



Times of Shrewsbury



March 2023

LOTTERY ROAD AND THE EARLY VERMONT LOTTERIES

Lottery Road? Where did that name come from? For 45 years Connie and I have lived on this lovely road which often hosts more walkers, runners, and bicyclists than vehicles. Often, we are asked, "Where did that name come from?" Some folks know that "a lottery" of some sort helped build this scenic town road, but not much more. Digging in, the history is interesting.

During a brief period, straddling Vermont's entry into the US, many lotteries were authorized by the early General Assemblies. These lotteries were generally for bridges and roads, but there were several other interesting purposes. Not all proposals for lotteries were approved. The January 1967 issue of Vermont History, issued by the Vermont Historical Society, offers a wonderfully detailed account of this subject.

Throughout the early colonies lotteries were a common way to raise money for needed projects. While they generally funded "public works projects", such as roads and bridges, lotteries were also approved by state legislatures to help with revolutionary war expenses, to build local industries and schools, provide relief for deserving soldiers of the Revolution, construction of public buildings (such as Independence Hall in PA), and to begin many of the northeast's Ivy League college's (Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, and Yale among others). Even Thomas Jefferson received authorization to have a lottery to stop a forced sale of Monticello, his home.

Focusing on Vermont, this contested land between the Connecticut River and Lake Champlain became an independent republic in 1777 and, on May 4, 1791, became the 14th state to join the United States. During this general period, the Vermont General Assembly authorized 42 lotteries for various purposes; the first in 1779, and the last in 1804. The first Vermont lottery was the "Vermont State Lottery", used to raise \$30,000 to help pay for a militia to defend the cash-starved Republic of Vermont. Thereafter, most Vermont lotteries were granted for needed roads and bridges. However, there were other purposes: a paper mill (Bennington), a schoolhouse (Norwich), a printing office (predecessor to the Rutland Herald), an iron works (Fair Haven), a malthouse and brewery (Weathersfield), repair of the Rutland State House, repair of a brewery and distillery consumed by fire (Middlebury) and a few charitable lotteries for disabled war veterans. Each lottery had a legislatively appointed local Committee and 3 local Managers responsible for the operation of the lottery. Of the 42 lotteries authorized in Vermont, "The Shrewsbury Great Road Lottery" was the 25th and one of six granted in late 1791, during just the second Legislative session of Vermont as a new state, held in Windsor.

Looking at the October, 1791 petition Shrewsbury submitted to the General Assembly, "the

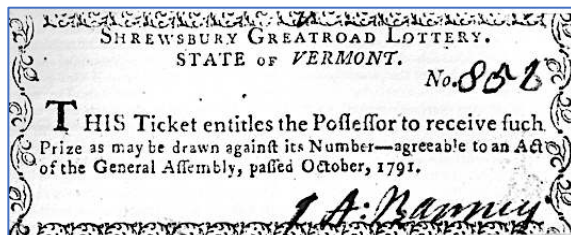
Inhabitants of the Town of Shrewsbury... humbly Sheweth that they are under many Disadvantages Respecting a County Road through Said Town.." and "that a Road may be maid upon a straight line through the Town which will cross near the Center Excepting a Little Variation in two or three places to Shun Hills" and "if accomplished would be of Great Advantage to the Publick at Large as it would be several Miles Nearer than any other Road that Can be found to Cross the Green Mountain(s)."

On November 3, 1791 the General Assembly responded with "An Act... For The Inhabitants Of Shrewsbury To Raise One Hundred And Fifty Pounds ...For The Purposes Of Laying Out & Making A New Road Through Said Shrewsbury". The appointed responsible Committee was Emanuel Case (formerly Heidi Mitchell 's house on Mithchell Road, now Greenhagen), Jeffrey A. Barney (Al and Ann Ridlon's house on Town Hill Road) and David Holden (Aaron Korzun's house on Lottery Road), all prominent community leaders.

Lottery Road in Shrewsbury is just one of two "Lottery Roads" in Vermont according to VTrans (the other in Weathersfield, perhaps related to that town's brewery lottery). Dawn Hance, in *Shrewsbury, Vermont, Our Town As It Was*, states the intention of the Shrewsbury lottery was to raise \$500 (equal to 150 pounds) and to assist in providing a shorter route from "the Connecticut River Bridge at Bellows Falls to Rutland ", the objective being "to cut a new road through Shrewsbury to Rutland". Vermont converted from the "pound" (equal to \$10) to the "dollar" in 1792.

Over the next year 2,250 Shrewsbury lottery tickets were intended to be sold for \$1 each and purchased by cash, wheat, or other grain. Prizes were to be paid in the same way. Each ticket had a unique number like modern day lottery tickets. Winning tickets were drawn on Christmas Day 1792 at Nathan Finney's Tavern (still standing, Rt 103, north of Spring Lake Road). On January 25, 1793, the winning ticket numbers were published in Bennington's Vermont Gazette under the title "A List of Fortunate Numbers Which Have Drawn Prizes in Shrewsbury Great Road Lottery". Ticket number 2234 won the first prize of \$100 (\$3,200 today), but there is no record of the winner's identity. There were also 3-\$50, 8-\$25, 20-\$10, 50-\$4 and 434-\$2 prizes, all listed, for a total payout of \$1,718. This left \$532 to build the road, minus any expenses. One in four ticketholders got money back (unlike our current lottery). Ticket #851 (see image) was not on the list of winners.

But, where was the road intended to be built? This was a time when roads through Shrewsbury were first being established. Many early lot owners had no real access to their properties which



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were generally 100 acre parcels laid out like a sheet of postage stamps on a map). Early Selectboards were required by law to lay out and build road networks for which they assessed a penny per acre town wide tax. The first Shrewsbury roads (circa 1780-1800) were: 1) the South Road (generally the current RR path from Clarendon then following Shunpike Road), 2) the North Road (generally Lincoln Hill Road, Crown Point Road, to Eastham and Mount Holly), 3) a road from Lemuel Whites Tavern (Pine Valley Farm) on Lincoln Hill Road, crossing Town Hill Road, then intersecting with and following Russellville Road to join the North Road in Russellville) and 4) the general route of the present Spring Lake Road. Earlier, the Crown Point military road crossed Shrewsbury from Eastham to the Clarendon Gorge area. By 1776, it generally followed the current routes of Russellville Road, Crown Point Road and Lincoln Hill Road.

Dawn Hance reports (assisted by local engineer and cartographer Jack Turnbeau) that Lottery Road's "course through Shrewsbury began near John Randall's in Jackson Gore (now Mount Holly), about one mile west of the southeast corner of this town", then "from the Mount Holly line, past Oresman's (now Bracy) to the Center, past B.F. Korzun's, thence to the Clarendon line".

This is where one must look at the location of the early roads and imagine what the Lottery was trying to accomplish. Hance states, "The road (Lottery Road) provided a shorter route from the Connecticut River Bridge at Bellows Falls to Rutland" and the original petition stated it would save "several miles". The North and South Roads already provided direct routes from Mount Holly to the Clarendon Gorge area. From there one could get to Rutland. A more direct way to Rutland would be straight from the Center to the end of the present Wilderness Road (surveyed in 1790). Is this what was meant by "thence to the Clarendon line"? No road past the end of present-day Lottery Road shows on the 1854 Scott map of the town, nor on the 1869 Beers map. It would certainly be a straight-line route from Mount Holly to Rutland, via the Frank Lord Road, Russellville Road,

and Lottery Road, extended to the Wilderness Road. But did it ever get completed that way? There is no evidence Lottery Road ever went beyond the later developed "Poor Farm". Did it get cleared but then abandoned by the time of the 1854 Scott map? This happened to other roads as some routes proved too difficult to maintain and other routes became easier to travel. A mystery. It seems the \$500 raised in the 1791 Shrewsbury Lottery might have created the Frank Lord Road connection to Mt Holly, followed the earlier built "Russellville Road" to the Center, then improved the pathway to the farms on the present Lottery Road, one being Lottery Committeeman David Holden (Korzun), then up the hill to David Waterman's house (now Raymond) and on to the now Town Farm Wildlife Management Area on which John Kinsman had a house on or before 1817. If it was ever laid out and travelers rode through to the Wilderness Road, a record was not found.

In 1804, Vermont became the first state to stop the granting of new lotteries. However, there were several lotteries which had been authorized earlier but never taken place. Several of these "sleeping lotteries" awoke later and were held, up until 1830 or so, since the original authorizations had no expiration date.

In the 1800's, as today, funding of local schools was a common debate. A legislative committee on education stated, in 1825, that "the stability and permanency of free institutions depended on the education of the middle and lower classes which (are) the strength and sinews of the nation" and the "institution of lotteries promised the only available means of creating a school fund". Today, over 150 years later, where do all the current Vermont Lottery proceeds go? To the Vermont Education Fund.

So, take a stroll down Lottery Road. Enjoy the view and sunset to the west and think of the hundreds of folks who ponied up \$1 a ticket to build the road. Think of the work pulling rocks and stumps. Of course, a road at that time was just a pathway wide enough and smooth enough for horse and wagon. But, \$500 for a new road? That's two truckloads of crushed gravel today.

~Article by Mark Youngstrom

TIMES OF SHREWSBURY

The Times of Shrewsbury is published monthly from February through December, and compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal of informing townspeople of what is happening in Shrewsbury. The views and opinions expressed in articles are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the editors.

All submissions must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person and are printed at the editors' discretion subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any information piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to the guidelines previously described.

A writer of a letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to the resident or organization, and to the Times by the 10th of the month prior to publication or it will not run. If the named person or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the Times that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

There is no charge for: jokes, poems, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are not commercial.

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is 5pm on the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's Times.

Ads in the Times are for area businesses, local non-profit events, and local ballot election advertisements.

Best Formats: Articles: Word or as an email message with no formatting. Photos: jpeg. Ads: jpeg or Word document.

Monthly advertising fees and relative sizes:

Full page	\$100	(7.5"w x 9.5"h)
Half page	\$60	(7.5"w x 4.5" h; or 3.5"w x 9.5"h)
Quarter page	\$12	(7.5"w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5"wx 4.5"h)
Business card	\$6	(3.5"w x 2"h)
Classified ad	\$3	(15 words or less)

Payment due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

2/1/2023

Chryl Martin ~ Rich Biziak ~ Victoria Arthur

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Email: shrewsburytimes@gmail.com

Online: <http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb 26	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Shrewsbury Library
Mar 4	11am	*Informational Meeting at the Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road, Shrewsbury; Light dinner and dessert served by Shrewsbury Mountain School students
Mar 7	10am-7pm	*Polls open for Town Meeting Day Election @ Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road
Mar 7	5:15pm	*Shrewsbury Conservation Commission meets virtually
Mar 11	9am-12noon	*Build a bluebird box and learn about songbirds with SCC program at the Mountain School
Mar 12	2am	*Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 12	3:30pm	*Writers' Group meets at the Library
Mar 19	4pm	*Famous Books Bok Club meets at the Library
Mar 25	8am-12noon	*Family Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Shrewsbury Community Church
Mar 25-26		Vermont Maple Open House Weekend
Mar 26	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Mar 28	12noon	*Prayer Shawl Group meets at Shrewsbury Community Church; Bring bag lunch
Mar 31	7pm	*"Mid-Winter Trip to Yellowstone" program at the Shrewsbury Library
Apr 12	6pm	*Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store Annual Meeting at the Meeting House
Apr 21	7pm	*"The Impact of Plastics on Our Environment" presentation at the Library

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com



Deadline for submission to *Times of Shrewsbury* is by 5:00pm on the 20th of each month.

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Selectboard Meeting	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10am at Meeting House
Development Review Board	4 th Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda
Library Trustees Meeting	2 nd Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg	1 st Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 rd Wed. 7pm at MRHS unless otherwise warned
Planning Commission	2n & 4th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays – 10am via Zoom; contact wildernessfriends@gmail.com
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service and Kids Funday Program
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	TBA
Shrewsbury Historical Society	Next meeting, May, 2023 in the Museum
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Opens first Sunday in July, 2023 from 1 to 3pm
Shrewsbury Singers	Currently taking a break
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 nd Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

Clerk's Office	492-3511 Mon – Thurs 9am – 3pm; Closed Friday
Town Garage	492-3656 (Follow prompts to report roadway blockage on non-work days)
Listers	492-2009 Available by appointment
Treasurer's Office	492-3558 Monday 9am-11am
Transfer Station	492-3867 Sunday 8am-4pm ~ Wednesdays 12noon-6pm
Library	492-3410 Hours: Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm & 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10-12noon; Sat 10am-12noon
Meeting House	492-6050 Reservations: 492-3361 or julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net [Urgent and reminder news info]

Cuttingsville Post Office 492-3585 Window Hours Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30am & 11:30am-2:30pm; Sat 8am-11am.

Lobby Hours Mon-Fri 7:00am-7:00pm and Sat 7:00am-4pm

Burn Permit: Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or, Deputy Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr. 802-282-3642

Animal Control Officer: Vacant (Contact a Selectboard member) 1st Constable: TBA Game Warden: Tim Carey 793-2776

Emergency Management Aaron Korzun 492-3362 Green Mountain Power outage 1-800-451-2877

Medical-Police-Fire Emergency Dial 911 Ambulance 773-1700 Rutland Hospital 775-7111

[Updated 10/17/22]

In Memory of James West

Jim was born in Manchester, CT November 16, 1937. After several years of various health issues, he passed away on November 2, 2022, at Rutland Regional Medical Center. He attended Manchester schools; the family moved to Maine for several years & then back to CT, where he graduated from Rockville H.S. in 1956. He worked for many years for SNETCO, as a lineman, from where he retired. He moved to Shrewsbury in 1997 and served as a lister.



Jim was a proud descendant of Mayflower passengers John & Priscilla Mullins Alden & a member of the VT Mayflower Society. In his younger days, he enjoyed hunting, sometimes going to ME & NH with friends and family. He was a long-time member of NRA. After moving to VT, he taught himself woodworking & made many beautiful items, which included a Hoosier cabinet, from lumber on his property and two authentic dog sleds, which have been admired by many people. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Snow West; children: Deb, Pam, Dave (Lisa), Rob (Margy), Cate (Paul), and Fred; 15 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; brother, Rod (Judy); a niece and nephew; and several cousins. He was predeceased by his children Ned and Susan. Jim will be cremated and burial will be in Manchester, CT in the spring. Donations may be made in his memory to a charity of your choice. ~Nancy West

In Memory of Marsha J. Littler

Marsha J. Littler, 82, died Jan. 12, 2023, at Rutland Health Care Center. She was predeceased by her husband Richard Litter in 2020. Marsha was born March 21, 1940, in Newton, MA/ She was raised in Needham, MA and graduated Needham High School. She received her Bachelor Degree from Gordon College in Beverly Farms, MA. Marsha was challenged by recurring mental health issues. She and her family were very appreciative of the understanding and support of the Vermont State Mental Health system during her lifetime. Christianity was her guiding light. Marsha and Richard were active members of Shrewsbury Community Church. She spent the last decade of her life in the warmth and professional care of the Rutland Health Care Center, supported by her dear friend, Brian Patrick. Surviving is her brother, John Kelly of MA, wife, Sarah, and their sons David, Andrew, and Jeffery; sister-in-law, Shirley Littler of Springfield. Funeral service was held on January 28, 2023, at Shrewsbury Community Church. Burial will be held at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery in Rutland.

~Submitted by Sue Kelley, Shrewsbury Community Church

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ONLINE and in Color at
<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

and soon to be on the Town website at
www.shrewsburyvt.org

Town Administrative Assistant

The Shrewsbury Selectboard is looking for a Town Administrative Assistant who will:

- Attend all Selectboard meetings, take minutes, and follow up on Selectboard business.
- Maintain Selectboard files in coordination with the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and other Town Staff.
- Maintain and enhance the Town's website.
- Assist the Road Commissioner with grant applications.

Part-time \$19.00/hour

A more detailed description is available.

If interested please contact:
Aaron Korzun 492-3362
dockorzun@vermontel.net

Dear Shrewsbury Voters,

I wrote to you last month that I am on the ballot for the 2yr Selectboard seat vacated by Steven Nicholson.

- 1) Thank you to Steven! He has served our Town well in so many roles through the years. The selectboard will miss his sensible and accurate work.
- 2) I'm running because I'm interested in how Shrewsbury runs, how we spend our budget, how transparent our decisions are, and how well we support our residents. I've wanted to help more on the town level for a number of years now, but just didn't have the time then (Wednesday evening is a very popular time to have meetings), but I have the time now.

Please consider me when you vote your ballot either in early voting or on March 7. If you have questions or concerns about my experience to support this role, please give me a call. I'll be happy to chat about Town stuff.

Thank you,
Adrienne Raymond
802-353-0973

Paid Political Advertisement

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

The Selectboard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7pm at the Town Office.

January 30, 2023: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting (Special meeting for only working on the 2023 budget)

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Steven Nicholson. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara. Transfer Station Administrator: Bert Potter

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda. S. Nicholson seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Budget 2023: Reviewed, discussed and finalized budget for warning.

Adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

February 1, 2023: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Steven Nicholson.

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was convened at 6:35 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda. S. Nicholson seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Lister Vacancies: In one month we will no longer have any experienced listers. We will need to hire an appraiser in the interim for doing some of the work and training the new listers.

Town Meeting 2023: A. Korzun made a motion to approve a general fund expenditure in 2023 of \$1,259,844 of which \$711,236 shall be raised by taxes and \$548,608 by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds and reserve funds. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Discussed language for Town Report.

New Business: F. Wyatt signed up for a grant from the State for the town office energy efficiency upgrades.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 1/18/2023 and 1/30/23 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #2 for \$5,149.29 and Road Orders #2 for \$21,880.33. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved. S. Nicholson made a motion to correct Road Orders #12a to \$45,269.24. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

February 15, 2023: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Steven Nicholson.

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was convened at 6:35pm

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the additions of Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory, Excess weight permits for Barrett Trucking and New England Quality Service Inc., Liquor License for Stewart Maple. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Excess weight permit for Barrett Trucking: Fees paid and insurance in order. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the excess weight permit for Barrett Trucking. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Excess weight permit for New England Quality Service Inc: Fees paid and insurance in order. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the excess weight permit for New England Quality Service Inc. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Liquor License for Olde Barn Inc. (DBA Stewart Maple Market Place): A. Korzun made a motion to approve the liquor license application for Stewart Maple Market Place. S. Nicholson seconded. Approved.

Health Officer Reappointment: A. Korzun made a motion to reappoint Kathy Felder as Town Health Officer for the term beginning 4/1/23. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Town Meeting 2023: Nothing to report.

New Business: F. Wyatt spoke with Lisa Wright about hiring her as a contract assessor, beginning the day after Town Meeting day. She said that she is available. Lisa will be sending a non-draft contract for us to sign. She also is looking into the statutory requirements if we have some Listers and also have her as a contract assessor.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 2/1/2023 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #2a for \$4,048.70 and Road Orders #2a for \$14,572.40. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved. S. Nicholson made a motion to correct Selectboard Orders #2 to \$5,159.24. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:41 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org dinner and dessert! ~Submitted by Carrie Clancy

Annual Town Meeting Ballot

Left: Front and back of Ballot

Below: Instructions and offices to be voted on

Right: 2022 Annual Report

The Town Annual Report is delivered to each mailbox in Shrewsbury. See pages 4 & 5 of the *Report* for Articles 2-28 which also appear on the ballot



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SHREWSBURY, VERMONT
March 07, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

FOR MODERATOR	FOR AUDITOR	FOR 1st CONSTABLE
One Year Term	Two Years of a Three Year Term	One Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
ELDRED FRENCH	RICHARD BIZIAK	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

FOR SELECTMAN	FOR LISTER	FOR 2ND CONSTABLE
Three Year Term	Three Year Term	One Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
FRANCIS WYATT	SCOTT RYAN	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER
Three Year Term	Three Year Term	Three Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	FOR MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR
One Year of a Three Year Term	Two Years of a Three Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
STEVEN NICHOLSON	CINDY VAN DIEN
(Write-in)	(Write-in)

ARTICLES

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of \$1,239,844 of which \$711,238 shall be raised by taxes and \$548,606 by non-property fee revenues and capital funds and reserves funds?

3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Reserve Fund?

4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,888 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?

5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?

6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$75,990 for the Town Road Equipment Fund?

7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?

8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$17,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?

10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?

ARTICLES CONTINUED

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library?

12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,500 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?

13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,028 to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?

16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$750 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,182 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?

19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support Newbury (formerly the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?

20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support BRCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$400 to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?

22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Vermont Family Network?

23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?

24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$175 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$400 to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?

26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the American Red Cross of NEWVT?

27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support Vermont Adult Learning?

28. Shall the taxes be postponed on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., Friday, October 6, 2023?

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One Year Term	Two Years of a Three Year Term	One Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
ELDRED FRENCH	RICHARD BIZIAK	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

FOR SELECTMAN	FOR LISTER	FOR 2ND CONSTABLE
Three Year Term	Three Year Term	One Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
FRANCIS WYATT	SCOTT RYAN	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER
Three Year Term	Three Year Term	Three Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER
Two Years of a Three Year Term	Two Years of a Three Year Term	Two Years of a Three Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

FOR AUDITOR	FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	FOR MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR
Three Year Term	One Year of a Three Year Term	Two Years of a Three Year Term
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
MICHELLE GREENE	STEVEN NICHOLSON	CINDY VAN DIEN
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

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Informational Meeting: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Annual Town Meeting Day: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Town Meeting Day is **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**. Polls will open at 10:00am and close at 7:00pm. As a reminder, the polling location for Shrewsbury is the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road. Ballots for early and absentee voting are available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office.

The Informational Meeting for Town Meeting (when you can find out all about what's on the ballot this year) will occur the Saturday before on **March 4 at 11:00am** at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road. The 5th and 6th graders from our own Shrewsbury Mountain School will be at the Informational Meeting selling some tasty treats as well. Come on out to support our Town and School, and get informed about what's on the ballot!

Megan LaChance, Shrewsbury Town Clerk

Light Dinner at Informational Meeting



The Shrewsbury Mountain School PTO will be selling refreshments at the Town Informational Meeting on March 4. Come and meet some of the SMS fifth and sixth graders as they serve up light dinner and dessert.

Licenses by April 1, 2023

2023 Dog Licenses are now available and can be issued at the Town Office or through the mail. Fee is \$9.00 for neutered / spayed, otherwise \$13.00. Current rabies vaccination documentation is required.



20 V.S.A. § 3581. DOMESTIC PET OR WOLF-HYBRID CONTROL

§ 3581. General Requirements

(a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed on a form approved by the secretary for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept. ~Megan LaChance, Town Clerk

Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic

Dog and Cat Rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, March 11 from Noon-2:00pm at Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford (802-446-2336) by Grace Ma-Steenbergen, DVM. It is open to the public. All dogs must be on leashes, and All cats must be in carriers. \$17 per shot (cash or check)

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Terry Williams: twilliams@leg.state.vt.us

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Logan Nicoll: lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us

The Vermont General Assembly is in session January thru June. To view committee member-ships, bills that have been introduced, track each bill's progress, and review committee agendas go to www.leg.state.vt.us. During the week you can contact your legislator by leaving a message at the State House by calling 1-800-322-5616 or 828-2228 (the Sergeant-At-Arms' Office).

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New Town Website!

The new Town of Shrewsbury website is anticipated to go public before Town Meeting Day! This updated website is designed to provide the town's public information that we Shrewsberries need at our fingertips. Featured on the new website are - town officers' contact information, applications, ordinances, bylaws, community services, links to organizations and to the *Times of Shrewsbury*, and a calendar to post our many scheduled events! Many thanks to all who developed the previous website. ~Submitted by Laura Black

THE SVFD NEEDS YOU!

We need new and younger members. The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) can provide equipment, training, and support. Whether you've had prior experience as a first responder or have no experience at all! We need volunteers. Men or women who would like further information may call Bob Snarski at 492-3505, Barry Griffith at 492-3573, or Jack Perry at 773-3278. No commitment necessary.

You Can Comment on Proposed National Forest Project

Do you enjoy hiking, camping, hunting, birdwatching in the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) that is north of Route 4 and south of Route 140? Do you have opinions about what is the right balance between using Vermont's timberlands to provide wood products and retaining mature forests to absorb carbon to combat climate change?

If the answer is "yes" to those questions, you can express your views on a proposal by the U.S. Forest Service for future management of 35,489 acres of the GMNF in five towns north of Sherburne Gap. USFS calls this the "Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project – Forest Service". For more information, type in that title or go directly to this website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60192>. To learn about the project, go to "Scoping" folder and review the "Executive Summary" or, better yet, any topics that interest to you in the 42-page "Detailed Version". Use the link on right side of page to "Comment/Object on Project". The deadline for comments is Monday, March 13, 2023.

One controversial issue is the Forest Service's proposal for logging of 11, 801 acres of the project area. Groups such as Climate Forests and Save Public Forests argue that the societal value of leaving trees so they store carbon to address the climate crisis far outweighs the short-term economic value of harvesting larger trees 80 years and older for timber (<https://www.climate-forests.org> and <https://www.savepublicforests.org>).

Your opinion counts. The Forest Service has asked for public comments to address what you see as the impacts, positive or negative, of proceeding with the project as proposed vs doing something else instead. Make your comments as specific as possible and if you favor another course of action, state clearly what this is. Submit using form on website.

~Submitted by Jonathan Gibson

MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

At this point in the session, we are starting to get a feel for some of the "bigger" bills that are working their way through committees. Although it's still early in the process and far too early to know the specifics of what will actually pass.

We are fast approaching the unofficial midpoint of session, "crossover." When a bill is introduced in the House or the Senate it is "referred" to one of the 13 standing committees that deals with the subject matter in the bill. That committee then works on the bill, taking testimony from experts on the subject, often working with state officials in related Agencies and Departments, and usually making at least some changes to the language based on that testimony and input. If the bill involves changing state fees/taxes it is referred to the Ways and Means Committee in the House (or Finance Committee in the Senate). If the bill spends state money it is referred to the Appropriations Committee.

"Crossover" this year is Friday March 17. That is the date that all bills must be voted out of their "Policy Committee" to crossover to the other chamber on time to be able to go forward this session. Those bills then have until Friday March 24 to be voted out of Ways and Means and/or Appropriations to meet "Money Crossover". So, at this point in the session, committees have already started working on all the bills they intend to vote

out by crossover. Obviously, there are big bills I'm tracking in many committees some because I like them, some because I don't. The "Affordable Heat" bill is one I like but have concerns about, and there are a few education-related bills that I don't like but am waiting to see how they evolve before forming a strong opinion.

In my committee we have voted out one bill so far, mostly making technical corrections to statutes governing our Captive Insurance Industry. We intend to vote out at least four more bills before crossover, dealing with unemployment insurance, a business growth incentive grant program (known as VEGI), earned wage access services and a big bill on general workforce development. As always, I hope you'll call/text me anytime. You can also email, but I get flooded with emails and prefer calls or texts.

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Correction on Ski Tow Article!

I received an enjoyable call from Gary Arthur, after he read my article on the Shrewsbury Ski Tow, pointing out that the garage in Rutland where the engine came from was Cootey's Garage, not Cooley's (my typing mistake). He said his father worked there about the same time the ski tow engine was purchased and, in fact, Gary bought a car there in the mid 50's. The correction has been made on the master copy. Thank you, Gary!

That got me digging in the old Rutland Heralds again. See opposite → the section of the advertisement page from June 20, 1936, the year the Shrewsbury Ski Tow first operated. It's fun to see the ad for "our" CJ Stewart's Ford dealership above a string of smaller ads from Cootey's Garage. Wouldn't you love to have any of these cars today!

~~Submitted by Mark Youngstrom



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The SVFD responded to two emergency calls in the past month. Both calls were reported as a house filling with smoke. The first call was on Russellville Road and the smoke was due to a wood stove fire with a plugged chimney. The second call was on Route 103 where the smoke was due to a faulty extension cord in a crawl space. Fortunately, both calls were reported quickly and a fast response averted much damage. Always call 911 immediately if you have a suspected issue.

We had the monthly business meeting and performed routine maintenance on small engine equipment and cleaned the trucks after the two calls. SVFD met with a truck representative and reviewed options for the purchase of a new truck. More to follow on that as we get closer to determining the department's needs.

It seems like spring is already here, but we still have a ways to go! We've had some really nice weather, extreme cold, and mix in some icy roads. Fluctuations in temperatures like we have been experiencing can lead to chimney fires and motor vehicle accidents. Winter is not over yet! Make sure your driveways remain cleared, maintained and accessible for emergency vehicles. This includes the snowbanks pushed back and the driveways sanded.

If you burn wood, make sure the stove pipe is clean and the area around the stove is free from debris. Slow burning fires tend to create more creosote in the stove pipes when temperatures fluctuate. Check your smoke detectors and fire extinguishers to be sure they are in good operating condition.

The warm weather has damaged both our paved and dirt roads. Slow down and allow extra time to get to your destination.

Town meeting day is around the corner, spring is a month away! Sugaring season is upon many of us and mud season will begin!

REMEMBER
STAY FIRE SAFE!!

~Submitted by Jack Perry

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- '35—TOURING TUDOR, WITH TRUNK.
- '35—DE LUXE FORDOR.
- '35—TUDORS (2).
- '35—COUPE, R. S.
- '31—TUDOR.
- '30—TOWN SEDAN.
- '29—TUDOR.
- '29—COUPE.
- '34—PICK-UP.
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SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

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Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm

Friday 10 am to 12 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12 pm

* Please don't visit us if you're not feeling well, and wear a mask if you want.

* To search the Library Catalog, put a hold on a book or video, check your account, or get the latest Library news, please go to: www.shrewsburylibrary.org.

* WINTER WEATHER (It's still March, after all!): If the weather is bad, please call during Library hours to see if the Library is open: 802 492-3410. This town has a great Road Crew, and the Library has dedicated trustee and volunteer staffers, but we don't expect anyone to make super-human efforts to beat the weather!

* STREAMING SURVEY: Many thanks to Bob Knudsen, Ed Sawyer, Cabot Spatz, and Sarah Titterton for their work compiling a survey to see whether townspeople and Mill River students would use a streaming service if the Library is able to offer one. A copy of the SURVEY can be found in this issue of The Times; copies will be available at the Library and at the Town Hall/Meeting House on Voting Day. We want to know what you think!

* FUNDING REQUEST: The Library is requesting level funding at \$7,500, as we have for many years, to cover the cost of basic operations: heat, electricity (including heat pumps), telephone and internet, and insurance. Please see our narrative and financial reports (pages 45-47) in the Town Report.

* NEW QUILT to be raffled! MANY THANKS to TRISH NORTON for the beautiful "Trees" quilt that she has created in honor and memory of GARY SALMON. Proceeds from the raffle will fund children's books and programs on forestry at Shrewsbury Mountain School and at the Library. Raffle tickets will be available at the Library and at Pierces' Store.

* MANY THANKS to SALLY DEINZER for creating an archive of news stories (including obituaries) about Shrewsbury residents. Her clippings can be found on the bulletin board and in a folder on the circulation desk.

Coming Events:

Friday, March 31 @ 7 pm: ROBERTA HEMMER, former Library Student Trustee and now a Rutland Veterinarian, will give a presentation on her recent trip to Yellowstone with her aunt and fellow veterinarian. Be prepared to be dazzled!

SAVE THE DATE: LILY FRENCH presentation on the impact of plastics on our environment on Friday, April 21 @ 7 pm.

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, March 12 @ 3:30 pm: WRITERS' GROUP: Poets and writers of short fiction (1,000 words max.) are welcome. Please contact Penelope Weiss (pw9 @ earthlink.net) or Joan Aleshire (joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, March 19 @ 4 pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: GOETHE'S *Faust, Parts I & 2*, translated by Stuart Atkins, et al in a Princeton Classics edition. Books will be available at the Library; contact Joan if copies have run out: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, March 26 @ 4 pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: Next Book: *Your Inner Fish: A Journey Into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body* by Neil Shubin. Print copies and e-books will be available by contacting Margery Salmon: salmonm@vermontel.net.

New Books include:

* J.J. French's new dystopian thrillers: *Welcome to Cavernet and Tea, Robots, and the End of the World*. (Thank you for these donations!)

* *Spare* by Prince Harry: the best-selling memoir (no description necessary).

* *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding: The new novel by the Pulitzer-Prize winning author of *Tinkers*, based on the true story of a group of mixed-race families evicted from an island off the Maine coast. Beautifully written and unforgettable.

* *The Good Life: Lessons from the World's Longest Scientific Study of Happiness* by Robert Waldinger, MD and Marc Schulz, PhD.

* *Mr. and Mrs. Prince: How an Extraordinary 18th Century [VT] Family Moved Out of Slavery and Into Legend* by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina.

New DVDs: Some of the most acclaimed new features: *Happening*; *Everything Everywhere All at Once*; *The Banshees of Inisherin*; *Women Talking*; *Till*; *She Said*; *Ta'ar*; *Abbott Elementary*, Season 1; *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*; and *Armageddon Time*.





BOOK REVIEWS

***** *Fantastic*
 ***** *Compelling page turner*
 *** *Enjoyable*
 ** *Just O.K.*
 * *Not recommended*

The Best American Science and Nature Writing-2022 Guest Editor: Ayana Elizabeth Johnson

★★★★★

As always, the science book group is enjoying this compendium of fascinating, disturbing, and entertaining articles from a variety of sources—The Atlantic, Scientific American, The New York Times Magazine, and Rolling Stone to name a few of them.

Titles for 2022 include:

- What Slime Knows
- Too Big for the Universe
- Heads Up! The Cardiovascular Secrets of Giraffes
- How Far Does Wildlife Roam? Ask the "Internet of Animals"
- Black Bears, Black Liberation
- To Be a Field of Poppies
- To Speak of the Sea in Irish

I'm always drawn in by the titles alone, and the depth of the articles never disappoints. ~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

Prayer Shawl Group Begins Meeting...Again!



The Shrewsbury Prayer Shawl Group, after a long Covid break, is planning a meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 12:00 noon (bring a bag lunch), at the Shrewsbury Community Church (upstairs at the Meeting House, use back entrance). Dessert and coffee will be provided. All are welcome to attend. If you knit or crochet, bring materials to get started on either a shawl, lap blanket, or baby blanket. If you don't know how, we will be glad to teach you! If you don't have materials, the church can provide yarn, needles/hooks or help with expenses. This group was formed by Fran Patten in 2010 and since then has given over 150 shawls and blankets to Shrewsbury residents and their loved ones as a way of providing comfort to those experiencing illness or loss, as well as in times of celebration such as a new baby. If you'd like more information, call Roxanne Ramah at 802-492-3675 or Sue Ransom Kelley at 802-779-4825.



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Bluebirds are finding it difficult to find a place to build a nest and raise their babies due to loss of habitat and nesting sites through the clearing of land, removal of dead trees, and changing wooden fence posts for metal ones. One way to help them out is to provide them with a house to raise their families!

Man-made bluebird boxes are one of the best ways to help declining populations. It turns out that for bluebirds, not any old birdhouse will do, no matter how cute it is on the outside. Just like us, they want a home that is safe and healthy.

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission is hosting a:



Bluebird Box Building session

Saturday, March 11

9:00 to 12noon

at the Mountain School multipurpose room

All ages are invited, though little ones might need an adult to help. Precut lumber and all supplies needed are provided. A bluebird expert, Anna Peel, will also be sharing information about bluebird behavior and habits, and how to place the boxes and care for them each season.

Come join us for this event. Registration is required so we can prepare for materials needed. Children Pre-K through grade 6 will register on forms sent out at school requiring parental permission. We hope other town residents will join us in making blue bird boxes too!

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It's Time for Spring

Time for new beginnings. For me, I became a great grandma on New Year's Day. Eric Joseph Lauri certainly changed my world. This little lad is now the apple of my eye. Before his birth, the world was pandemic weary, for ever so long. I am sure most of us were all waiting for things to change for the better, health-wise of course. But being house bound for months on end except for the usual outings we must take, it seems like forever. Now, my every day photo sent by his parents via email heads straight into my heart and Eric's burgeoning photo album.

Time to Vote

Please don't forget to vote. The Historical Society is asking the town for \$2,500 to help us in the repair of the wonderful stained-glass windows in the museum's windows. They need attention. Please vote "yes".

Almost Time for Flowers

The very first snowdrop flower I ever saw was given to me by Fran Brigham which I dried and carried in my pocketbook for years. Con and I were weekend and vacation folks driving up from our home on Long Island in the 1970s and 80s. And wouldn't you know that Fran planted some in our entranceway which was a delight for me to find. Fran's steps up to her white house have a grand display all spring that spreads up and out into the lawn. I look forward to seeing her steps whilst traveling down the road.



Photo of Shrewsbury Snow Drops on April 13, 2018

I love to see the tiny daffodils that pop up throughout the village at this time of year along with violets and of course the snowdrops. I love to see the daffodils that pop up in our meadow that my Mom and I planted so many years back.

Soon our lawns will be full of purple and white violets and yellow dandelions. In late May the scent of lilacs wafts down from the transplanted bushes we were given permission to remove by the owners of what was once upon a time the site of the Ichabod Robinson tavern property going up the road. They were young and now are fully grown bushes. The lilies of the valley are also spreading its wonderful scent everywhere.

In the village next to the Museum is the former Martyn family house built in 1854. They have a huge circle of bright yellow daffodils each year and shared with their friends. On the

museum lawn you can see some planted by Fran Patten. Across the road where the Shrewsbury Inn, built prior to 1846, once stood, there are daffodils in Lois's garden that survived that terrible fire. Back a few years, B-J and Joan Stewart would plant flowers in special window boxes that hung on the Mill River bridge railing.

Years ago, when Con and I were interviewing seniors in our town for the Historical Society, we visited Ed and Irene Cook. On leaving after the interview Ed pointed out a special maple tree planted near the road on Route 103, that had a birch tree growing out of its middle. Quite a sight. I must look to see if it is still there. The yellow-colored house was built in 1835, according to our history book, and was once a 'Travelers Home'. The columns and porches are prominent features.

In the late 1800s, when the Bowman's Laurel Glen Cemetery was new, people from towns around would take a horse and carriage ride to visit the beautiful grounds with its graveled walks, carriage drives, fountain and benches. On the grounds is a large conservatory that was used to grow the beautiful flowers that adorned the area.

All throughout our town, from Cuttingsville to North Shrewsbury many homes brim with special touches and gardens. Who could ever forget Polly and Elliot Haynes's Meadowsweet Herb Farm with its herbs and flowers and essential oils? The house was one of several that Moses Lefevre, a famed carpenter, built in our town in 1860. All that combined with its scents and sounds of English Christmas carols permeated the air. Special memories to me and my daughter when she would visit.

Looking forward in 2023

Plans are underway for a possible program featuring the CCC camp from the 1930s stationed in Northam. The museum opens its doors on the first Sunday in July from 1 to 3pm. Notices of other events, and exhibits will be featured in the Times as needed. Hope you will join us for meetings through the spring and summer, ending in the fall.

P.S. A special thank you to our neighbors who called to see how we were doing when it was 22 degrees below zero this winter.

~~Submitted by Ruth Winkler; Photo by C. Martin



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Ranch-to-Table

Over fifty years ago, Chef Alice Waters opened Chez Panisse in Berkeley, CA, and is credited with starting the farm-to-table movement in the restaurant world. Way back in 1932, Wayne and Elizabeth Sarcka founded Spring Lake Ranch, which led to our own twist on Waters' movement: Ranch-to-table.

Like farm-to-table, Ranch-to-table is about seasonality and sustainability, respect for the earth and the animals that feed us. In addition to those shared ideals, Ranch-to-table is also about healing, much of which comes from working together to nourish our community.

"At the Ranch, the food produced here stays here," says Food Services Manager Tracy Crelin. "We drive by our animals every day on the way to work. Farm Crew raises animals and cultivates several different kinds of mushrooms. The hay we use for feed and bedding is grown, processed, and stored on the premises. Gardens Crew provides us with lots of produce. Food scraps are fed to the animals and used to create compost."

Gardens Crew also makes daily desserts, snacks, and side dishes, and many products, like granola, that Spring Lake Ranch sells at the farmer's market. Perhaps our most famous product is maple syrup. "Syrup is an all-Ranch project," says Crelin. "From tapping the trees to mailing out the finished product, it is touched by almost everyone in the community—even if they are simply eating it!"

"I take this very seriously," says Carl Mancivalano, who runs Farm Crew along with his daughter, Olivia. "When residents, including those who don't eat meat, care for our animals, they see them happy, living in nature. It's a teaching and healing modality that I think is unique to the Ranch, and the residents take it with them after they leave. They see that there is a different way to approach our food systems, and that gives them hope for a better world. Instilling hope is a big part of our mission."

It's not just Farm and Gardens Crews that play a role in our food system. Shop Crew builds tables where our community gathers to eat three meals a day. Woods Crew manages our syrup production. Four chefs prepare three meals a day with resident assistants who help cook and clean. Everyone pitches in.

The delicious and sustaining results of a Ranch-to-table approach are worth the effort. Both Crelin and Mancivalano identify the salads served at lunch and dinner as some of their favorite things to eat. Crelin also loves the creamy tomato bowtie pasta with Italian sausage. Mancivalano loves the pork chops.

"The kitchen shows so much respect for the animals in the way they cook our meat," says Mancivalano. "And when I look at a chop, and I see the different colored muscles and the marbled fat throughout, I know that animal had a good, active life. And you can taste the difference." ~Submitted by Anna Sutton

Silence, Respect, Sharing, Circles

On January 24, the Conservation Commission sponsored story teller Michael Caduto to come to the Mountain School for two age-appropriate presentations to the students, one for younger, one for older.



He worked with a simple, beautiful backdrop; an image of Earth



cradled in the green branches of a tree shaped like hands. His message was equally simple and beautiful, woven from Abenaki tales of Creation and our brethren animals and plants, that being Care for Our Earth.

Pointing out that Nature works in circles, such as the carbon cycle - death and decay feeding life - he had the young people sit in a circle and dance in a circle. They created circles with their arms while "paddling" a canoe and singing, to emphasize the idea of working together to achieve our individual dreams. In the older group, everyone received four wooden beads and a string to make a necklace symbolizing four concepts important to the Abenaki : Silence, Respect, Sharing, Circles,

Here are some interpretations of what was shared. In Silence you can hear what others have to say, you have time to think, you can quiet your mind and your spirit to receive. Respect means listening to and so being able to learn from all elements of the Creation, not just the big, loud or flashy. It means asking permission and giving thanks instead of feeling entitled and grabbing all you can.

Sharing involves realizing you did not get there by yourself; you've been paddling with others. When you have success, plenty of food or other riches, remember to share, feed others from your store. When you give, energy you have received flows out again so that you are not a dead end; you are moving the wheel, keeping the cycle of life going.

The Circle makes everyone equal, not one before or above the other. The Abenaki accord this equality of value to animals, plants and Earth elements as well as to other human beings. Just as we receive food, water, air and material to build with, so we must work to protect and nourish the source of these, so that the cycle can continue, Life can continue.



The students were happily attentive and well behaved, sharing their thoughts when asked. Thank you letters to Mr. Caduto reveal some of the things that stood out to them. He clearly made a connection and sparked imaginations! The Conservation Commission hopes the lessons offered through charming stories will stay with our young people as we navigate our Story together.

~Submitted by Pam Darrow

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Exciting things are happening at the Shrewsbury Community Church! We're hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 25 from 8am-12noon at the Shrewsbury Meeting House. We will be featuring real maple syrup from Smith Maple Crest Farm! Cost is \$6. Children under six are free. There will be hay rides to visit the sugar house across the road after you eat. Proceeds will benefit our Community Sharing Project which provides gift and grocery cards for kids and families in Shrewsbury during the holiday season.

The Shrewsbury Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday March 28 at noon upstairs at the Shrewsbury Meeting House. All are welcome to attend! Dessert, coffee, and tea will be served. Please look for more information on this event elsewhere in the times. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we will teach you! Questions call Roxanne 802-492-3675 or Sue 802-779-4825.

All are welcome to join us any Sunday at 10:30am at the center church which is on the second floor of the Shrewsbury Meeting House. Come and enjoy the beautiful music, hear an uplifting message from our Pastor, and visit with your neighbors. Refreshments served after the service. There is also a Fun Day Program for kids!

Community Food Shelf

Free Community Food Shelf at the Library in the front entry way. Those in need are welcome to help themselves any time the Library entryway is open. Limited hours are:

Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm and 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10am-12noon; and, Sat 10am-12noon.

We have our additional Summer Food Shelf on the side porch at Pierces Store in North Shrewsbury. Those in need are welcome to help themselves.

Food Delivery and Assistance If you are unable to get to the Food Shelf at the library in Shrewsbury, we will deliver groceries to you. If you need items which are not available on the shelf we can provide grocery gift cards. Call Karen at 802-558-5991 or Sue at 802-779-4825 or 802-492-3738.

Community Needs

- Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-779-4825
- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; Sue Kelley 802-779-4825, 802-492-3738; or Karen Lorentz 802-558-5991. Shrewsbury residents experiencing financial hardship. Assistance can be given for basic needs (food, heating, gasoline, etc). If you or a neighbor are in need, please let us know!
- Pastoral Care, Home, Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests: Contact Roxanne Ramah 802-492-3675 or Ruth Kinne 802- 775-5318.

Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar

- Sunday, Feb 26 @ 10:30am" Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Rev. Holly Ross.
- Sunday, March 5 @ 10:30am: Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Wendy Savery. Shrewsbury Community Church Annual Meeting following Worship at 11:30am
- Sunday, March 12 @ 10:30am: Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Wendy Savery.
- Sunday, March 19 @ 10:30am: Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Holly Ross.
- Saturday March 25 @ 8am-12 noon: Pancake Breakfast at the Meeting House Center Shrewsbury.
- Sunday March 26 @ 10:30am: Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Wendy Savery.



**SUNDAY FUN DAY
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY
CHURCH ROOMS
10:30am -11:30am
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AGES 4YRS AND UP
PROJECTS, STORIES, SNACKS AND
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Shrewsbury Musicians in Philharmonic Concerts



The Champlain Philharmonic, conducted by Matt LaRocca, presents its Spring Concert Series on Saturday, March 25 at 7:30pm, at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury and Sunday, March 26 at 4:00pm at Grace Congregational Church in Rutland. This community orchestra has quite a Shrewsbury following and includes four current/former townspeople, Kristi Bragg, Megan LaChance, Roxanne Ramah, and Mary Barron, as well as Wallingford musicians Stefanie Taylor and Kathy Luzader. The program will include Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, Grieg's Symphonic Dances, and Beethoven's Egmont Overture and will feature soprano Stefanie Weigand singing Rachmaninoff's Vocalise, a Duke Ellington medley, and a piece composed by Vermont's own Kyle Saulnier. For more info visit <http://champlainphilharmonic.org/>

~Submitted by Roxanne Ramah

Wallingford Town Hall Wednesday Concert Series Presents:

EXTRA STOUT

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

7pm

**Wallingford Town Hall
75 School Street**

Extra Stout, Vermont's favorite traditional Irish band, will be performing on **Wednesday, March 15**. Extra Stout has been playing together for upwards of twenty years. They bring all of the variety that Irish music has to offer from raucous drinking songs to ballads of home and country; from slow haunting airs to rocking reels, jigs and polkas.

Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15/person with all proceeds going to musicians less 10 percent to the Town.

Baker extraordinaire Erika Berner, will be providing delicious homemade treats for the bake sale.

**Proceeds from the bake sale benefit
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Stewart Maple Tour in Cuttingsville

A Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Walk and Talk

On a bright crisp morning in early February, a group of interested neighbors crowded around Alyssa and Elliot Stewart in the cavernous blue building that is now home to one of the largest sugar houses in the state of Vermont. We had so many questions! They took us through the entire process from sap to finished product, beginning at the upper sugar house where fresh sap is put through reverse osmosis units. The concentrated sap then flows down to the main building where it is boiled down, filtered and packed into large metal drums or stainless tanks, each holding 250 gallons. The evaporator was an exciting thing to see. Shiny and enormous, it reminded me of a stainless locomotive ready to charge out of the building.

Once we had all our questions answered and had the full rundown on maple production, it was time to hike the back hill and view the outdoor operation. We followed the sky-blue pipeline, which grew smaller in diameter as it branched out to each group of maple trees on the way. Elliot explained how tapping is done and most interesting to me, was how each tapping season they follow the dial of a clock to ensure that the bark heals over. One year all maples are tapped at "12pm" on the clock face, next year "1pm", then the following year "2pm" and so on.

Forestry management practices were covered, ensuring that the forest is being cared for to retain diversity in tree species and other vegetation in the understory. This beautiful walk in the sugarbush completed the picture of a well-run family sugaring operation. Only thing missing were the pancakes! Many thanks to the Stewart Family for this interesting and informative event. Best of luck in the sugar season ahead!

~Article by Connie Youngstrom

Shrewsbury Library Quilt Raffle

This year the library is raffling off a tree-themed quilt in honor of our local beloved forester, Gary Salmon, who passed away in

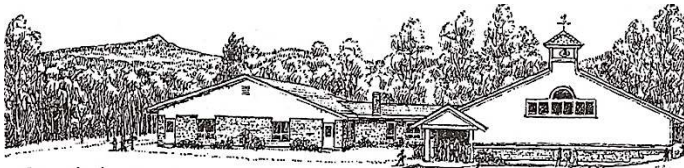


January. Over the years Gary has presented well-attended programs at the library on various aspects of forestry, including the big-tree project which was on display here.

Part of the proceeds will go toward nature education programs, and especially to children's books with nature and tree themes.

The quilt was designed and sewn by Trish Norton, with fabric donated by Julianne Sharrow. It is on display at the library. Raffle tickets will be included in a letter you may receive or can be purchased at the library or Pierce's Store.

~Submitted by Donna Swartz



SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Important Dates:

- Feb 27: Lunch guest speakers for Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Bluebird Box Building Event
- Mar 8: Music In Our Schools Celebration Event at MRU (Snow date: March 9)
- Mar 11: 9am-12pm Bluebird Box Building Event sponsored by SCC



Winter Sports Programs:

Huge thanks to our anonymous donor, our 3-6th grade students had the opportunity to ski and snowboard at Okemo Mountain for the last 6 weeks.



100th Day of School Celebration with K-2 students:

On Friday, February 10, grades K-2 celebrated the 100th Day of School! Each class did a variety of math activities centered around the number 100! The K/1 celebration used counting and computation skills to share the treasures in their pinata, while 2nd graders played dice games, did 100 coin tosses, and had an ice cream sundae party. It's always valuable to reflect on the first 100 days of school and to recognize all of the learning and fun that has taken place, so far!

Singing Valentines delivered by the Mill River Chamber Singers! We had an AMAZING Valentine's Day at SMS!

Music in Our Schools Celebration Event at MRU:

The annual "Music in Our Schools" celebration is a day where we will all gather at MRU for a 10:30am and/or 12:30pm concert including combined elementary and middle school band students, combined elementary and middle school chorus students and performers from the MRU honors ensembles. All elementary K-6 students, their families and the community are invited to enjoy one of the two identical concerts at 10:30am and 12:30pm.

Our students in the K-12 grade look forward to this event each year. Music is so important to the social and emotional health of our students and we look forward to celebrating our music program with making music together in community. MRUUSD music educators take pride in offering the highest level of rigor and excellence while also creating a safe environment where every student is valued and accepted.

Partnership with the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission: We are very grateful for the partnership in extended learning for our students and families with the SCC. The SCC sponsored a school wide assembly for all of our learners with expert and musician Michael Caduto in January. We are now making plans for a Bluebird Box Building event on March 11 from 9am-12pm. Students will be hearing from guest speakers at lunch time on February 27 and registration forms will be going home with students for families. We are very excited about these learning opportunities!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 802-786-3995 or at kcimonetti@millriverschools.org.

~Kristin Cimonetti, Principi

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**For more information, please contact
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Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Trail Camera Picture of the month

A Comparison of Fisher and Otter Tracks

I found fisher tracks in my yard recently. A few days later I was lucky enough to come across fresh otter tracks. These two members of the weasel (mustelid) family leave similar looking tracks.

I consulted my tracking books to read about comparisons and differences between the two species. The books give a wide range of width and length measurements. Depending on sex/age the measurements can be interchangeable. So, what differences should you look for to make an ID?

- Fishers leave a softer track because of the fur on the bottom of the paw. Otter tracks present a crisper track with defined edges.
- Both show five toes and claws. The inner fifth toe of the otter shows more separation from the other four toes, especially in the rear, and leaves a more distinct impression than the fisher 5th toe. See picture with arrow.
- Fisher front and hind paws are close in size. Otter hind present larger than front.
- Otters have webbing between their toes that may show in clear tracks.
- Otters slide! :)
- Otters enter water.
- Both use bounds and lopes. Otters lack the frenzied movement of a hunting fisher.
- Fishers climb trees and hunt in snags.
- Otter may show tail drag.

Late winter and early spring are good times to look for wildlife tracks. If you have a picture or track to share email Linda Shelvev Lpurdyshe@gmail.com



1. Fisher tracks
2. Otter Tracks
3. Otter -The arrow shows the inner fifth toe
4. Otter Tracks

Gait: Indirect register in foreground changes to a faster lope pattern.



SNO-BIRD NEWS

Well, as you all must see outside your window that this winter has not been very nice to the snowmobilers this year. We have been out doing our best to groom when we can but when you are just getting down to the dirt and rocks it is time to wait until you get more snow. It looks like we might get some snow 2/22 – 2/24, maybe we will be able to go out again. However, it is getting way late in the season and without a good base the warm sun will melt the snow and the trails will be bare quickly. I do not remember such a crazy winter.

People were out riding for several weeks and they all said they were as good as they could be with the amount of snow we had. Some other areas received more snow for some reason and areas that have forest roads to groom were in better shape than our trails out through the woods with more rocks and water bars to deal with. Let's hope we get enough snow to at least give a few more weeks of riding.



I have not closed the trails again this winter so if anyone wanted to ride they could, it has been at least a week since Mom and Dad have seen anyone in their area. Some X country skiers have been seen leaving the Tin Shanty area still.

At our last meeting we were discussing that due to the lack of grooming money, we are looking into other forms of revenue. We have 2 tracks on order as our front tracks are original to the 2006 Tucker, which we have been told is very good, but the price on those is over \$9,000.00 each. That is a big hit on our money in the bank. We heard a couple of new ideas and are always open to any one's ideas so send them to us if you have any ideas.

Hopefully we get the snow so we will be able to see everyone out on the trail having fun and Scott Pinkham and Dad can do some grooming also. As I said before Dad wanted to groom this year as he is 90. That was his goal in recent years to groom until he we 90, let's hope he can get out at least 1 time! Let's all think snow!

The Photo is at the Stone House the last time I was out, use it if you want and if not, that is fine also. I do not know if you like photos with the articles if it is not a special event.

~ Submitted by Roy Arthur

Smith Maple Crest Farm Open Sugarhouse

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Saturday, March 25, 2023

Sugar House Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Come stock up on Maple Syrup and Grassfed Beef at local farm pricing!*



- Sample our Award Winning Syrup
- Syrup Boiling Demo (weather permitting)
- Sugar-on-snow
- Maple Cotton Candy
- Refreshments

- Pancake Breakfast by and in support of Shrewsbury Community Sharing Project
- Enjoy our VT Maple Syrup on a stack of their pancakes from 8:00AM - 12:00PM at the Shrewsbury Meeting House
(right across the street from our farm)

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Efficiency Vermont 2023 Rebates

Are home or apartment improvement projects in store for 2023? If you plan to buy new appliances, make your space less drafty, or lower your energy costs, make sure you take a look at the 2023 residential rebates that are available

Weatherization

- Comprehensive Weatherization: 75% off project costs, up to \$5,000 (must be completed by an Efficiency Excellence Network contractor). Depending on your income, you may be eligible for free weatherization services.
- DIY weatherization: \$100 back on select do-it-yourself projects, including adding window inserts, or air sealing windows and doors.

Heating, Cooling, and Water Heating

- Air-to-water heat pump: Up to \$1,000/ton rebate + \$500 income bonus
- Ducted heat pump: \$1,000 off + \$800 income bonus
- Ductless heat pump: Discount starting at \$350 + \$200 income bonus
- Ground source heat pump: up to \$2,100/ton + \$500 income bonus
- Smart thermostats: \$100 rebate for select ENERGY STAR models
- Water heaters: \$300-\$600 for select heat pump water heaters + \$200 income bonus
- Window air conditioners: \$100 rebate for select ENERGY STAR models
- Wood pellet furnaces & boilers: \$6,000 rebate
- Wood and Pellet Stoves: \$400 discount at select retailers

Appliances

- Heat pump clothes dryers: \$200-\$400
- Dehumidifiers: \$25-\$40

Electric Vehicles

- Federal tax credit: up to \$7,500
- State incentive: up to \$5,000
- Electric Utility incentive: \$500-\$2,500
- Income-eligible Vermonters can get an additional \$5,000 on a used EV through MileageSmartVT.org, or trade in an eligible vehicle at the time of purchase or lease for \$3,000 off an EV or other clean mobility option

Lighting

- FREE Energy Savings Kit (includes 10 LEDs), order yours now <http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/kits>
- LEDs for indoor growing: \$100 rebate for qualifying fixture

Income Based Assistance

Income eligible renters and homeowners may be eligible for free lighting, appliances, heat pumps, water heaters, an in-home energy consultation, and more; contact Efficiency Vermont to confirm your eligibility.

Federal Tax Credits:

If you completed a project in 2022, see what projects may be eligible for a 2022 credit, or what may be coming in 2023: call 1-888-921-5990 or go online to:

www.efficiencyvermont.com/blog/our-insights/how-the-new-climate-law-could-help-you-save-money

Offers are subject to change, availability, and eligibility. Please continue to check the Efficiency Vermont website for the latest incentives: <https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/rebates>

*Information compiled by Barbara Noyes-Pulling,
Rutland Regional Planning Commission*

Submitted by Louise Duda, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission



RAINBOW RIDING CENTER NEWS

Gearing Up! In some of us that small taste of spring we all experienced recently, only whets the appetite for the greater outdoors, green grass, horses, and everything that goes with it. Sugar making leads to crocuses, daffodils, playing in the dirt planting and BBQs even though there is still the lion or the lamb of March to get through.

At Rainbow Riding Center we're gearing up for a very busy season. (May-October) Schools from the greater Rutland area, local schools and Windsor County schools are knocking at the door and we're reaching out to our communities for Volunteers to help with our programs. We kicked off the volunteer search in February with a successful Q&A clinic. If you missed it or couldn't attend on that day, please reach out and let us know you might be interested. We can put you on the list for our upcoming recruiting events. Besides getting the programs and our horses and staff ready, we're also busy writing grants and seeking funding in order to provide our services to individuals that may benefit from them, but might not be able to afford them. So, if you're interested in different aspects of volunteering other than horses, please give us a call. There are many ways to help us out.

Please watch our website: rainbowridingcenter.org. We're currently working on a new webpage and will let you all know when it launches. Also, you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram @rainbow_riding_center. Contact us at programs@rainbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For information about opportunities to volunteer with us contact janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org

~Submitted by Janet Upton



Time to plant the seeds
In the cold and dark will do
Turning back to light

Haiku by Galen Miller



Mid-Winter Trip to Yellowstone
 Program presented by Roberta Hemmer
Friday, March 31, 2023
7pm
Shrewsbury Library

What happens when two veterinarians (an aunt and her niece) travel to Yellowstone in mid-winter? They enjoy the park's famous thermal features with no other visitors in sight, and experience its wildlife in a unique way. From viewing wolves via spotting scope on an -41° day, to observing 7,000 elk from the back of a sleigh, Roberta Hemmer of Shrewsbury and her aunt Pam Lea from New York agree it was a memorable trip. Roberta will be sharing photos and memories of her January 2023 trip at the Shrewsbury Library Friday March 31 at 7pm. Hope to see many of you there!

Update on effort to allow seniors to stay in their homes

About 15 residents from Mount Holly, Shrewsbury and Wallingford continue to meet weekly taking the initial steps that we hope will lead to a structured approach to supporting those who want to stay in their own homes as they age.

We had hoped to include a survey in the March issues of our local papers, but it won't be ready. It will, however, be available at the polls in March, as well as Town and Informational Meetings, Post Offices, local stores, and other public places. This anonymous survey will ask what you need or think that you will need. One over-arching question asks, "what three things do you worry about the most as you think about staying in your home as you get older?"

This initial survey is about **needs** only. It will be followed by one seeking volunteers to provide services once we know what services are needed! We hope your responses will provide much needed direction as we develop plans. We'll provide drop boxes at each location. There will also be an on-line version. We'd love to get wide participation.

Many people have already come forward offering to help. We are keeping a roster of names. It's possible that we may need

a few folks to help compiling the results of the survey(s) or be a short-term participant on a subcommittee that is working on a specific project. We really cannot say exactly what we'll need yet.

If you think that you would like to be involved and haven't already responded, please let one of us know. Please send your name and email address, if you live in:

Mount Holly: to Kathy Leber kleber@vermontel.net

Shrewsbury: to Linda Fontana lafhaha_2000@yahoo.com

Wallingford: to Sandy Eddy seddy@vermontel.net

~Submitted by Sally Deinzer



This month we'd like to celebrate a friend of SAGE, Abigail Wender, for her debut book publication, *Reliquary*.

From Four Way Books- In her debut collection, *Reliquary*, Abigail Wender addresses losing a brother to prison and, ultimately, opiate addiction. The text also considers womanhood, motherhood, and marriage in lyric poems that confront the complicated nature of grief, the effects of illness on family, and how love—even bliss—figure into grief's equation.

"Oh my brother no more your orphan mouth, why can't I kneel and pray? I let myself out the window take the fire escape, the day's pant the days hang.

He vanishes like water through my fingers but he wasn't made of water, or light, though he seemed lucent, tender after the evening bath the child who wrapped a towel turban style on his head joked, "I'm delightful to be with..."

-From *Auguries*, *Reliquary*

SAGE and the Shrewsbury Library hosted a writer's club this winter with Abigail, Joan Aleshire, and Sydney Lea. A video reading of *Auguries*, as well as other poems from the evening, is up on our SAGE YouTube channel!

www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, began in 2012 as a non-profit organization to promote traditional and innovative agriculture. We added support for the arts to our mission in 2020. We sponsor workshops, concerts, spoken word readings, and more in the Russellville Schoolhouse. For more information about SAGE: contact Stephen Abatiell at educate.sage@gmail.com, Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit www.sagevt.wordpress.com. Follow us on Facebook for up to date event details at Shrewsbury SAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos on YouTube.

Submitted by Stephen Abatiell



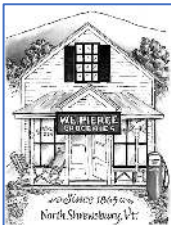
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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE 802-492-3326

Bob Knudsen, Manager

Hello friends and neighbors! Springtime is almost here, but we still have a few more weeks of snow and cold to enjoy first. If you need help staying warm, stop in and we'll help you out.

GOINGS ON AT THE STORE

With the winter season sticking with us for a while longer, we are going to keep serving the soup from Joe's Kitchen at Screamin' Ridge Farms for the month of March! If you haven't tried it out yet, please be sure to stop in and grab a scoop or two from the crockpots in the back. And with the indoor seating still available, you are welcome to hang out while you enjoy it! With Vermont Bliss on hiatus, we are planning to make our own sandwiches in house for the short term if you are looking for something other than soup to quench that appetite.

SPRING CLEANING

Just like last year, we are planning to do a deeper clean on the store, so expect to see a few minor changes while we get the place back in order. In addition to our weekly cleaning, we are expecting to do a deep dive into some of the shelves and some of the hidden corners of the store to help keep it inviting and a nice place for the community to enjoy our treats and company. As we come out of another covid surge, keeping the store extra sparkly should help keep us all safe and minimize exposure even if somebody who has had it enters the store.

Speaking of covid, a big special thank you to all of the staff and volunteers at the store who helped with coverage, orders, and a number of other duties while I was out sick. They did an excellent job of keeping things rolling along, and prove that we have the strongest team possible going forward.

LOCAL CONSIGNMENT GOODS

If you haven't checked out the consignment shelves recently, be sure to see what's new! All of your favorite local artists have been diligently adding and exchanging new items as their old ones sell, and making new seasonal ones available as well. We also still have a ton of local foods and goodies available, including beef from Smith Maple Crest and Kelley Farms, bath salts from Stone's Throw Farms, and of course local jams and eggs from a variety of our neighbors.

Our baked goods are also still a hit, with Button Hill leading the charge every Wednesday and Saturday with a few dozen of the best pastries and baked goods in town! And we now carry maple syrup from no fewer than seven local farms right here in Shrewsbury, so be sure to stock up as we head into sugaring season! ~Bob Knudsen, Manager

From Pierce's Current Treasurer

This past year was both challenging and rewarding for the Store in its efforts to fulfill Marjorie's vision: a place for townspeople to meet and stay in touch with their neighbors, a place that supplies food for the individual or family (without driving to Rutland) a place that tries to meet the needs of all.

In 2022, we had almost 20,000 visitors with sales of \$381,000 (over 93% was food and beverage). Almost half of these revenue dollars were spent right here in town; \$73k paid to town residents for goods and services, \$64k payroll to town residents, \$4.5k to the Town in taxes and fees, \$7.3k payroll taxes paid to the State, and \$12k sales taxes collected and paid to the State.

That being said, we did lose money for the second year in a row. Mostly due to transitioning to the post Covid world and economy. The Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierces Store will never be run as a profitable business, however Marjorie's foresightful Trust, donations, memberships, and grants will always be an important part of keeping it running.

I will be stepping down as Treasurer and am not seeking another term on the Board. I will stay active and helping to transition the bookkeeping and other financial activities. I have met with a very impressive candidate for the Board and the Treasurer's office. He has assisted in applying for a new "grant" that shows good promise of coming through. Times have changed, and it is time to reorganize how we accomplish the bookkeeping and other financial tasks. To this end, we are looking for a townsperson (hopefully) that would train with me for several months to do Pierces bookkeeping. After successful completion, I will go the Board and ask that our new Bookkeeper be paid. Bookkeeping can be done from home on a flexible schedule. It would not take too much more training or other experiences to have a home business scalable in volume. If you are interested, please contact me, and we can discuss. It has been my pleasure and honor to help serve our community through my work at Pierce's.

Submitted by Ed Hemmer 802-773-7157

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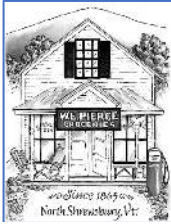
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Bob Knudsen, Manager

The next regular monthly meeting for the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store (SCPS) Board will be on March 8 at 5:30pm at the Meeting House.

The annual meeting of the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store will be held on April 12 at 6:00pm at the Meeting House. Members will receive reports on the financial standing of the store, the year in review, and plans looking ahead. Members must be present to vote and we need a quorum to complete our business. Hope to see you there!

At our annual meeting we will be saying goodbye to long time Board members, Phyllis Wells and Ed Hemmer, both of whom have served six years on the SCPS Board. Thank you, Phyllis and Ed, for all of your time and commitment to Pierce's Store.

Phyllis has served on the Events and Fundraising Committee where she has organized such favorites as the Blueberry Festival, Story Night, Film nights, wine tastings and the Apple Festival. Her efforts have consistently led to increased sales at the store, community gatherings, and FUNraising. Thank you, Phyllis! We will miss your grace and guidance.

Ed has been Treasurer for the Board for six years and has performed many duties; here are just a few: printing monthly reports for the Board, developing our annual budget, reconciling store inventory, maintaining membership records, recording donations, researching new projects and money-saving opportunities, communicating with the membership through batch emails, doing bank runs, posting sales and receipts in QuickBooks, filing reports in the office, monitoring petty cash and change, paying invoices, etc., etc.. Thank you so much, Ed! Your service to the Pierce's community has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. (Ed has offered to help our new treasurer transition into the job, and also to help train a paid bookkeeper!)

We have three SCPS board openings, for which we have three prospective candidates: Dave Tibbs, Ed Sawyer, and Paul Titterton, and each submitted brief bios to introduce themselves to the Pierce's Store community. New Board members will be voted in at the annual meeting for three-year terms.

David Tibbs:

My wife and I moved to Shrewsbury in July of 2022, from Mendon. Having grown up in Clarendon, my wife Kate was already aware of what a great place Shrewsbury is, and after our short time living here, I'd have to agree. The area is wonderful, and the people help make it that way!

I came to Vermont 16 years ago. I have lived here longer than any other place in my life. I am a Southern Ex-Pat, who grew up in Memphis and Mississippi, and attended the University of Alabama. Most of my adult life has been spent behind a mic or coaching football, and I feel very fortunate to have done things I love as my work. Most people know me as Uncle Dave from the radio, however I do have some experience with local grocery retail. I served for 6 years on the Rutland Area Food

Co-op Board of Directors (BOD), two of which were spent as President of the board. I was able to be a part of a rebirth for the Co-op that has seen it grow in many positive ways. I am hopeful my past work will help me be a productive part of a place we all love.

I believe in community, and Pierce's tops my list as one of the centers for our community. I look forward to hopefully being a part of it. I think places like Pierce's General Store are what make Shrewsbury special. Bob has done a terrific job stocking the store and really making it a hub of activity and necessity. I am honored to be considered for the Pierce's Board of Directors.

Ed Sawyer:

Hi, my name is Ed Sawyer and I'm running for a position on the board of Pierce's Store.

I've been working regularly as a volunteer at Pierce's since January 2021 and am familiar with the staff and volunteers as well as its day-to-day operations. I originally volunteered as a means to meet the people of Shrewsbury, and have since come to realize that not only is Pierce's store a handy local place to shop; it's also a popular visitor attraction, a great place to sell local grown or made items, and (I believe) one of the jewels of our town. Pierce's store brings to life the Vermont that locals and visitors expect - and the Vermont we call home.

As a board member I will be able to work with, and provide support to, Pierce's staff and volunteers - with the twin goals of maintaining Pierce's as a financially viable local co-op, and as an important piece of historic Vermont.

Some background: I grew up in a small town very similar to Shrewsbury, and am currently serving on the board of the Shrewsbury Library. As a retired executive of a large corporation and a retired U.S. Naval Officer, I have experience providing oversight for & setting goals and expectations for individuals, small teams, departments, and corporations. I've worked in financial departments and have been responsible for budgets both large and small. I've worked with or on various management boards including: District and Council level Boy Scouts of America, Eastman Kodak Company Division level, ITT Division Level, and on a private school board.

Come in and talk with me at Pierce's store any Wednesday from 10am to 2pm.

Paul Titterton:

Paul Titterton has been a Shrewsbury homeowner since December 2020, when he and his wife Sarah Jane bought their home on Russellville Road. Paul and Sarah Jane currently split their time between Shrewsbury and Chicago, where Paul is president of the North American railcar and locomotive leasing division of GATX Corporation, one of the largest owners of railroad rolling stock in the world. Paul has been with GATX for over 25 years, having joined the company after completing his bachelor's degree at Harvard College in 1997. Paul is a CFA charter holder, and serves on the boards of directors of the John Howard Association of Illinois (for which he serves as Treasurer) and the John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library. Despite the demands of the office, Paul spends as much time as possible in Shrewsbury, and he and Sarah Jane can frequently be spotted walking, hiking, or snowshoeing with their three dogs and (when they are home from school) their three children, ages 13-18.

When asked why he would like to serve on Pierce's Board, Paul shared the following: "I believe in the importance of Pierce's Store both to serve the essential needs of our Shrewsbury community and as a central institution that can link the people of our town together. I believe my experience in business and finance can serve as an asset for the board, and I would be honored to do what I can to help sustain and grow this important Shrewsbury resource."

~Submitted by Lily French

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