. I decided to take a new approach and offer a personal perspective. You the voters have charged the Select Board to make decisions to meet the growing needs of our community and to practice fiscal prudence and the Board has more than demonstrated our commitment to that end. We have asked department heads to develop capital planning for their departments. Each department head has developed plans to replace equipment on a regular basis. The needs are justified but the Board is then put in the position where we have to deny or hold on the purchases as the funds are not available. The funds are not available as we lack capital funding. A large portion of our raise and appropriate authority is spent on capital purchases or taken from our stabilization fund. So while the need for a new cruiser, dump truck, sewer pump, building repairs etc may be justified we are forced not to fund or put purchases on hold. At some point this will have consequences.

We realize that this ballot question has been defeated on two other occasions but because the need is immense we continue to ask. The Board is doing what you have entrusted us to do “make decisions in the best interest of the Town.”

This Board has been diligent in the support of infrastructure improvements, pursuit of all grants available to us, support of the school(s), public safety and most recently stopping the proposed pipeline. We have done what you the voters elected us to do. Now this Board is asking you to support us and vote Yes on Question 5 so that we can continue to work in the best interest of each resident and the Town of Royalston as a whole.

Special Town Meeting
Friday, November 21 at 7 pm in Town Hall
Voters are asked to attend and decide 7 articles:

1. $5000 be transferred from the stabilization acct. to the Clearance of Tax Title Acct.
2. $3,400 from stabilization for the purchase of 2 automatic external defibrillators.
3. Raise and appropriate $50,000 to create a “Capital Stabilization Fund.” This requires voter approval of the Proposition 2 1/2 override at the Nov. 4 election.
4. Transfer $3,178 from the sale of surplus highway equipment into the tree removal acct.
5. Raise and appropriate $65,297 as the 1st loan payment on the new fire truck, whose purchase was approved at the 2013 special election.
6. Asks the town to receive a utility trailer from the Fire and EMS Association.
7. Asks voters to approve a resolution to ban fracked gas pipelines and champion sustainable energy.

Post Office Hours Reminder
The post office is open from 7:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Please be considerate and don’t appear at the last minute to pick up your mail and/or mail items.

Luncheon Club News: Thanksgiving Meal
The Royalston Council on Aging is inviting all those who are interested to join the Wednesday Luncheon Club for a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 19th at the Town Hall at noon. The meal includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potato and gravy served with green bean casserole, a whole wheat dinner roll and cranberry sauce. Desert will be apple/raisin crisp with whipped topping.
To reserve a meal, please call Betty Woodbury at 978-249-9656 before 11 AM on Tuesday. A suggested voluntary confidential donation is $2.50 for seniors and $3.00 for others.

Tax Bills Due November 3
Becky Krause-Hardie, tax collector
The 2015 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills have been mailed and are due on Nov. 3rd. These are estimated bills based on 1/2 of last year’s bills. Missing a bill? Call the Collector at 249-2927 or email collector@royalston-ma.gov.

Pat yourself on the back Royalston. This issue marks the 15th Anniversary of the Royalston Community Newsletter
15 years

# of issues received in the mail by every residence in town: 150
# of newsletters distributed each month: 600
cost for printing and mailing per issue: $320
cost to tax payers: 0
# years of back issues available at www.royalstonlibrary.org: 10
Pages in the 1st issue: 4; Pages in every issue since ’04: 12

The longest running column, beating out by a large margin, “In your Own Backyard” and “Who are the People in your Neighborhood?” is Garden Notes. Number of Garden Notes columns is: 97

100s of contributors (just considering recipes alone!) not to mention poems, photos, milestones, kudos, wildlife sightings, events, inserts, news, columns and more

Number of ads in the 1st issue: 0
Number of ads in most recent issue, including free classifieds: 39

Contributing members of the Friends of the Library, the nonprofit group which funds this newsletter: +/- 75

Post office box # where you can send your donations to the Friends to support this newsletter as it continues into the future:

Box 133/01368
**Cultural Council News**
Mark your calendars with these upcoming events:

**Open Mics:** December 5, January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3 from 7-10 pm.; delicious food is for sale by the Cultural Council. Phil Leger will again be our MC Extraordinaire and Stalwart Reliable Jim Bennett will supervise the sound system.

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 pm. Tree lighting, carols, and arrival of Santa, followed by cocoa and cookies in the town hall.

**Royalston Follies** will be held Saturday, May 16, 2015, rehearsal 5/ 15.

Our next meeting to review and award the Mass. Cultural Council grants for 2015 will be held on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm at the home of Carla Rabinowitz. All are welcome.

For more information please call Deb Nunes at 978-249-4000. Cultural Council Members are Jim Bennett, Patience Bundschuh, Andrea Lively, Carla Rabinowitz, Deb Nunes, Becky Krause-Hardie, Lorraine Casinghino, Patti Carrier, and Gordon Morrison.

**Fire Department News**
The Fire Department will sponsor a benefit buffet dinner/dance for Royalston Deputy Fire Chief Thomas W. LeRay, a life-time resident of town and a 39-year member of the Fire Department. The event will take place November 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Post/ Route 12 Winchendon. Tickets are $12.00 each. Dinner, cash bar, DJ, and raffles included. Call now for tickets at 978-895-5816 or email brittany.mnewton@gmail.com. Anyone interested in making your favorite dish to share with others for the dinner, please contact Fire Chief Keith R. Newton at 978-249-5548.

A heartfelt thank you to all those who can help one of our own heroes.

The new Royalston Fire Department Engine 2 is now in Town and will respond out of the South Station. We are planning an open house and small ceremony to have residents come in and see this beautiful and very important state-of-the-art piece of fire equipment for the town.

This truck has many features that will allow fire suppression to be more manageable for the highly trained Royalston Fire Department staff that will be assigned to its company. November 1, 2014 from 11:00 am. to 1:00 pm. Please stop by and have a look at this terrific addition to the Fire Dept. History Note: The “maiden voyage” for this new piece was a motor vehicle crash with six occupants Saturday evening October 18, 2014. Thank you all that supported the long process of getting this engine to become a reality for our Town.

November 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Sharp, the annual Turkey Raffle will be held at Fire Station # 1 on 4 Athol Road in Royalston. These raffles and fund raisers throughout the year are vital for the department to secure the necessary tools and equipment that can’t be purchased on town meeting floor. Please come and support your firefighters and have a great time with friends and family. Refreshments are available. Thank you again for your help!

Royalston Fire Chief - Keith R. Newton

**Public Review of Proposed Zoning By-law Changes**
Vyto Andreliunas
Royalston Planning Board
As we conclude our work with our consultant on improvements to the Town’s Zoning Bylaw, the most important phase - that of public review - will begin with posting the draft on the Town’s website, and providing hard copy to anyone who desires it. The intent of the review is to address any issues or concerns which have not been included in the drafting to date. You will all be encouraged to participate, and to the extent possible, we will encourage use of electronic means to do so. Ideally, by the time of the statutory public hearing, now planned for January, this process will have been successfully concluded, thus minimizing last minute kerfuffles.

**Board of Health News**
Phil Leger, chair
It’s flu season again. Now is the time to get a flu shot. See a local healthcare provider or many of the area pharmacies for protection for this flu season. Accurate ebola info is available at the state Department of Public Health website; www.mass.gov/dph/ebola. Go to reliable sources for public health info.

This is a reminder that windshield stickers are available from the transfer station attendants. The RBOH has received $1400 from the municipal incentive program. This funding will allow the development of a leaf and yard waste composting area in the lower section beyond the roll offs. Stay tuned for developments. Annual landfill mowing has been scheduled prior to snow, so look for a freshly mowed landfill in the coming weeks.

Royalston participated in a regional haz/mat collection held at the Orange Transfer Station recently. Thank you to Chet Hall IV for helping out.

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**“Unsung Heroes of Royalston” Award - Make your Nomination Now**

The town’s sesquicentennial is an opportunity to thank the many residents who commit to making this town a better place to live. Complete the form below with your nominations. The nominees and their actions will be printed in next month’s newsletter, so no good deed will go unpublished. This is a chance to thank citizens for their efforts, both noticeable and under the radar. During December and January, residents can vote at the post office or the store for amongst the nominees. The contest is sponsored by the 250th Committee. The Unsung Hero of Royalston will be announced at the Founder’s Ball on February 21.

To make a nomination, please complete the lines below (use this form or write out on any kind of paper) and send to the 250th Committee/ PO box 29. Deadline: November 22, 2014.

I nominate __________________________ to be the Unsung Hero of Royalston because __________________________

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Signed, ________________________________________________________________
phone #: __________________________
Thank you Oren and Isaac Santillo made cookies with their grandmother, Patience Bundschuh, and they came and sold them at the library to raise money to benefit the library. The library was suffused with the aroma of delicious freshly baked cookies, and Oren and Isaac raised $28 for the Friends.

Valuing Our Children workers, who came to the library and led a story walk around the common for the preschool story time.

Art Exhibit
Calling all artists – We are having an exhibit of artists and are asking for one painting or smaller sculpture/carving to display for the next three months at the library. This way you don’t have to create a whole display, just one piece. Of course, all residents are invited to come view the work of the many talented people residing in Royalston.

An Evening with Author Author Charles Mann
On Saturday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maples, 17 On the Common, the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library are pleased to present an evening with author and journalist, Charles C. Mann. His most recent book, *1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*, was described as “outstanding” by a review in the N.Y. Times Book Review, and *1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus*, was awarded the National Academies Communications Award for best book of the year. In addition he has coauthored four books: *The Aspirin Wars: Money, Medicine, and 100 Years of Competition* and *Noah’s Choice: The Future of Endangered Species*, both with Mark L. Plummer, *The Second Creation: Makers of the Revolution in 20th Century Physics* with Robert P. Crease, and *@ Large: The Strange Case of the World’s Biggest Invasion* with David H. Freedman. Mann is the contributing editor for *Science, Atlantic Monthly*, and “Wired.” He is a three time “National Magazine Award” finalist, the recipient of numerous writing awards, and contributor to many magazines including *National Geographic* and *Orion*. He will talk about his books, his career as a journalist, and answer questions. Copies of his books are available to borrow at the library. Due to limited seating, reservations are required and may be made in person or by calling or emailing the library. Light refreshments will be served.

Zumba and Yoga Happening now
Zumba classes are on Mondays, beginning November 3rd, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and continuing through May 2015. Yoga classes meet on Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm and run through December; they take a break in January and February and resume in March and continue through May. All classes will occur upstairs in the Town Hall and are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is important that participants not wear street shoes for these classes as winter’s salt and sand can wear away the town hall’s wooden floors. The classes are free but donations are appreciated.

Sesquicentennial Poet Laureate contest
Royalston will appoint a new Poet Laureate for its anniversary year. Send a poem about “Life in Royalston 2015” to the library by November 30. Entries will be judged by library trustee and Emily Dickinson scholar, Polly Longsworth. The contest is facilitated by the Friends of the Library. A winner will be announced at the Founder’s Ball in February 2015.

Written and Spoken Mandarin Chinese Lessons at the Library - Wa. zhè shì yīgè hěn hǎo de jīhuì
Alice Daugherty, who was born in Taiwan, has offered to teach traditional Chinese for beginners on either Monday or Tuesday evenings at the library. The class will be open to adults and young people aged 12 and older, will last approximately one hour each week, and be of small size to optimize the learning experience. Alice is a talented musician who has taught music theory and moved to Royalston from New York City one year ago. She has worked as a translator for master classes. If you are interested, please call or email the library to sign up and register your preference for Monday or Tuesday.

Holiday Craft Programs
On Sunday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Sharon Harmon will lead a workshop where participants will each create a hanging swag of different evergreen boughs and a ‘Charlie Brown’ Christmas tree.

On Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Kathy Morris will lead a wheat weaving workshop where participants will learn how to do a spiral weave and then create a small wreath or candy cane using wheat in the spiral weave.

All supplies for both workshops are provided. The cost is $5 for members of the Friends and $7 for non-members. Space is limited in each workshop and participants must pre-register by contacting the library by the Thursday preceding the program.
All welcome at the Library Book Discussion Group, which meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the library from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Copies of the book are always available for check out at the library in the month prior. In November, the group will discuss, *The Social Animal* by David Brooks.

### Some of the New Materials at Your Library

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#### DVDs:
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250th Celebration Committee
This is the last fundraising event before the Big Year. Whew!
Annual Holiday Fair. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November, 15 for lots of raffles, food and fun! Santa! Do holiday shopping or just enjoy the company of some wonderful folks. If you would like to donate or bake for the fair, call or drop off to Carol 978-249-5195 or Geoff. Also if you would like to set up at the fair, there are still a few spots left. We hope for a banner event and are looking for a civic organization to keep this going next year. Please inquire.

December 4th - Meeting of the 250th committee to firm up the fair and facilitate the fun plans for the celebration year. ALL MEMBERS NEEDED.

Ways you Can Get Involved in the 250th year:
There will be a line up of spectacle from the nether corners of New England as part of the 250th celebration, but there is also a place in the schedule reserved for homegrown talent. If you would like to shine your lights in any of the projects below, contact Geoff Newton or Beth Gospodarek, 978-249-0358/ chasegos2@gmail.com or anyone on the 250th Committee for more information.

* “Nominate an “Unsung Hero” - No good deed goes unpunished. (Application form is on P. 3)

* Apply to become the next Ms. Royalston. Invitations have been sent to all eligible candidates. Interested? Respond.

* Add your voice to the currently-forming town choir to sing the “Town Hymn,” written 150 years ago and printed in Caswell’s History of Royalston. The performance will be during the celebration weekend next September 11 - 13.

* Similarly, if any residents ages 8 - 80 are interested in creating a town band, start practicng and let us know. You will be featured in the town parade. (If marching is too much, there is always the bed of a flatbed from which to perform.)

* Also, there will be opportunities to perform in a town history pageant and possibly an opera as well next September. Volunteer actors needed.

Melanie and the Blue Shots Holiday Tour:
Dec 1st Gardner Ale House. Come help celebrate Amy Putney’s 21st b-day
New Year’s Eve Fitzwilliam Inn w/ Mel and the Shots.

Missing a trailer hitch? The Barclays may have found it! Found mid-October, Athol-Royalston Road in the travel lane halfway between The Common and Athol. Contact Jim or Mary Barclay with a description. 978-249-2598 or mcbarclay@juno.com.

What is happening at the Royalston Historical Society?
The Historical Society is making big plans for the Town’s 250th year. How can you help? Let us count the ways:

1. Become a member for a minimum donation of $5/year. Our fiscal year starts in October, so now is the time to join or renew your membership. The RHS is easy-going, informative and fun.

2. Make a year end donation to help restore the building. Every dollar donated can be matched by a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission through their Preservation Projects Fund. Right now, the building is in a bad way. The roof was put on in 1981, the basement floods, the walls are drafty, paint is peeling, and the cupola cannot support its bell. Using our first round of MHC grant funds, the society has recently hired the firm, Red Hawk Studio Architects, who will produce concrete plans for the restoration of School House #1. Having architectural plans makes the society eligible for more matching grant funds. (It has already received building funds from Community Preservation Committee.) Once the plans are in hand, the process of the actual restoration work begins.

3. Have a shoebox with old town photos? Give or loan it for scanning to the Society. Old is great, but consider that our lifetimes are quickly becoming part of the historical record as well.

4. Help the Society pull off these events:
The society, with the help of Boyd Estus, is in the process of digitizing film of the 1930s floods in South Royalston. Make it a movie night in March. Come out to see the films.

The 1760s homestead of Isaac Royal, whose name graces our fair town, is open for visitors in Medford, Mass. The Society plans to organize a field trip for a tour geared to Royalston residents in April.

Powered by the energy and organization of Jessica Trask, the Society is trying hard to facilitate an oral history project for the 250th year. Do you like to type? Transcribers and other help will be needed.

Tour the sites. The society is planning some walks of little-known historic places in our town. Perhaps, we will even turn it into a RHS version of a road rally like the Amazing Race. You can make donations, submit photos or get more information via the RHS web-site; royalstonhistorical.org. Alternatively, visit the post office in the RHS building or talk to any of its officers: Peter Kranjak, Stephen Chase, Mark Smith, Andy West, or Sue Smith for more information.
**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS**

*Got something to crow about? Send all the news along to the RCN. Zap to chasegos2@gmail.com or drop at the library.*

**Amy Putney** was recently crowned Massachusetts Quarter Horse Association’s All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen. Photo is in the outfit her mother, Brenda, made for her. The trim is from Brenda’s wedding gown!

Those wishing to compete in the 250th committee’s Ms. Royalston contest are reminded to submit their applications by December 5. Call Geoff Newton for more details. 978 249 3726

**Featured Photos**

A photograph by Liane Brandon will be featured in an ArtsWorcester exhibit entitled “Model Behavior”. She will be presenting one of her photographs: American Woman by Tommy Hilfiger- Catwalk 2010. The opening reception will take place on Friday, December 5th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the ArtsWorcester gallery located at 660 Main Street, Worcester.

Photographs by Liane Brandon will be featured at the Augusta Savage Gallery at UMASS in the exhibit POWER/PLAY. Liane, having recently joined a gym, became interested in the women powerlifters who were training. Ranging in age from 27 to 60 years old, they seemed to defy all physical and cultural assumptions. Brandon created images that convey the physical nature of the sport while evoking the spirit of these women.

Lian Brandon will give a talk about her photographs on November 12, 7 pm (180 University Way/University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

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**Milestones**

Lionel A. Lizotte, 71, of Clinton, Maine, formerly of Royalston, Massachusetts, succumbed to complications of COPD on Thursday, October 2, 2014. He was at home and in the arms of his family when he passed.

Born on December 31, 1942 in St. Anne de Bellevue, Montreal, Quebec, to parents Lionel Joseph and Attudiante Elizabeth Smith Lizotte. Lionel credited his earliest family love to his grandparents, Annie and Harry Crawford of Houlton, Maine, with whom he resided after the age of 3.

He enjoyed being a student at Goodwill Hinckley, and had a lifelong gratitude and affection for the people there who cared for him and believed in him. Hinckley instilled in him an appreciation for education and educators, and education would eventually become his life’s work.

Another Maine school provided Lionel with his greatest happiness when as a teenager attending Glen Cove Bible School he met his wife of 50 years, Mary Ann Temple Lizotte.

Lionel served in the United States Army 10th Special Forces Group, stationed in Germany, from 1960-1964. He returned to the States to marry his high school sweetheart and renew his scholastic career. He earned his Bachelor’s degree from Northeastern University and then an MBA from Anna Maria College.

Lionel inspired generations of students as a Professor of Economics at Mount Wachusett Community College. He retired as an award winning Professor Emeritus in 2001. He loved his time as a professor and spoke often of the students he taught over the years.

In later years he became an avid fisherman, spending several golden seasons with Mary Ann pursuing stripers in the Saco area.

He leaves his wife, Mary Ann, daughter Stephanie Lizotte of Royalston, and daughter Amanda Ambrose, son-in-law John Ambrose and three granddaughters, Maya, Ava and Elena Ambrose, all of Plum Island, Mass.
**Royalston Pipeline Action Group**

Maureen Blasco  
*In November, Royalston Residents can participate in 2 important events concerning the pipeline.*  

At the Town Meeting on November 21 at 7pm at the Town Hall, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum against the pipeline. Article 7, this referendum has already passed in 38 other towns on the pipeline route. Please come and show your support.  

On November 15, at Monty Tech, a Statewide Stop the Pipeline Summit will be held from 8:30am to 12:30 pm. Find out how to make your voice heard, connect with concerned residents, local leaders and organizations across the state. Everyone is invited. *For more information contact Maureen at 978-249-5138*

**North Quabbin Garden Club**  
Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7 p.m.  
Millers River Environmental Center/ 100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331  

**Harvest Flower Arrangement:** Create a fresh fall floral arrangement with club member, Debbie Porlier. This easy project uses fresh flowers. Bring fall decorations, such as dried flowers, pine cones small gourds to personalize your arrangement, etc. Also, bring tools: scissors, wire cutters, clippers, etc. Pre-register by November 1st. Contact Deb Porlier at 413 432 3533 or porlier6@comcast.net. Materials fee for this event of $5 for members and $10 for non-members.

**Movie Night - Where are the Bees?**  
There will be a free showing in “the back corner” at Bruce's Browser, Athol, on Friday November 7th at 7 PM of “Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?”, a profound, alternative look at the global bee crisis from award-winning filmmaker Taggart Siegel.

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**ARRSD School Committee News**

Mary C. Barclay, a Royalston member  
Does the mere mention of the word “mathematics” make you break into a sweat? Tentatively scheduled for December 4th is ARRSD’s Family Math Night! Planning is currently underway to ensure a fun, productive, anxiety REDUCING event. Watch for additional information. Mount Wachusett Community College Access & Transition team representatives spoke at the October ARRSD School Committee meeting about the various college access and preparation programs serving more than 250 Athol and Royalston students. They provide information and encouragement to predominantly low income, middle and high school students who are potential first generation college students. The MWCC A&T team offers targeted educational opportunities to students who need supports, and those who are gifted and talented as well as solid academic performers who are highly motivated and willing to work. The programs enable students to work towards certificates in hands-on trades and professions, to receive help with college readiness skills, and for the highest achieving students, a chance to graduate their senior year with both their high school diploma and Associate’s Degree. *Believe it or not, it’s time for ARRSD to begin work on the 2016 budget. The first meeting of the subcommittee is November 17.*

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**Royalston Emergency Management Agency**  
EMD Jim Barclay – ema@Royalston-ma.gov – 978-249-2904  
Is your car ready for winter? Oh, of course you’ve checked the battery, inspected the lights/bulbs and made sure your tires don’t need replacing. In anticipation of sub-zero temps, you’ve changed the oil, upped the anti-freeze and filled your windshield washer with no-freeze fluid. Without a doubt, you have jumper cables and a first aid kit. But really, is your car ready for winter? Is it ready if you’re stuck in a snowbank or stranded in the middle of nowhere until roads are safely passable?  

Keep some emergency supplies in each of your vehicles – Warm hat, gloves, a blanket and boots; a small shovel and little bucket of sand/kitty litter for getting out of a minor fix. Be sure to leave a cell phone charger in your car as well as a flashlight with fresh batteries and flares or reflective triangles. A spare jug of windshield washer fluid, ice scraper and roll of paper towels could come in very handy. A little box with some high-nutrition snack bars and a couple of plastic bottles of water (in a zipper lock bag in case it freezes and springs a leak!) is a good idea. From this point forward, keep your gas tank topped off. If you find yourself stranded, do not leave your vehicle except when you are CERTAIN where you are, and conditions are such you are CERTAIN to make it to your intended destination. Bundle up, open a window about ½ inch for ventilation and if you must, run your engine for about ten minutes to warm the vehicle cabin, but ONLY IF the exhaust pipe is out in the open! Perhaps the best advice to winter car readiness? If the weather is bad, if the roads are bad and you don’t HAVE to travel, keep it parked!  

A CODE RED emergency alert test was conducted at 7 p.m. on September 30. All residents should have received a call/message on their landline. If you did not, or wish to add cell/text or e-mail contacts for upcoming alerts, please contact Royalston Emergency Management Agency at 978-249-2904 or ema@royalston-ma.gov.

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**Sing!**  
James Mercier is offering to lead a Christmas Caroling group in Royalston. Participants meet in November - probably just once a week on Sunday. Singers need experience singing music that’s in parts / with harmonies. It doesn’t matter if the experience was recent or years ago. We’ll be doing choral arrangements, so knowing how to sing in parts is really important. Interested? James’ number is 978-249-4312

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After School Program for open to all Royalston children
The Village School offers a fun After-school Program from 3 to 5:30 on school days. Children can take the RCS bus and get dropped off at the Village School on the common. There is homework help, supervised outdoor play, and lots of arts and crafts. To sign up, call the school at 249-3505.

Saturday November 15th First Annual Central Mass. Children’s Book Festival at MWCC, from 9-4. Meet local authors and illustrators. Storytelling by Norah Dooley, children’s folksinging with Sarah Pirtle. FREE Find more info at centralmasschildrensbookfestival.org

Upcoming events at the Village School
Autumn Lantern Walk Celebration for Families Friday November 7
Everyone is welcome. The evening starts at 5:00 p.m. at the school with a gathering in the dark for stories and songs. Then, there is a procession to the Town Hall, singing and carrying glowing homemade lanterns. Bring a lantern! A community potluck Italian supper at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. is followed by a family contra dance with the No Name Band, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Renown folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond will call the dances. Donations are suggested of $5 per adult, $2 per child, or $10 per family.

Open House Saturday November 22nd 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Come meet the teachers, talk with parents, meet alumni, see the classrooms, find out about the unique curriculum and get your questions answered! Bring your children, they will enjoy art and science activities in the classrooms just for them. Preschool starts filling up for next year. Refreshments are served. For continual updates on events, go to www.villageschoolma.org

Writers’ Workshop at R.C.S.
Akash Darjee, 6th grade correspondent

What is Writers’ Workshop you ask? Well, let me tell you. Everyone on the 2nd floor at Royalston Community School does Writers’ Workshop. It requires writing longer than you can imagine. In producing stories, kids activate similes to compare two objects. We used to not have interest in them, but now we write like hurricanes that hover over the whole country. Students also select adjectives that are very descriptive. That makes awesome word choice, which is magnificent, (not just “good”). Now, don’t disappoint Mr. Verb’s team of action words. Verbs are important because they snatch the audience’s attention. Writers’ Workshop is the BEST THING IN THE WORLD!! From my perspective, I think hyperbole is the easiest figurative language. Hyperboles exaggerate language to make it more interesting. That’s what happens during Writers’ Workshop.

Calendar of Upcoming Events at RCS
11/11 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran’s Day
11/15 - HOLIDAY FAIR @ RCS
11/18 - Picture Re-Takes
11/26 - 1/2 Day, Noon Release, NO LUNCH SERVED
11/27 - NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving
11/28 - NO SCHOOL

Monty Tech News
Royalston Rep. Mary C. Barclay – mcbarclay@juno.com – 978-249-2598
Congratulations to the three Royalston residents – two boys and one girl – who scored seats in this year’s freshmen class at Monty Tech.

The student body at Monty Tech has been awarded the title of 2014 Community Heroes by the SHINE Initiative, an organization dedicated to educating the public and taking away the stigma often associated with mental illness.

Beginning with this term’s progress reports, all student progress reports and report cards will be presented directly to students rather than mailed.

The Monty Tech School Committee enthusiastically announces the confirmation of Dr. Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D. as Superintendent-Director! She begins this November, and comes to us from the Worcester Technical High School, a similarly-sized voc-tech which was in the limelight last June when it was cited as a model school and President Obama provided the commencement address.

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Village School News
The garden persists. As does the gardener. The alternative to remaining occupied in the garden is to be unoccupied in the garden. I have time for that in January.

32° on the morning of the 20th. I daresay most of you bottomed out at a lower temperature. Admittedly, there was not much out there for the frost to kill: tomatoes had long ago expired from the blight, cucumbers and squash from old age, basil from mediocrity. A late planting of beans was filled with flowers but will not be filled with beans. All peppers were picked…a wise move. Zinnias moved indoors, brightening the house, as they once brightened the garden. It is not all so bleak. Other flowers (notably calendulas, verbena, even the frost-sensitive nicotiana and nasturtiums) survived, so a touch of color persists. The spinach, lettuce, Asian greens, kale, leeks, cabbage, Brussel sprouts, and assorted roots (carrots, beets, rutabaga, parsnips, and celeriac) continue to thrive. In the absence of some bone-chilling weather in November (though it takes less and less to chill my bones), the garden should maintain current its appearance. So much for putting the garden to bed after first frost.

My search for an elusive Royalston apple ended in some degree of success. And only a stone’s throw (apple’s throw) away. One tree (among six) behind Bob and Linda Harris’s house yielded approximately four bushels of (particularly) gnarly apples. The gnarliest of the gnarly (more than half) were fed out to our converters-to-beef, who relish them as much as I relish a bowl of high-fat vanilla ice cream topped with raspberries. The somewhat less gnarly were handed over to the converter-to-applesauce (me). Sauce made from gnarly apples neither looks (nor tastes) any different than that made from the finest-looking apples.

What apples lackeh, raspberries giveth. a patch of approximately 500 square feet has provided enough to have included them in our daily diet for over a month (with no end in sight, the raspberries shrugging off the light frost). They have been frozen with abandon (thirty-three pints and counting) and peddled at the market (the only unsprayed raspberries offered). There is, however, an occupational hazard. The bumblebees and yellow jackets and hornets are as attracted to the berries as I. When picking, I am inclined to consume overripe berries on the common on winter Saturdays does not sound particularly appealing.) In the meantime, Kathy and I consume as much as we can. Last night’s dinner of salad and chicken soup was comprised of thirteen different vegetables. There was a time in a past life when I didn’t consume thirteen different vegetables in a month.

Fact is, with the exception of tomatoes (and the porcupine-devastated broccoli and cauliflower), there is no shortage of anything. Quite the contrary, with a surplus of considerable proportions, I am challenged to find a way to move the product. (A table set up on the common on winter Saturdays does not sound particularly appealing.) In the meantime, Kathy and I consume as much as we can. Last night’s dinner of salad and chicken soup was comprised of thirteen different vegetables. There was a time in a past life when I didn’t consume thirteen different vegetables in a month.

Garden plans for next year have been completed. Again, the alternative to planning a garden for next year is not to plan a garden for next year. Unthinkable.
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Rich DeMar
Wildlife sighting: Kathy Moris way to the library and had to stop for a cow moose in the middle of North Fitzwilliam Road. It was starring at the car and then looked into the woods. Out of the corner of her eye, Kathy saw something running. The moose was joined by its spring calf, which looked at the car for few seconds and then slowly ambled off the road into the woods.

Low cost spaying/neutering for cats: The Gardner Animal Control Facility located at 899 West Broadway (Route 2A) will be hosting a visit of The Catmobile on Tuesday, November 18. The catmobile is a low-cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. Appointments are necessary and can be arranged by calling 978-465-1940 or email catmobile@mrfrs.org or www.catmobile.org. Calendars for the Catmobile can be viewed at mrfrs.org.

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