



# Times of Shrewsbury



September 2023

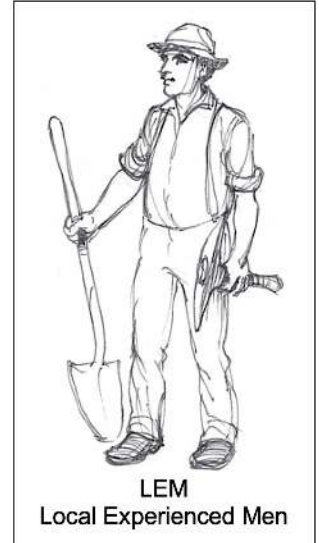
## CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Government Military  
Camp Directors

Shrewsbury honors the good works of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) for their work on roads, bridges, recreational parks, reforestation, fire towers, flood control projects, and more. The Vermont Historical Society states that "For hundreds of young Vermont men the C.C.C. offered a glimmer of hope during the depths of the Depression, a chance to learn a skill and gain employment. When the program began in 1933, more than 23,000 Vermont men were unemployed." The program ended in 1942 when men were needed to serve in World War II.

The CCC was formed as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. It created jobs related to the conservation and natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state, and local governments. CCC camps were created all across the United States involving two million men. for unemployed, unmarried men ages 17-28 who had difficulty finding jobs. The government employed foresters, conservationists, road designers, bridge builders, and others to design projects. Key to the success of the camps were Local Experienced Men (LEM) hired to work alongside the enrollees. They included cooks, doctors, teachers, clerks, truck drivers, and



LEM  
Local Experienced Men

mechanics who were all needed to keep the program going.

There were ~30 camps in Vermont including one in Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury's CCC camp was active from 1933-1937 on land where Shrewsbury Mountain School is now located. Projects still visible in Shrewsbury include the CCC Road, recreation area where the stone chimney still stands, and the stone house used by cross country skiers and snowmobilers.

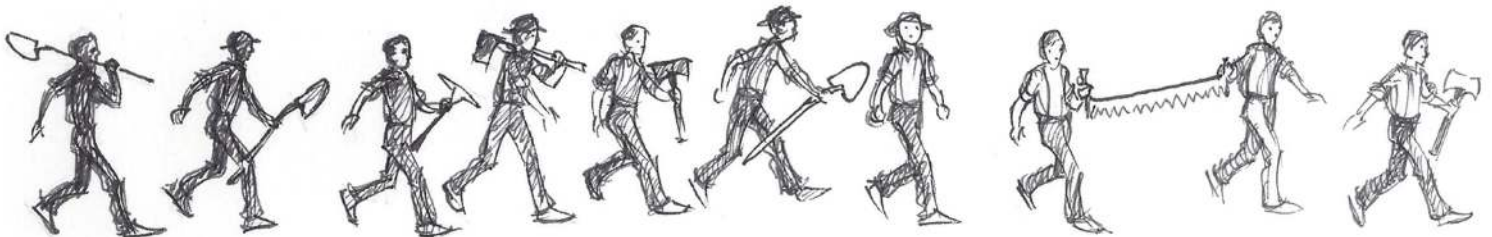
There were nine local Shrewsbury men involved: **Raymond Barber, Richard Buckey, Bennie A. Carrara, Bennie D. Carrara, Charles Graham, Howard LaValley, Gilford Pierce, Ralph Plumley, and Clyde Ross.** Several descendants of these men now live in Shrewsbury.

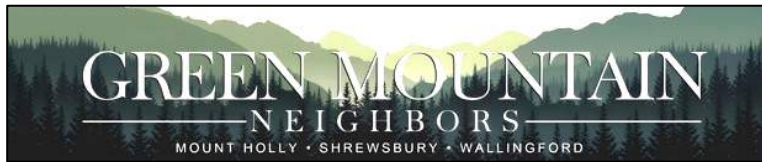
~Come see the CCC Exhibit at the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum

~Watch for the CCC re-enactors in the Shrewsbury Day Parade

~Join us for Marty Podskoch and his presentation on the CCC  
October 15 at 1:00pm at the Meeting House

~Article and drawings by Grace Brigham  
Shrewsbury Historical Society





**Yes, Green Mountain Neighbors, or GMN**, the group that has been working toward helping us remain in our homes (if we want!) as we become less able to do stuff that we've always taken for granted is alive and kicking. We are now officially a 501(c) 3 corporation!! And we have a board of directors, officers, and a logo – which is included with this message.

Expect to see and hear more about us in our towns of Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford because we'll be holding individual town meetings where you can learn firsthand what we have been planning and developing based on your expressed needs. These meetings will be an opportunity for us to hear in person what you would like us to offer.

The Shrewsbury meeting (though it's open to residents of each of our towns) will be at the Shrewsbury Meeting House at 4:00 p.m. September 21. We'll have a demo of the software program that will facilitate your requests for volunteer help. (Don't worry, the program was designed to be very user friendly.) We'll also share examples from other villages of ways they've been able to help their communities. And most of all, we'll want your input!

We plan to start operations in early 2024.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Fontana [lafhaha\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lafhaha_2000@yahoo.com) or Sally Deinzer at [sjdad3@gmail.com](mailto:sjdad3@gmail.com)

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### Free Medical Equipment

Living In Place continues to provide, at no cost, medical assist equipment that has been donated by Shrewsbury residents who no longer need them. On hand right now are many wooden crutches, adjustable aluminum crutches, walkers, rollators, commodes, shower seats, bedpans, toilet safety bars, and a large wheelchair. If you need any of this equipment, call Jan O'Hara at 492-8687.



### Bone Builders

9-10am

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
at the Meeting House on Lottery Road  
Free weights and instruction

Join us to improve your  
Bones, Balance, and Strength

## Effective September 1, 2023

Shrewsbury Town Office  
open **ONLY** by appointment  
(802) 492-3511

### 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.

5/1/2023

Chryl Martin

~ Rich Biziak

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Email: [shrewsburytimes@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburytimes@gmail.com)

Online: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org) and

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

## SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

|         |              |                                                                                      |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aug 25  | 5pm          | *Lepidoptera Story Hour at Pierce's Garage                                           |
| Aug 27  | 7pm          | *Science Book Club meets at the Library                                              |
| Aug 30  |              | *First Day of School                                                                 |
| Sept 1  | 6pm          | *Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series with Spintuition, followed by a Contradance |
| Sept 2  | 9am - 12noon | *Mycology educator & author, Meg Madden, leads a walk to learn about mushrooms       |
| Sept 8  | 7pm          | *Vietnam Friendship Village presentation by Steve Abatiell at the Library            |
| Sept 10 | 9am          | *Shrewsbury Singer rehearsal upstairs at the Meeting House                           |
| Sept 10 | 3-6pm        | *Pierce's Store long range planning meeting and potluck supper at the Meeting House  |
| Sept 10 | 4pm          | *Famous Book Club meets at the Library                                               |
| Sept 13 | 7pm          | *Shrewsbury Singer rehearsal upstairs at the Meeting House                           |
| Sept 14 | 11:30am      | D.A.R. meeting at the Meeting House; For info call Julianne Sharrow 802-492-3361     |
| Sept 17 | 10am till ?  | *Shrewsbury Day (Rain date Sunday, Sept 24); Parade at 11am                          |
| Sept 19 | 6pm          | *Democratic Party Committee meeting                                                  |
| Sept 21 | 4pm          | *Green Mountain Neighbors (GMN) meeting at the Meeting House                         |
| Sept 23 | 9am          | *Library Book Sale begins under the tent next to the Library                         |
| Sept 26 | Noon         | *Prayer Shawl meeting upstairs in the Meeting House                                  |
| Sept 29 | 4:30-6:30pm  | *Wine Tasting at Pierce's Garage                                                     |
| Oct 6   | 7pm          | *Property Taxes Due                                                                  |
| Oct 7   | 5:30pm       | *Pierce's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off at Pierce's Garage                   |
| Oct 15  | 1pm          | *Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) presentation at the Meeting House                 |

\*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at  
[www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)  
 and  
[www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)



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

### REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

|                                           |                                                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Selectboard Meeting                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office                      |
| Bone Builders                             | Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9am at Meeting House                                               |
| Development Review Board                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda                    |
| Library Trustees Meeting                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library                                       |
| Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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                                                       |
| Shrewsbury Conservation Commission        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month! 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road                     |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society             | August 20, 2023 @ 3pm in the Museum                                                       |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum      | Opens Sundays beginning July 2, 2023; 1:00pm to 3:00pm (until October)                    |
| Shrewsbury Singers                        | Sundays 9-10:30am @ Russellville Schoolhouse (May, June, July)                            |
| Shrewsbury Sno-Birds                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland                          |
| Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department      | Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station                                              |

**Shrewsbury Town Website: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)**

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| Clerk's Office     | 492-3511                                                                                                                             | Beginning July 10, 2023: Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-1pm                                               |
| 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 <a href="mailto:julanne@vermontel.net">julanne@vermontel.net</a>            |
| News Flash Email:  | <a href="mailto:vtbenbeano@gmail.com">vtbenbeano@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:benbeano@vermontel.net">benbeano@vermontel.net</a> | an email list for Urgent and reminder news information]                                               |

Cuttingsville Post Office 492-3585 Window Hours Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30am and 11:30am-2:30pm; Sat 8am-11am  
Lobby Hours Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm and Sat 7:30am-11am

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

Animal Control Officer: Adrienne Raymond 802-492-3578

1<sup>st</sup> Constable: Aaron Haupt 558-9980

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 8/1/2023]



## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

*The Selectboard meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm at the Town Office.*

### July 27, 2023: Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black. Zoning Administrator: Adrienne Raymond. Treasurer: Linda McGuire  
Members of the Public: None

Meeting reconvened by A. Korzun at 6:30 PM.

Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda. M. Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Flood prone areas – Property Buyouts: Discussed the pros and cons of the Town participating in the property buyout program. The deadline for applying for the buyout program has been extended for a few weeks.

F. Wyatt made a motion to appoint Laura Black as the Authorized Agent for the Flood Resiliency Buyout Program. A. Korzun seconded. Approved.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*

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

### August 2, 2023: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara. Treasurer: Linda McGuire.

**Members of the Public:** Todd Filmore

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: work in right of way for Raymond and catering permit for 802 cocktails. Marc Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Tax Rate:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve the tax rates for 2023 and to waive the penalty for late filing of homestead exemptions. Tax rates are as follows: Town tax rate of 0.4557, Appropriations rate of 0.1192, Local agreement rate of 0.0015 Homestead education rate is 1.5689, Non-Homestead education rate is 1.5990.

Marc Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

FEMA Reporting Administrator: Marc Cimonetti has agreed to be the FEMA Reporting Administrator. A. Korzun made a motion to appoint Marc Cimonetti as the FEMA Reporting Administrator and in that role Marc will serve as an hourly Town employee. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Aaron and Marc discussed attending the post-disaster meeting with the State.

Municipal Mitigation Grants in Aid FY24 – GA0650: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the Municipal Mitigation Grants in Aid FY24 – GA0650. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Emergency Management: Marc reported that the Town now has a Town of Shrewsbury Facebook page to be used for emergency situations. We're also in the process of developing a list of email addresses for people in town to be notified in times of emergencies. The new email for townwide emergency purposes is ShrewsburyEmergencyManagement@gmail.com. This email is intended for notification purposes in times of emergency to those people that have supplied their email addresses. This is not for normal communication with the Selectboard.

**Digitizing Records:** Laura Black provided some quotes for digitizing the Town records. More details are still needed.

**Community Bank Loan:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve the line of credit from the Community Bank for \$750,000 at a rate of 3.99% for one year. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved. The purpose of this line of credit is to bridge the gap before receiving funds from FEMA and the State for flood damage.

**Catering Permit:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve the catering permit for 802 Cocktails at the Saltash Farm, August 26 & 27, 2023. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

**Work in Right of Way:** Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve work in right of way at the Raymonds on Lottery Road. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

New Business: Jamie Carrara recommended that we lease a chloride system. The Selectboard agrees.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 7/19/2023 and 7/27/23 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #8 for \$3,431.78 and Road Orders #8 for \$36,211.05. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 8:20pm

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*

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

### Minutes of Selectboard Meeting August 16, 2023

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Megan Lachance. Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black.

**Members of the Public:** Todd Filmore

The meeting was convened at 6:35 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda. Marc Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(continued)

**Town Clerk Resignation:** Megan La Chance submitted her letter of resignation as Town Clerk as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Marc Cimonetti has offered to serve as interim Town Clerk until we either find another replacement or the next Town Meeting Day. Marc will be using call forwarding from the Town Office number. **After September 1, the Town Clerk will be available by appointment only**, initially. Megan has offered to provide some training. A. Korzun made a motion to appoint Marc Cimonetti as Interim Town Clerk as of September 1, 2023. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

**FEMA Reporting Update:** The initial FEMA reporting for the recent flooding event has been submitted. All payments to the FEMA Reporting Administrator will be paid from funds received from FEMA for that purpose.

**Cold River Road Update:** The Town and Markowski Excavation met with the Rivers Engineer for ANR. A plan for repair and armoring has been established. Construction by Markowski Excavation has begun.

**Emergency Management:** The Shrewsbury Emergency Facebook page is live. Refer to the Town website for the name and link.

**Digitizing Records:** Laura Black provided some quotes for digitizing the Town records along with comparisons. Different companies offer different services, so it's not apples to apples comparison. Cott Systems offers the most complete list of services and appears to be user friendly and of high quality. A. Korzun made a motion to approve using Cott Systems for digitizing the Town's land records. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved. Digitizing of land records will be paid from ARPA funds.

**Flood Resilient Communities Fund:** Laura Black mentioned that we were contacted by the Vermont River Conservancy for assistance with flood-prone properties. Discussed various other issues related to dealing with flood-prone properties.

**New Business:** Todd Filmore is voicing his continued concern about speeding by his house. He's wondering if there could be additional signage to warn about the blind curve and maybe something like a "Children at Play" sign. He would also like more enforcement.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 8/2/2023 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #8a for \$4,202.40 and Road Orders #8a for \$10,242.88. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Adjourned at 9:10 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

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*Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)*

## TAXES DUE OCTOBER 6

Payments can be mailed, placed in the drop box at the town office (to the left of the front door), made by credit card online at [www.officialpayment.com](http://www.officialpayment.com) (by October 4<sup>th</sup>), or delivered to the town office. If you plan to pay in cash, please deliver directly to the treasurer.

Town Treasurer regular hours are

Every Monday from 9 am to noon.

Additional days/times available for payments:

Saturday, September 30 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Thursday, October 5 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Friday, October 6 from 12:00pm to 7:00pm

If you have not filed your Homestead Declaration, the state website at [www.tax.vermont.gov/property-owners](http://www.tax.vermont.gov/property-owners) will direct you to the proper form and the Property Tax Adjustment form is also available, if you qualify.

**State of Vermont Tax Information** for contact is:

Phone: (802) 828-2865

Toll Free: (866) 828-2865

Email: [tax.individualincome@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.individualincome@vermont.gov)

Fax: (802) 828-2720

Thank you, and call if you have questions.

Linda McGuire, Treasurer--Town of Shrewsbury

9823 Cold River Rd, Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

[Shrewsburytreas@vermontel.net](mailto:Shrewsburytreas@vermontel.net)

Town Office 492-3558

Help us

**REDUCE, REUSE &  
RECYCLE  
SHREWSBURY!**

**Tag Sale at 323 CCC Rd.  
At the Big Barn**

**One Day Only - Saturday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>  
8am-4pm**

**ALL MUST GO!**

**Most household items \$1-\$5.00**

**also have**

**King Size Headboard(s) | Several  
Dressers | Kitchen Table(s) | Side  
Table(s) | Fishing boat | Snowmobile**

**A ton of Stuff!!**

### In Memory of Eleanor C. Tufano (1934-2023)

For 15 years Eleanor Tufano was our Shrewsbury Library's Children's Librarian. She passed away on July 20, 2023. She was very dedicated and passionate about creating a meaningful experience for the children of our community and helped create a collection of books specifically for our Shrewsbury youth.

Ellie only wanted to be remembered by her friends and family with a Hotdog Party so at our Library's Dinner/Dance this year we honored her with just that. Roberta Hemmer, one of her youth members, gave a wonderful and meaningful tribute to her.

Her family has requested that you send contributions to your library or the Shrewsbury Library in her memory if you are so inspired. Ellie was a true friend and inspiration to all of us.

~Submitted by Donna Swartz

### Welcome CDL Rutland to Shrewsbury!

We are excited to welcome a new business to the village of Cuttingsville. CDL Rutland, a maple sugaring supply store, has relocated their business to the former John C. Stewart Ford Dealership building on Route 103. Much like the days of automobiles, CDL invests time in understanding the unique requirements of each maple syrup producer, offering tailored solutions that incorporate the latest technological advancements. The showroom of yesteryears has transformed into a modern hub for maple equipment. While the dozen or so sugaring operations in town are sure to be eager to check out



their wares, any Shrewsbury DIY'er is sure to find the new store as a great way to cut out a trip to Rutland.

Rachel Blanchard has taken the Store Manager position

and can point you in the direction of the robust stock of stainless and PVC fittings, tubing, spouts, containers and supplies for outdoor gardening projects, yard improvements, and of course maple syrup production. Zach Maniery is taking the lead as Sales Representative for Rutland County and Southern Vermont providing product support and customized recommendations for your needs, especially with RO's, vacuum pumps, evaporators and sap tanks. CDL Sugaring Equipment is a global company whose focus on renewable energies, modern technology and sustainable development of their equipment has landed them as industry leaders in maple syrup production. We welcome them to our town as we embrace a new Era in Cuttingsville and encourage you to check them out. Say hello to Zach and Rachel Monday through Friday, closed (for now!) on weekends. We know our grandfathers and great grandfathers would be excited to see business and sales continue from their landmark building.

~Submitted by Alyssa Stewart



July 27, 2023: Adult barn swallows left early from Shrewsbury, and the babies left two days later.



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

It has been a quiet month which we are thankful for! There were no emergency calls for assistance in the month of August. We held our monthly business meeting and discussed the previous month's calls, reviewed our finances, and planned the next month's schedule. We had a maintenance night for the facilities, vehicles and equipment. On maintenance night we fueled our small engine equipment, charged the batteries for handheld equipment and checked all the equipment to be in good operating condition. On another night we performed a drill and several members used our Engine 1 to learn pump operation, hydrant connections and to flush out a blocked culvert. We also met to review some facilities issues and have been brainstorming and reviewing needs to upgrade some of our equipment.

Despite the deluge of rain our roads are in good shape thanks to the continued hard work of our Shrewsbury road crew. The weather has kept them extremely busy! Be patient on the road and allow them space and time to complete what they are doing before you pass.

September is here and schools will be opening. Please continue to drive safely and keep your speed down. School buses will be on the roads so allow a little extra time for your travels.

Fall is approaching quickly and that leads to yard cleanup. Please remember to call for a burn permit prior to any outdoor burns. Call our Fire Wardens, Kevin Brown, 802-345-8668 or Al Ridlon Jr, 802-282-3642.

Enjoy your last month of Summer! And remember to STAY FIRE SAFE!

Submitted by Jack Perry

### Small Farm Flavor & Quality



Come and try our pure VT Maple Syrup, and taste the small farm difference.

Bring a cooler to stock up your freezer on our Grass-fed Beef, and Pork. Take home some holiday gifts. Sweet Treats and Spices!

Farm Store Open: Sat, Sun, Mon, Wed, Thursday 10a - 5 pFri 10a - 3p, 4p - 7p At Ludlow Farmers Market **ENDS COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND**

From: Rutland: Left off VT RT 103 just 2.5 miles - on the right



From: Cuttingsville: Just 2.1 miles up Town Hill Rd, right on Lincoln Hill Red Barn on right

2450 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury VT. 05738

SmithMapleCrestFarm.com

802-492-2151

maplecrest.info@gmail.com

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## NEWS FROM MONTPELIER

On the legislative side of things, we adjourned back in May. We went back for a veto session for one day on June 20th to take up five of the bills the Governor vetoed from our regular session, H.217 – our childcare bill, H.305 – a bill related to the office of professional regulation (OPR), H.494 – the budget, H.386 – a charter change for the Town of Brattleboro that allows 16 and 17 year olds to vote in town elections and H.509 – a charter change for the City of Burlington that allows non-citizens to vote in city elections.

We overrode the Governor's veto on all of those, which I agreed with and supported. I think I've mostly talked about my support for these issues before, and where I disagree with the Governor, but

--On the charter changes, H.509/H.386, my primary motivating factor is that town/city in both cases voted strongly in favor of these things, I'm not sure how I feel about it if it was in my town, but as long as it's constitutional, I think towns should be allowed try these things when they want.

--On the OPR bill, H.305, the Governor opposes this bill because it raises registration fees for various professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation, but we set up our budget/government in a way that the fees should fund the administration of those programs, when we're in an inflationary period those programs costs increase and they become underfunded and start to cut into the general fund, which means we have less money for other state programs. It's just good governance to keep revenues tied to their expenses. I have similar feelings about the transportation bill and the budget.

On the childcare bill, H.217, the governor opposes it because it adds a payroll tax of 0.44%, of which 0.11% will be paid by employees and 0.33% will be paid by employers. In my committee we heard often from employers who said their biggest problem is lack of employees or losing employees because they have children with no access to affordable childcare. Some of them even asked us to increase taxes on businesses to fund childcare because on net it would be better for them if we increase the affordability and availability of childcare.

On the budget, H.494, I think I was clear on this before and it's similar to my comments on H.305, but the Governor and the legislature disagree on about 3% of the budget, put another way we agree on ~97% of the spending in the budget. Looking at just where he disagrees, it's spending on universal school meals, increased funding to adult days and other critical service providers, and to some extent the fee increases in state agencies like at the DMV. Again, we structure these fees in a way that the expense is tied to the revenue. Fees at the DMV help fund road/bridge construction. In his veto message the Governor made note of the fact that the T-fund and the General Fund missed their revenue targets, but he also disagrees with the way we propose we restructure fees so that doesn't happen. To me it sounds like he's complaining about the problem that we've proposed a way to fix.

We also completed a few other bills we hadn't finished when we adjourned in May, including an emergency extension to the hotel/motel housing program for the unhoused which the Governor signed, and a bill that would make changes to the

beverage container redemption system, which the Governor has since vetoed.

During the veto session I was disappointed we did not take up the bill which would increase pay for members of the legislature, the Governor vetoed it and we did not have the votes to override.

I really enjoy this work, but as my family grows I find it increasingly difficult to put in the time this position requires, especially during periods you're not paid at all, like June-December. I was aware of this when I was first elected and it was something I wanted to work on from my first days in the legislature, but has been reinforced by how my life has changed since I was first elected. There are very few legislators with young children, and even less from small towns, further from Montpelier. I continue to think the compensation is a major factor in that and if we were able to increase legislative pay it would allow more young people and otherwise just people who are not wealthy to run for this office; voices that are currently under-represented amongst ALL political parties in Montpelier.

I have heard that there may been some people who had a hard time trying to connect me during the session. I sincerely apologize, at one point during the session some out of state political organizations started signing up all our public email addresses for hundreds of right-wing newsletters and registering us for free speaking events. I basically gave up on my official legislative email and started putting a new gmail account I created at the bottom of these letters. Please use that [email to contact me going forward and apologies if I missed you.](#)

*Submitted by Logan Nicoll, State Representative  
Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury  
[RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com](mailto:RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com)*



**Wally's  
Corner @ The  
Olde Barn**

**We've got some  
BIG news.  
HUGE.  
GIGANTIC! Are  
you READY?**

The home of Stewart Marketplace is soon to become the new home of Wally's Corner. That's right, you read that correctly. Wally's Corner is moving into the Olde Barn! You'll be able to shop all of your favorite marketplace goods along with all of the eclectic gifts you'd expect to find at Wally's Corner starting mid-September.

**We'd love to welcome everyone to our  
Grand Opening weekend, 9/29-10/1.**

There's lots to celebrate with the Tap to Table Festival happening 10/1, so come down to partake in the goings-on here in Cuttingsville!

Now in the same parking lot as Rustic Rooster & the Cuttingsville Post Office, find us at:

**5444 VT Route 103, Cuttingsville VT 05738.**



## July 2023 Flood Related Photos



In Cuttingsville, the river rose all the way to the edge of the road (left) and surrounds buildings along Route 103 (right).

*Drone photos by Gina Stewart*

### Beaver Baffle

This complex “spiderweb” of culverts is an attempt to inhibit beaver damage to a culvert under the CCC Road. The flood increased the problem so that the water ran across the road instead of under it. As Lee Wilson observed-- “the state put in a beaver baffle because they were baffled by the beavers.”

Wildlife Biologist Kim Royer explains that “a beaver baffle (or ‘beaver deceiver’) is a water control device designed to address potential conflicts between beaver created wetland habitats and human infrastructure. The Department of Fish and Wildlife and others install these devices to maintain beaver created wetlands which provide critical habitat for a wide diversity of wildlife from invertebrates to fish to birds to bears and moose.”

“There are several types of baffles. The one pictured here is designed to prevent the beaver from plugging a culvert while still allowing water to flow through the pipes should beaver build a dam behind the fence. Other baffles can be installed in a beaver dam to lower the water level behind the dam.” ~Photo by Chryl Martin



7/17/23



08/08/23

A challenging “slide” to repair has been this portion located in East Wallingford, just off Route 103. Initially, repair seemed impossible. How to build what appeared to be a 100 foot wall from the ground up. Easy, it was built from both the ground up plus from the top down. Good track was accessed by special track operated equipment and material was transported by rail and “dumped” from the top to eventually join the base efforts. Up and operating. Caption and Photos by Nils Ericksen



# SHREWSBURY DAY

Sunday, September 17, 2023

(Rain date Sunday, September 24)

**Red White and Blue ~ Wear or Wave!**

(or wear a Shrewsbury Day Tee shirt!)

## 10:00 - 11:00am – MUSIC

DJ Brett Myhre in front of Maple Crest Farms  
(No thru traffic after 10:45am)  
*Park early and let DJ Brett entertain you!*

## 11:00am – PARADE

Parade starts at 11am at the top of Russellville Road and turns left onto Lincoln Hill Road and proceeds thru Shrewsbury Center ending up behind the Meeting House—a long, short parade featuring: Shrewsbury Veterans, Shrewsbury Fire Department, antique cars, local businesses and organizations, and Shriners will bring their Legion of Honor, Bessie the Camel, Cars and Choppers, Patrol and Drum

## 50/50 Raffle!

(You do not have to be present to win!)

## 12:00 noon – KIDS' EVENTS

Tattoos, Rainbow Hair Coloring Sticks, Razzle Dazzle Nail Painting. Also, Giant Jenga, Connect 4, Cornhole, Ring Toss, Pizza Box Relay Shuffle, Bean Bag Toss

## 12:30pm – BARBECUE

(By Donation)

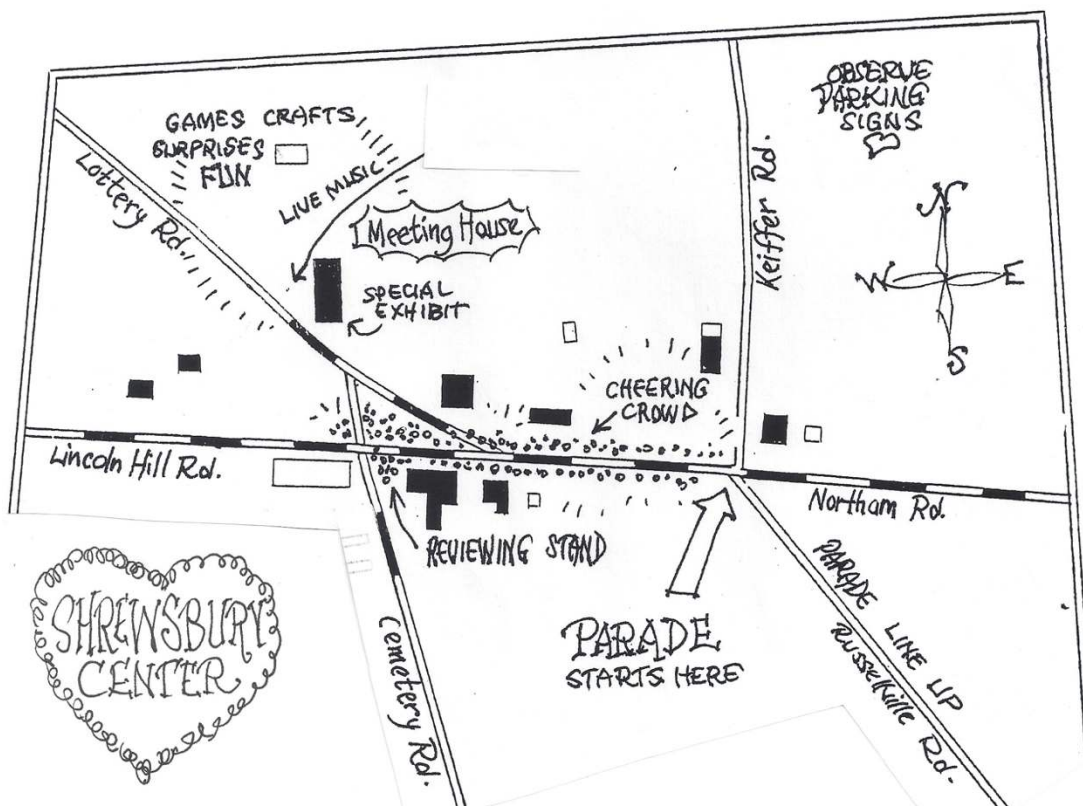
Green Salad

Chili and Hot Dogs, in various offerings:  
~~Chili - Chili Dogs - Hot Dogs - Taco Shells~~  
Lemonade, Chips, Maple Popcorn and Ice Cream

## 12:00 noon ENTERTAINMENT

DJ Brett Myhre –Bring your dancing shoes!

## 1:30pm – KID'S EVENTS RESUME



## Fun For Everyone!

All festivities take place outdoors at the Meeting House following the Parade. The Meeting House will be closed to the public.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on

**No Dogs or Horses**

# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

*Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire*

## LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS

**Monday 10am to 12 pm**

**Tuesday 7 pm to 9 pm**

**Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm**

**Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm**

**Friday 10 am to 12 pm**

**Saturday 10 am to 12 pm**

Please stay away if you're not feeling well, and wear a mask if you need to protect yourself and others.

To search the Library catalog, put a hold on a book or DVD in our collection, and get the latest Library news, please go to [www.shrewsburylibrary.org](http://www.shrewsburylibrary.org).

MANY THANKS to TOM GIFFIN of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association for his informative talk on July 21, and for leading a crew of volunteers to work at Laurel Glen Cemetery the next day. THANKS to the SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY for helping make this program possible.

The Library turned into a small movie theater on Sunday, July 23 for a showing of GEORGE WOODARD's marvelous film, "The Farm Boy." MANY THANKS to GEORGE and his producer, JOAN BRACE O'NEAL, for bring this treasure to Shrewsbury! And THANKS to SANDY BRAGG for helping make the showing possible; you're a great collaborator, Sandy! — Anyone wanting to see the film (or see it again) can find other dates and times on [www.woodchucktheatre.org](http://www.woodchucktheatre.org).

The HOT DOG DINNER & STREET DANCE on August 5 was a great success, thanks to the hard work of everyone who helped with food, set-up, cooking, and serving, especially AARON HAUPT, Grillmaster! SPECIAL THANKS to DONNA and LISA for all their effort — and of course, to MARCOS LEVY and the SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY BAND: AARON SCHNEIDER, MIGUEL LEVY and PAUL SGALIA. You all rock!

## Coming Events:

Friday, September 8 @ 7 pm: STEPHEN ABATIELL will present a program on the Vietnam Friendship Village, the international organization that aids victims of Agent Orange. Free; all welcome.

Saturday, September 23rd @ 9 am: The LIBRARY BOOK SALE begins, and lasts two weeks, on the honor system! We're OPEN FOR DONATIONS starting SEPTEMBER 1; please put your books and DVDs in the boxes on the tables under the tent — NOT on the ground, or on the Library porch!! We accept books in good condition only, no moldy or torn items, and NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS OR MAGAZINES, PLEASE! Take those to the Transfer Station!

## Continuing Programs:

Sunday, August 27 @ 7 pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: Owls of the Eastern Ice, re-scheduled from July. Copies of the next book, Krakatoa by Simon Winchester, will be available soon. Please contact Margery Salmon for more information: [salmonm@vermontel.net](mailto:salmonm@vermontel.net).

Sunday, September 10 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: Next book: TBA.

## New Books include:

- *King, the magnificent biography* of Dr. Martin Luther King, by Jonathan Eig;
- The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store, James McBride's big-hearted novel set in Pittsburgh;
- *Tabula Rasa: Volume 1*, by John McPhee: The great non-fiction writer's memoir;
- *Fires in the Dark: Healing the Unquiet Mind* by Kay Redfield Jameson: The noted psychiatrist writes about the many paths to mental health;
- *The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet* by Jeff Goodell: Hard facts and ways to deal with the crisis by a climate scientist;
- *Pete and Alice in Maine*: an insightful novel about pandemic re-location, by Caitlin Shetterly.

## New DVDs include:

- *Succession, Season 4*: The rich people you love to hate in a series finale;
- *The Blue Caftan*: A family drama from Iran;
- *One Fine Morning*: A love story from France;
- *Chile 75*: A gripping drama about the coup that brought a dictator to power.



## ANNOUNCING: STORY HOURS @ SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

HAVE FUN in the FALL with STORIES

FRIDAYS @ 11am, starting  
September 1 through October 13

BABIES to 7 to 8-year olds;  
no registration necessary.

Questions? Please contact Joan  
([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)).





## BOOK REVIEWS

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

**The Code Breaker**  
**Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing,**  
**and the Future of the Human Race**  
*by Walter Isaacson*

★★★★★

This is an enthralling read, an important read. It's also a page-turner, a myriad of facts, scientific details, and events presented clearly and concisely by a skilled author. It is the story of a brilliant scientist, Jennifer Doudna, who discovered **CRISPR** (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) enabling the insertion of new sequences (chunks of DNA) into an existing strand. This is the new frontier and presents the role that science will play in reshaping life itself. Of course, a tool that can edit DNA can be weaponized if it falls into the wrong hands. There are many arguments about "playing God" and unethical decisions that could unfold. On page 294, a chilling excerpt from President Vladimir Putin:

*"Man has the opportunity to get into the genetic code created by either nature, or as religious people would say, by God. One may imagine that scientists could create a person with desired features. This may be a mathematical genius, an outstanding musician, but this can also be a soldier, a person who can fight without fear or compassion, mercy, or pain..."*

As new discoveries are made, Dr. Doudna is thrust into a fierce, competitive race amongst the world's most brilliant scientists--all wanting to make their mark in pathbreaking technologies. Dr. Doudna espouses the use of CRISPR in medical treatment to alleviate suffering as opposed to "enhancement," which she feels is morally and socially wrong and could reduce diversity. There are examples of different scenarios in the book, and deciding on the right way to go is very difficult and thought provoking.

I would highly recommend this book to you. The author has also written *Leonardo de Vinci* and *Steve Jobs*.

*by Marilyn Dalick, Science Book Group*

## Show Runner

Tis said fate is beyond our control  
 But | conduct my corporeal whole  
 To do without some consciousness  
 Would mean in life am remiss  
 In listening to in and outside voices  
 That help me make considered choices  
*Poem by Thomas Hartigan*

## THE GOOD CITIZEN CHALLENGE ENDS SEPTEMBER 4 FOR ALL STUDENTS K-8

Enter to win a \$100 gift card from  
 Phoenix Books & a FREE TRIP  
 TO WASHINGTON DC!

VISIT THE LIBRARY to fill out a  
 Scorecard and get USPS  
 email directions!

## SHREWSBURY MEETINGHOUSE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Your free will donation is appreciated to support the musicians and the Meetinghouse. For more info, or to join our email list for updates, contact Vicky Arthur at 802 492 3649 or email [singtolive57@gmail.com](mailto:singtolive57@gmail.com)

## SPINTUITION

**Friday, September 1 @ 6pm**

(Rain or Shine!--Indoors if it's raining)



A New England based folk band that blends creativity and tradition into tight harmony and joyous rhythms. Featuring Shrewsbury's own Silas Hamilton (Guitar, Fiddle, Feet), Willy Clemetson (Fiddle, Feet), and Samuel Foucher (Accordions). Presenting a compelling mixture of spicy new tunes and glorious old songs in the styles of trad-Irish, French-Canadian, Old Time, and beyond.

Join Spintuition and caller Licia Gambino for a  
**Community Contra Dance**  
 right after the concert!

Open to all ages and levels of experience.  
 Questions Silas Hamilton. 802 345 3286

## Food provided by La Catrina and friends

In partnership again with VT Farmer's Food Center, delicious local meat or beans with homemade arepas and fixings will be provided by La Catrina and friends, and proceeds will go to benefit VFFC's Rutland County Eats food access program which provides restaurant prepared meals with local food to those in need in our community. Arepas are "the daily bread" of Venezuela. They are a grilled, savory corn patty stuffed with a variety of fillings for our dinner. We will have a veg and meat option, stuffed with local black beans and cheese

# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## Rewarding research

When I read the Community Church column in the August *Times of Shrewsbury*, written by Sue Ransom-Kelley, I saw a reference to the pulpit being built by Clarence J. Poore in 1896. I immediately thought of the "whimsey" wood chain that our Museum displays which was donated in 2000 by John E. Poore of Rutland, grandson of Clarence J. Poore. He also donated a child's slate from the one-room schoolhouse in Northam that belonged to Clarence J. Poore, with carved initials in the wood border, a red wood wheelbarrow used by Clarence and a shoe stretcher that belonged to Clarence Poore's father, Josiah.

Also listed: an Empire Mantle clock ca. 1830 made by Henry Smith of Plymouth, CT, from the John Russell house at area where the CCC picnic area was in Northam, and a small Shaker-style box containing Nathaniel Russell's cufflinks (Revolutionary War veteran). All of these artifacts were donated when the Society moved into the church building in Cuttingsville after outgrowing our former space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of what is now the town's library.



Historical Society's  
"Whimsey"

When the Society had a children's day visit at the Museum, this whimsey was a favorite artifact of the children. I call it a "magic" chain. It is hand made from one piece of white pine. Link after link, no glue, with a special turnable ball of wood enclosed at one end, just unbelievable and beautiful, like the Northam Church pulpit he built.

## September fun

Shrewsbury Day September 17 (rain date Sept. 24) will be a family fun day for all, and the committee is working on details to make sure all will be enjoyable. Look for a special sign that brings attention to the CCC campsite that was built during the 1930s in Northam.

## October program

On October 15, the Historical Society will present a special visit by Marty Podskoch, author of CCC Camps (Civil Conservation Corp.) in Vermont to be held at 1 pm at the Town Hall, which will highlight Northam's camp in the 1930s. The next day, Mr. Podskoch will visit Mountain School to talk with the children. They will be astonished to find out the camp was built where the Mountain School stands today.

## Special thank you

The Historical Society would like to acknowledge the thank you note from graduating student Mason Sharrow that he wrote to Grace Brigham and Society thanking us for the gift of our town's history book which is presented to all graduating Shrewsbury Mountain School students for the past several years. Mason, your note made us all very happy.

~Submitted by Ruth Winkler

## LAUREL GLEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT

A few weeks ago: On Saturday, July 22 a large contingent of volunteers from the Shrewsbury community, Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA), the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and other interested parties began gathering at 8

AM and spent the morning participating in the restoration of Laurel Glen Cemetery in Cuttingsville. One dedicated VOCA couple took the long ride from Milton to work in our storied burial ground.



The enthusiastic crew repaired and straightened monuments, cleaned memorials, hauled crush stone, cut brush, and cleared debris from inside the famous Bowman Mausoleum. The

Shrewsbury Historical Society provided snacks and drinks to the participants, which were greatly appreciated. The Bowman Mansion (Laurel Hall) was open for tours at noon. Local volunteers escorted people through the building and answered questions. Thank you all.



Special thanks to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ripley Camp for their participation in the cemetery restoration, and for setting up an informational tent in front of the Bowman Mansion. Having their members there in uniform, despite the hot and humid day, added to the decorum. We hope to have them back when the mansion is open for future tours. (see below)

Please stop by the cemetery and see the wonderful work that has been accomplished. The Laurel Glen Trustees are planning on another workday in 2024 and we hope to have another outstanding turnout.

A few weeks from now: The Stewart Maple Marketplace Tap to Table event in Cuttingsville will be held this year on Sunday, October 1. We will open Laurel Hall for tours again that day, from noon to 2 PM. If you are interested in Bowman Mansion, consider becoming one of our volunteer tour guides. We will acquaint you with the building and the fascinating Bowman history, and you can pass on that information to our visitors. The Association will continue to hold open houses in the future and wants to compile a list of volunteers who can help on those days if available. For more information, call Trustee Pam "Freddie" Monder 492-6119 or Barry Griffith 492-3573. Thanks!

We hope to see you on October 1.

Submitted by Tom Giffin and Barry Griffith, Trustees  
Laurel Glen Cemetery Association 1894



# Stewart MAPLE'S TAP TO TABLE

## AN AUTUMN MARKET

SUNDAY OCT. 1 2023  
10 AM - 4 PM

### FEATURING:



### WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS:

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5444 VT ROUTE 103, CUTTINGSVILLE, VT

## The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*

We've been enjoying summer services at the Northam Church! All are welcome to visit! Come and hear an uplifting message and the beautiful Etsy pump organ.

**In September we move our Sunday Services back to the Shrewsbury Center Church which is on the second floor of the Meeting House.**



The Sunday Fun Day Program for kids will resume on Sunday September 10 at the Shrewsbury Center Church in the children's room upstairs at the Meeting House. All are welcome to join us and we welcome parent participation.

### Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar:

August 27, 6pm. Evening Vespers Service led by Rev. Donna Jackson @ Northam Church just around the corner from Pierce's Store and next to the Town Office on the Cold River Road. No morning service.

Sunday Sept 3, 10:30am Return to Center Church. Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Jane LoBrutto.

Sunday Sept 10 10:30am Sunday Fun Day Program for kids and Worship Service led by Andris Berry.

Sunday, Sept 17, No Worship Service. Come to Shrewsbury Day at Meeting House starting at 10am-Parade, Kids Events, BBQ, DJ, 50/50 Raffle.

Sunday Sept 24, 10:30am Sunday Fun Day Program for kids and Worship Service.

Tuesday Sept 26, Noon Prayer Shawl Meeting at the Center Church. All are welcome! Bring a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Come and we will teach you! All are welcome!

### 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.

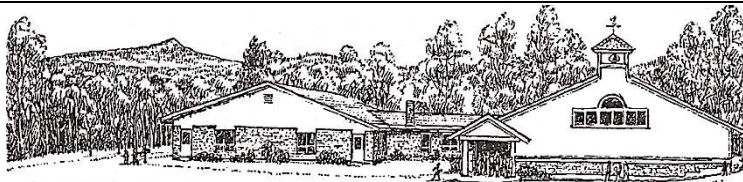
## SUNDAY FUN DAY

### SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CHURCH ROOMS

10:30am -11:30am

NATURE OUR WAY  
AGES 4YRS AND UP  
PROJECTS, STORIES,  
SNACKS AND OUTDOOR  
FUN





## SHREWSBURY MOUNTIAN SCHOOL

Here is our New WEBSITE link: <https://sms.mruusd.org/home>

This website is still being developed, but you can find very helpful information about our school and programs. I will also be posting pictures and updates about our students' learning very soon!

### Important Dates:

Aug 28: Back-to-School Meet and Greet with Teachers 9-10am

Aug 30: First day of School!

Aug 30: After School Program Begins

Sept 4: Labor Day - No School

Sept 18: Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm

Sept 25: Early Release Day - Bridge program (after care from 12-3pm) has limited availability and must be signed up for in advance. There is no after school program from 3-5:15pm on these early release days.

Oct 5: Picture Day!

### Important information:

Reminders about our Back-to-School Meet and Greet: Please remember that teachers are still working to set up their classrooms on Monday and Tuesday in preparation for school to begin. This event will only be available from 9-10am and is a quick opportunity for you and your child to meet the teacher, see the classroom and get familiar with transitioning into the classroom from the main entrance so that students will be prepared to walk into the building independently on the first day of school. After your classroom visit, please be sure to stop by the multipurpose room where the PTO will be providing some refreshments and information on their organization. Huge thanks to Missy Barker and the PTO!

### New Staff members!

I want to introduce three new staff members to the SMS team. Ms. Wyman will be teaching ELA grade 1,3 and 5 and will be delivering intervention services in the afternoons. Ms. DeKalb is our new Band teacher. She is a fabulous saxophone and French horn player and is super excited to build our program this year! Ms. Mary is joining our special education team as a paraprofessional and will be supporting students at SMS! WELCOME, Ms. Wyman, Ms. DeKalb and Ms. Mary!!!

### Important links

Fall Sports registration:

<https://app.formreleaf.com/organizations/mill-river-union-high-school/>

School Calendar: <http://millriverschools.org/calendar/school-year-calendar/>

Student/Family Handbook

:[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VFPqTarDfZwSa3oYt\\_Gk1-uOjRHkVVNYQWREO0egWek/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VFPqTarDfZwSa3oYt_Gk1-uOjRHkVVNYQWREO0egWek/edit?usp=sharing)

Bus Schedule - COMING SOON! (the bus schedule linked in the website has not been updated from last year!)

Letters from Classroom Teacher with supply lists: watch your mailbox!

After School Program Information:

<https://sites.google.com/millriverschools.org/afterschoolprograms/after-school-home-page>

I hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon! It is going to be an AWESOME school year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 802-786-3995 or at [kcimonetti@millriverschools.org](mailto:kcimonetti@millriverschools.org).

~Kristin Cimonetti, Principal, Shrewsbury Mountain School

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We welcome tennis players to use and enjoy our tennis court this summer. The court is just west of the home at 7983 Cold River Road. Extra racquets and balls are in the red shed adjacent to the court. Come anytime—no need to call!! ~Taffy Maynard 773-2087



### **Adapting to Climate Change in Shrewsbury**

Like many of you I suspect, I've been spending many hours this summer building water bars, unplugging culverts, filling in ruts on our roads and paths, cutting trees and branches that have falling across the property and taking care of the other impacts of climate change at Jockey Hill Farm. While the above tasks are expected when managing land, the frequency and intensity of these activities continue to increase as we face a changing climate. While erosion along our four streams has been substantial at the farm, what's been most surprising is the erosion in our forest where rivulets (very small streams) have formed in many areas where we've never experienced them. Heavy bursts of rain can easily break through the leaf-covered ground. If unattended, these can cause deep cuts in the soil carrying away critical topsoil, nutrients and carbon and exposing tree roots among other impacts. On one steep section above our sugar stand, we have some rivulets that I haven't tended to that are now two to three feet deep. Taking preemptive steps now can help minimize costs down the road.

The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS) (supported by the USDA) has done extensive research on the topic of climate change adaptation and mitigation and has generated numerous resources available on its website, many directly applicable to Northeast landowners. Adaptation is the process of adjusting to current and future effects of climate change. Mitigation refers to making the impacts of climate change less severe by preventing or reducing the emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Resources on both can be found at this website: Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Strategies and Approaches. Since 2020, I have taken several online courses with NIACS and have found them to be extremely helpful in managing the farm. NIACS' Adaptation Workbook provides solid structure to our efforts. Fortunately, there are many proven strategies that we can apply to preserve our natural environment in Shrewsbury and beyond.

Another useful resource on managing water on your property is a manual called Acceptable Management Practices prepared by Vermont's Forests, Parks and Recreation. While it's geared for professional logging, I rely on several sections for creating water bars (Section 6.3.2) and sizing culverts (Section 6.2.1 and Table 2A). This information is useful both for inspecting existing water bars and culverts as well as for installing new ones. I still depend on my consulting forester or county forester for official advice on both. This manual can be downloaded at the above website and can also be installed on your cell phone by going to the application store and searching for Vermont AMP.

Tackling the above at Jockey Hill Farm has greatly increased my family's and my appreciation for the work that Jamie Carrara and the Highway Department perform 365 days a year in Shrewsbury. Thank you.

On a parting note, I'm pleased to share that we have a new Rutland County Forester, Tessa McGann, who started back in June. I have worked with Tessa over the last few years in her previous capacities and am excited we'll all have the opportunity to work with her. Those of you who attended the field trip at Jockey Hill Farm back in June on the "Landowner's Dilemma" may have met Tessa. Tessa can be reached at [tessa.mcgann@vermont.gov](mailto:tessa.mcgann@vermont.gov) and 802-505-1579. Tessa is well versed on the above topics.

*Submitted by Tim Stout*

## **Shrewsbury Singers**

### **FALL Schedule 2023**

#### **When?**

Sunday Mornings, 9:00AM – 10:20AM

September 10<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup>

&/OR

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00PM – 8:30PM

September 13<sup>th</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>

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### **The Shrewsbury Mountain School PTO**

#### ***Save the date***

***Saturday, September 9 &***

***Sunday, September 10***

Please contact **Angie Sharrow at 492-2092** if you would like to be added to the list.

We will give you an estimated pick-up time and come for your donations.

There is also the option of visiting Olivia's Market Redemption Center and donating to our account throughout the year.

**Thank you so much for helping to support our school activities!**



### Report on Dance of the Moths Program

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission hosted expert moth hobbyist JoAnne Russo to present a Dance of the Moths on a recent Friday night. After dark, budding entomologists and nature-loving neighbors gathered at the Meeting House to examine the insects in their caterpillar stage, and then followed JoAnne out to the edge of the woods where she had set out a screen and lights to capture and admire the 'dancing' moths.



The state of Vermont hosts a diverse range of over 2000 species of moths. Moths are insects with six legs, and butterflies are a subset of moth. To study them, researchers use tools like beating sheets and screens placed on

the edge of our local habitats, where moths' favorite species, such as oak, ash, beech, birch, grapevine, and Virginia creeper, can be found.

Moths are declining dramatically in recent decades. Sadly, among the species which have declined are many beautiful moths which were previously very common and frequently seen in our gardens. These include the Tiger Moth and its familiar 'woolly bear' caterpillar (down 90% since 1968).

These alarming decreases in moth populations are not just bad news for the moths themselves, but also have worrying implications for the rest of our wildlife. Moths and their caterpillars are important food items for many other species, including amphibians, small mammals, bats and many bird species. Moth caterpillars are especially important for feeding young chicks. A serious decline in moth numbers could have disastrous effects for all these wildlife species.

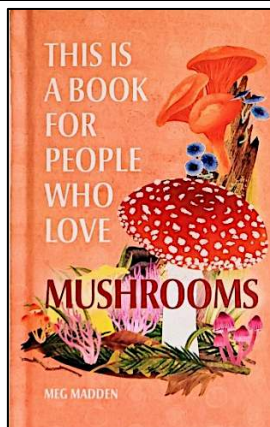
- Submitted by Carrie Clancy



### Land Owner in Shrewsbury?

If so, The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission has a Welcome Bag for you filled with books, flyers, and information on all kinds of topics having to do with the management of your land, programs available to you, and access to friendly advice if you'd like it. The SCC, in cooperation with Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife and funded in part by a grant, would love to share this welcoming gift.

To receive a Welcome Bag, email  
[shrewsburyvtconservation@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburyvtconservation@gmail.com)



### A Morning with Meg Madden and Shrewsbury Mushrooms!

September 2, 2023  
9:00am – 12:00noon

Rain or shine.  
Location to be  
announced

It's widely known that some fungi are decomposers, but did you know that they can also eat plastic, clean up oil spills, hunt for prey, and enable trees to talk to each other? Join mycology educator, macro photographer, and author, Meg Madden, on a mushroom curiosity walk to learn more about the lives of these fascinating organisms. On this walk we will explore the woods and talk about the mushrooms we find along the way including what they are and how to identify them. From building soil to connecting trees, we will go over the essential roles that fungi play within their natural communities. We'll also learn about some of the unique ways fungi can help us navigate our way in a more planet-friendly manner. Meg will also discuss the importance of community science, how you can contribute to Vermont's growing database of fungi species on iNaturalist, and share tips and tricks for taking scientific grade mushroom photos.



This walk is appropriate for families and people of all ages. Wear comfortable walking shoes, (expect wet spots!) weather-appropriate clothing, and bring your questions and curiosity! A smart phone equipped with the iNaturalist app is a plus, but not required. Meg's book will be available for purchase and signing.

The SCC is so excited to offer this workshop with renown author, photographer, and mycologist Meg Madden! Unfortunately, we have to limit the group size to 20, so you must pre register.

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## Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

### Trail Camera Picture of the month



Nathan Rudisill shared a very nice gray fox and coyote capture this month!



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Linda Shelvey had a cow moose and her calf pose in front of her camera. What a treat to have the small calf lie down in such a perfect spot!!



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are introduced to each other.

This is an important first step for any friendship. In the photo Tommy learns how to gently introduce himself to Fonda as RRC instructor Mary Jane Osborne explains that a slow gentle approach is the best. Next Tommy gives Fonda a good grooming and a little one on one time with lots of special rubs and scratches in her favorite places. All this gentle attention is relaxing for both Fonda and Tommy as they become friends. One does not have to be on a horse to benefit from the gift of friendship they share with us.



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## SNO-BIRD NEWS

Well this has been a very wet time and our trails are showing that. Our members have been out checking and doing an inventory on the areas needing repairs. We did not lose any bridges which was amazing! We do have to replace 14 culverts above the Clement Shelter and repair the road in that area. Jockey also needs tread work. From the Clement Shelter to Robinson needs repair and more areas all the way to Wheelerville. The Gilman Road needs tread work also. In Mendon the parking lot trail all the way to the Falls Road needs repair in spots. 407 from the Falls Road to 4&7 needs work. So you can see there is a lot of work needed.

Some of the trails are not passable at this time. As soon as things start to dry up Dave and others will be out getting things back in shape. The State and Federal Lands cannot be repaired until we get permission as they are working with FEMA. We hope that does not take too long as we do not have a lot of time left.

The club will probably have to put in funds to make these repairs. If anyone wants to we are accepting donations to help with the repairs for the trails that we all enjoy. The VAST Annual Meeting is next month and we should have numbers on how much these storms are costing the organization.



*The photo is in Mendon on  
407 between the  
Falls Road and 4&7.*

We hope the bad storms are done for this year. We will be starting to work on the Tucker also very soon so we will be ready by December 15th. I will let you know how things are going next month, hopefully good news! ~Submitted by Roy Arthur

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#### Democratic Party Committee Notice

The Town of Shrewsbury Democratic Party Committee will be meeting to organize for the next two years on Tuesday September 19 at 6pm at the home of Scott Garren, 135 Spring Lake Rd. With the important 2024 elections on the horizon now is the time to get involved. All are welcome. We will accommodate everyone's needs so all can participate. For more information contact Scott at [Scott.Garren@gmail.com](mailto:Scott.Garren@gmail.com) or 802-492-2284.



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### From the Pierce's Board of Directors

I remember the first time I went into the Pierce's Store. I had decided to venture into Shrewsbury and see if Pierce's might be interested in supporting the radio station I had started. It was after some of the Covid restrictions had been lifted, and I found Sharon from the town office there at the store. After introducing myself, she proceeded to give me a tour while expounding upon the history of Pierce's. It became very evident that this was a special place, a focal point for the Shrewsbury community, and this Co-op was helping to hold that community together during tough times. Community of this kind is why Kate and I love Shrewsbury, and love Pierce's!

Having served on co-op boards before, I am very aware of the pit falls they are faced with, and following Covid, some of that community support dwindled. Covid presented a unique situation where local was a necessity, but as we were able to leave our comfort zones and expand back out into the world again, that which was convenient was no longer a necessity. It's not because of a loss of love for something deeply rooted in the fabric of our community. It's not because it doesn't cater to locals, with its many necessities as well as locally produced crafts and food. Knowing where your food comes from matters, and Pierce's is a great source of that kind of care. Bob and his staff are doing a great job and bringing something special to our neck of the woods, and it's here for everyone.

The people I have seen at Pierce's come from all walks of life. It's a gathering place of sorts, whether it's a few folks discussing the weather while getting a coffee, or kids with their grandparents enjoying some ice cream on the porch. It's the person who needs some more flour so they can finish baking, or a tourist amazed at all the stuff this little Co-op carries. Over the next few months Pierce's will host events like Lepidoptera Story Telling on 8/25, A Wine Tasting on 9/30, and Pierce's Chili Cookoff on October 7. It is pretty convenient having dinners from Mama Tamara's in Wallingford, as well as great Mexican food from Victoria, but these are all just a few of the new things the folks at Pierce's keep bringing to the community.

My question is, what are we doing to help Pierce's? Roughly 145 households are members of the Pierce's Co-op and although that's a great number, we need more people to remember Pierce's doesn't exist without you. Simply put, it's time for you and your family to become a member of Pierce's Co-op. If membership expands to 200 households, and those households are able to spend \$35 dollars a week at the store, Bob and his staff can continue to innovate and serve the Shrewsbury community. But any amount helps, and it doesn't have to be all at once. In a week Kate and I stop in to the store at least three times and spend an average \$10 dollars per visit. In the end, every little bit counts!

That's what a great Co-op is all about, so in that vein I urge you to become a member of Pierce's Co-op. Shrewsbury Day is coming up on September 17 and we want to see Pierce's membership drive headed in the right direction as we enter Fall 2023. Pierce's is a part of what makes Shrewsbury home, your home.

*~Submitted by David Tibbs,  
Pierce's Board of Directors*



For the past four years, SAGE has been working with the staff of the Shrewsbury Mountain School to create deeper opportunities for hands-on, sustainability focused education. The school compost, garden, and orchard projects are all part of this effort. In the summer of 2022, we began working with ReTreeUS to re-establish an orchard at SMS.

In September, 2022 ReTreeUS came to Shrewsbury to plant Apple, Pear and Peach trees suitable for our climate. SMS now has eleven fruit trees in its small orchard between the Playground and ball-field.

Preparatory work was done by SAGE. On the arrival day, all SMS classes were involved in the orchard planting.

At the end of school this spring SAGE checked the progress of the orchard. All trees survived the winter but Apple trees were having their leaves chewed by Chafer Rose beetles! SAGE organically removed the beetles and temporarily tented two of the apple trees. The effort has paid off and the trees have really bounced back over the summer.

With the beginning of school, care of the orchard will once again be in the hands of students and staff with help from SAGE, as needed.

In other news, SAGE was happy to support the Vermont Environmental Justice Network's work this past month by creating video content during the inaugural summit held in Richmond, VT on August 18 & 19. The summit was sponsored by the Rutland area branch of NAACP. For more information on the work of the network visit: <https://environmentaljusticevt.org>

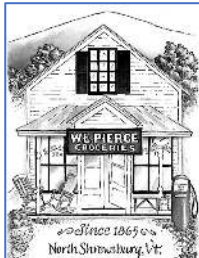
SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, began in 2012 as a non-profit organization to promote traditional and innovative agriculture. We added support for the arts to our mission in 2020. We sponsor workshops, concerts, spoken word readings, and more in the Russellville Schoolhouse.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

*Submitted by Stephen Abatiell*

### 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.





## NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE 802-492-3326

Bob Knudsen, Manager

With the summer winding down, we are going back to our normal hours of operation, but with a twist: We are keeping the longer Sunday hours! That means we are now going to be open 8-6 seven days a week! This should help those who want to come later on Sundays after taking your trash or just after a Sunday drive. And with school starting up soon, free time during the week gets tight for a lot of people as well.

Speaking of Back to School, for the month of September, teachers and educators get free coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. Just let us know and we will hook you up with that hot beverage fix as the days start to cool off.

### PREPARED FOODS AND KITCHEN HAPPENINGS

We are now getting Mamma Tamara's Italian food on a weekly basis, and we are going to also start receiving Victoria's Mexican Food more regularly as well. Not only that, but we have now begun to have more food made in house again, and some of our staff have completed ServSafe certification so they can begin expanding our selections beyond sandwiches and the like. If you have suggestions or recommendations for what types of food you would like to see on a regular basis, please let us know and we will see about adding it to the menu.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September means Shrewsbury Day for most of us, but it's not the only thing coming up! September 29 will see our next wine tasting, and the popularity of the last one in the garage means we are going back out there again. Roxanne Ramah and Kristi Bragg will be joined by Al Wakefield to provide some dulcet tones, while Heather Shay has offered some excellent appetizers. For the wines, Sandy Bragg has some amazing reds for reasonable prices to try out, including a Lebanese wine with a tradition dating back 6,000 years!

Following that will be the second annual Pierce's Chili Cookoff in the garage on October 7. More details to come on that, but if you are interested in participating, just let us know!

### HELP WANTED AND OTHER UPDATES

With the new season coming up, some of our seasonal help is going away. Most notably, we could use an assistant manager, or at least somebody with some weekday and weekend availability and willingness to learn how to help with orders and operations at the store. The position is between 20 and 25 hours per week and is perfect for a retiree, a first timer, or even a side gig. Let us know!

We are also in the process of scouting out some new vendors to help get our prices back down a bit (possibly even UNFI for those in the know), so keep an eye out for some new items and better prices on existing ones. And as always, if there are products or suggestions you have, please let us know and we will try to get them for you!



### Fall Wine Tasting September 29 at Pierce's Store

Pierce's Store went all out in June, accompanying the summer wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres and live duets for violin and cello. To celebrate the fall, we'll reprise on September 29 with more tasty treats and trios for violin, cello and flute performed by Roxanne Ramah, Kristi Bragg, and Al Wakefield from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. And, yes, some nice wines to sample as well. We continue our search for lesser known, high value reds, including a gem from the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon. We're also snagging some good deals on sales. So come join us to eat, sip, and be merrily entertained.

~Sandy Bragg

### Attention all members of the Shrewsbury Co-op at Pierce's Store

A Long-Range Planning Meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 10 from 3-6:00 at the Meeting House**. We will be discussing the future of Pierce's and need your input and ideas. The meeting will be facilitated by Ben Doyle of the Vermont Preservation Trust.

A potluck supper will follow the meeting, so please bring a dish to share with your friends and neighbors! See you there!

Lilly French, Board President



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