

THE ROYALSTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

July/August 2010



Volume XIII, Issue VII

A Publication of the Friends of the Phineas S. Newton Library, Royalston, Massachusetts

Calendar of Events

July 1 Thursday

Canada Day

7 pm **Macbeth.** Workshop performance by the Royalston Shakespeare Co. Donations appreciated, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

July 4 Sunday

Independence Day

The United States' 234th birthday. It was this day in 1776 when the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. Go to www.us.gov for fun facts and recipes.

July 5 Monday

10 am **Pre-school splatter painting program** at the library, but the library will be closed for regular business.

July 8 Thursday

1:30 pm Summer Reading Program kickoff at the library with **Rainforest Reptiles focusing on frogs.** Find out why frogs are disappearing, how to protect them, and why they are important. Rain venue: upstairs at the Town Hall.

4 p.m. **Pete & Henry's re-opens** following Independence Day break

July 10 Saturday

Congregational Church Fair on the Common

7:30 am - 3 pm pancake breakfast, arts n crafter booths, bake sale goodies, lunch concessions, (hamburg, hotdogs, sausage dogs, homemade strawberry shortcake, Dave's famous homemade root-beer, and more). Kids games galore including 20-30 animals in a petting zoo and pony rides. Music all day.

July 11 Sunday

3:40 p.m. **New Buck Moon**



July 12 Monday

10 am **Preschool movement and dance** program at the library.

July 15 Thursday

1:30 pm **Create a reusable tote bag** at the library summer reading program.

July 16 Friday

7:30 p.m. **Village Improvement & Historical Society quarterly meeting** – contact Peter Kraniak at 978-249-7625 for details

July 18 Sunday

Noon – 5 p.m. **8th Annual MusicFest** in Bullock Park, sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council

July 19 Monday

10 am **Yoga for pre-schoolers** at the library.

7 pm Library Trustee meeting at the library. No meeting in Aug.

July 22 Thursday

1:30 pm **Make a cool piggy bank** from recycled materials at the library's summer reading program

July 26 Monday

10 am **Pre-schoolers crank out homemade ice cream** and enjoy games at the library.

10 am - 2 pm **Summer Band Camp** for beginners at Athol High School. Free to students in the ARRSd including the Royalston Community School; \$25 for others. Lunch provided. Continues through July 30. For More Information call Alecia Piscitello at 978-249-2430 or e-mail her at: aspiscitello@arrsd.org

9:37 p.m.

Full Buck Moon

July 28 Wednesday

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. **Ladies' Benevolent Society Craft-n-Chat** at the Town Hall – ALL invited to participate.

July 29 Thursday

1:30 p.m. **Kids make some hand cranked ice cream** at the library with the finale of the library's summer reading program

July 30 Friday

Pre-Dawn Hours **Delta Aquarid Meteor Shower**, most active in southern skies with a shooting star every six minutes or so.

August 1 Sunday

midnight **Applications for projects to be funded by the Community Preservation tax surcharge are due.**

August 7 Saturday

2:30 pm **Edible Wild Plants Walk** with Naturalist John Root. Tory Hill Farm, 163 NE Fitzwilliam Road, Royalston. Identification and tastings. Free, sponsored by the cultural council. Call Elizabeth at 978-249-6771 for more information.

5:30 p.m. **Royalston F&G Chicken BBQ**

August 9 Monday

11:08 a.m. **New Sturgeon Moon**

August 11 Wednesday

First Day of Ramadan

Pre-Dawn Hours **Perseid Meteor Shower**- more than a meteor every minute during peak periods of activity from the northeastern skies. Continues through August 13.

August 24 Tuesday
1:05 p.m. Full Sturgeon Moon

August 26 Thursday Women's Equality Day*

August 28 Friday
7 pm A-REF's First Family Fun Friday Film Night. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair to the Athol High School football field and enjoy a "sit-in" movie while supporting enrichment programs in the local public schools.. Watch for more information in the local media. Rain date: Aug 29.

September 1 Wednesday
Students in the ARRSD return to school. (NB: The school start date was incorrect in the June newsletter.)

***What and Why is Women's Equality Day** anyway? It marks 90th anniversary of ratification of 19th amendment extending the right to vote to women. This right did not come without a fight.

The Night of Terror' on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists, was particularly gruesome. On this date, 33 defenseless women legally picketing President Woodrow Wilson's White House by carrying signs which declared sentiments like, "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," were nearly killed as 40 prison guards wielding clubs went on a rampage against them for "obstructing sidewalk traffic".

Wrongly convicted and imprisoned for up to 60 days, some women were tortured. One, named Lucy Burns, was chained by her hands to the cell bars above her head and left hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air. Another, Dora Lewis, was hurled into a dark cell where she smashed her head against an iron bed and was knocked out. Her cell mate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women. For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop--was infested with worms. One of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, and for weeks, had a tube forced down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. Officials tried to have her declared legally insane so she could be locked away and not lead the movement. The doctor demurred, admonishing, "Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity."

A new documentary at the town library, "Iron Jawed Angels" tells some of this story of the hard road to women's suffrage.

Donations of Used Books to the Library

Please call ahead or check with library staff before leaving used books at the town library. Do not put in drop box. Thanks in advance for the understanding and cooperation.

Board of Selectmen's Corner

Andy West, chair

Annual Town Meeting: The Royalston Annual Town Meeting was held Friday, May 7, 2010 in the Town Hall and concluded with a follow up meeting on June 25, 2010. The budget was mostly level funded from last year with most of the spending increases coming from school expenses. Because the costs of operating the town and schools continue to increase more than the 2 1/2 percent increase in tax revenue, services have once again been cut for the next fiscal year.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: The Board of Selectmen and the Sewer Commission, together with Tighe and Bond engineering firm, have completed an application for an approximately \$1.5 million grant to replace our current aging plant. A response to the application is expected in late July or August.

Route 32: If you have not traveled the smooth black ribbon of asphalt that is now Route 32, you are missing a real treat. Culverts have been replaced, surfaces graded and rolled, and new asphalt applied. Please take note of a few items. The asphalt that has been applied is the binder, or first coat. This will be allowed to settle and be compacted by traffic. Next year, the contractor will return for the final coat. Also, there is brush removal in the contract to ease the low hanging brush that crowds the road. Most important, please remember to keep your speed down on this zippy new road.

What happened to that stimulus money? As you may remember, the State paired some federal stimulus money with the Route 32 project. The Board and the DPW researched this subject to verify where the money is being spent. We can report that at least some of that money has truly been spent locally. At least four subcontractors have been selected from local talent in Royalston and Phillipston. These contractors have been providing services for the project such as gravel sales, gravel hauling, and surveying.



Board of Health News

Phil Leger, chair

Still can't make paper out of plastic! We will let you know when that is possible. It will be sometime around the time that we can make oil out of water we suspect. In the meantime, put paper in the paper roll off, bottles, cans, and plastic containers in the co-mingled container. Keep those plastic items, especially bags and other non-paper items out of the paper roll off. The recycling industry thanks you for your effort.

September 25th will be the day for a regional household hazardous waste collection. Royalston residents will be able to participate with pre-registration. Stay tuned for details.

Bids for Cemetery Picket Fence Repair Sought

Roland Hamel, cemetery commissioner, is requesting bids on the repairs and replacement of white picket fencing at cemeteries in town. Call him at 978-249-4587 for information.

What Happened at Town Meeting, Reconvened?

Kathy Morris

On Friday, June 25, twenty registered voters attended the reconvened Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting. Article 6, which appropriates funds to operate the sewer system, with the fees from the sewer users returned to the Town, and which was tabled at the Annual Town Meeting, was voted to the floor. An email from the Department of Revenue, in response to a request from the town to increase the appropriation, did not allow an increase in the amount appropriated at this time. Therefore, \$37,010, level funding, was proposed. Discussion revealed that the town needs to set up the account as an enterprise fund or find ways to approach this so that increases will be allowed. The \$37,010 was voted to be transferred from offset receipts. In the second item, Veterans Benefits were reduced by \$1,800 (\$9,000 to \$7,200) to balance the budget. It was explained that there is still \$6,000 unexpended for this year, so they felt confident that this reduction would not affect benefits in the next fiscal year.

The Special Town Meeting, occurring during a recess in the reconvened Annual Town Meeting, transferred \$28,470.12 to the Snow and Ice account to cover the over-expenditure for this past winter and cleaned up the books by returning \$71,621.37 cents from accounts that were appropriated but not utilized to the stabilization fund. The Stabilization Fund has approximately \$67,000 left after the Snow and Ice funds are subtracted.

CPC - Community Preservation Committee

Marsha Charest

The committee held its first public hearing on June 14th. The first rounds of monies are now available, and we are looking for members of the community to submit projects. The committee will review any forms submitted for eligibility, and when an eligibility application is approved, then the actual application with specific required data/information can be submitted. In order for the committee to be able to submit an approved application for the May 2011 Town Meeting, the deadline has been set as August 1st. The money can be spent on:

- Preservation of historic resources
- Creation of community housing
- Open space preservation
- Creation of recreational opportunities

Copies of the last draft of the Royalston Community Preservation Plan and Guidelines were placed at the library, post office and country store. The plan contains the form for submitting a project to be considered for eligibility; that form is also included on the flyer in this issue of the newsletter.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Firefighter Graduation

Two Royalston Firefighters graduated recently from a training course designed to teach skills required for Massachusetts Fire Academy



Firefighter certification. Anthony Basso (left) and Omar Torres (right), shown with Chief Keith Newton, completed the thirteen week course, learning skills such as fire attack and knock-down, automobile extraction, pumps and hydraulics, and chemical decontamination. This was the third consecutive year that this course has been taught by members of the Winchendon Fire Department with help from surrounding town fire departments. The Royalston Fire Department has been represented well with students attending in each of the three years. Basso is a fifteen year veteran of the RFD. Torres has just completed his first year with the squad.

The Phinehas S. Newton Library Turning 100

Building Design Modeled on Goffstown NH



If you have ever traveled through Goffstown, New Hampshire, the library in the historic section of town may look familiar. Our library has only a slight variation of the design of their library, right down to the fireplace with a painting of the benefactor hanging

above the mantle. Both libraries are the work of H. M. Francis and Sons, a prestigious architectural firm located in Fitchburg. H. M. Francis's extensive work includes 6 churches, a large number of commercial buildings, and over 100 private residences. Goffstown's library was built two years before ours in 1908, dedicated October 2, 1909, and cost slightly more: \$12,125 to build. While Royalston residents were quite happy with the design, comments from representatives of the Board of Library Commissioners had a different view. Their records indicate that, they 'could tell that the committee (to select the design for the library) was composed of farmers' and who would want a library 'with the attic door outside the library and the door to the basement in the front hall.' The Goffstown Library, like Goffstown itself, has grown with improvements and additions in 1971 and 1997 and is currently planning another large addition to the building.

Palm Leaf Hats and Forms

As many know, Phinehas S. Newton's business was in the palm leaf hat industry and people, mostly women, wove the palm into braid and made hats in their homes. The Royalston Historical Society has one of the Newton hat. Both as a wheat weaver and as the library director researching the library's benefactor, I am wondering if anyone else has a hat or hat form, usually plaster-of-Paris in the shape of a hat, that they believe was made in Royalston. If so and you wouldn't mind letting me take a photograph of the hat and/or form, call the library and leave a message for Kathy.

Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

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

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon

978-249-3572 www.royalstonlibrary.org

Summer Hours

The library summer hours resume on July 1. Please note that the library will be closed on Monday, July 5th but the Preschool Summer Program, 'Splatter Painting' will still be held at 10:00 am that day. While the preschool summer programs are held at 10:00 am on Mondays, the library is not open for regular business until 1:00 pm. The Summer Preschool Director is only there for the program; there is no staffing of the library during that time.

Thank you

To everyone who donated items for the book and plant sale. These two events raised about \$1400 for Friends projects, including funds for library supplies, programs like the Royalston Shakespeare Co or the Summer Reading Programs, and the costs of creating and mailing this newsletter. Although the plant sale had few donations from nurseries this year, profits were the same due to the beautiful home grown plants shared by friends and neighbors. There donations are greatly appreciated and made the events truly about community.

Also, to **Beth Gospodarek** and **Maureen Blasco** for once again getting soaked to the bone and enduring yet another year of the plant sale; to **Sharon Harmon** for help and expertise at the plant sale; and to **Stephanie McClure** for her help throughout the book sale.

To the nine households who opened their gardens to the community: the Chenchariks, the Gelinas's, Neale Farm, The Morris-Siegel's Prospect Hill Farm, the Bouchards, the Vaccaris, Sharon Harmon, Chris Long and Celt Grant all dug in, opened up and showed off during the recent Friends of the Library garden tour. It is an incredible amount of work to get gardens to this exemplary state and the Friends are grateful.

Donations to the Friends

Rev. Phil and Phoebe Jacobs

Deb and Joe Nunes

Gene and Marita Cauthen

Aaron Ellison and Elizabeth Farnsworth

Don and Cheryl Mahoney

Betty Cook

Buddy Dyer

Rob Anthony, Sr.

Resident Art on Display

During July and August photographs of local environs taken by Kathy Chencharik will on display at the library. Kathy was the winner of the Friends of the Library Photo Contest in the 'Adult Professional' category and has also had her photo grace the cover of the book, *Deadfall*. Kathy and her husband John have lived on River Road for the last 33 years.

During September and October, Helen Divoll of Deland Road will be exhibiting a selection of her wood carvings.

The Scottish Play

Royalston Shakespeare Company will present a workshop performance of Macbeth at 7 pm July 1st at Town Hall. Come see what 30 kids, 13 days, 3 directors, several assistants, one famous script and lots of community support can conjure. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library with additional support from the Royalston Cultural Council for funding, the Salvation Army for costumes, Athol High School for lighting and the town of Royalston for a perfect venue and attitude.

Summer Reading Programs

Get ready for some great summer fun with environmentally themed programs as we 'Go Green at Your Library' with funding provided by the Royalston Academy and the Friends of the Library. All programs are on Thursdays at 1:30 at the library. Snacks follow each program. These free programs are suitable for children 8 and older and younger children with a caregiver. All summer long you can read your way to prizes and add a piece to our Royalston masterpiece puzzle each time you Read! Read! Read! You'll get your name in the puzzle plot as well. All names on the plot are eligible for a great prize. We'll also be gathering items for a time capsule to store away until the 200th anniversary of the library.

July 8 - 'Fantastic Frogs' presented by the folks from Rainforest Reptiles (at the Town Hall if it rains)

July 15 - "Green Totes" Sonia Vaccari has created a drawing of the library that will embellish a canvas bag. Participants will color in this design and create another design for the opposite side of their personal reusable tote bag.

July 22 - "Green Piggy Banks" Gina Verrelli will help participants create a cool piggy bank from recycled materials.

July 29th - "Green Ice Cream Celebration" Play some green games, win some great prizes and make and eat homemade ice cream.

Preschool Programs

On Mondays at 10:00 am at the library during July there will be great programs designed just for preschoolers.

July 5 - Splatter Painting: get ready to go wild with a paintbrush
July 12 - Dance with Jenny: Jenny Nano will again teach some creative dance steps for a lively time.

July 19 - Yoga for Youngsters: Loren MacGruder will bring relaxation and fun with yoga to the library

July 26 - "Green Ice Cream Gala and Water Fun: Watch out for water balloons and water sports while making delicious ice cream.

What's New at your Library?

Symphony Math® Program Now Available at the Library

The Symphony Math® software program, used to help students develop a solid foundation in number conceptualization and math operations, is available for use at the library. The program is designed to improve problem solving skills to help students improve math skills by gaining an understanding of critical concepts and thus make problem solving easier. The interactive branching system enables students to progress at their own pace so that foundational concepts are mastered before progressing to more advanced skills. Thanks to Linda Harris for enabling us to offer this program to library patrons.

Free Parking at State Parks with Library Pass

Once again the library has a Department of Conservation and Recreation ParksPass available to borrow. The CDR ParksPass entitles the bearer to free parking for one carload of visitors at over 50 facilities in the Massachusetts State Parks system that charge a day-use parking fee. Anyone with a valid library card may borrow the pass. For more information or to reserve the pass: stop by, call the library, or visit the library website. The pass may be borrowed on any open library day and returned on the next open library day (Monday returned Thursday, Thursday returned Saturday and Saturday returned Monday).

New Materials

Adult Fiction

Balogh, Mary	<i>A Secret Affair</i>
Barnard, Robert	<i>A Stranger in the Family</i>
Brashares, Ann	<i>My Name is Memory</i>
Cabot, Meg	<i>Insatiable</i>
Carey, Jacqueline	<i>Naamah's Curse</i>
Coulter, Catherine	<i>Whiplash</i>
Cussler, Clive	<i>The Spy</i>
Deaver, Jeffery	<i>The Burning Wire</i>
Demille, Nelson	<i>The Lion</i>
Dugoni, Robert	<i>Bodily Harm</i>
Ellory, Roger	<i>The Anniversary Man</i>
Furst, Alan	<i>Spies of the Balkans</i>
Hamilton, Laurell	<i>Bullet</i>
Hannah, Sophie	<i>The Dead Lie Down</i>
Harding, Paul	<i>Tinkers</i>
Hobb, Robin	<i>Dragon Haven</i>
Howard, Linda	<i>Diamond Bay</i>
King, Stephen	<i>Blockade Billy</i>
Kleypas, Lisa	<i>Married by Morning</i>
Koontz, Dean	<i>Frankenstein: Lost Souls</i>
Lackberg, Camilla	<i>The Ice Princess</i>
Larsson, Stieg	<i>The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest</i>
Martini, Steve	<i>The Rule of Nine</i>
Nicholls, David	<i>One Day</i>
Parker, Robert	<i>Resolution</i>
Parkhurst, Carolyn	<i>The Nobodies Album</i>
Spencer, Sally	<i>The Ring of Death</i>

Adult Non-Fiction

Alexander, William	<i>52 Loaves</i>
Conley, Frances	<i>Walking out on the Boys</i>
Eddison, Sydney	<i>Gardening for a Lifetime</i>
Greenlaw, Linda	<i>Seaworthy</i>
Harriman, Marinell	<i>House Rabbit Handbook</i>
Kristof, Nicholas	<i>Half the Sky</i>
Lewis, Michael	<i>The Big Short</i>
Moore, Wes	<i>The Other Wes Moore</i>
Wong, James	<i>Grow your own Drugs: Easy Recipes for Natural Remedies and Beauty Fixes</i>

Adult Audiobooks

Gilbert, Elizabeth	<i>Eat, Pray, Love</i>
Greenwood, Kerry	<i>Raisins and Almonds</i>
Hoben, Harlan	<i>Caught</i>
Larsson, Stieg	<i>The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest</i>
Parkhurst, Carolyn	<i>The Nobodies Album</i>
Tolan, Sandy	<i>The Lemon Tree</i>

Young Adult Fiction

Funke, Cornelia	<i>The Wildest Brother</i>
Meyer, Stephanie	<i>The Short Life of Bree Tanner</i>
Perkins, Lynne Rae	<i>As Easy as Falling off the Face of the Earth</i>
Scott, Michael	<i>The Necromancer</i>

Young Adult Audiobooks

Meyer, Stephanie	<i>Eclipse</i>
Meyer, Stephanie	<i>Breaking Dawn</i>
Meyer, Stephanie	<i>New Moon</i>
Scott, Michael	<i>The Necromancer</i>

Children's Fiction

<i>American Babies</i>	
Block, Francesca	<i>House of Dolls</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</i>
Cousins, Lucy	<i>I'm the Best</i>
Grisham, John	<i>Theodore Boone</i>
Henkes, Kevin	<i>My Garden</i>
Joose, Barbara	<i>Sleepover at Gramma's House</i>
Kim, Sue	<i>How Does a Seed Grow?</i>
Krieg, Jim	<i>Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol</i>
Lin, Grace	<i>Ling & Ting</i>
Maclachlan, Patricia	<i>Word After Word After Word</i>
Nolan, Janet	<i>The Firehouse Light</i>
Park, Linda Sue	<i>Storm Warning</i>
Russell, Rachel	<i>Tales from a Not-so-popular Party Girl</i>
Shepard	<i>Animal I Spy</i>
Siminovich, Lorena	<i>I Like Bugs</i>
Springer, Nancy	<i>The Case of the Gypsy Good-bye</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>City Dog, Country Frog</i>

Children's Non-Fiction

Curran, Wanda	<i>Your Guinea Pig</i>
Mucci, Tim	<i>The Odyssey</i>
Winter, Jeanette	<i>Biblioburro</i>

DVD's: *Alice in Wonderland, Beverly Hills Chihuahua, Book of Eli, Dear John, Edge of Darkness, Herb and Dorothy, Invictus, Leap Year, Life, Lionelville, The Messenger, Shutter Island, Swanzy: Rural Character, and Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure*

Music Cd's: Jason Aldean *Wide Open, Courtyard Hounds*, and Miranda Lambert *Revolution*



Save the new date: Pat Poor Memorial Lecture

Louisa May Alcott Program

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royalston Town Hall for the rescheduled program on Louisa May Alcott with Harriet Reisen and Nancy Porter. Copies of the book and the award winning documentary are available for borrowing at the library.

Recipes of the Month

Louise and Wayne Gelinas of So. Royalston recently kindly opened their gardens to the community during the Friends of the Library garden tour. They showed off their home-made water garden and gave an account of their experiments finding its ecological balance.



Sloppy Joes

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- Salt and pepper
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 Tbsp vinegar
- 2 Tbsps lemon juice (optional)
- 1 1/2 Tbsps Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard

Cook hamburger with onion, salt and pepper. Combine in saucepan tomato soup, ketchup, brown sugar, water, vinegar, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and dry mustard and simmer for 15 minutes. Blend meat and sauce together and serve between hamburger rolls.

Pastor Jeff Francis of the Congregational churches wrote, "My Jamaican born mother-in-law, Faye, whom I am visiting in Florida, has a nice West Indian tasting recipe. I wish she lived here in Royalston and opened a restaurant for everyone to enjoy her Carribean flavors."

Jerk Chicken:

- 2 tsp. ground pimento
- 1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. mace
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. thyme
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups escallion
- 2 onions
- 2 Scotch bonnet peppers (hot, like habeneros)
- 2 tbs. cooking oil
- 3 whole chickens cut in half
- 6 cloves of garlic, finely chopped

Cut 3 chickens in halves. Rinse chicken in lime water, drain and season with the garlic. Blend all the ingredients for the marinade together in a blender or food processor. (To grind pimento, heat grains in a frying pan in a tablespoon of oil until crisp and then blend.) Pour mixture on to seasoned chicken and leave to marinate for about 2 hours or overnight. Barbeque chicken halves skin side down, and keep turning to prevent the chicken from getting too dark. Allow to cook slowly. Enjoy!

Milestones

Michael and Sara Dilg of Bliss Hill Road are pleased to announce the adoption of their daughter, **Hailey Elizabeth Dilg**, on June 8th. Hailey is 4 1/2 years old and has lived with the Dilgs since July 31st, 2009. Michael and Sara consider themselves very fortunate and are thrilled that Hailey has become an 'official' member of the family.

Obituaries

Richfield, Utah – **William R. Chase**, 82, died May 30, 2010. He was born to Roger and Elmina (Eaton) Chase in Winchendon, MA, June 25, 1927. Bill grew up in Royalston, MA and attended nearby schools in Royalston and Athol.

He graduated from Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. In addition to Massachusetts and Indiana, he lived in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Michigan and Florida before moving to Utah in 2004. Bill served in the US Navy as an aircraft engine mechanic during World War II. He was a Design Engineer and Sales Engineer for General Motors, Miniature Precision Bearings and other firms. He developed multiple patents during his working career. He was an active High Priest in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in many church positions over the years. he served as City Councilman, president of the local Toastmasters International Club and scoutmaster trainer in the Boy Scouts. Bill enjoyed recreational activities such as traveling, skiing, stamp collecting and following the stock market, but he most especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

His wife of 52 years, Louise L. (Knowlton) Chase, died June 6, 2000. He leaves four children as well as nine grandchildren with six great-grandchildren and more on the way. He also leaves a sister, Rachel Darling of Zephyr Hills, Fla.

Burial was at Lawrence Brook Cemetery on June 26 with a collation by the Ladies' Benevolent Society following.

Phillipston -- **Frederic W. Waters**, 80, of 260 State Rd., died Wednesday, May 26, 2010. He was born in Royalston, June 17, 1929, the son of the late Francis and the late Josephine (Manwaring) Waters. He grew up in Royalston, attending school there and lived most of his life in Phillipston. Fred served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked at the N.D. Cass Company for many years as foreman until his retirement. He also operated heavy equipment for several different construction companies and did a lot of wood cutting. Fred enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially being in the woods and operating his tractor, which he did until just a few weeks ago.

He leaves four daughters; Joan Green of Athol, Cindy Britt of Templeton, Connie Foley of Winchendon and Melanie Davis of Largo, Fla.; two sons, Fred and Daniel Waters, both of St. Petersburg, Fla. He also leaves many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, Alfred and Francis Waters.

He was buried with military honors at Lawrence Brook Cemetery on June 1, 2010. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to: the Church of God, 30 Beech St., Winchendon, Mass. 01475.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS

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

Skylar Ryll of Royalston recently graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. She was awarded a Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Science with a concentration in Dairy Science and Agribusiness. While at Cornell, she was involved in many clubs including the Cornell University Dairy Science Club, The Cornell Tradition, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassadors, and the sorority Delta Delta Delta. She begins her career working for Dairy Farmers of America in Ripon, Cal. as a Marketing Specialist. Skylar attended the Athol-Royalston Middle School and was a graduate of Athol High School, class of 2006. She is the daughter of Erica Brouillet and step-daughter of Larry Brouillet of Royalston.



2010 Monty Tech graduates: Royalston: **Chayna N. Campbell, Marquita R. Day, Michael J. Demboske, Hannah M. Kacian and Rebecca A. Paine**

Michael James Demboske graduated on June 3rd from Monty Tech with honors. His vocational major was welding. He received three scholarships upon graduation: the BEEF academic excellence, the MRTA scholarship and OMNOVA engineering scholarship. Mike also received two awards for excellence in the fields of science and history. Mike is currently employed as a welder at Raynor in Westminster. He has been accepted at UMASS Lowell into their nuclear engineering program, which he will attend in the fall.

Athol High School graduates: **Mackenzie Bennett, Alyssa Bergquist, Noah Easton, Kyle McCorquodale, Mark McCullley, Brittani Sanderson and Patrick Scribner**

The family of **Mackenzie Bennett** is proud to announce that he was valedictorian for the 2010 graduating class of Athol High School. He was awarded the National Honor Society's Pequotig Award and the Athol High School Outstanding Achievement



Awards in Science, Math and English.

Noah Dawson graduated from Athol High School as a member of the National Honor Society and active member of the Drama Club. He performed in 8 plays and musicals throughout his 4 years at AHS and will be going on to Fitchburg State in the fall as a Film/Communications Media major.

Marguerite Langlois was recently honored for her 75 years of continuous membership in the Grange. Peg has served in all the offices of the Grange except master. She was a member of the Royalston Grange until it folded, joined Athol Grange until it folded too, and is a current member of the Petersham Grange.

Jerry Marcanio of Butterworth Road was honored recently by Greenfield-based Arena Civic Theatre (ACT), an organization he's been involved with for more than 25 years. At a gala in Greenfield celebrating ACT's 40th anniversary, Marcanio was presented with a hand-made wooden plaque, a "life achievement award." He and other ACT members entertained with musical numbers from past productions, and there was a buffet supper. Marcanio has been a board member of ACT for many years, including longtime service as president. In dozens of productions, he has been an actor, singer, dancer, set designer, lighting technician and more. He began his interest in community theater in his home town of Rochester, N.Y., and moved to Butterworth Farm in Royalston in 1977.

Ben West is in "The Wedding Singer" at the Mount as cousin Vinnie. Performance dates: August 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8:00pm; August 22 at 2:00pm Enjoy a throwback to 80's rock concerts with the amp turned up to 11.

Congratulations and good luck to **Heather D. Barclay**, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Ad Astra, Inc. She, along with President and Chief Financial Officer Lena Toolsie are co-owners of the company, which is a spin-off of the General Languages Division they managed for their former employer, ALSI, Inc. On July 1, 2010, Ad Astra will begin offering an array of linguistics services such as live interpretation, written translation, document localization and multi-lingual event planning. The website for Ad Astra, whose Latin name means "to the stars," is <http://ad-astrainc.com>, and Heather may be reached by landline 301-408-4242, cell 202-302-3389, fax 301-408-4448 or on Twitter.

Fourth Quarter Honor Roll Students:

Royalston Community School

Straight As all year: **Olivia Kimball and Derek Bates**

Honors: **Haylie Baker, Hannah Bartkus, Cody Bassett, Justin Blake, James Laford, Owen MacPhee, Amber Mahony, Isabelle O'Connor, Kristopher Selanis, Destiny Wrigley, Brianna Cauley, Samantha Dodd, Kassandra Frazier, Alyana LaJoie, Ann Reynolds, Erin Snell, Rebecca Tetreault, Ryan Warner, Abigail Divoll, Allisyn Mowrey, Dahlia Wright, Deijah Euvrard-Brewington, Kariana Tobias, Katelyn Holden, Kyle May, Loryn Killay, Melissa Persson, Rhiannon Fletcher, Taryne Bousquet and Zachery Roberts**

Athol-Royalston Middle School:

Straight As: **Amanda Bergquist and Emily Mangum**

Honor Roll: **Corey Bakes, Devin Bates, Gabe Jarvenpaa, Andrea Linnus, Brandon Tisdale, Mary White, Beau Guimond, Kadaisia LaJoie, Felicia Tourigney, Colleen Demboske, Cody Nollette, Bobby Javier and Charlie White.**

Northfield Mount Hermon School Honor Roll: **Kelsey Savoy**

Village School News

Thank you to everyone for making Saturday Morning on Royalston Common on June 12 a spectacular event. It really showcased our beautiful common and our community spirit.

Summer Programs for Children at the Village School

All programs are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Royalston children receive a discount, courtesy of Royalston Academy.

July 6-9	ages 4-8	Nature Arts and Play
July 12-16	ages 4-8	Nature Arts and Play
July 12-16	ages 8 and up	Summer Art Intensive
July 19-23	ages 8 to 12	Science and Art Experience
July 19-22	ages 4 and up	Introduction to Suzuki Piano

The programs are open to the public. For more information, go to www.villageschool.to to download the brochure and registration form. Registration forms are at the library too. Limited openings.



Photo: Summer Art and Nature Camp 2009 at the Village School

Also, there are just a few openings for preschool for fall 2010. Call the school for more information or to schedule a visit with a preschool teacher.

Monty Tech News

The Monty Tech class of 2010 goes down as another spectacular one. Of the 266 students receiving diplomas, 65% will go on to post-secondary education at two or four year tech schools, colleges and universities; 23% will go directly to work, 6% percent will enter the military and another 6% percent are still considering their options.

Monty Tech is in the process of forming an Alumni Network. Cards will be going out at the end of June to the last known address of alumni. Please pass information along to any alumni you know who have moved.

As of June, six Royalston students have been accepted as freshmen. Three were accepted to fill our guaranteed quota seats on May 31. Three more were accepted on June 1 to fill some of the unaccepted quota seats from communities. One of the ten applicants withdrew and three are still wait-listed.

Congregational Churches News

Pastor Jeff Francis and Susan Vellieux

Our annual summer church fair is just around the corner! This year we will be expanding our food selections under the "big" tent with the likes of Italian Sausage, grilled burgers, hot dogs and of course all the sides. FCCR will be hosting 25-30 booths with everything from crafts, candles, fresh vegetables and produce on the common. Things will kick off at 7:30 am with our pancake breakfast which will be served until 9:00 am. There will be a variety of musical selections including groups from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and a group of students from Zion Bible College. As always there will be the well attended "attic treasures" among many other events and activities. A big thank you to those who have made donations to the attic treasures with so many household goods and valuables. New this year, Prospecting America will be there to buy any old broken, mismatched gold jewelry; 20% of proceeds will be going to First Congregational Church Emergency Shelter. To learn more visit the website prospectingamerica@gmail.com or call Debbie Conrad 978-895-3505. Come and have a fun community family day on the common with your neighbors. We are hoping and praying for great weather for this all-day outdoor event. Hope to see you there.

In the months of July and August we will be gearing up for the warm weather here in the Congregational churches. Sunday services which begin at 9:00 am in the south church (SCCR) and 11:00 am in the center church (FCCR) will be casual dress. Come dressed comfortably during these warm weather months. Our Sunday morning worship services provide a place for people to rediscover hope, direction and purpose. Feel free to join with us as we worship our Creator and King.

Wednesday night's "Life in the Word" bible study at the South Church location will be postponed during the summer months due to the heat and busyness of summer activities. Rejoin us this fall. Dates and times with more information will be presented in the September edition.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Our Lady parishioner Helen E. Feliciano helped coordinate a lovely Memorial Day luncheon at the Queen of Heaven's Chapel. More than 50 were in attendance, and enjoyed



a delicious assortment of hot and cold entrees, salads and desserts contributed by parishioners and Ladies' B. members, along with icy cold beverages, courtesy of the Memorial Day Committee, and covered in ice donated by Pete & Henry's Restaurant.

Listen Locally

Get Ready for MusicFest Sunday July 18

The 8th annual Royalston Music Fest will take place on Sunday, July 18 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm at Bullock Park, on The Common, in Royalston, Massachusetts. Admission is free thanks to funds from the Royalston Cultural Council.

This year's event showcases an impressive lineup of local bands and musicians. The lead band for 2010 will be Ottomatic Slim, star of the Royalston Blues Night. Other performers include Colin Boutwell, Jane Goodale, Easy Wind, Jim Miano and Ken Larson, Mel and the Blue Shots, Nobodys Fat, and Work in Progress, offering an eclectic mix of folk, blues, and electric. There will be entertainment for kids, including face-painting, decorate-your-own-t-shirts, and volleyball. Special guest Clown and Balloon Sculptress, Mademoiselle Pixie Belle (aka Mary Hakkinen), will add to the fun.

Food will be available throughout the afternoon, with the Royalston Fire Department tending the Barbeque. Bring your own chairs and shade; it should be a fun summer afternoon for the whole family. In the event of rain, the concert will take place in the Royalston Town Hall.

Contact Elizabeth Farnsworth (978-249-6771) or Lorraine Casinighino (978-249-5151) for more information.

LADIES' B.

The Ladies' B. will be holding its summer "Craft and Chat" social on Wednesday, July 28 at the Town Hall from 6 – 9 p.m. It'll be the perfect time to start some of those fall and winter decorations. Bring along your projects in progress or help out with the Society's quilting/afghan making project. No August meeting is scheduled, but there will be an informal family picnic in September. Contact hostess Beth Gospodarek 978-249-0358 or chasegos@gis.net.

Memorial Day Committee

Sincere thanks to all who participate in the May 31 Memorial Day exercises. Special thanks to parade marshals Tom Padula, a US Army veteran of four years and former Royalston firefighter, and also to his sister, Deborah J. Padula, US Navy (retired). It was a beautiful day, with music from the RCS band, guest speakers from the area, and a lovely luncheon organized by Our Lady Queen of Heaven Chapel and the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Royalston.



Eat Locally - Forage for your Supper

Edible Fungi Talk and Walk

Nationally-known, award winning photographer and mushroom identifier and Royalston resident Noah Siegel will teach participants how to identify the unmistakable edible mushrooms in our area on Thursday, July 29 at 5:30 pm at the Athol Public Library. The following Saturday, July 31, Siegel will lead a mushroom walk. Meet in the parking lot behind the library to carpool. The talk and walk are co-sponsored by the Athol library and the Athol Bird and Nature Club.

Edible Wild Plants Walk

On Saturday, August 7, at 2:30pm join an edible wild plants walk with naturalist John Root at Tory Hill Farm, 163 NE Fitzwilliam Road, Royalston. This program features identification and uses of delicious and nutritious plants. Foods and beverages provided for sampling. Illustrated pamphlets, too. Free admission, sponsored by Royalston Cultural Council. Call Elizabeth at 978-249-6771

Royalston Fish and Game Club Supper August 7

The next F&G Chicken BBQ will be Saturday, August 7, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a positively scrumptious half chicken with baked potato, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, and watermelon. Donation per ticket will be announced closer to that date. Be sure to get on the list for available tickets, which sell out very quickly! During open hours, Club reps can be reached at 978-249-3004; Vice President Clayton Holmes at 978-249-4281. Winchendon R&G Fish Frydays resume in September, 2010. Call the Winchendon Club at 978-297-3955 for advance tickets at the end of August.



Police Department News

Free Kids' Bike Helmets Still Available

Officer Rob Plummer did a land-office business in bike helmets and other give-aways at the recent Saturday morning spectacular on The Common. The helmets are provided through grants to area police departments at no cost to children. Massachusetts state law requires all operators and passenger-riders of bikes, skates, skate boards and "other manually propelled vehicles" to wear approved safety helmets. If you know a child who does not have a safety helmet of the proper size, please contact the Royalston PD at the non-emergency number, 978-249-5838, to see what is still left in stock.

Wildlife Sightings

Coming home from work one evening 10ish, Phil Leger spotted 2 raccoons, 1 opossum, 1 red fox, and 1 gray fox crossing or waiting to cross Athol, and N.E.Fitzwilliam roads. Sighs Phil, "At least, they waited and didn't attempt a suicide."

Also on NE Fitzwilliam Rd, in the wee hours of June 20, a raccoon in pursuit of the bag of dog food on the Chase's porch climbed the wisteria, ripped the screen, and stepped in onto the "on" button of a CD player, which happened to be set on high volume and primed with the sound track from *Bye Bye Birdie*. The raccoon fled and thankfully, hasn't returned.

Carl Kamp recently snapped the male of the yellow-bellied sapsucker pair that raised their young in the trunk of an aging maple in his backyard on Warwick Rd. The partially albino porcupine waddled on to the power line near Lawrence Brook where he was standing. It started eating some ferns before seeing him. Next it flashed a full set of quills and waddled off to climb the nearest tree.



Garden Notes

June 22, 2010

We received some meaningful rain during the first week in June and it was just as well. I had reached the hair-pulling stage, not advisable given the declining number of hairs atop my head. More importantly, the rains were of the gentle variety; we were spared the devastating storms inflicted upon towns to our west. I know, I obsess on matters of weather, but in the end it will be the weather (and not my skills and efforts) which will determine the success of the garden.

For some of you, Monday is laundry day. For me it is planting day. Every Monday in June, I have planted beans, cucumbers, carrots, beets, cilantro, and dill. With the exception of carrots, I will continue the ritual through most of July ensuring extended and not overwhelming harvests.

There is a lushness to my late spring/early summer garden. Salads of lettuce, spinach, and sprouts are an almost daily occurrence. I'm but days away from picking the first peas. Garlic scapes (the seed head atop the plant) are being removed (and eaten), encouraging the plant to direct its energy toward bulb development. Many potato varieties are flowering; all are thriving. Beetles are almost non-existent, a rare event indeed. I have, for the moment, been relieved of the onerous and time-consuming task of searching for, and crushing, the egg cases. If only my hot-weather crops were to perform as well as those in the spring garden.


Row covers abound. They jar my sense of the aesthetic but do provide an effective barrier from flying pests, primarily flea beetles, cucumber beetles, and squash bugs. Alas, crawling insects manage just fine. I had two rows of cucumbers stripped of leaves as soon as they had emerged. I suspect slugs. I also prefer to observe my plants-in-progress, a difficult undertaking when they are covered, so I remove the covers from time to time to check things out (as well as weed). And sometimes they are removed by winds, necessitating their retrieval and weighing down with even more rocks. Notwithstanding their drawbacks, the row covers have become an essential element in my garden activities.

I await a soaking rain so I can apply the mulch and be done with most of the weeding. It used to be mulch hay was available for little or nothing, but those days are gone forever. (As well they should be, the farmer putting as much time and expense into baling up mulch hay as feed hay.) So I find myself hand-raking a couple of acres and hauling the piles to their final resting place. If I were to figure out how much money I've saved and how long it took me to save it, I would learn that I was being compensated at peasant wages. Appropriately, I might add since I think of myself as something of a peasant*. But that's not the point, really. There is nothing ignoble about working up a sweat under the sun of an 85° summer day. It is a work-out, but people pay for work-outs and do not leave the gym with a truck-load of mulch hay.

Summer has just begun but the garden has already reached a turning point. Heretofore, almost all the work was related to preparation and maintenance; hereafter, the lion's share will be harvesting. It is a welcome turn of events. As much as I enjoy the preparation and maintenance, it is the harvest and its consumption that provides the gratification. And who among us does not wish to be gratified?

Larry Siegel

* peasant: a countryman; rustic; a tiller of the soil either as a small proprietor or laborer.



Dowsing
 Jon Hardie 978-575-1454
 Water Wells Since 1965
 A free of charge community service

Stephen Chase Contracting
 Restoration and Preservation Services

Royalston
 978-249-4860

MA Construction Supervisor #044817
 EPA Certified Lead-Safe #NAT-58529-1

DeMar Technologies LLC



15 Oak Hill Lane
Fitchburg, MA 01420
Tel: (978) 345-8655

sales@demarmachine.com
www.demarmachine.com
Fax: (978) 345-8656

Rich DeMar

**YOU CAN BE A NEWSLETTER SPONSOR TOO
\$200 ANNUAL DISCOUNT RATE (10 ISSUES)**

**PLEASE CONTACT STEPHEN CHASE
978-249-0358 OR CHASEGOS@GIS.NET
LEAVE A MESSAGE**



BEAR'S DAIRY SERVICE

978-249-6843
Home Deliveries Since 1980

Home Delivery of Local Farm Fresh
Milk in Glass Bottles

INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTOR OWNED:
Robert Laakkonen (Teddy Bear)

BRUCE'S BROWSER, INC.

1497 Main Street, Athol, MA

BOOKSTORE • CYBER CAFÉ • CARDS & GIFTS

Come in and Browse!

Open 7 AM to 7 PM, 7 Days a Week

978-249-3978 www.brucesbrowser.com

Athol Memorial Hospital

Quality healthcare close to home

For information about our outpatient services
call 978-249-3611
or visit us on the web at
www.atholhospital.com

union music

New & Used Musical Instruments
Sales, Service, Rentals
Sheet Music, Accessories, Amps, PA's
Lessons, Rehearsal Space, Events
www.unionmusic.com

142 Southbridge Street, Worcester, 508-753-3702
Carl Kamp, Royalston, 978-249-9675

ROBICHAUD

PLUMBING SERVICE

978-297-3555

LICENSE #23440

174 WINCHENDON ROAD - ROYALSTON, MA 01368

Pearson Rubbish

978-249-5125

127 Bliss Hill Road, Royalston

Full Service Disposal

Weekly Pick Up in Royalston

Prompt Courteous Service

Call Russ

Thanks to the team at Fieldstone Press for donating
the printing of the Royalston Community Newsletter

527 South Main Street • Orange, MA 01364
978.544.3221 • 800.757.7377
print@fieldstonepress.com



Fieldstone Press

Yes, we can do that for You... www.fieldstonepress.com



Fitch's Kindred K9

**PET GROOMING
DAY CARE & SUPPLIES**

603-585-6881

Clip & Save COUPON 10% OFF full groom in July!

Classified Ads:

Lost Parrot: Small green, talkative Monk Parrot, who answers to the name Shrek, lost April 1st from Northeast Fitzwilliam Road. Last seen heading east. If you have seen or found him, please call 978-249-5051, 139 Northeast Fitzwilliam Road, Royalston, ask for Ron. Shrek is sorely missed so any information would be greatly appreciated.

Babysitting/ mother's helper: 12 years old, Red Cross certified. Call Abby at 249-3158.

Melanie and the Blue Shots Fall Tour: Cheshire Inn at the Fitzwilliam Inn Aug. 14th. (\$5 cover at the door. Come get a bite and support the home-town music scene.) Also, playing at the Garlic Fest in Orange on Oct. 2nd at 1pm. and at Red Apple Farm at the Athol-Royalston Education Foundation Oktoberfest on October 23

House for rent. Frye Hill Rd. Royalston 249-0358

Still taking summer bookings for **backhoe**, call Phil 617-584-9714.

For sale:

Yankee Candle display shelf - perfect hutch, bookshelf, curio, or, well, candle storage. \$100 OBO. Call Chris: 978-895-1699

Cement mixer, cast iron, motorized. \$100. Call John 249-2037.

Firewood - \$180/170 cubic feet for green, cut, split and delivered locally. Call for prices on limited supply of semi-seasoned and fully seasoned. Also available: Sawdust for bedding or mulch. Leave message for Jim at Putney's Mill, 978-249-3379.

Firewood; One season dry cord wood, cut and split. \$150 picked up or small delivery fee. Call Chet 249-2138.

The Royalston Community Newsletter
Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library
PO Box 133
Royalston MA 01368

Newsletter Staff

Editor: Beth Gospodarek

Layout and Sponsorships: Stephen Chase

Circulation: Becky Divoll, Lorraine Casinghino

Treasurer: Barbara Willhite

Staff: Maureen Blasco, Theresa Quinn, Mary Barclay, Larry Siegel

Submission deadline for Sept issue is: Aug 22

Please Contact Us

To submit news, articles, ads, calendar notices, classifieds:

E-mail: chasegos@gis.net

Mail: PO Box 133, Royalston MA 01386

Fax: 978-249-3572 (library)

Phone: 978-249-0358

In person: Drop off at library

RCN reserves the right to edit and restrict all submissions. This Newsletter is mailed out free of charge to all Royalston households as a public service provided by the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library with support from the Fieldstone Press, the Royalston Cultural Council, our sponsors and the entire community.

Out of Town Subscriptions

are available for \$10/calendar year (10 issues)

by mailing a check to: Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton
Library, PO Box 133, Royalston MA 01368

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
ATHOL MA
PERMIT NO. 42

Royalston Resident
Star Route 80
Royalston MA 01368

