

Rowe Old Home Day - Saturday, July 10th

Preparations for the **July 10th Old Home Day** celebration are well under way. Thank you to the volunteers who stepped up to bring us this year's event.

Rowe is celebrating its **225th Anniversary** this year. To celebrate this milestone, the theme for this year's **parade** is *"Honoring Our Heritage."* We hope that townspeople can find interesting pieces of Rowe history that can be showcased in the annual parade...perhaps as early settlers, or soldiers, or farmers, or nuclear engineers! We look forward to seeing great floats, props and costumes!

Crafters wanting to set booths on Old Home Day at Rowe Elementary School need to contact **Bob Dykeman** at 339-0046 or immad60@verizon.net, or **Ellynn Packard** at 337-4868 or rowepack@verizon.net. There is a \$15.00 fee for each booth.

We are bringing back the **4M Road Race** this year. We had these for several years quite a few years ago, and some people have shown interest to resurrect this event. The course will most likely be...Park Headquarters building to Pond Road, to Ford Hill Road, to Newell Cross Road, to Hazelton Road, to Zoar Road, to Pond Road, and back to the Park building (approximately 4 miles). Anyone interested in running in the race and/or assisting in putting on the event should contact **Sean Loomis** roweparkdept@hotmail.com or 339-8554. The Road Race starts at 9am, and registration is at 8am at Pelham Lake Park. An entry form is

available on town website www.rowe-ma.gov. There is a \$5.00 entry fee, and each participant will receive certificates for both a free lunch (hamburger, hot dog, etc.) and homemade local strawberry shortcake by the Rowe Community Church.

The **Readsboro Lions Club** will again put on their delicious **chicken barbeque** at Pelham Lake Park at 5pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Rowe Town Hall, or by contacting Ellen Miller at 339-9944 or 339-5746 or admin@rowe-ma.gov. Deadline to reserve tickets is July 4th. All tickets need to be picked up and paid for before Saturday, July 10th.

Thom Chiofalo is organizing the **annual farm and garden tour** for **Sunday, July 11th**. There are nine Rowe farms and gardens on the tour. A listing of the farms & gardens, along with a map, is available on the town website www.rowe-ma.gov.

We hope it will be another great event for all to enjoy, and of course we're all hoping for great weather too. If there is anyone willing to volunteer their services, we can certainly find things for you to do.

Old Home Day Committee
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