

THE ROYALSTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

December 2 Sunday

2 pm **Traditional Wheat Ornament Workshop** at the town hall. Participants make several types of traditional holiday ornaments. All supplies provided. Registration is limited to 20 people; \$5 fee. To register, 249-3572.

December 5 Wednesday

First day of Hannukkah

6 pm **Live Creche and Caroling** on the steps of the First Congregational Church in Royalston Center. Sponsored by the church. For info call John Scribner 249-2649.

6:15 pm **Town Tree Lighting:** Cocoa, cookies and candy canes on the Common. (Donations of cookies always great.) After Santa's arrival, short concert in the town hall by the students of the Royalston Community School. Sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council. Info: call Marie Humblet 575-0654.

7 p.m. **Monty Tech SchoolCom** meets

December 6 Thursday

3:30 pm **Friends of the Library meeting.**
TBA **Royalston Community Coop Delivery**

December 7 Friday **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

7 pm **Open Mic** in the Royalston Town Hall. (Open Mics will take place the first Friday of each month at 7pm until April). No entrance fee. Donations of baked goods welcome. Sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council. For info, call Jim Bennett 575-1052

December 9 Sunday

11 a.m. **Fish & Game Club Annual Meeting**
12:40 p.m. **New Cold Moon**
2 p.m. **Fish & Game Kids' Christmas Party**

December 10 Monday

6:30 pm **RCS Holiday Concert** Community welcome to see all children in the school put on a spirited show. It'll be one for the scrapbooks.

7 pm **An informational meeting on Campaign Finance requirements** will be held at the Town Hall.

December 11 Tuesday

noon **early dismissal in the ARRSd elementaries**

December 13 Thursday

The Geminid Meteor Shower, given clear weather and the two-day sliver of the Cold Moon in the sky, this should be a spectacular example of Mother Nature's light shows. Any time from dusk to dawn, look towards the northeastern skies. Expect on the order of 65 shooting stars per hour.

December 17 Monday

10:30 a.m. **Seasonal storytelling and music for under-6 set** with Tina Gemborys at the pre-school storytime program of the Phineas Newton Library. Refreshments.

7 pm **Library Trustee meeting**

December 18 Tuesday

Historical Society Building Star lighted this evening through Jan. 6.

December 19 Wednesday

8:30 a.m. **24-Hour Dispatch Committee meets at F.D. #1**

7:30 p.m. **LBS Holiday Basket Packing** at the home of Theresa Quinn.

December 22 Saturday

7 p.m. **"A Christmas Celebration"** hosted at the First Congregational Church of Royalston. This program is sponsored by both the First and Second Congregational Churches and features their combined Choir, Youth Group, and Bible Club members.

December 23 Sunday

Holiday Basket Drawing at Our Lady Queen of Heaven

8:16 p.m. **Full Cold Moon**

December 24 - 31 **school vacation;** public school classes resume 1/2/08

December 24 Monday

Christmas Eve

7 p.m. **Candlelit Christmas Eve Service** at 2nd Congregational Church

December 25 Tuesday

Christmas

December 26 Wednesday

First Day of Kwanzaa

January 1 Tuesday

New Year's Day 2008 / Japanese New Year 2668

tip: write 2008 in the year space of the next 15 or 20 checks

January 3 Thursday

6:60 pm Friends of the library meeting. Discuss library needs and upcoming programs including the contra dance, cross culture club and February vacation events.

January 4 Friday **Quadrantrid Meteor Shower**

7 pm Open Mic in the Royalston Town Hall. No entrance fee. Sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council. For info, call Jim Bennett 575-1052

January 6 Sunday

Epiphany

January 8 Tuesday

6:37 a.m. New Wolf Moon

January 10 Thursday **First of Muharram (Islamic New Year) 1429**

4 p.m. **Pete & Henry's reopens** for the new year

7:30 pm **CPA Informational Meeting**, at town hall. Find out how the Community Preservation Act can combine state and local funds to preserve the character of Royalston.

January 12 Saturday

7 pm **Twelfth Night Contra Dance** with Norah Dooley and the No Name Band at Town Hall. All dances taught. Family friendly. Traditional Twelfth Night Cake and crowning of a mock king and queen. Free-will donation. (Snow date Sun 1/13/08 at 2:30 pm).

January 16

Last day to register to vote in Presidential Primary election

January 24 Thursday

7:30 pm **CPA Brainstorming Session**, at Whitney Hall. Bring your ideas of how the Community Preservation Act could be put to good use in Royalston.



Board of Health News

Phil Leger, chair

What is the reusable area at the transfer station? As you know the second R in the 3 R's is reuse. Thus, the reusable area was created. In principle, the reusable area is where people bring stuff that still works or is not broken. Others can take it for free if they have a need. In reality, not everything that is put in the reusable area works or is in useable condition. Putting things there that really should be thrown away incurs a cost to the town for disposal.

Here is a simple rule for leaving items in the reusable area: **IF IT IS BROKEN, DOES NOT WORK OR IS REALLY JUNK, DON'T LEAVE IT. PAY THE FEE AND GET RID OF IT!!** On the other hand if you see something in the reusable and you have a use for it, take it. Satisfaction guaranteed or double your stuff back.

News from the Open Space Committee:

How the Community Preservation Act Can Help Maintain Royalston as the Town We Know and Love

Chris Long, open space committee member

Last month in this column, we talked about Royalston's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The top priority of the plan is finding ways to maintain the character of our town – preserving and renovating our historic buildings and commons, increasing recreational opportunities for everyone, preserving our working forests and farms, and protecting our valuable open space. Because our town budget is tight, we are always alert to getting our share of additional money from other sources.

Fortunately for all of us, with a little investment on our part, we can **get a lot more state funds flowing into town**. We can generate a pot of new money that can be used for the kinds of projects outlined in the Open Space Plan. And most importantly, we control, through our annual votes at town meeting, how every dollar gets spent.

The state money comes from fees collected from real estate transfers all across the state, but sent back only to those towns that have adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and accepted a small surcharge on their own real estate taxes. Currently, that state money is going to just 127 Massachusetts cities and towns, most of them east of Route 495. If Royalston adopts the CPA, we could get our share of that state money and end up with almost \$40,000 more each year to spend on historic preservation, affordable housing, recreation, and open space protection.

The CPA can be a powerful tool in preserving the rural character of Royalston, a goal identified as extremely important. In the next few months, the Open Space Committee will be talking a lot about the CPA at open meetings, in neighborhood discussions, and among town boards.

Where can I learn more about the CPA? An informational meeting featuring facts and figures on the CPA will be hosted by the Open Space Committee at town hall on January 10, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.; also attending will be members of other town boards and representatives from the statewide CPA coalition and the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership. A second meeting, geared toward eliciting townspeople's ideas and seeking volunteers, will be held on January 24, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at Whitney Hall.

Why should I attend these meetings? These meetings are your opportunity to start learning about the CPA and to get engaged in maintaining the quality of life in Royalston. Bring your questions and get involved. This is truly a community effort.

Don't Get Towed: Parking Ban in Effect

According to Royalston's by-laws, any car parked on any roadside in town between Dec. 1 - Apr. 30 on any day of the week at any hour can legally be towed way. Because of past scofflaws and the snow-plowing problems they've caused, the police department will be especially vigilant all winter.

Letters from Santa and Holiday Photos: Not that's a Full Service Post Office

Again this year, the Royalston Community Post Office is accepting letters for delivery to Santa Claus on the North Pole. You can place the letters in the collection box just outside the post office at the head of the Common. **Don't forget a return address!** Santa will return a letter if you include your address. Also, have your picture taken with Santa on Saturday December 22nd, at the Royalston Community Post Office from 10:00-11:00 am. Cost of Polaroid's \$5.00 each. Royalston Community Post Office is a full-service office, hours Mon-Sat 7:45 am-11:45 am, excluding federal holidays. 249-4242

A few facts and figures:

How is the CPA funded? Voters at town meeting and in a regular election must approve a surcharge of 1, 2, or 3 percent on our local property taxes – for the average taxpayer, a 3 percent surcharge translates to less than \$100 per year, or about the cost of a cup of coffee a week. Every dollar raised through this surcharge is matched by state funds. The current match rate is 100 percent, but that may decline as more towns and cities adopt the CPA.

Is the surcharge on my total property tax? Voters can decide to exempt the first \$100,000 of property value from the surcharge.

What about low-income residents? Voters can also decide to exempt the full value of property owned by individuals who qualify for low-income housing or low- or moderate-income senior housing.

Who decides how the CPA fund is spent? We decide! State law requires that 10 percent of the fund be spent on historic preservation, 10 percent on affordable housing, and 10 percent on open space protection. The remainder can be spent on any of these three categories, or on recreational facilities. Locally, a CPA Committee appointed by the Selectboard administers the fund and makes recommendations, but those recommendations must be approved by voters at town meeting.

Which nearby towns have adopted the CPA? In 2006 and 2007, Hubbardston, Phillipston, and Templeton adopted the CPA. Next year, voters in Petersham, Northfield, Pelham, and here in Royalston will be voting on whether or not to adopt it. Every town in our region that adopts the CPA helps keep our taxes and state funds flowing into the region instead of flowing east.

Community Development Block Grant/ Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Presentation 12/13/07

Phil Delorey, Athol Town Planner & Grant Administrator

The Athol Office of Planning and Development is planning a second presentation in the Town of Royalston about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the Regional Housing Rehabilitation program. This presentation is designed to better inform residents of the opportunities and constraints involved in the CDBG program, including eligibility, renovation, contracting and funding issues. We will also discuss other funding options that are available, such as the MassHousing Get the Lead Out program and a MassHousing funded septic repair program that have different eligibility requirements. This office will show Royalston residents before and after pictures of renovation projects, samplings of the paperwork involved and discuss a typical rehabilitation project from start to finish. Additionally, there will be a discussion on the level of support that residents will receive from this office as well as a period for questions and answers. The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 PM, at the Royalston Town Hall. Any questions about this program may be directed to Phil Delorey, Athol Town Planner & Grant Administrator at 978-575-0301 (planning@townofathol.org) or the Royalston Selectmen's office at 978-249-9641.

Town Clerk News:

Melanie Mangum, Town Clerk

Presidential Primary Date Likely to Change:

Register to vote in January! As of this writing, the state senate has passed a bill that would change the date of the Presidential Primary in Massachusetts from March 4 to February 5. Indications are that the House will pass the bill as well. The bill also has the support of Governor Patrick. Be aware that if this bill passes, the last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary or change your party affiliation will be January 16, 2008. Remember – for a primary Election Day - if you are registered in a particular party (Democratic, Republican) you will only be able to take a ballot for that party. If you are an unenrolled voter, you will choose which party to vote with on election day. To change your party or become an unenrolled voter (sometimes referred to as “independent”), you must do so by January 16. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote in Royalston or have other questions, contact my office at 249-0493.

2008 Dog Licenses: 2008 dog tags should be available mid-January. Dogs must be registered for 2008 by March 31, and a dog clinic is held in March, at which time rabies vaccines are also available.

Annual Town Election: Yes, believe it or not, January is the time to start thinking about the Annual Town Election in April. In January, a full list of the open seats will be posted around town (check the Country Store or the Post Office) and nomination papers will be available. Feb. 19 will be the last day to submit nomination papers for certification to get placed on the ballot.

Campaign Finance Reports: Those who won a seat or ran for office for this past Annual Town Election are required to submit a year-end Campaign Finance report, whether or not you spent money on a campaign. Forms and a letter stating your requirements have been sent out.. An informational meeting on Campaign Finance requirements will be held at the Town Hall on Dec 10, at 7 p.m. Those who ran for election this past year and potential candidates for next year are encouraged to attend.

Selectmen's Notes

Andy West and Jon Hardie

Royalston residents are once again eligible to receive money for home improvement through a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development. The money is available to help **low and moderate income residents make improvement to their homes**. There will be a public information session on December 11, 2007 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. For more information, call the Selectmen's Office at 978-249-9641 or check out the link at www.royalston-ma.gov.

Route 32 Progress Report Chappell Engineering representatives presented the Route 32 rehabilitation concept to a full house at the Royalston Community School on October 30. Athol Richmond Road residents made up the majority of attendees. The plans were well received by the audience. Chappell explained that the data gathering and concept phases are complete. The current plan consists of simple grinding and paving along eighty percent of the road and significant drainage work and repaving on the remainder. The road will be reconstructed along its current path. Brush will be removed and some side slopes re-graded. There will be minimal tree removal (approximately 5 per mile). The engineers also explained that this project is currently on the project list for funding in 2010. The Board of Selectmen are working to get this funded earlier. The next hurdle for the project is approval of the design by MassHighway. This will hopefully take place in mid-February, 2008. After the Chappell Engineering presentation, Selectman Andy West moderated a roundtable discussion of ideas, questions, and concerns. The group spoke with a unified voice stating the need for more permanent patching solutions while the project waits for funding. Several attendees volunteered to help determine critical spots and possible solutions. Representative Rice attended the meeting and committed his resources to completing this project. Watch for another public information session in January or February.

Verizon & DSL Making Progress Verizon has informed the Board that upgrades to its network are ahead of schedule. The DSL expansion may go live as early as mid-December. According to Verizon, DSL will be available to most residents within a three mile radius of Royalston Center. For the first time in Royalston, high speed internet service will be available to nearly three hundred homes! Verizon will be contacting eligible residents. If you would like more information contact the Selectmen's office or send an email to bos@royalston-ma.gov.

Board of Selectmen Office Hours Have Changed: The BOS administrative daytime office is now open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 am. to 1:00pm., and Wednesdays 8:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Special hours are available by appointment. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Selectman's Office Hours in South Royalston: Selectman Jon Hardie holds Selectman's office hours from 4 to 6 pm at Whitney Hall in the Tax Collectors Office in South Royalston, on each of the Tuesdays before every Selectman's meeting for those unable to attend the Selectman's Meeting at Town Hall.

Departmental Goal Setting: Department & Committee Heads are being asked to arrange and complete their departmental goals setting sessions with Selectman Jon Hardie. Everyone has received their manual. The Highway, Fire and Police Departments are already completing their departmental and individual goals and budgets. If you are a department or committee head, and have not already done so, please arrange to meet with Selectman Hardie so this process can be completed prior to Dec 17h.

Best Wishes from the Board of Selectmen for a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longsworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

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

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon

979-249-3572 www.royalstonlibrary.org

Thank You

Lorraine Casinghino, Marsha Charest, Carrie Hutchins, Tom Musco, and Deb Nunes for donating materials

Christine Sawyer for volunteer work for the National Honor Society and Emma Finocchio for help weeding books.

Recent Donation to the Friends

Elizabeth and Donald Denniston

*Shop
for the
Holidays
at the
Local
Library :*

**Local
Scenes by
Local
Artists
Note
Cards
Available
Now!**



This drawing of Doane's Falls by Elizabeth Farnsworth is one of the cards now at the library for purchase. 8 different cards/ \$10.

Also Available for Holiday Giving:

* **Books by Butterworth Road author Allen Youung, *Make Hay While the Sun Shines and North of Quabbin Revisited.***

* **Royalston Scenes Poster** with photos by award winning nature photographer Noah Siegel \$5

* ***Born in a Small Town DVD***, a music video filmed in Royalston and originally shown at the Follies 2004. It was produced by Mme. V and Sally Zettel. \$10

* **Royalston Shakespeare Co t-shirts.** \$12

* **The Royalston Census on CD-Rom** for 1860, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930. \$10 each.*

* **Reproductions of 1830 and 1870 maps of town.** Profits benefit the Village Improvement and Historical Society

Upcoming Library Events:

Saturday Café at the Library

Once again we will be serving up coffee, tea, cocoa, cider, and other goodies every Saturday in December at the library. Stop by to browse, relax, and read one of the many magazines on the rack, or settle into the rocking chair with a good book. There are plenty of great books on holiday cooking and decorating as well as craft books on knitting, crocheting, bead craft, origami, and greeting cards, to name a few. We also have a great selection of books and audiobooks on stress reduction and other topics not related to the holidays.

Holiday Songs and Stories for Pre-schoolers

On Monday, December 17th at 10:30 a.m. preschoolers and their caregivers will be treated to a special preschool story time program of music and stories presented by talented music teacher and Kindermusik® instructor, Tina Gemborys. Holiday refreshments will be served after the program. No pre-registration is necessary. The program is appropriate for children from birth through 5 years of age and is funded by the Athol-Royalston Community Partnership for Children and the Friends of the Library.

Twelfth Night Contra Dance

Marking the last of the "12 Days of Christmas", and therefore, the close of the yuletide season, Twelfth Night was celebrated throughout medieval Europe as a final frenzy of feasting, drinking and raucous masquerade parties before the community returned to its daily working grind. The tradition continued in a more staid form this country; parties marking the day were popular among the urban wealthy in Victorian times. For many, the tradition was to take down holiday decorations and eat all special holiday foods by 12th Night, which is also known as Epiphany, the day the magi are reported to have arrived in Bethlehem.

In 2008, Royalston's celebration is very sweet. Once again, the Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a community contra dance. It will be at the Town Hall from 7 - 8:30 pm on Saturday, January 12 (snow date Sun. Jan 13 from 2:30 - 4 pm). Dances are taught by Norah Dooley and accompanied by the stage full of local musicians who make up the No Name Band. A Traditional Twelfth Night cake, which has a hard bean and a pea baked inside, will be served. Revelers who are served cake containing the royal legumes will be crowned royalty for the dance. This celebration is appropriate for all ages. Close out the holidays in Fezziwigian-style: in a cozy historical room among friends and neighbors listening to waltzes and spinning to reels. As the Shakers sang in *Simple Gifts*, "To turn, turn, will be our delight and by turning, turning, we come round right."



Special Holiday Hours at the Library

Monday, December 24 10 am - 2 pm
 Monday, December 31 10 am - 2 pm
 (No pre-school storytime either date)

Beyond the Box and Then Some...

Thanks to the Friends of the Library and Fieldstone Press, the library has just purchased a scanner/fax that will allow us to scan books and other materials easier than before. This service is available to the public for a fee of \$1.00 per scan and/or fax. Staff member Gina Verrelli took training with Hewlett-Packard and received a certificate which she used to reduce the price of the scanner by \$200. Thanks to all.

Worcester Public Library Reference Resources Available in Royalston

The Worcester Public Library is the Central Region's Reference Center; it has just issued each library in Worcester County a library card that provides access to its voluminous information network. Some of the resources you can search include:

- * **Genealogy resources** such as family records, local histories, tax lists, city directories, land and probate records, birth, marriage, and death records;
- * **The auto repair center** with diagrams and instructions for repairing and maintaining U.S. and foreign cars from the 1950's to present;
- * **Consumer Health Complete** with medical encyclopedias and reference books that provide information on conditions, diseases prescription and non-prescription drugs and alternative therapies (in English and Spanish);
- * **LearningExpress**, an interactive online practice test and tutorial course series for student and adult learners. **It includes academic tests, licensing tests, and full text e-books.** Some of the academic tests available are LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, GRE, ASVAB, GED, SAT, AP ; there are also acareer teats, such as EMT, police, firefighter, civil service and health occupations.
- * **Citizenship and TOEFL**

These resources are only available on the library's computers, which are a lot closer than Worcester Public Library's. For a list of the complete resources available or to use them, stop by the library.

Photos on the Web

Have the library paparazzi snapped your photo lately? Have your five minutes of fame passed by without your noticing? The library staff gets out the camera at most events and some of these photos wind up posted on the library web-site, www.royalstonlibrary.org. Trick-or-treaters, wolf-talk attendees, and pre-school storytime participants are some of the most recent shots to be added. Go to the web and see if we got your best side.

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Pre-ordered DVDs of last summer's Royalston Shakespeare Co. performance of *Much Ado about Nothing* are now at the library. The DVD is also available to be checked out and returned. There is an accompanying scrapbook.

...On the Magazine Rack

Over the last year the library has received several gift magazine subscriptions which have combined with our existing collection of magazines to provide information and diversion on a broad range of topics. We also allow people with valid library cards to check out magazines, even the current issues. Some of the magazines available are *People*, *Sports Illustrated*, *National Geographic*, *National Geographic Adventure*, *Country Living*, *This Old House Journal*, *Massachusetts Wildlife*, *Sun*, *Newsweek*, *The Week*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Family Fun*, *Real Simple*, *New England Watershed*, *The New Yorker*, and several others. In all there are over 40 titles with many individual issues of others available. There are young adult and children's magazines available too.

Some of the New Books Available at the Library

New Adult Fiction

Baldacci, David *Stone Cold*
 Delaney, Frank *Tipperary: A Novel*
 Dickinson, Peter *Angel Isle*
 Hale, Shannon *Book of a Thousand Days*
 Horowitz, Anthony *Snakehead*
 Hunter, Erin *Firestar's Quest*
 Iles, Greg *Third Degree*
 Kephart, Beth *Undercover*
 Lashner, William *A Killer's Kiss*
 Lightman, Alan *The Ghost : A Novel*
 Mayor, Archer *Chat: A Novel*
 Pixley, Marcella *Freak*
 Pollitt, Katha *Learning To Drive*
 Preston, Douglas *The Wheel of Darkness*
 Shrake, Edwin *Custer's Brother's Horse*
 Steel, Danielle *Amazing Grace*
 Wilson, Jacqueline *Candyfloss*
 Yolen, Jane *The Rogues*

New Adult Nonfiction

Carter, Jimmy *Beyond the White House: Waging War, Fighting Disease, Building Hope*
 Davis, Devra *The Secret History of the War on Cancer*
 Doherty, Elisabeth *Amigurumi!*
 Hazel, John *Who's Who in the Greek World*
 Hogan, Margaret *My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams*
 Katzen, Mollie *The Vegetables Dishes I Can't Live Without*
 Kiernan, Ben *Blood and Soil: A World History of Genocide and Extermination from Sparta to Dalfur*
 Lax, Eric *Conversations With Woody Allen*
 McCarthy, Jenny *Louder Than Words: A Mother's Journey in Healing Autism*
 Mortenson, Greg *Three Cups of Tea*
 Pinsky, Robert *Gulf Music*
 Ray, Rachel *Rachel Ray Express Lane Meals*
 Seinfeld, Jessica *Deceptively Delicious; Simple Secrets to get Your Kids Eating Good Food*
 Terkel, Studs *Touch and Go: A Memoir*
 Waters, Alice *The Art of Simple Food*

Congregational Churches News

Kelly Newton

A tremendous “thank you” goes out to Dr. Rev. Virginia “Ginger” Asel for her thirteen years of dedication. She has married, buried, dedicated and touched many hearts throughout her years here in Royalston. We will miss her but always remember the foundation she helped build.

December 5- 6:00 pm Live Nativity and Caroling-This year, Jesus will be portrayed by Jackson Phelps born August 24, 2007, Mary and Joseph will be will be Jackson’s parents Elizabeth and John Phelps. Jackson’s big sister Alexandra Phelps, will play a part easy for her, an angel. The live animals in the past years have been supplied by Kate Collins and George Northrop as well as John and Helen Divoll. Join us singing carols in front of the Live Nativity on the Common in front of the First Congregational Church. Enjoy some simple, real time with the “Reason for the Season.”

December 16,- 11:00 am **Guest Speaker Pastor Jeff Francis**-Assistant Pastor / Director of Student Ministries – Victory Assembly of God – Providence RI - Jeff will be officiating the First Congregational Church Services on this day. Jeff is a 33 year old Asst. Pastor, husband and father, excellent communicator, youth leader, and energetic team player, who is looking to become a welcoming leader of a church family.

December 22, 2007 - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. “**A Christmas Celebration**” program, hosted at the First Congregational Church of Royalston, This program is sponsored by the First and Second Congregational Churches and features their combined Choir, the Youth Group, Bible Club members as well as all others who are interested in participating. The practice schedule is as follows: Sundays 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16, Saturday 12/15 at 4 pm and Thursdays 12/6 and 12/13.. Thursday 12/ 20, will be a dress rehearsal. All rehearsals are at 6 pm unless otherwise noted. All who are interested are encouraged to participate, no matter the age or talent. Questions? Please call Kelly Newton at 978-249-9252 or e-mail Ryan Hood rwhood@crossfiremusicministries.com

Bible Club - Grades K-6th, Royalston Community School 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoons. This is a Club to encourage learning lessons from the Bible through reading, discussions, teachings, activities, and friends. This is not a closed club; all are welcomed. There will be no Bible Club during ‘Christ’mas Break.

Royalston Congregational Youth Group is a growing group of youths from Royalston and other towns from grade 6th - 12th. The Youth Group meets every Sunday, unless announced otherwise, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on the Common. They are a group of wonderful youths that participate in many activities including community service through concerts and socials. Along with the “fun” they learn about the Bible and how to survive today’s world using the word of God. Any youth interested in participating is more than welcomed. Contact Susan Veilleux at 978-249-5004.

Royalston Congregational Bible Study - Gratefully, there are three times to choose from, currently. There is a morning study on Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. hosted at the Second Congregational Church, on School St. and two evening Studies to choose from Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7 - 8:30 p.m. hosted at The Veilleux’s, 978-249-5004.

This is a time of transition for the Congregational churches in Royalston. You may find some interest in seeing who is speaking as each Sunday may be different until decisions are made on who our new pastor (s) will be. There will be a welcome announcement to introduce our new pastor (s) as soon as he/she is sought. Please feel free to join us at either service 9 a.m. Second Congregational Church, 11 a.m. First Congregational Church, on the Common.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Holiday Basket Raffle

The annual Holiday Basket Fundraiser at Our Lady Queen of Heaven is just about over, with a drawing slated for Sunday, December 23. If you haven’t already, be sure to purchase tickets, which grant the winner a jumbo basket of goodies, all donated by parishioners at Our Lady. Everything needed for a complete Christmas celebration – from hors d’oeuvres to the turkey – are in the basket. Church members thank the public for its support – much of this money will be used to offset the cost of oil heat!

Farewell

Pastor Ginger

Today has been a day of reflection. My thoughts carried me back over the past thirteen years and seven months of my time in Royalston. Maxine Wilcox was the first to take me under her wing to introduce me to members of the community. So often she would begin by saying, “This is one of my children....” At first I was befuddled by the size of her family, until the realization dawned that “all her children” were all those she had taught during the years. With a mentor like Maxine I soon felt at home with family in Royalston. For this I thank you.

It was intentional that I have made Thanksgiving week my last official week of my pastoral ministry at the First and Second Congregational Churches of Royalston. Royalston will always have a place of endearment in my heart. I am a New Englander through and through. Royalston is more the size of Barre when I was a youth. Your woodlands and falls replaced the romping area of Cook’s Canyon.

I will be saying my “thank yous” and “good-byes” personally to my congregants Sunday 11/25. As this week of Thanksgiving begins I want to thank you, the members of this community, for the privilege of living and ministering in your midst. I also want to express my appreciation to you via this newsletter. “Thank you,” members of the fire department and rescue squad for the times you helped my Mom. I am smiling as I have a flashback to an earlier involvement with the dunking booth of the Church Fair. I am very thankful that I’m not being dunked any longer!

I’ll miss the Wednesday luncheons with the seniors. Thank you Kathy for tracking down requested audio books. I so appreciate the staff at the Royalston Community School. These are just a few of the examples of life shared in Royalston that I can cite. Thank you one and all.

The major reason for making Thanksgiving week my last is that I am heeding my own advice. Whenever a parishioner loses a loved one I counsel them not to make any major changes for a year. Mom went home to be with the Lord on the 16th of November last year. She had been in hospice care for several weeks. My Dad also was in hospice care in the parsonage more than three years earlier. Both my parents’ memorial services were held at the First Congregational Church. You as a community, particularly the members of the Ladies Benevolent Society, were graciously supportive during that time. For this I most sincerely thank you.

I will never forget and always treasure the years I spent in Royalston.

2008 Cultural Council Sponsored Events

Marie-Claire Humblet, Cultural Council Chair

Activities the Royalston Cultural Council has funded for 2008:

***The Follies** will take place on Saturday, May 10 in the Town Hall. The **Open Mics** will be first Friday of each month from December to April at 7pm. The **MusicFest** will take place on Sunday, July 20, noon to five at Bullock Park.

*The **Wednesday Luncheon Club** will be entertained by **local singers, Elizabeth Farnsworth and Rene Lake**, and the Cultural Council will bring fancy desserts and distribute flowers at the event.

*The **Library** will organize the **Royalston Shakespeare Company Summer Theatre Workshop**. It will also invite **local storyteller, Richard Ballon**, who will come around Halloween with four actors. It will have the Silver Lining Circus here this spring.

*The **Village School** will invite **Manitonquat, a medicine man** and story teller of the Wampanoag tribe and will send a class on a **field trip** as part of its Industrial Revolution curriculum.

*At the **Royalston Community School, Thomas Kellner** will finish the granite table sculpture in front of the school, (a past grant). A field trip will take the students to **Alice in Wonderland at the Theatre on the Mount**. The **Amandla Community Chorus** from Greenfield will lead a workshop in the afternoon at the school to teach the students songs and drumming; the same night, the students will perform with the chorus in the town hall for our community.

***Rebecca Krause Hardie and her Horn Quartet**, will introduce the history of the horn and the pieces they will perform in the town hall. **Jay Mankita, story teller and folk singer**, hailed by Pete Seeger as one of the best around, will come with his Veggie Voyager, a truck he fuels with vegetable oil and leads to talk about alternative energy. And finally, **Greg Maychack**, who tried for two years to put us on his schedule, has agreed to come to Royalston for his extremely **famous pastel workshop** for all ages.

*The **Orange Revitalization Project** got a grant for **Starry, Starry Night**, the **Athol Y** got one to fund its **Summer Youth Theatre Workshop** while **New Salem's 1794 Meeting House** got one for its **Pro Musica Chorus** to which all interested Royalston singers are invited to join. These grants are important cooperation with neighboring towns.

This is going to be a fantastic year. We are grateful to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the funding, partial or full, of these events. We also want to acknowledge the work of all those in this wonderful town who volunteer to implement these activities.

RCS Poetry Club

Tigger

fast, furry, nippy cat
shy, scratching, hissing, jumpy
fuzzy, soft, furball
by Alyana LaJoie, Isabelle O'Connor, Olivia Kimball, Rebecca Tetreault, Tayiah Neale, Molly Divoll, Ryan Ganley, and Hannah Bartkus

I listen up

I sit up
I get up
I walk up
I homework up
I play up
I eat up
I shower up
I brush up
I have a perfect day up
by Derek Bates



Athol High School News

Joy Cutter, school nurse

Teachers Chris Dawson, Laura Robinson, and Heather Topolski have teamed up to supervise the AHS Drama club this year. Their first presentation, "It was a Dark and Stormy Night", is by Tim Kelly, who also wrote *MASH*. Play performances are scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Athol High School in the Philip Anzaldi Auditorium. Tickets: Adults \$7.00 with children and senior citizens priced at \$5.00. There is a senior citizen discount ticket of \$3.00 for the Saturday 2:00 PM matinee. Come and enjoy the high school's play, and see the newly completed renovations to the stage.

On Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm Heather Topolski will direct the Winter Concert in the high school auditorium with the chorus, madrigal chorus, band, and stage band all performing. Tickets are priced at \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and senior citizens.

New Auto Equipment at Monty Tech

James R. Culkeen, superintendent-director of Monty Tech, announces that the school's Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology program has been awarded a grant from the Collectors Foundation Inc. to purchase state-of-the-art auto repair/restoration equipment. The Collectors Foundation Inc. is a public charitable organization serving collector vehicle and classic boat hobbyists. It aims to pass on the tools and respect for craftsmanship to the next generation and to encourage young people to get involved in the field. Also Monty Tech recently hosted Hu Huzhiping, principal of a high school in China with an enrollment of 3,000 students, as part of an American-Chinese education exchange initiative. Mr. Huzhiping is one of 13 Chinese principals currently visiting U.S. schools to observe education American style. A luncheon was served in the school's Mountain Room Restaurant.

Royalston Community School Update

As usual, lots is happening at RCS. Nothing says the holidays like *Jingle Bells* played by the beginner band. Luckily, after a several year absence, the school band is back and will make a brief debut at the holiday concert on Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm. The community is welcome at this classic event where each grade will sing, girls will wear shiny dresses, sugary baked goods will be sold and neighbors can nod, smile and exchange holiday greetings. Also, The Parent Teacher Group is sponsoring a "toy bingo" night on Thurs. Dec. 6.

To make up for the lack of a specialized Title 1 reading and remedial math teacher in the school this year, the Parent Teacher Group is looking to coordinate volunteers with a talent for working with children and who can commit to regular time blocks to help with tasks like practicing multiplication tables and other math facts, listening to a child read and/or improving sight word recognition. Please call the school at 978-249-2900 for more information.

RCS recently received two grants for enrichment activities from the Athol-Royalston Education Foundation (A-REF). Thanks to the initiative of Joann Deacon and Mary Carnie the RCS community will soon be treated to country line dance classes and an author visit/writing workshop with Jean Brett. Watch for more information.

Recipes of the Month - Two Gifts from Local Kitchens:

Vickie Paine's Peanut Butter Fudge

Vickie has lived in Royalston for 17 years. She enjoys the country and claims, "Gardner is enough city life for me." She used to live in Framingham, Ma. Taking over when Martha Kirkman died, Vickie has been the secretary/treasurer for the South Royalston Improvement Corporation for almost 10 years and is in frequent contact with the Department of Environmental Protection maintaining the standards of our town's private water department. She has officially served as a sewer commissioner for 4 years (but it's really more like 9 or 10 years because even when her husband was a commissioner, she helped him out). Vickie likes staying out of the lime-light. She says, "I like to try and do things for the South Village because not many people do. It is very pretty down here and with the town opening up of the river banking, it makes it more beautiful. I keep to myself and I am very busy person around my house. I have gardens in the summer and indoor work in the winter. I am very active in my daughter's life. Rebecca goes to Monty Tech. She is in office tech and having a great time. I like to stay behind the scenes; that way I don't have to commit to anything and I can change my mind on doing something." She has lots of recipes and is happy to share.

step 1: Mix 2 cups sugar, 1/3 can of cocoa and 1/2 cup milk. Cook over medium heat until soft ball stage . Stir frequently. Do not let it burn. (To confirm "soft ball stage", take a drop of the mixture and put in cold water. If it stays together , then it's cooked enough.)

step 2: Add 2 tablespoons butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. (It will bubble; that's ok.) DO NOT STIR. Let stand 10 minutes .

step3: Add a heaping 1/2 cup of peanut butter. Mix everything well. Pour into loaf pan and let harden. (A loaf pan works well because it yields nice thick pieces.)

Sherry Miner's Fireside Cappuchino

Sherry prepares large batches of this delicious hot drink mix. She divides it among festive glass jars and presents the jars to friends as gifts. The powder is reconstituted with hot water and produces an aromatic, warming beverage. Sherry, a Royalston police officer and her husband Roland, a Royalston police Sergeant, are volunteers with MASK-9, the Massachusetts Air-Scent K-9 search and rescue group. This couple spends many hours each week out in the cold training with searching partners Shawkin Awe, Reba and their newest addition, Edison. Fireside Cappuccino is a perfect way to warm up.

2 cups of instant cocoa mix – any variety
2 cups powdered, non-dairy creamer
1 cup instant coffee – any variety or form (decaf works fine)
1 1 / 2 cup sugar 1 / 2 tsp. allspice Dash of salt
2 tsp. cinnamon 1 / 2 tsp. nutmeg

Mix two tablespoons with a cup of hot water. Adjust to suit your taste. Enjoy! (For a lower carbohydrate version, Sherry substitutes diet cocoa powder and substitutes Splenda for the sugar, according to directions and taste. She says it's a little less sweet, but it still tastes delicious.)



Royalston Fish and Game Club:

Roast Beef Supper in January. Date TBA

The F&G will be putting on yet another spectacular Roast Beef Supper towards the middle of January, but as of yet, the date is not firm. If you're interested, call the Club at 978-249-3004 shortly after the beginning of the New Year to reserve your seat. These are ALWAYS a sellout, so don't dally about.

Ladies' Benevolent Society Holiday Baskets

Braised Beef Supper; The Ladies' B. once again outdid themselves recently, providing a delicious meal for 120 customers – about 100 eating in and the rest enjoying a take-out version of the annual dinner. Thanks to donations of food from members and a good price for the meat from Bonk's Market in Gardner, the event added approximately \$1,000 to the LBS coffers, which will be used to provide scholarships.

Holiday Baskets: The Ladies' will be gathering the third Wednesday of the month – December 19, 2007 – to assemble holiday baskets for elders and those confined to home or health care institutions during the holiday season. All are invited to participate. Useful, festive and delicious items for about 20 baskets are brought by each participant, nicely arranged, and then divided between members able to deliver the gift and visit for a few minutes with each recipient. Light refreshments will follow the basket packing. For additional information or to suggest someone who would enjoy a visit and/or gift of holiday goodies from the LBS, contact Kim MacPhee at 249-0946. *The Ladies' Benevolent Society is an ecumenical group of community members devoted to benevolent deeds. It has roots which stretch back over 150 years in Royalston. All genders are welcome at meetings and events.*

United Way Report

It's been a great year for the Athol-Area United Way, reports Royalston's chairman, Ginny Gingras. Royalston met its \$3,000 goal in early November, and thanks to the special effort undertaken by John & Terry Cloutier, Pete & Henry's Restaurant raised an additional \$1,380 at the U-Way Community Supper. The extra funds will help support many Royalston-friendly organizations, such as the Athol Y, area Boy and Girl Scouts, Orange-Athol Literacy Volunteers, the Salvation Army, and the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Year-end, tax-deductible donations are always welcome. Contact Ginny Gingras at 978-249-4951.

Royalston Community Coop

The Royalston Community Coop is giving a December order a whirl. If it's met the minimum, delivery will be Thursday, December 6 sometime between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. As a courtesy, please inform Brenda AND Mary if you're not planning an order.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS

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

MCAS Scholars: These Athol High School seniors, **Mieka Melbourne, Brian Hartin, Dana Griffith, Andrew Martioski, and Daniel Seco,** have been awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for 2008 based on their scores on the spring 2006 grade 10 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. The scholarship enables recipients to receive free tuition to their choice of eight Massachusetts state colleges, 15 state community colleges, or five UMASS campuses.

Royalston kids on first quarter academic honor rolls:

Athol High School: *straight As:* **Dana Griffith, Chet Hall, MacKenzie Bennett, Larissa Erickson, Hillary Whitcomb, Krista Erickson, and Ashley Guyer.** *all As and Bs:* **Ellee Bronnes, Rheta Guimond, Brian Hartin, Andrew Martioski, Marissa Kellner, Kimberlee Thompson, Catie Brighenti, Dante Divoll, Patrick Scribner, and Dylan Hall**

Awards at the recent fall sports banquet for performance on boys varsity soccer team at AHS:

Chet Hall given the Challenge Cup

Dante Divoll named to coaches all-star team

Open Mic

Open Mic will be held on the 1st Friday of the month starting in December and going until April. It is held at the Royalston Town Hall from 7:00 to approx. 10:00 p.m. This is an event that gives local musicians, whether seasoned or just starting out, an opportunity to share their stuff with a supportive audience. It's a chance to come together with friends and community members and start the weekend on a good note. There may even be a chance a kick up those heals with a local band. *Photo caption: Jim Bennet is Saxophonist for the house band, Melanie and the Blue Shots at First Fridays Open Mic.*



The event is provided by the Royalston Cultural Council - consisting of a small dedicated group of volunteers bringing cultural opportunities to the community. The free-will entrance offerings and purchases of refreshments provide the necessary funds to upgrade the sound system and maintain equipment. Your support is greatly appreciated. Come join us for another fun filled season. *Support your local artists and/or join us on stage. This month's contact person for information - Rene' Lake (978) 249-4639*

Future People-to-People Ambassador from Royalston

My name is **Justine Brousseau** and I am 16 years old and currently attending Monty Tech High School. I have been recently accepted as a student ambassador with the People to People program. The program sends groups of elite young adults to different countries to promote peace. I will be going on a trip to Australia this summer and need to raise a lot of money. To earn funds for the trip I would be willing to baby-sit children or animals as well as return any cans or bottles that you may have; my family would also be willing to pick up the bottles and cans. Regular donations would also be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the trip or would like to talk to my family or myself we can be contacted at 249-5194. Thank you.

Milestones

Big Babies:

Congratulations to **Great Grandma Ginny Gingras** who has welcomed her latest great grandson, **Rocco Lowell Buccaroni** to the family. Rocco is the son of **Elizabeth (Gingras) (McGuire) and James Buccaroni** of Orange, and arrived on November 8, 2007 weighing in at a most impressive 9 lbs. 15 oz., and measuring 20" long. He joins his brothers Vincent, 5, and Lorenzo, 1, and his sister Isabella, 3. Gramma Ginny reports Rocco is absolutely handsome and everyone is doing well.

The folks at Pete & Henry's are abuzz. **Evan Michael Waclawski**, newest grandchild of owners **John and Terry Cloutier**, arrived Wednesday, November 14. Evan's parents, former Royalston resident **Angie (Cloutier) and Mike Waclawski** are doing just fine, even after the few false starts that gave Gramma Terry time enough to travel to Maryland to be on hand for the big event. Another robust baby boy, Evan tipped the scales at 9 lbs. 4 oz., and taped 21 1/2" long. He joins his sister **Kaylin**, 3.

Last month's newsletter heralded the September 15th arrival of **Jackson Roy Chiapetta**, son of Royalston's own **Christie (Smith) and her husband Jeremy Chiapetta**; brother of 2-year-old **Katie Chiapetta**; and grandson of **Donna and Roy Smith**. Unfortunately, Great Gramma **Evelyn Gorham** and Great Gramma **Molly Smith**, both of Royalston, were inadvertently omitted from the announcement.

Memorial:

Louise Marie (Keirn) Johnson, 55, of 8 Jarvenpaa Road, South Royalston died unexpectedly Sunday November 11, 2007. She was the daughter of Louise Magnan of Athol and sister to Norma Talbot and Evelyn Boudreau, both of Athol, and Mark Burgess of Orange. She worked for many years at the Orange District Court. During her funeral service State Rep. Christopher Donelan sang *Ave Maria* and family and friends offered words of remembrance. Police officers from the Orange Police Dept and the Massachusetts State Troopers escorted the funeral cortege. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to the Athol Police Dept., in care of Athol Animal Control, 288 Exchange St., Athol, MA 01331.

Garden Notes

Larry Siegel

The apple saga continues: hardly a day goes by without me picking or sorting or hauling or turning apples into one thing or another. I've estimated a crop of one hundred bushels from our seven trees and there are a couple of additional bushels still clinging to the bare branches of the Golden Delicious, Golden Russet, and Northern Spy trees. We haven't pulled in that many apples in the past ten years combined. Since another apple harvest of this magnitude may not occur for twenty years (when I might be less inclined to climb the apple trees), I am making a concerted effort to put every one of those apples to use. There's been nothing like it, but, again, I'm a newcomer to these parts, so I consulted someone who has experienced a good deal more apple seasons than I, Dick Corser. He does not recall anything like it either. I cannot imagine a tree in town without deer cleaning things up: the successful hunter this season can be assured of apple-flavored venison.



The garden appears quite un-garden-like at this moment. The inch of snow which fell this morning might have something to do with it, but truth be told it was appearing un-garden-like before the snow as well. There are patches of green: primarily spinach, parsley, and kale (and all those cabbages which never headed up). The leeks remain green but tired; they should have been pulled a week ago. I dug the remaining root crops over the past several weeks, somewhat earlier than I am inclined, partly to get the task done but mostly to admire my bushels of carrots and beets. The rutabagas and celeriac did not perform nearly as well, though well enough to satisfy our winter needs.

November, and as far into December as I can reach, is hauling time. My mid-80's Ranger, abandoned in, and retrieved from, a field in Belchertown continues to provide yeoman service in spite of its brakelessness and a bed barely attached to the frame. Mostly it hauls firewood from its stacks in the woods to its stacks at the house; and leaves, a seemingly unending undertaking. Leaves remind me of spinach on a grander scale. You fill a large pot with spinach, cook for a few minutes, and end up with a cup or two. Truckload upon truckload of leaves will reduce, in two years' time, to a compost that can be hauled off by a couple of wheelbarrow loads.

Except for the current glitch (that inappropriate snow cover), I continue to work the garden beds, an activity I began in early September and will persist at for as long as the ground remains thawed. Each year I 'pre-prep' more and more beds, lightening the following spring's workload. I currently maintain eighty-odd beds, ranging from ten to twenty-five feet in length and three to four foot in width, and at least three-quarters of them have been prepared for spring planting.

All in all it was a productive and rewarding growing season. There were disappointments, there always are, but I have the opportunity now to feel satisfied and look forward to next spring.

Wildlife Sightings

Kathy and John Chencharik saw a **bear** crossing South Royalston Road.

Scores of birdwatchers from several states have been flocking to Royalston to view **Pine Grosbeaks**. These are the largest and rarest of winter finches in our area. Apparently, the unusually heavy production of crabapples this fall and the local availability of appropriate habitat, fruiting trees on the verge of woods and meadow, was attractive enough to draw them south from their usual wintering ground in the great Canadian pine forests. As the name implies, these birds have big stubby beaks for crushing the seeds and fruits which comprise 99% of their diet. (The adults are vegetarians, but their naked and helpless babies are often fed insects and spiders. When nesting, their mouths develop pouches for carrying food back to the offspring.) Adolescent and female Pine Grosbeaks are olive/ochre colored. Adult males are a rosy red and look a lot like an oversized house finch. Both have black wings with white wing bars, a wingspan of 13 inches and a black tipped tail; their bodies tend to be plump with a length of 8 - 10 inches. In Newfoundland, where this species is common, the Pine Grosbeak is called a "Mope" for its tendency to stay in one location while eating messily, not unlike some human teens when attached to electronic diversions. However, unlike human adolescents, these birds are known for their approachability.



Check out that luxurious fiber on this one-hour-old female alpaca, born Nov. 7, 2007. The farm is looking for suggestions for a name. Visit this new cutie at Royal Pines Alpaca Farm on Brown Rd. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10-5 for holiday shopping. Items for sale include soft cozy sweaters, socks, scarves, hats, stuffed animals and more. Lots of new styles have arrived since the recent fashion show and more are on the way.

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Call Tom @ 249-4644 to inquire about these three items:

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- 2) Human powered treadmill \$ 46.
- 3) Four birds looking for a caring home, 2 F Cockatiels, 1 M Cockatiel, 1 Parakeet \$ 98.

Firewood – Get a head start on next year’s wood pile! Partially seasoned, cut, split and delivered in Royalston, \$160 per full cord (128 cubic feet). Leave a message for Jim at 978-249-3379.

Holiday Wreaths – Made of fragrant, locally harvested greens, plain (\$15) or decorated (\$18). Leave a message for Jessica; 249-3379.

House cleaning: \$60 for 4 hours. Ask for Fran, Royalston resident. \$6/ hour. (home 978-249-8431 or cell 978-895-0817.)

Pete & Henry’s Closed for Winter Break

The long, dark days of winter have truly hit hard – Pete & Henry’s Restaurant is closed for winter break. Following the six week hiatus (an eternity for some), crazed, nugget-deprived diners can look forward the re-opening on Thursday, January 10. Update your 2008 calendar with hours: Thursdays 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Fridays 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.; Saturdays 3 p.m. – 10 p.m.; Sundays 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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