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photo by Joanne Semanie

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Brooke Shulda

Ford Hill Road Now Open: After beginning the Ford Hill Road Culvert Project at the start of July the Town is happy to announce the Culvert Project is completed! We are happy to see this roadway open again. Thank you to Davenport Trucking and Gill Engineering for your hard work in completing this project.



Safety Complex Roof Replacement: On Monday October 23, 2023, Capeway Roofing Company began the replacement of the Safety Complex roof. The project took approximately a week to complete. I would like to acknowledge the Finance Committee Chair, Dan Pallotta, for taking the lead on this project and keeping all necessary personnel informed every step of the way. Thank you to Capeway Roofing for completing this project!

Town Hall – November Closures:

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 – CLOSING at 12pm

Thursday, November 23, 2023 – CLOSED Thanksgiving Day

Board of Selectmen – November Meetings

Thursday, November 09, 2023, at 6:00pm

It has been a month and a half since I started to work full-time for the Town of Rowe! I want to thank all the wonderful, friendly, and positive greetings that have come my way since I started. I am thrilled to be working for our town and lucky to have so many enthusiastic positive coworkers. I am currently working on our town phone directory which is something that we use all the time in our home. We hope to have the directory distributed by the end of the year. Please let us know if you have any concerns about your information. You can call the town hall or better yet stop in to give us any updates with your information. It is a pleasure to be here in the town of Rowe and I look forward to meeting you and being a part of Town Hall.

Submitted by Donna Butzke
Administrative Assistant

Assessor's News

Submitted by Christine Bailey

Recent Property Transfers (October 2023)

Further details may be obtained by researching the specific deeds at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds website at masslandrecords.com/franklin

Deed Bk 8232 Pg 310, Jeffrey and Sheryl McGuire to Arik Olson, 48 Old Cyrus Stage Road, \$316,000.00 (Map 403 Lot 043)

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY HELEN!!!



Come celebrate Helen Shields' 100th Birthday!!

When: Sunday November 26, 2023

Where: The Rowe Historical Society

2:00-4:00 Drop by to celebrate

Light refreshments will be served.

2:30 - Happy Birthday will be sung

Please bring a treat to share!

Call Kerri with any questions 413-768-8392

The Rowe Beautification Committee wishes to thank Rowe residents and friends for all the wonderful and encouraging compliments we received during this spring, summer and fall.

We also wanted to let you know that a Weigala shrub and fall sedum was planted at the gazebo through a donation in memory of Jodi Brown. We would like a sign indicating the memorial plant so does anyone in town make signs?

We also have another request. Could anyone assist us with making planters. about 1 1/2 feet high, that we could hollow out from logs? We would like to place them around town next spring and plant flowers in them. Please contact any member of the committee if one or more of these requests are something that could be accomplished by you. Thank you so much. Committee members are Cyndie Stetson, Myra Carlow, Virginia Gary, Dawn Beaumier, Ann Greico and Danielle Beaumier.

Thank you very much,
Cyndie

A special Thanks to Selmi Hyytinen for the Holiday display

Selmi, We look forward to each Holiday driving by your house waiting to see your Holiday Display on your front lawn.

Thank-you for your effort and spirit,
Paul McLatchy and Rowe

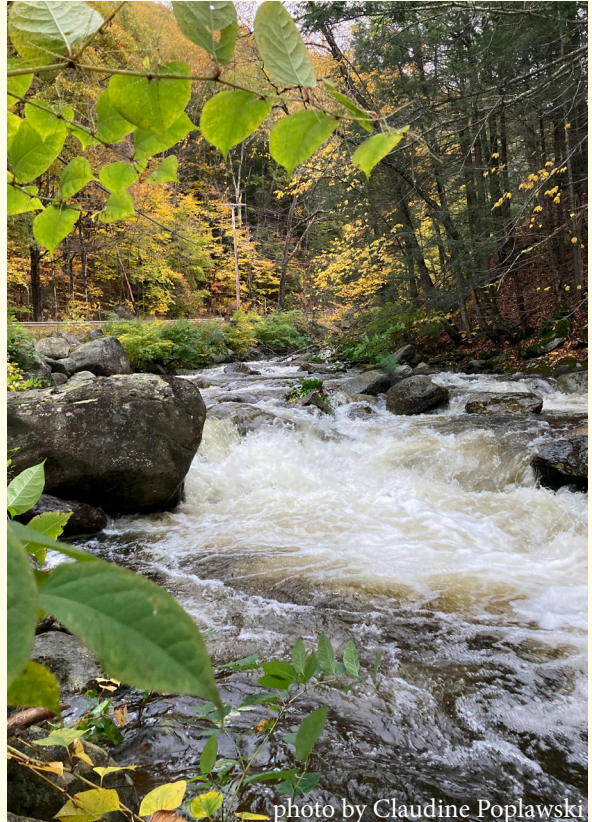


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Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

HOURS:

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7

Saturday 10-3

Did you know the library has a library of things? We currently have a carpet cleaner, cricut, pressure cooker, metal detector, yard tools, electronics, fun yard games like giant jenga and cornhole, and a pressure washer.

Programs:

Thursday Nov. 9th @ 6pm – Kids viewing of “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving”
– Craft and snacks to follow

Wednesday 14th @ 3:45pm - Kids Fall after school event – fall scavenger hunt and turkey craft

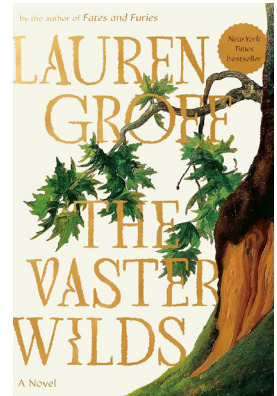
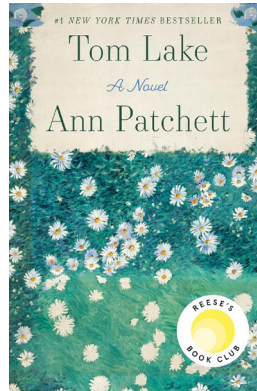
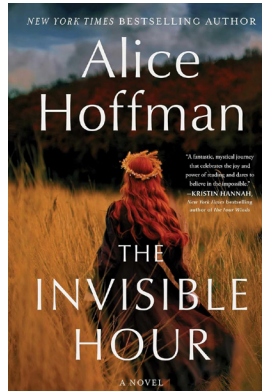
Calling crochet, knitters, embroiderers, needle point, and other crafts- Are you interested in a common space to work on your projects with other crafters? If so please call/email the library with a day and time you would be interested and we will schedule a group that work for everyone

The library will be closed Saturday November 11th in observance of Veterans’ Day,
Thursday November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving

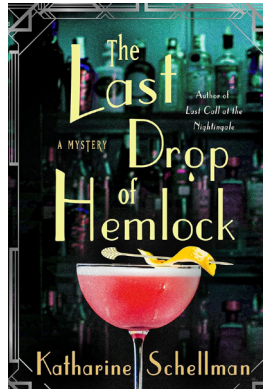
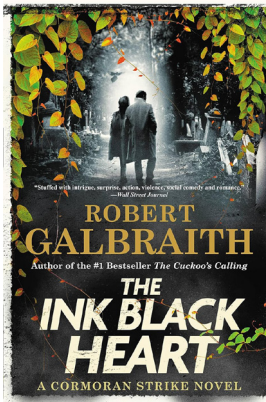
We will also be closing Early Wednesday November 22 @ 3:30 pm

Some New Books:

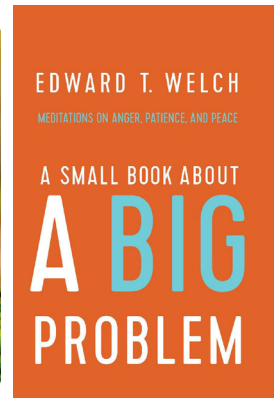
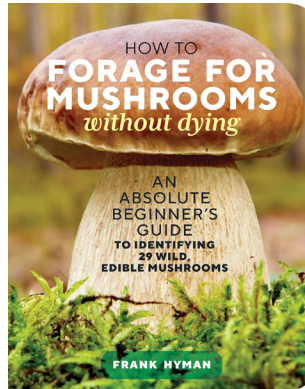
Adult Fiction:



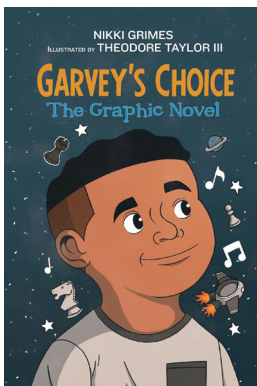
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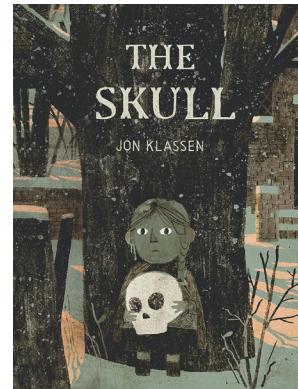
Adult Non-Fiction:



Graphic Novel:



Kids:





October was a busy month at the Rowe School. October saw students in the PreK/K class hiking around the lake, and those in grades 1-6 hiking at Savoy Mountain State Forest. Good times were had by all. The PTP helped organize the annual Tailgate Trick or Treat the Friday before Halloween, followed by a Community Pot Luck. We also had our monthly Community Lunch on October 25th, the pot pie was delicious! Join us for our next one on Wednesday, November 29th.

Classes have completed their Benchmark Assessment tests of reading comprehension and reading fluency. These tests are administered throughout the school year to give teachers feedback on how their students are performing and as a tool to boost student achievement. These tests, in addition to in-class observations and student-teacher conversations, help teachers form groups of students who are currently at the same instructional level for reading and math. This is, of course, in addition to the teaching and learning that is going on every day at the school.

The school worked with Rowe resident and parent Julie Moran to take school pictures again this year, and the results are amazing. Beautiful and personal, families will love the pictures. We also had our all-school chorus in October, with students in all grades singing together. Town Nurse Rachel Lewis and school nurse Lydia Brisson organized a flu and COVID vaccination clinic at the School in October, and had solid attendance! It was great to see the school being used for events that support the community again.

Outdoor learning will continue to be a big part of how we engage and educate our students, even as the weather turns colder. All of the classes have been making regular use of the beach and trails at Pelham Lake Park, it's exciting to see so much learning going on outside the school building. Thanks to Sean and the Park for accommodating us.

November will bring Family Conferences: parents and guardians meeting with the teachers about how we can best help the students learn together, more math, reading, science, social studies, Spanish, art, music, and PE. I encourage you to participate at the school, on whatever level you're comfortable with. Attend meetings, volunteer or observe in classrooms, join the Parent Teacher Partnership...be a part of the Rowe School. If you have questions or are interested, please call me at the 413-512-5100. You can also email me at wknittle@roweschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle



1 & 2 presents "Kindness Story Walk"!
Take a walk and read about ways you can show kindness!



3rd & 4th Grade creations

November, 1957

Contact

NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC SYSTEM

In This Issue:

DOBLE TESTING
THROUGH THE YEARS
HOME OF THE YANKEES



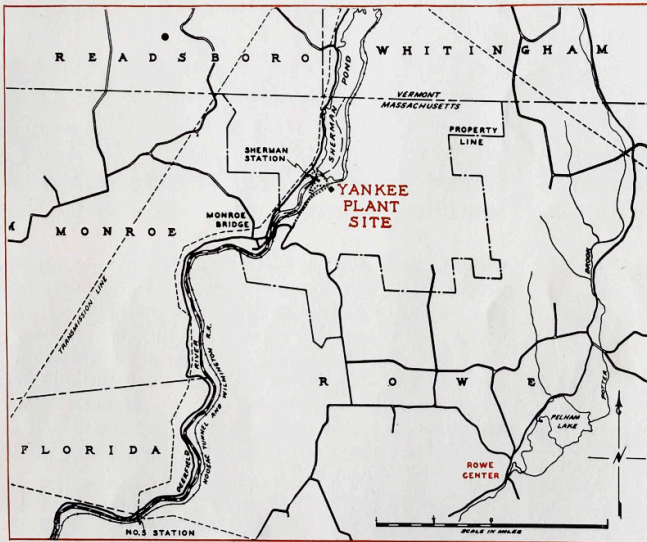
School Days

in Rowe, Massachusetts

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ROWE, Massachusetts

Home of **Yankee Atomic
Electric Company**



● INCORPORATED 1785

● POPULATION 260

● SIZE 15,000 acres

● ELEVATION 1700 feet

A SMALL, progressive, independent town of about 260 inhabitants and some 15,000 acres, Rowe has been chosen as the site for New England's first nuclear power plant. This little known town is located about 10 miles east of North Adams and just six miles north of the famous Mohawk Trail.

The financial independence of Rowe is not without historic precedent for its people, even from the earliest times, derived their support from development of the stream rather than the field. As soon as the Indians permitted the settlers to move down from the hill-top site of Fort Pelham—an 18th century border barricade in the French and Indian War—small industries of every kind: tanneries, grist mills, sateen factory, an iron pyrex mill (only one of its kind in New England), and tale grinding mill were set up on the banks of Pelham Brook.

These industries served the population well and the town prospered. But centralization of industry in the late 19th century took its toll here as elsewhere and gradually the little mills fell out of use. However, the Deerfield Glassine Company in Monroe Bridge be-

gan its operations and employed a number of the townspeople from Rowe. And the Sherman hydro-electric station of New England Power Company started producing electricity and shared in the tax assessment of the town.

Today, Rowe has one farm, no industry and most of the working people are employed in plants located in North Adams and Greenfield or in the paper mill at Monroe Bridge. Governed by three selectmen, it has an outstanding Volunteer Fire Department with an up-to-date fire alarm and communications system. Highway Department equipment includes two heavy trucks, a pickup truck, road scraper, pay loader, snow-plow attachments. They recently purchased a sander to take care of the winter snow and ice on its principal road and main street—Zoar Road—plus its 40 gravel roads and trails running over and around its mountains and valleys. The town library has an excellent selection of books and about every eight weeks the State Regional Bookmobile brings 200 to 300 new books and takes away the same number.

When the Atomic Energy Commission contracted



SCHOOL CHILDREN climbing jungle gym during recess



RICHARD E. SHUMWAY, town mailman checking mail



ROWE SELECT-MEN: Edward C. Henderson, John H. Williams, Jr., Chairman of the Board and J. Henry Stanford looking at artist's conception of Yankee Plant

with Yankee Atomic Electric Company, the townspeople wanted to find out more about atomic energy and turned to their library for information. The library has a special section containing books, magazines and pamphlets telling about the atom and atomic energy. The schoolhouse is a trim one room building where the first five grades are taught. Although Rowe maintains no school above grammar grades, tuition is provided for those attending high schools in Charlemont or Shelburne Falls.

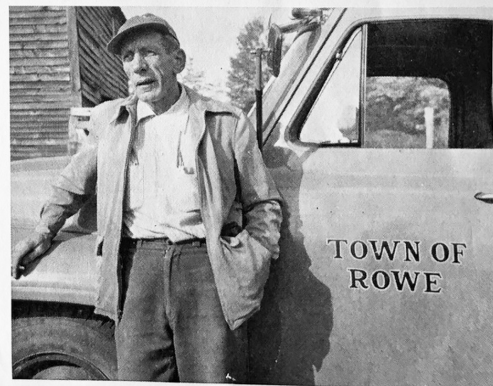
One of the busiest places in town is the general store which is well stocked and up-to-date. It also serves as a post office and gas station. There is a section of the store reserved for antiques and unusual store equipment for curious tourists.

About two miles from the center of Rowe the Deerfield River winds downstream. At a site along this river, Yankee Atomic Electric Company will build its 134,000-kilowatt plant at a cost of \$57,000,000. On

MRS. RAYMOND B. STEVENS, town librarian



SAMUEL MURRAY, Superintendent of the Highway Dept.





WENDELL BJORK, postmaster, store mgr. and gas attendant



HOWARD TRUESDALE, Highway Department employee

the west bank of the river a railroad with just 12 miles of track links the Boston & Maine at Hoosac Tunnel with Readsboro to the north. This is Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington Railroad, called the Hoot Toot & Whistle by the nearby residents.

Good rail and highway connections bring summer residents to Rowe, doubling the population. There are two churches in town, one of which is only opened in the summer in order to help handle the vacationists. Most of the summer residents enjoy the swimming and boating at Pelham Pond and others join hiking groups taking off through the valleys or trekking up the 2140-foot high Adam Mountain, third highest in the state. Hiking is a popular sport in Rowe, and groups of old and young alike can be seen on Sunday afternoons in the winter walking along the trails, building up a good appetite for the potluck supper waiting for them at the end of the hike.

With a low tax assessment and the aid of two public utilities contributing a large sum in the way of taxes to the community, the town is in good financial condition. Some of the residents feel that with the taxes received from Yankee Atomic Electric Company the rate will go down. Others feel that the new plant will draw new families to the town increasing town services and therefore taxes will stay about the same. The town has already taken care of the possibility of major industries moving in as a result of the nuclear plant and has adopted a set of by-laws giving the town complete control over industrial and residential expansion.

The people of Rowe admit that they are pleased to have their town lead New England in atomic energy but most of all they want to retain the peace and quiet which makes Rowe, Massachusetts an ideal place to live.

GERALD TRUESDALE operating saw mill on Zoar Road



JAMES WILLIAMS, 19 year old volunteer fireman in gear





photo by Claudine Poplawski



photo by Steve Provost



photo by Claudine Poplawski

Shingles-You Can't Get it if You Mingle, but it Sure Can Make You Tingle

People develop shingles when the varicella-zoster virus (virus that causes chickenpox) reactivates in the body after they have already had the chickenpox. Shingles is not passed from person to person, but the virus is; you cannot get shingles from someone who has shingles BUT you can get chickenpox from someone who has shingles if you have never had chickenpox (or the vaccine) before.

Shingles is a painful, usually itchy rash that develops on one side of the face or body. Very rarely does a rash become more widespread (like chickenpox)-although this can happen with people who have very weak immune systems. The rash forms blisters that typically scab up in 7-10 days and fully clear in 2-4 weeks. Prior to the rash forming, some people experience pain, itching or tingling in the area the rash then appears, or they may experience a fever prior to the rash forming.

To prevent spreading the virus to others:

- ☐ Cover the rash
- ☐ Avoid touching or scratching the rash/blisters
- ☐ Wash your hands
- ☐ Avoid contact with susceptible people until the rash has scabbed over (this includes pregnant woman, people who have never had chickenpox, infants, and immunocompromised people).

1 in 3 people in the U.S. will have shingles in their lifetime. Shingles complications such as severe, long-term nerve pain, increase as you age. It is important for older adults and those who are immunocompromised to take preventative measures, such as getting vaccinated against Shingles to decrease the risk of acquiring Shingles and/or the complications of Shingles. The CDC recommends adults over the age of 50 to get 2 doses of the Shingles vaccine (Shingrix). Even if you had the 'Zostavax' in the past (the old Shingles vaccine), it is still recommended you get vaccinated with the Shingrix vaccine, which is proven to be 91% effective even at the 7 year mark. Talk with your healthcare provider at your next visit!

****Please be on the lookout for Emergency Planning Town-Wide Survey being sent home in the very near future. Fill it out and return to the Town Nurse or Town Administrator. We are trying to collect data to help achieve better preparedness for our Town residents during an emergency. Thank you! ****

Deer waiting for the Library to open

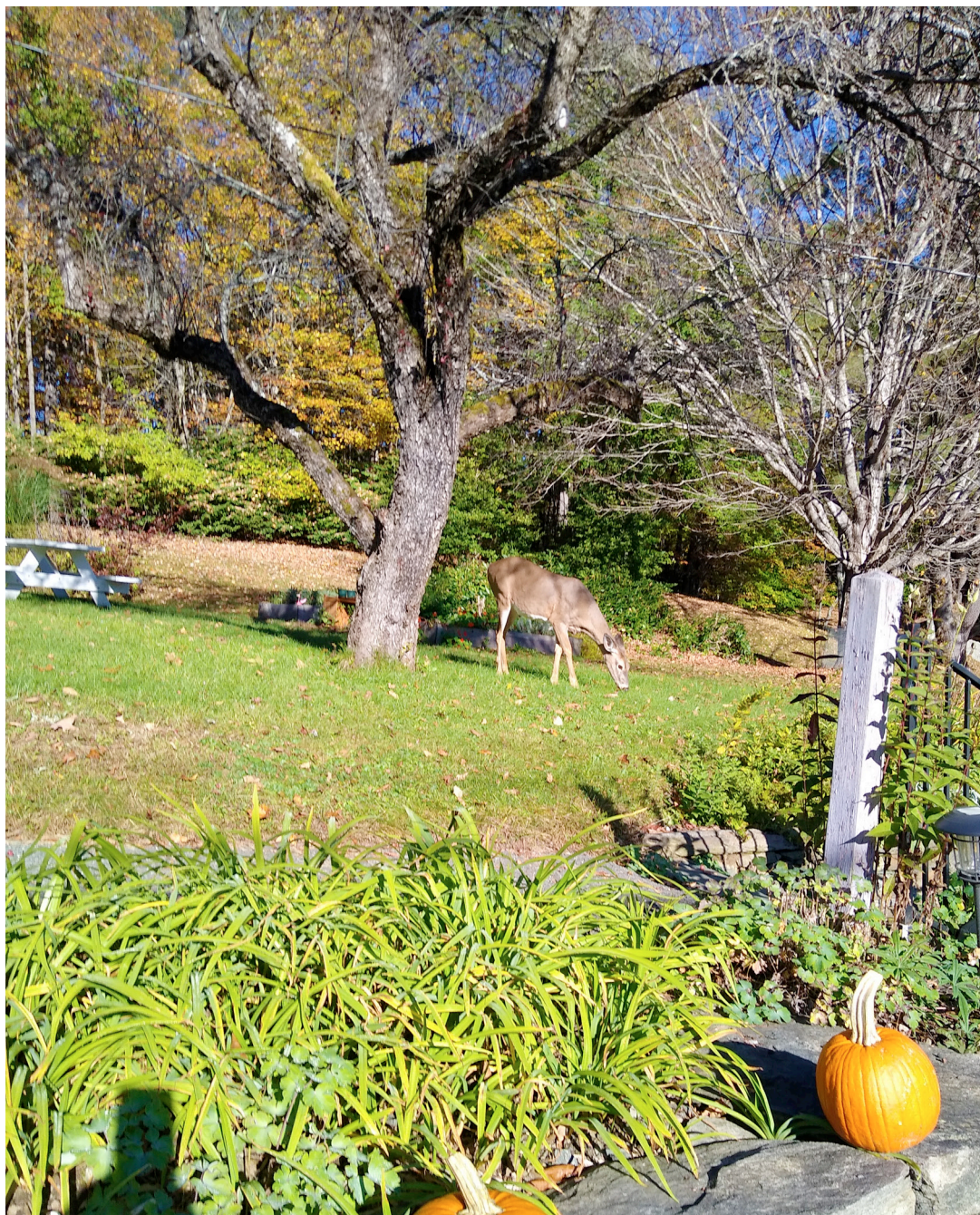


photo by Kathy Atwood

Rowe Camp and Conference Center, 22 Kings Highway, is seeking local contractors for snow plowing during the winter of 2024. Please contact Clay Connor, Interim Executive Director, if you are interested in visiting the facility and providing a quote for snow plowing services. Call Clay at 339-4954 extension 115 or email at executivedirector@rowecenter.org. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE...
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH AT 2PM
FROST AND FLANNEL

Held in the Rowe Town Center
Photo Booth, Winter Games, Crafts,
Holiday letter writing,
Snacks and hot cocoa...



November 7
5:30 – 8:30 PM

SOUP AND GAME NIGHT
AT THE KEMP-MCCARTHY MUSEUM

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Bring your favorite games
and food to share!



November Birthdays

1 - Jaxson Crowningshield
4 - Io Sokol
5 - Sue Alix Williams
5 - Julie Moran
6 - Teddy Balawick
8 - Taylor Bailey
9 - April O'Leary
10 - Margorie Morse
11 - Kimberly Gabert
12 - Ronan Tanner
12 - Slade Tanner
13 - Mike Bradley
14 - Dennis May
15 - Cindy Laffond
17 - John Baldwin
17 - Brian Crowningshield
18 - Helen Shields
19 - Preston Duval
21 - Gabriella Larned
22 - Madison Baker
22 - Nicole Wrisley
24 - Tim Snyder
25 - Emma Shippee
28 - Spencer Laffond
30 - Laurie Pike

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please contact me at:
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Town Services

Town Main Line at 413-339-5520

Position/Dept.	Ext #	Email Address	Hours
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<u>Assessors Office</u>	104	<u>assessor@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Wed 8-1 or by Appt</u>
<u>Board of Health</u>	105	<u>boh@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Tues 8-1 Clerk</u>
<u>DPW</u>	111	<u>dwphighway@rowe-ma.gov (339-5588)</u>	
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	100	<u>townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon-Thurs 9:30-5:00</u>
<u>Fire Chief</u>	112	<u>firechief@rowe-ma.gov (339-4001)</u>	<u>Thurs: 2:00-8:00</u>
<u>Fitness Room</u>	149		
<u>Library</u>	114	<u>rowelibrary@gmail.com</u>	<u>Tues: 10-5 Wed: 12-8 Thu: 3-7 Sat: 10-3</u>
<u>Park</u>	110	<u>parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov (339-8554)</u>	
<u>Police Chief</u>	113	<u>policechief@rowe-ma.gov (339-8340)</u>	<u>Wed: 5:00-8:00</u>
<u>Post Office</u>	(413) 339-5390		<u>Mon-Fri: 12:15-4:15, Sat: 8:30-11:30</u>
<u>Tax Collector</u>	106	<u>collector@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon,Wed,Thurs: 8:00-4:00</u>
<u>Town Accountant</u>	102	<u>accountant@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>By Appt.</u>
<u>Town Clerk</u>	103	<u>townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Tues: 6-8:00pm or by Appt.</u>
<u>Town Nurse</u>	107	<u>nurse@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon, Wed, Thurs: 8:00-4:00</u>
<u>Transfer Station</u>	(413) 339-0216		<u>Sat: 8- 2:00pm, Sun: 8- Noon, Wed: 7 -10am & 4 - 7pm</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	106	<u>treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon,Wed,Thurs 8:00-4:00</u>
<u>School</u>	(413) 512-5100, Principal: Ext 1, Secretary: Ext 2, Nurse: Ext 3		

Town Hall is open for normal business hours 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Please contact Town Administrator at: (413)339-5520 ext. 100 for appointments whenever possible.

Seasonal residents MUST notify the Executive Secretary of any change in address.

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