

# THE ROYALSTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**Stop the presses.** Sadly, the Fieldstone Press, which has donated printing costs to the Royalston Community Newsletter for over seven years, is closing due to serious health concerns of the director, Jon Hardie. The money that has been saved in printing costs has been applied to the "Out of the Box Fund" and has enabled to Friends of the Library to purchase needed computers, printers, routers and software. It has helped the library provide "high speed" internet service to the community, making the internet free and accessible to all, including families, seniors, students, job seekers and the many frustrated residents still dealing with dial up service. The cost of the donated printing over seven years has totaled more than \$29,000. Library staff and the Friends group are very grateful for Fieldstone Press' owners, Jon Hardie and Becky Kraus-Hardie's, dedication to improving access to information both through print and electronic media in our sleepy town. These two citizens have subtly but substantially improved the quality of life of many. Thanks so much to the team at Fieldstone.

What will happen to the newsletter? The Friends of the Library are scrambling to keep the newsletter coming in some form. If readers have suggestions of printing, collating and labeling options, please call the library 978-249-0358 or attend the Friends meeting on October 7 at 3:45 at the library.

## Calendar of Events

October 2 Saturday

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Garlic & Arts Festival** in Orange, at Fosters Farm, 60 Chestnut Hill Rd. Continues Sunday, Oct 3.

4:30 p.m. 106th Annual **So. Royalston School Reunion** - meeting from 4:30 – 5 p.m., followed by dinner, at the Royalston F&G

October 3 Sunday

8 a.m. 1st Annual **Strides for Timmy** 4 mile Walk/Run

October 4 Monday

**Child Health Day**

October 5 Tuesday

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

October 6 Wednesday

11:30 am **Royalston Luncheon Club** at Town Hall.

October 7 Thursday

2:44 p.m. **New Hunter's Moon**

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

October 8 Friday

5:30 p.m. **Winchendon R&G Fish Fryday**

October 9 Saturday

**Leif Ericksson Day**

October 11 Monday

**Columbus Day** (observed)

Schools, post office and library all closed

October 12 Tuesday

7 pm **Broadband meeting** at Town Hall

October 13 Wednesday

11:30 a.m. **Royalston Luncheon Club** Blood Pressure Clinic

October 14 Thursday

7 pm **Candidates' Night in Royalston** with the 4 candidates running for state rep. in the Second Worcester District, in the town hall. George Northop will moderate. Sponsored jointly by the town Democratic and Republican committees.

October 15 Friday

6:30 pm **Royalston Historical Society** Pot Luck Supper and meeting at the home of Peter Kraniak, on the corner of Winchendon and Stone Roads. Bring a favorite dish and enjoy the evening. 978-249-7625 for details.

Midnight

**Cultural Council Grant Proposals Deadline:**

Applications available at [www.royalston-ma.gov/cultural/indexrc](http://www.royalston-ma.gov/cultural/indexrc) or contact Lorraine Casinghino at 978-249-5151.

October 16 Saturday

10:30 a.m. 4th Annual **Tully Lake Triathlon**

October 19 Tuesday

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

October 20 Wednesday

11:30 a.m. **Royalston Luncheon Club**

7 p.m. **Ladies' Benevolent Society** brief business meeting

8 p.m. **Annual LBS Memorial Concert** in the ballroom at The Maples on the Common, with hosts Patience and Werner Bundschuh. Performers include Benjamin West, Rebecca Kraus-Hardie and Deb Nunes. Free and open to the public. Refreshments



October 22 Friday **Full Hunter's Moon**

5 p.m. **Tully Lake Winter Campout** registration deadline. For ages 12 and up to try winter camping. RSVP at 978-248-9455 or [wkorb@ttor.org](mailto:wkorb@ttor.org). Fee is \$20/person (members \$15)

7:30 pm A presentation by **Harriet Reisen**, author of *Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women* and co-producer of the film by the same name at town hall. Refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

7 pm **Royalston Fish & Game Club Turkey Raffle**

### A Message from Jon Hardie

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for the opportunity to provide printing and mail labeling support for the Royalston News letter, that has delivered to every town resident through the Friends of the Library these past 7 years.

I have had a series of major medical issues which have significantly impacted my ability to serve the community both as a selectman and from which I resigned two years ago, and the past 2 years, to effectively manage the Fieldstone Press. As a result, we will be closing the Fieldstone Press soon, and asking another local printer to provide uninterrupted ongoing service and support to our wonderful and loyal customers.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to support the Friends of the Library, and to provide printing services to the community.

### Calendar of Events Continued

9:27 p.m.

October 23 Saturday

7 - 10 pm **Athol -Royalston Education Foundation's Oktoberfest:** Friends, fun, exceptional homemade German food, dancing to Melanie and the Blue Shots and beer and wine tastings - all for \$20. Benefits enrichment programs in the local public schools. Visit [www.a-ref.org](http://www.a-ref.org) for more information on the foundation, Oktoberfest, past grants and/or the grant application process. Call board members Angel Favreau, Melanie Mangum, Laurie Deveneau, Nancy Melbourne or Beth Gospodarek or [zap\\_chasegos@gis.net](mailto:zap_chasegos@gis.net) for tix.

October 27 Wednesday

11:30 a.m. **Royalston Luncheon Club** and Brown Bag Distribution

October 28 Thursday

7:00 pm **Royalston 250th Celebration Committee Meeting.** New members sought. Town Hall.

October 30 Saturday

3 - 5 pm **Town Halloween Party** for children at town hall. Traditional games and fun. Sponsored by the Royalston Police Department.

October 31 Sunday **Halloween**

5-8 pm **Royalston Trick or Treating hours.**



### Board of Selectmen's Corner

*Andy West, Selectman*

**Broadband Update:** The best chance for Royalston to be included in the state program for state-wide broadband is for us to complete the internet access survey to show that high speed internet access is not available for most of Royalston. This is the survey included in the tax bills. It is also available online at [www.mass-broadband.org/mapping/survey.html](http://www.mass-broadband.org/mapping/survey.html), at the library, Selectmen's office, or Royalston Country Store. Completed paper surveys are being collected at the town locations as well. The survey takes about 2 minutes to complete. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey to help everyone in Royalston. **The next Broadband meeting will be Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.**

**Sewer Treatment plant replacement:** This summer, the Board of Selectmen submitted a federal grant proposal to replace the aging sewer treatment plant in town. The grant is currently at the review stage and is being scrutinized. The grant would provide up to 75% of the cost of a new system. Selectmen and other town offices are responding to requests for additional information. We hope that we will hear a favorable answer soon.

**Selectmen's Office:** Here is a reminder for Selectmen contact information. Office hours: Mon-Thur: 8am-1pm, Wed: 8am-12pm. 978-249-9641. [bos@royalston-ma.gov](mailto:bos@royalston-ma.gov)

### Mid-term State Elections

#### Town of Royalston - State Primary September 14, 2010

Results - contested only      Winners denoted in bold  
Out of 859 registered voters, 131 voted in this election

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
<b>TREASURER - DEMOCRATIC</b>			
Grossman	37	12	49
Murphy	8	9	17
Blank	8	4	12
			78

<b>AUDITOR - DEMOCRATIC</b>			
Bump	34	8	42
Glodis	13	12	25
Lake	3	2	5
Blank	3	3	6
			78

<b>SHERIFF - DEMOCRATIC</b>			
Bove	17	15	32
Foley	28	5	33
Blank	8	5	13
			78

<b>REP IN GEN. COURT - DEMOCRATIC</b>			
Feeley-Knuutilla	31	14	45
Gerry	15	10	25
Blank	7	1	8
			78

<b>AUDITOR - REPUBLICAN</b>			
Connaughton	13	12	25
Jain	12	4	16
Blank	5	7	12
			53

**State Winners - according to Boston Globe**

Auditor	Treasurer	State House 2nd Franklin
Bump Dem	Grossman Dem	Denise Andrews Dem
Connaughtom Rep		Steve Adam Rep

## Geoff Newton Retires from Fire Department After 40 Years of Service



*Fire Chief Keith Newton presented his thanks along with a commemorative service award to Geoffrey Newton for forty years of dedicated service to the Royalston Fire Department during the Fire and Police swearing-in ceremony in June. Geoffrey Newton announced his retirement from the department earlier this year. In the photo (from L-R), Police Chief Curtis Deveneau, Fire Chief Keith Newton, Geoffrey Newton.*

## Board of Heath News

*Phil Leger, chair*

There are still some folks who have not purchased their new transfer station sticker. These were due July 1st. They are \$15 for residents and \$5 for 2nd vehicles.

There are some that say that they only recycle and do not bring trash so why do they need a sticker. The annual sticker does several things. It helps us determine who is a resident and who is not; nonresidents have a higher sticker price of \$50. The revenue helps offset the cost of recycling that we do not charge for. The bottles and cans bin has a transportation cost. The reusable area has cost when we have to regularly throw things out. Occasionally, someone leaves us presents which costs us. The goal of the transfer station has always to break even. Those that continually argue and try to get away without getting a sticker are actually cheating on all of us. Be a good neighbor and citizen and get your sticker!

Also, the staff does not enjoy asking where your sticker is. Place the sticker on the driver's side lower windshield. For those of you who have ID issues, place the sticker on the driver's side dashboard so that the attendant can see it.

This just in... you can't make plastic out of paper. BOH is still finding paper in with the bottles and cans. This always in, you can't make paper out of plastic. There's still plastic packaging thrown in with cardboard boxes in the paper. When bringing packaging for recycling, please remove the plastic, styrofoam, twist ties etc. from perfectly good cardboard and paper packaging. We thank you for your efforts.

## Royalston 250th Celebration Committee to Form

Members are being sought for a new committee to plan and execute the upcoming 250th anniversary celebration in 2015. Anyone interested in town history or the fundraising and logistics of pulling off a huge festival is urged to join. Please come to the next meeting at 7:00pm on Thurs. Oct. 28 at the Town Hall or contact Geoffrey Newton.

## Community Preservation Committee

*Marsha Charest*

The committee has received four applications to be considered for eligibility for Community Preservation Act town funds. The applications are currently under review. The committee would like to inform the public that applications can still be submitted even though the deadline has passed. Forms for application can be found at the library, Royalston Country Store and the town hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 4th at the town hall. The public is invited to attend with any questions.

## Royalston Police Department News

*Mary C. Barclay*

Police Chief Curtis A. Deveneau wants to alert residents to the **increasing numbers of house breaks** in the area – mainly of unoccupied, vacant or foreclosed properties. Individuals are entering the basement/utility spaces, cutting and removing copper piping. Residents should never attempt to intervene, but are asked to immediately contact 9-1-1 if suspicious activity is occurring, or 978-249-4211 to report an incident after the fact.

Royalston Police officers are again organizing a town **Halloween party** for Saturday, October 30, from 3 – 5 p.m at town hall. Games for the littlest ghouls and goblins, lots of photo ops for parents. Teens and tweens are always welcome to help – in costume or not. Donations of decorations, props and candy always welcome, too. To help, leave a message at the PD's non-emergency number, 978-249-5838. Also, official trick-or-treating hours will be from 5 - 8 pm on Halloween, October 31st. Officers will be patrolling.

## Officer Miner Gets a New Puppy

In what counts as big news in town, Royalston Police Sergeant Roland G. Hamel and Police Officer Sherry A. Miner, have a new addition, six-week old Cami Von Olympia, a female, sable German Shepherd. She came from a line of Shutzhund trained German Shepherds, a sport that verifies K-9 abilities in obedience, tracking and protection. Cami joins retired Royalston PD K-9 Rocky, and current Royalston K-9s Reba and Shawk, all air-scenting search and rescue dogs, and Edison, a "tracker," who follows the path of missing or elusive subjects. Sherry, a professional dog groomer and trainer is expecting to train the perky little puppy to compete in obedience and agility events. As with all working dogs, the public can expect Cami to make appearances with Officer Miner at schools and public functions.



# Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

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

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon

978-249-3572 [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org)

## Thank you

**Jenny Nano and Loren Mabrunder** for great preschool summer programs.

**Kadasia LaJoie** for summer program clean up help

**John Jeffries** for all those pecks of apples that visitors to the library eat and enjoy

**Larry Siegel** for all those veggies that visitors to the library take home

## Library Art Exhibits

**Helen Divoll** of Deland Road will continue to display several of her wood carvings at the library through the end of October. Helen has been carving for about 10 years and brings her love of nature and God to her work. In November and December, **Ruth Suyenaga** will display her paintings.

## Pre-school Story Time

Preschool Story Time is held on Monday mornings at 10:00. All preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to drop in for stories, crafts, and healthy snacks. This is a great way to introduce young ones to the library, make new friends, have some fun, and enjoy reading together. No pre-registration is necessary.



*Annual Pre-school Story Time Costume Party will be held the last Monday of October at 10 am at the library. Enjoy games, crafts and harvest snacks.*



## Pat Poor Memorial Lecture:

### Louisa May Alcott Program 10/22

Interested in Utopias, Transcendentalists, the Abolitionist movement, mid-19th C American literary pals Emerson, Hawthorne, Melville, Stowe, and Thoreau, grand European tours with cranky spinsters, the hard realities of living with idealistic zealots, the dawn of juvenile fiction, or the humility of being the poor relation in a wealthy clan? Or maybe you've harbored a soft spot for the March sisters since your aunt passed down her copy of *Little Women* on your 12th birthday? Perhaps, you could do with some cheery fall refreshments, including cakes, cheese, cider and wine? This program, like Louisa May Alcott's life, intersects all of these tangents.

Come out at 7:30 Friday, October 22nd at the Royalston Town Hall for an evening with Harriet Reisen, author of *Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women* and co-producer of the film by the same name. Also joining in the conversation that evening will be co-producer, Nancy Porter, Director of Photography, Boyd Estus, and Still Photographer, Liane Brandon. Boyd and Liane are part-time Royalston residents. Also on exhibit will be the still photographs that Liane made for the film and during the filming. Look for more information next month. Copies of the book and film are available for borrowing from the library. Thanks to John Poor for his donations in memory of Pat, which have made this series possible. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the event.

## Save the dates for these future events:

**'Communal Living in the North Quabbin Region,' a film and discussion led by Allen Young, Friday, November 19th** at 7:00 pm at the library. Refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Further information in the November newsletter, on our website, and by calling the library.

**Upcoming Holiday Workshops planned for late November and early December. Details still falling into place. Stay tuned...**

**Holiday Card Crafting:** Master card maker Janet Bettey will lead this workshop where participants will create and make holiday card and gift bags using a plethora of rubber stamps for designs and greetings.

**Wreath making workshop:** the most fragrant workshop of the year. Arrange and affix balsam to a frame in a cozy room of chatting crafting friends and neighbors. Add some cheer to your front door with the resulting wreath.

## Library 100th Anniversary - Celebration Grande

**Reserve June 26, 2011** for a long day of happy celebration and appreciation. Events planned so far include a living history walk on the Common, a parade, library vs fire department softball (no ringers allowed), a croquet tournament, speeches, poems and hoopla by invited orators including various state and local officials, and finally, the Book Worm's Ball, where attendants are encouraged to dress as their favorite author or book character. Everything is free and fun. Covetable prizes will be offered for costumes and general joie de vive throughout the day and evening. To help plan and execute, please attend any of the Friends of the Library meetings in the next few months, which are generally held on the first Thursday at 3:45, (the October meeting will be on 10/7), or call the library.

### Still needed: Your Centennial Slogans and Time Capsule Treasures:

Reduce, Reuse and Read! Do you have a clever saying that would look great on a reusable canvas shopping bag commemorating the 100th birthday of the Phinehas S. Newton Library? If your slogan is chosen, you'll receive a free bag. Also, What memorabilia should be included in a library time capsule? What items could give a taste of the historical and present day library to citizens in the future? Ideas for slogans or time capsule treasures may be left at the library, emailed to royalston@cwmar.org, or phoned in to 978-249-3572.

## New Materials October 2010

### Adult Fiction

Bass, Rick *Nashville Chrome*  
 Brooks, Terry *Bearers of the Black Staff*  
 Brown, Rita Mae *A Nose for Justice*  
 Doetsch, Richard *The Thieves of Darkness*  
 Evanovich, Janet *Wicked Appetite*  
 Franzen, Jonathan *Freedom*  
 Glass, Julia *The Widower's Tale*  
 Gruen, Sara *Ape House*  
 King, Lily *Father of the Rain*  
 Kinsella, Sophie *Mini Shopaholic*  
 Krentz, Jayne Ann *Witchcraft*  
 McMillan, Terry *Getting to Happy*  
 Michaels, David *The Red Moon*  
 Oates, Joyce Carol *Sourland*  
 Paretsky, Sara *Body Work*  
 Reichs, Kathy *Spider Bones*  
 Rendell, Ruth *Portobello*  
 Schine, Cathleen *The Three Weissmanns of Westport*  
 Silvia, Daniel *The Rembrandt Affair*  
 Truong, Monique *Bitter in the Mouth*  
 Waldman, Ayelet *Red Hook Road*  
 Woods, Stuart *Santa Fe Edge*

### Adult Non-Fiction

Abram, David *Becoming Animal*  
 Bartoletti, Susan *They Called Themselves the K.K.K.*  
 Burk, John *Massachusetts Covered Bridges*  
 Sandler, Martin *Lost to Time*  
 Seife, Charles *Proofiness*

### Adult Audiobooks

Bacevich, Andrew *The Limits of Power*  
 Gruen, Sara *Ape House*  
 Turow, Scott *Innocent*  
 Vaillant, John *The Tiger*

### Young Adult Fiction

Colfer, Eoin *Artemis Fowl*  
 Nolan, Han *Crazy*

### Young Adult Audiobooks

Behrens, Andy *The Fast and the Furriest*  
 Riordan, Rick *The Battle of the Labyrinth*  
 Riordan, Rick *The Last Olympian*  
 Riordan, Rick *The Red Pyramid*



### Juvenile Fiction

Black, Michael Ian *A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea*  
 Dicamillo, Kate *Bink and Gollie*  
 Fleming, Candace *Clever Jack takes the Cake*  
 Frazier, Sundee *The Other Half of My Heart*  
 Haddix, Margaret *Into the Gauntlet*  
 Keene, Carolyn *Double Crossing*  
 Lobel, Anita *Nini Lost and Found*  
 McCourt, Lisa *Ready for Kindergarten? Stinky Face*  
 Nelson, Marilyn *Snook Alone*  
 Osborne, Mary Pope *A Ghost Tale for Christmas Time*  
 Rylant, Cynthia *Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea*  
 Spratt, R.A. *The Adventures of Nanny Piggins*  
 Stanley, Diane *Saving Sky*  
 Tashjian, Janet *My Life as a Book*  
 Wells, Rosemary *Max & Ruby Bedtime Book*

### Juvenile Non-Fiction

Weaver, Janice *Hudson*

### Juvenile Audiobooks

Cushman, Karen *Alchemy and Meggy Swann*

**DVDs:** *Date Night, Killers, Letters to Juliet, The Backup Plan, The Happening and The Last Song*

### Music

Glee  
 Crow, Sheryl *100 Miles From Memphis*  
 Little Big Town *The Reason Why*  
 Perry, Katy *Teenage Dream*  
 Train *Save me, San Francisco*



Photo by Liane Brandon and Damon Bundschuh

### Happy 200th Birthday to The Maples

More than 150 people assembled recently at Patience and Werner Bundschuh's house on the Common to celebrate the 200th birthday of "The Maples", the name given to their home by the Hill Family, who owned the house for three generations from the 1890's to the 1960's. More than a half dozen Hill family members, from across the country, came to share in the celebration.

Rufus Bullock built the Federal style mansion in 1810 and his son Alexander Hamilton Bullock, who became Governor of Massachusetts, was born there. The Bundschuhs moved into the Maples in 1979 and are only the third family to occupy the house.

Marty Picard's 17-piece Reminisce Orchestra played dance favorites from the 1920s and 30s while Royalston's own Teddy Bear manned the pig roast.

### Recipe of the Month: Snack Like a Starlett

*One of the joys of cooler weather to cozy up, turn on the oven and bake something aromatic and hedonistic. Long time library trustee, Polly Longworth, submitted just the ticket, her secret brownie recipe. She confesses, "Its source is rumored to be Katharine Hepburn, via a long ago Ladies Home Journal issue. Chuck eats no other variety, not just because it was his mother's recipe, but 'cuz the brownies are truly super. He's given me permission to share it."*

### Hepburn Brownies

Oil brownie pan; preset oven to 325 degrees

- 2 sq. unsweetened chocolate
- 1/4 lb. butter (1 stick)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Melt chocolate and butter together over low heat. Meanwhile, beat eggs well and slowly add sugar, then beat in vanilla. Stir together flour and salt and add to egg\sugar mix. Add melted chocolate & butter. Add chopped walnuts. Pour mixture into pan. Bake just 1/2 hour @ 325 degrees - they may seem underdone, but will become ideally chewy as they cool. Cut while warm.





## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS

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

Two reasons to get sick in SoRo: **Renee Javier** became a licensed practical nurse in September; **Jody Nolette** became a registered nurse in August.

Belated congratulations to **Hannah M. Kacian** of Deland Hill, one of two Monty Tech Graphic Design students who won last June's Autism Resource Center of Central Mass. tee shirt design contest. Hannah, now graduated, and classmate Tia Kinsman of Fitchburg were two of more than 1,000 competitors entering from six area high schools. In addition to having their tee shirts produced and worn during the Center's recent 10th annual Community Walk for Autism, the girls received tee-shirts with their winning designs, plaques and gift cards.

Robert "Grumpy" Anthony of Morse Road, who has shown his scroll and fret work at the Phinehas S. Newton Library, and wood-carver Hugh Blake of Stewart Road are helping the New England Woodcarvers' Association raise funds towards the Middlesex Community College Scholarship foundation. The craftsmen are selling raffle tickets for four prizes, winners to be drawn at the "Spirit of Wood" shown on October 17. The first drawing is for a 32" LCD flat screen TV; drawing two is for a Foredom 5400 Woodcarving kit; drawing three is one of Grumpy's works of art, in this case, a "Fancy Horse;" and the final drawing is for a Cape Forge Chisel & Knife Set. See more about the club and show at [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org), and categories for carvers of all ages to enter their works. Anyone who would like to support this effort with a ticket purchase can contact Grumpy at 978-249-2857 or Hugh at 978-249-8239.



### Military News

U.S. Army PFC Jessica A. (Putney) Denesowicz was guest of honor recently at a welcome home party attended by more than 50 relatives and friends. She completed basic training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina this past spring, and a 20-week Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as a behavioral health specialist in August. She trained at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas and is being assigned to an as yet undetermined base in Germany. She was joined for the party by her husband, U.S. Army Sergeant Matthew A. Denesowicz, whose unit returned from its second deployment to Afghanistan just in time for the party. Matt's MOS is Aircraft Powertrain Repair, and he is serving with the 5-158 Aviation Brigade. He is stationed in Ansbach, Germany.

## Milestones



On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, Dorothy Bailey of 394 Athol-Richmond Road was honored on the occasion of her 100th birthday with a celebration at the Senior Luncheon. Dottie was born on Sept. 23, 1910, in Marlow, NH, spent many years as an educator in New Hampshire, and moved to Royalston ten years ago to live with her niece Erica Brouillet and husband Larry. The Selectboard proclaimed Sept. 23, 2010, Dorothy Bailey Day, and she is shown here with Selectman Jack Davis after receiving Royalston's Boston Post Cane.



Welcome to Rylee Thomas Fitzpatrick, who arrived August 25, 2010, weighing a respectable 7 lbs 11 oz, and measuring 20" long. In addition to his parents Chris and Christina (McGivern) Fitzpatrick, he joined his brothers Andrew and Dakota, and his sister Lillian. Grandparents are Margaret McGivern and Edward St. Peter, the late John and Karen Fitzpatrick, and the late Mark McGivern.

### MEMORIAL

Bert L. Bartlett, Sr., 88, formerly of West Royalston Road, died Wednesday, September 1, 2010, following an illness. He was predeceased by his wife of 26 years, Elberta E. Bartlett. For 23 years the couple co-owned and operated Bartlett's Dairy before selling the 200 acres farm in December, 1988.

Bert is survived by his daughters Bonnie Davidson of Amesbury, Victoria Bartlett-Roche and her husband, Paul, of Athol, and Cathy Adams and her husband, Jason, of Wrentham. He is also survived by his sons Bert, Jr. who is serving in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army, and Douglas and his wife, Kimberly, of Millville.

A celebration of Bert's life was held in early September at the home of his daughter, Vicki, with a private interment at Maple Cemetery, near the former Bartlett Dairy. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made in Bert's name to the Alzheimer's Association; 311 Arsenal St.; Watertown, MA 02472, or to the American Cancer Society; 30 Speen St.; Framingham, MA 01701.

## Village School Offerings

**Dean's Beans Coffee on sale:** Get yours delivered, fresh, once a month to the Village School, whole beans or ground. Find the order form at [www.villageschool.to](http://www.villageschool.to) and order online.

**Harvesting:** All the children join in harvesting the garden, including digging the potatoes they planted last spring. They'll be enjoying roast potatoes soon.

**Field Trips:** We are taking advantage of the weather. Classes are visiting local gardens, visiting Sweetwater Farm in Petersham, going to Red Apple Farm, going to the Farm School, hiking to Lawrence Brook and climbing Jacobs Hill. With this great weather, most science classes are taking place outside, investigating the local flora and fauna. The 4th-6th class has a special day trip to Lowell, as part of their study of the Industrial Revolution, investigating the preserved mills, and trying their hands at weaving on the looms.

**All School Poetry Project:** In the first weeks of October, the whole school is involved in a single poetry project. Every child will write a poem based on his or her observations in the natural world. The project will culminate in a combined reading. Everyone loves poetry, and everyone is a poet!

## Upcoming events

### Autumn Lantern Walk Celebration for Families -

Friday, November 5, the Village School hosts the annual Autumn Lantern Walk. The public is invited to participate in this seasonal celebration. The evening starts at 5:00 p.m. at the school with a gathering in the dark for a bonfire, stories, and songs. Everyone then joins in a procession on Royalston Common to the Town Hall, singing and carrying glowing homemade lanterns. A community potluck Italian supper at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. will be followed by a family contra dance with the No Name Band, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Renowned folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond will call the dances. Donations are suggested of \$5 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$10 per family.



### Open House Saturday November 13 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

For continual updates on events, go to [www.villageschool.to](http://www.villageschool.to)

## Monty Tech Alumni: the Web is Calling

Are you among Monty Tech's alumni? Be sure to check out the growing alumni association, which has managed to locate more than 6,000 past graduates. Sadly, there are still over 1,000 yet to be found. There is a new alumni website offering a way to network with alumni, many of whom are now successful professionals. There's a career center where jobs and resumes can be posted, notes on specific classes, and a way to contact former classmates. Go to [www.MontyTech.net](http://www.MontyTech.net) and click on "alumni association."

## Royalston Community School Notes

Royalston Community School is looking for a resident of the town to serve on the **School Improvement Council**. The group's primary focus is to identify areas of improvement and brainstorm goals, objectives and strategies to realize improvement, particularly in the area of student achievement. In addition to a couple of teacher representatives, we are also seeking parents of current students and a community member who does not currently have a child attending RCS. If you are interested, please contact Daniel Somes, Principal, at (978) 249 – 2900 or at [dsomes@arrsd.org](mailto:dsomes@arrsd.org).

**Open House** was held on September, 14. Parents and friends were able to meet teachers and eye-spy students' work throughout the school. Thanks to our ever-appreciated volunteer librarian Teresa Quinn a book fair was also held that night, as well as throughout that week. An excited new student council and green team was formed. Members are; Matt Lucier, Alyana LaJoie, Erin Snell, Ziola Wilder, Isabelle O'Connor, Owen MacPhee, Amber Mahony, Rachel Killay, Molly Divoll, Tayiah Neale, Jesse Hixon, Jamieson Francis, Anthony Oro, Abby Roberts & Natalie Lawrence.

**Dates to remember:** RCS will hold its annual Halloween Dance on Friday, October 29 from 6:30-8p.m. The 5th & 6th graders will be holding a Halloween Basket Raffle raffle throughout the month of October to benefit their trips to Nature's Classroom. The next Parent Teacher Group meeting is Tuesday, October 19 @ 3:15.

## Local Music

### Annual LBS Memorial Piano Concert

The Eighth Annual Ladies Benevolent Society Memorial Piano Concert will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at 8:00 pm sharp in the ballroom at the Maples on Royalston Common. This year's participants include Benjamin West, Rebecca Kraus-Hardie and Deb Nunes. Patience and Werner Bundschuh are the gracious hosts and a reception immediately follows the concert with delectable goodies provided by the Ladies. All are invited to attend.

The LBS will hold its regularly scheduled business meeting prior to the concert, beginning at 7:00 pm - please note change of time. For further information, please call Deb Nunes at 978-249-4000.

### Melanie and the Blue Shots Fall Tour:

Oct. 2 Garlic Fest, Orange noon-1pm

Oct. 16th Tully Triathlon noon-2pm

Oct. 23rd Oktoberfest AREF Red Apple Farm 7pm-10pm

Nov. 20th Cheshire Tavern Fitzwilliam Inn 8pm-11:30pm

## Royalston Fish & Game Club News

The Royalston F&G Club's annual Turkey Raffle is slated for Friday, October 22, 2010, beginning at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. Two basket raffles will be held – tickets are out now for \$1/each and may win a jam-packed basket filled with \$100 of ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal. Light refreshments will be served and the bar will be open and offer a full range of soft drinks and adult beverages. The Club's number is 978-249-3004; or try Vice President Clayton Holmes at home at 978-249-4281.



## Congregational Churches News

*Pastor Jeff Francis*

With the leaves now falling and the cold mornings beginning to lengthen day by day it is with renewed anticipation of the change of seasons. Seasons change within our lives. Some for the better and some, unfortunately, for what would appear for the worse. But be encouraged that God has a way of using all seasons to make you a better person, draw you closer to His love, and prepare you for a brighter tomorrow. Let me invite you to a place where you can find refuge in whatever season you find yourself. This place is a church full of people that are in different seasons...some good and some difficult. But all in all, FCCR, is a place of encouragement, strength, hope and refuge. Come out and join us every Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00am. Let's rejoice in our seasons together.

October is the month we set apart to celebrate and focus our attention on world missions and the international community. On October 15 and 17th we will be hosting our 2nd Annual "Touch the World" Mission's Conference on the FCCR campus. All are invited Friday night at 7:30pm as we host a Liberian Choir from Liberia, West Africa, and its church now located in Providence, RI. We will also be hosting our friend, Pastor Anthony Triplett, who oversees two international ministries in the Republic of Congo and Uganda East Africa. On Sunday, all are welcome as we host the international community of Zion Bible College and its mission department. Students will be ministering in song and testimony as well as sharing in a flag ceremony and then all will enjoy an international dinner following the 10:30am service.

On October 10th we will be joining with our teenagers as we trek up Mt. Monadnock following our morning service. Our youth director, RJ Gunn, will be joined by several experienced outdoorsmen as they direct this fall journey to enjoy the change of season with the turning of the leaves and the beautiful scenery from Monadnock's peak. Anyone interested in this outdoor venture may contact RJ Gunn at (401) 489-0644 .

The Congregational Churches will be hosting its 3rd Annual "Light the Night" Fall Fest on October 31st. Every year children of all ages come and join us for a night of fun activities, great food and of course festive costumes. FREE! Come dressed up in your best costume as there will be prizes and of course lots of candy for everyone. To make a donation of candy for this event, drop off donations at the church any Sunday from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. "Appointed", the talented drama team from Zion Bible College will be performing throughout the evening. "Light the Night" will begin at 6:00 pm and end by 8:00 pm.

## Tully Triathlon

Saturday, October 16, 10:30 am: 4th Annual Tully Lake Triathlon Join us for what has now become an autumn North Quabbin tradition. The 17-mile paddle/run/bike triathlon designed to showcase all the best this region has to offer. Awards will be given to the top finishers in each of the following categories: Individual-Women, Individual-Men, Team-Two Person, Team-Three Person, and Team-Four Person. Pre-registration required. For more information visit [www.thetrustees.org/tullytriathlon](http://www.thetrustees.org/tullytriathlon) or call the campground at 978-249-4957.

## Take Some Strides for Timmy



Maria Gatautis, formerly of Dickley Road, is organizing a four-mile walk/run for her 23 year-old cousin Timmy Gatautis who suffered a paralyzing cervical spine injury in June. The first annual "Strides for Timmy" professionally-timed race will begin and end at the Royalston F&G, traveling through the beautiful Birch Hill Dam area and along the Millers River during the onset of fall foliage season, October 3rd. Back at the Club's spectacular facility, visitors can find an array of concessions and raffles, along with a DJ who will serve as emcee at the awards ceremony for Timmy's Striders. Runners and walkers can register on-line at [www.race-menu.com/StridesForTimmy](http://www.race-menu.com/StridesForTimmy) or contact [StridesForTimmy4Mile@gmail.com](mailto:StridesForTimmy4Mile@gmail.com) for more details. Maria wants to emphasize that serious runners, serious walkers, and those who just want a leisurely walk in the country are all encouraged to participate. The first 100 registrants in any category will receive a free "Strides for Timmy" tee shirt; awards will be presented to the first three men and women finishers.

All profits from this and several upcoming events will help provide the necessities Timmy will need when he is released from Spaulding Rehab Center and returns home to Athol. The house must be completely retrofitted for handicap access – doors must be widened, ramps built and special bathroom features added, to name a few. He will also need a motorized wheelchair with special controls and a vehicle that will accommodate his equipment.

Anyone willing to assist in any way is invited. There are many ways to help with this and future events. All make it possible for Timmy to continue his rehabilitation. Every dollar and every volunteer will make a difference.

## North Quabbin Garden Club: House Plant Seminar

Thursday, October 21, 2010 7 p.m.

Millers River Environmental Center  
100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331

Jan Dexter, a member of the North Quabbin Garden Club, will lead a forum on the care of common and not-so-common successful houseplants. Bring one of your favorites with information or questions, and bring plants to exchange if you have some. Don't have any? Come find out where to start!

## Garden Notes

September 22, 2010

The weather has been nothing but persistent. Two inches of rain since I last wrote has provided little relief to the garden or the groundwater level (has anyone noticed what remains of the Miller's River in South Royalston?). Yes, there has been some moderation in temperatures but not before another blast of hot weather at the beginning of the month. Whatever thoughts the cucumbers and squash had of recovering from the August heat were dispelled. Remarkably, the plants continue to flower and set fruit, in spite of the fact that they are virtually leaf-free. The remainder of the garden trucks on, an island of green within a sea of brown grass. I continue to water, at least the most recent plantings of spinach and beets and they have been responding to the attention. Royalston seems to have been a pepper-free zone this summer. Everyone I ask mentions luxurious growth with few fruit. The best explanation I've heard is that the plants were unable to flower during June's intense heat. Wouldn't you know, my plants have finally flowered and I'm already formulating plans for some elaborate structure to protect them from a frost or two. Peppers at the end of October? Wouldn't that be something? (It's all in the challenge; I don't particularly like peppers.)

Finally, a tale of two harvests. First, the winter squash. I have been known to crawl down the rows of my winter squash, looking under the canopy of leaves in my zeal to determine how many fruits are developing. That canopy was one of the first casualties of summer's torrid conditions. The plants remained alive, though, and I figured the squash would hold up better on the vine than in the house. I thought wrong. One day, I glanced at the patch and discovered every buttercup squash had succumbed to sunscald (the butternuts had not). Sunscald is just what you might imagine, large spots bleached white by the sun. I have seen it on tomatoes and peppers but never on squash. The fruit will rot and split at the point of the scald. We have embarked upon a buttercup squash feeding frenzy.



Second, the grapes. As grape gleaners among you know, wild grape vines abound but wild grapes do not. I saw none until Barbara and Enis Willhite called to invite me to pick from a couple of vines abutting their pond (dry, I might add, for the first time ever). The grapes were delightful, in aroma as well as flavor. We have our own arbor where six vines were set out thirty or so years ago. It has collapsed into a pile of posts, boards, and wires, over-

run with the vines. Since we can count our total harvests on one hand (and have several fingers left over), I've been less than enthusiastic about restoring it to its former elegance. So, I'm leading the steer (well, the steer was leading me) to a more attractive feeding site when the telltale aroma hit me. I ended up with one and a half bushels of near-perfect Concord grapes.

So much for my finely-tuned, keen eye for detail.

*Larry Siegel*

## Classifieds:

**Little Farmers Child Care** at 88 Winchendon Road in Royalston has openings for full and part time child care. We are now available at 6 am! Visit us on the web @ [littlefarmers.webs.com](http://littlefarmers.webs.com) or call Joni @ 978-575-1083. Lic # 2086547

**After School Program available at Village School** from 3 to 5:30 on school days. Children can take the RCS school bus and get dropped off at the Village School on the common. The cost is \$6 an hour. There is homework help, supervised outdoor play, and lots of arts and crafts, (children learn knitting!) run by Royalston resident, Lynn Anair. To sign up, call the school at 249-3505.

**After School Music Lessons**, Jocelyn Langer, Village School music teacher, is offering private music lessons, group lessons and ensembles at the Village School, on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 3:15 to 5:00. Students can learn a new instrument and/or work on improving skills. Flute, recorder and guitar. 1/2 hour private lessons: \$16 All group lessons & ensembles: \$10 per session. Call or email Jocelyn for more information: 774 314-0903, [jocelyn.langer@gmail.com](mailto:jocelyn.langer@gmail.com)

**Housekeeping, weeding and other odd jobs.** \$14/hour. Call Kathleen (Lawrence) Pirro at 978-249-9774.

Fall booking, **backhoe** \$65 per hour. Call Phil 978-584-9714.

**Wanted: 5-7 acres of land** to buy for agricultural use (to plant an orchard, build a greenhouse, etc) in close proximity to Royalston. Mostly cleared land preferred, with a stream or pond on premises a definite plus. Call 617-281-5611 or 781-721-1207.

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### Wildlife Sightings: Big Mammal Bonanza

There are multiple reports of a bull **moose** in the swampy woodland behind Millyard/Stockwell Roads.

Theresa and Stephen Demboske saw a big **black bear** on Athol Road on September 9th. Dodie Robinson also watched a bear cross the road near the "Royalston Recycles" sign on Athol Rd in early September.

James Taylor saw a **bobcat** on Warwick Road at about 4 pm on August 30th.

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