



Times of Shrewsbury

October 2023



A WETLAND RESTORED

A fairly common question asked of us when we are out and about in Shrewsbury over the past few years has been, "what's going on with your pond?" Back in June 2021, we submitted an article to the Times of Shrewsbury addressing this question but with a lot of unknowns still to be figured out. Today, we are excited say that our project is complete!

Back in 2020, we had a decision to make: do we rebuild our dam which had been deemed a hazard by the State of Vermont, or do we

remove it? After consideration, we decided that the very best course to take was to remove the decades old dam and reinstate a wetland with the stream running through it.

Early on, we were fortunate enough to be connected with the Vermont Natural Resources Council who found our dam removal project to be a good fit for the VNRC, and so our space became one of their active projects. In a press release from June 2023, concerning our dam removal, Karina Daily, restoration ecologist with VNRC, wrote:

The project is designed to reconnect the headwaters to the Mill River and ultimately Lake Champlain. Many co-benefits result from dam removals including restoring natural sediment transport, reduced erosion, restored aquatic organism passage (AOP), reconnection with the floodplain to support flood resilience, restored wetlands, stream channel processes, and a restored ecosystem with increased biodiversity.

From Karina Daily's article again:

SLR Consulting, the design engineers for this project recommended a relatively passive approach to dam removal for this project. "The plan is to remove the middle three-quarters of the dam while leaving the ends in place near the valley walls. This approach is the most cost-effective way to improve public safety, restore aquatic organism passage, and naturalize sediment transport. It also returns the site to the most likely pre-dam condition –



The old Connolly Pond Dam after removal

creating a smooth transition between the upstream and downstream river corridors", says Roy Schiff, Project Engineer.

During the historic flooding on July 10, we realized just how glad we were that we made the decision for dam removal. As our usually small and mellow stream filled its banks and made new pathways, we were able to breathe easy as the water passed harmlessly through the new opening where the dam had been just the

week before. It is very possible that the flooding could have had an extremely different outcome for us and for those roads and properties downstream from us had the dam still been in place.

A project like ours takes many people working together tirelessly to complete. We would like to thank all of the people and organizations involved in helping to make our project happen. Karina Dailey, restoration ecologist with VNRC and our incredibly capable and patient project manager; the folks at SLR Consulting, for their beautiful design and professional oversight; Birdseye Construction, for their skillful manipulation of the physical space; the many different State of Vermont departments involved in making sure the project was done properly; and the generous donors, without whom this would have been a very different experience: Vermont Natural Resources Council, NEIWPCC in partnership with the Lake Champlain Basin Program, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation through Watershed United Vermont, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. If I have missed anyone, my apologies and our gratitude goes out to them as well.

Watching this project unfold has been both educational and quite fun. We feel privileged to be the stewards of this land during a time of such great change. What a gift it has been, and will continue to be, to watch our backyard transform back into a healthy, vibrant ecosystem.

~Article by Amy Thomas

TAXES DUE OCTOBER 6 AT 7PM

Payments can be delivered to the town office, 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 (Credit card deadline is October 4). If you plan to pay in cash, please deliver directly to the treasurer.

Town Treasurer regular hours are every Monday from 9am 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 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

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

Treasurer's Office 492-3558

More Shrewsbury Day Photos

For more photos of Shrewsbury Day (taken by Gina Stewart for the Shrewsbury Historical Society), go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/583897295347991>

Donation Time!

The Times is mailed to all residents of Shrewsbury and is also available online on the Shrewsbury Town, and Shrewsbury Historical Society websites:

www.shrewsburyvt.org

and

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

The cost of printing and mailing is made possible through advertising and your donations. Donors are recognized for the remainder of the calendar year in which their donation is received. However, if you contribute between now and the end of this calendar year, you will be recognized for the remainder of this year and all of next year! You determine the amount--any and all donations are appreciated! *—The Editors*

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

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

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Rich Biziak

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Email: shrewsburytimes@gmail.com

Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org

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

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept 26	Noon	*Prayer Shawl meeting upstairs in the Meeting House
Sept 29	4:30-6:30pm	*Wine Tasting at Pierce's Garage
Oct 1	2-4pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum open
Oct 1	4pm-5:30pm	Green Mountain Neighbors Community Meeting at the Shrewsbury Library
Oct 6	7pm	*Property Taxes Due
Oct 7	3pm	*Seed Walk sponsored by SAGE; meet at 224 Frank Lord Road (Rain date Oct 14)
Oct 7	5:30pm	*Pierce's 2 nd Annual Chili Cook Off at Pierce's Garage
Oct 8	3:30pm	*Writers' Group meets at the Library
Oct 15	1pm	*Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) presentation at the Meeting House by author Marty Podskoch
Oct 15	4pm	*Famous Books Club meets at the Library
Oct 20	5-6:30pm	*Take out Lasagna Dinner at the Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd.
Oct 21	7pm	*Joan Aleshire reads from her new novel, <i>Belfield</i> , at the Library
Oct 22	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Oct 24	Noon	*Prayer Shawl meeting upstairs in the Meeting House
Oct 27	5:30pm	*"Haunted Library" at the Shrewsbury Library
Oct 29	3pm	*Historical Society Annual meeting and election of officers at the Historical Society Museum

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at
www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com
 and
www.shrewsburyvt.org



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 – 9am 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
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	1 st 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	Sundays open 1-3pm; Closing for season on October 29
Shrewsbury Singers	Sundays 9-10:30am @ Russellville Schoolhouse (May, June, July)
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	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 julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net	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

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

September 6, 2023: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

New Business: None.

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black (by phone). Mill River Transportation Coordinator: Connie Erickson

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Work in the ROW permit; Second Class Liquor License for Knudsen Properties; Outside Consumption permit; 3 Catering permits for the Tap to Table Event; Cott Systems project. Marc Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Mill River Bus Coordinator-Signage for bus stop on Cold River Road: Connie Erickson requested that bus stop signs be installed for both directions on Cold River Road near the wash out spot where there's a blind curve in both directions from where the bus stops.

Work in the Right-of-Way for John Guidry on Keiffer Rd: All paperwork is in order and Jamie Carrara has signed off on it. Aaron Korzun made motion to accept the work in the Right-of-way for John Guidry at 772 Keiffer Rd. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Second Class Liquor License for Knudsen Properties, 5299 Rte 103: A. Korzun made a motion to approve a second class liquor license for Knudsen Properties. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Outside Consumption Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve an outside consumption permit for Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Catering Permits: A. Korzun made a motion to approve 3 catering permits for the Tap to Table October 1st Event: Killington Distillery LLC, Appalachian Gap Distillery Inc., Vermont Vines on the River. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

FEMA Reporting Update: Marc Cimonetti reported on progress for getting FEMA reporting details in order.

Cold River Road Update: Construction by Markowski Excavation on the washout spot on Cold River Road is completed. Base paving is finished. Final paving will be done after the guard rails are installed by Lafayette.

Emergency Management: Nothing to report.

Cott System Project: A. Korzun made a motion to appoint Laura Black to be the authorized person to work with the Cott Systems. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Town Attorney Search: Discussed finding an attorney for the Selectboard to be able to consult when we need them. Laura Black will interview prospective attorneys for the Selectboard.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 8/16/2023 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: Regarding the Selectboard authorizing the Delinquent Tax Collector to redeposit the check for tax payment: It inadvertently overrode the Treasurer's policy and not the Town's policy. Every effort will be made in the future to communicate with the Treasurer so this can be avoided in the future.

F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #9 for \$48,850.48 (\$39,360 was for digitizing land records) and Road Orders #9 for \$79,883.41 (\$56,444.92 was for the Cold River Road repair). Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt
These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Vermont State Senators:

Brian Collamore: bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us

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

David Weeks: dweeks@leg.state.vt.us

Vermont State House of Representative:

RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com

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).

United States Senators:

Senator Peter Welch

www.welch.senate.gov

Vermont Office: (800) 642-3193

Washington D.C. Office: (202) 224-4242

Senator Bernie Sanders

www.sanders.senate.gov/contact

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SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(continued)

September 20, 2023: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black (by phone). Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara

Members of the Public: Megan White

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following addition: Catering permits. Marc Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Catering Permit: Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve a Catering Permit for the Tap to Table event for Shacksbury Holdings Inc., and Golden Rule Brewing. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Cold River Maintenance Plan: Discussed some details of the Cold River Corridor Plan developed for the Rutland Natural Resources District. The Selectboard is interested in pursuing this opportunity but has some questions about any financial obligations.

FEMA Reporting Update: Marc Cimonetti had two initial inventory meetings with FEMA and has a couple more scheduled. M. Cimonetti will be giving the FEMA PDMG the collected paperwork for the projects to date.

Planning Commission Appointment: Aaron Korzun made a motion to appoint Conner Self to serve a three-year term starting September 20, 2023 as a Shrewsbury Planning Commissioner and ending in March 3, 2026. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Vacant Town Clerk and Selectboard Administrative Assistant Positions: Discussed raising the pay rates for Town positions in 2024 to keep and attract Town employees. The Selectboard has decided to hire Megan White for the Selectboard Administrative Assistant position, starting 9/21/23.

Town Attorney Search: Discussed a couple of attorney options with Laura Black.

New Business: None.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 9/6/2023 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #9a for \$3,007.77 and Road Orders #9a for \$19,870.92. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:32 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

Shrewsbury Library Halloween Party



Friday Oct. 27 5:30-7:00pm

Dancing
Games,
Cookie Decorating
Everyone in Costume

Disaster Property Loan Extended until October 12, 2023

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) wants to ensure that all homeowners, renters, businesses, and nonprofit organizations located in the areas that were declared a disaster as the result of the recent storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides in the state of Vermont, know that the deadline to apply for a low interest rate SBA Disaster Property Loan was extended until October 12, 2023. Copies of the SBA Fact Sheet that provides more detailed information about the loan program are available as well as a list of temporary centers where applicants can apply in person and ask questions of the SBA. Applicants can also apply for a loan online at: sba.gov/disaster

Monica Myles, U.S. Small Business Administration



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department had a rather quiet end of the summer, which is the way we like it. There were meetings to conduct business, train, and maintain equipment as usual. However, there were two calls for the department. The first was for a traffic incident on Route 103 near the railroad tracks. On August 30, a flatbed truck struck the guardrails and flipped on its side. The driver only sustained minor injuries, but the truck was positioned where it blocked one lane of the road. The SVFD assisted police with traffic control until a wrecker was able to arrive and remove the vehicle from the traveled part of the highway.

The second call was on September 12. The department responded to a mutual aid call for a structure fire at the Mill River Lumber Company in Clarendon. Clarendon called for assistance from Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, West Rutland, Proctor, Wallingford, Danby, and Tinmouth. This response was for a fully involved fire in one of the buildings. The departments set up with aerial ladder trucks as well as ground firefighters. Shrewsbury's role was to help supply water as part of a multi department tanker shuttle. It took a massive effort and several hours to extinguish the blaze. One building was totally lost, but due to diligent efforts from several firefighters, other buildings were saved.

Another SVFD event was participation in the annual Shrewsbury Day Parade and festivities on September 17. The department made a grand showing of its trucks with Chief Phillip Severy driving Engine 1, Firefighter Barry Griffith driving Tanker 2, Safety Officer Bob Snarski driving Engine 1, and President and firefighter Jack Perry driving Tanker 1. Also participating were Phillip Severy Jr, Ethan Severy and Dylan Thomas, along with Firefighters Hal Niblack, Mark Goodwin and others. This was certainly, a chance for the department to show its



BURN PERMITS

If you are plan to burn brush you **MUST** call for a burning permit. **Contact Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr 802-282-3642.** The landowner is responsible to control a brush fire, ensure you have proper tools, water supply, and people to assist in containing the fire.

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.

equipment and bring good cheer to the community at this grand event.

In other department news, Chief Severy did some research and was able to procure a secondary notification system for our department. This system is designed to back up the current pager system where firefighters are notified of incidents through State Dispatch via a tone out and radio signals. The second system will notify members via cell phone. When a call is made, in addition to the pager tones, a message will be sent to all firefighters stating the location of the call, what the call is for, and who is responding. Firefighters can also access a map that will show the exact location of the incident. This is often a difficult thing to do with just a pager tone. Also, the chief can see who is responding and when they should arrive at the scene. On a trial basis, there are still a lot of things to learn, but it seems that the "I am responding" app will be a very valuable tool for the department at a reasonable cost.

Finally, with the colder weather approaching, the SVFD would like to remind everyone to check out those wood burning stoves and be sure that your chimney is clean and ready for the season ahead.

Drive carefully, enjoy the vibrant colors of autumn, and

BE FIRE SAFE!

Submitted by Bob Snarski, SVFD Safety Officer



BOWMAN MANSION AND MAUSOLEUM OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 1
From 12noon to 2PM

Featuring members of the Ripley Camp
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
in their uniform dress attire

Tours provided by knowledgeable Friends of Laurel
Glen in period servant attire handmade by our own
Pam Monder

Visit again or for the first time
Free admission
Donations accepted

Laurel Glen Cemetery Association of 1894

Stewart MAPLE'S TAP TO TABLE

AN AUTUMN MARKET

SUNDAY OCT. 1 2023
10 AM - 4 PM

FEATURING:



WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS:

NIKKI ADAMS & THE HEAVY NETTLES



SPECIALTY
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HANDCRAFTED VERMONT
PRODUCTS

LOCAL
ENTERTAINMENT

FOOD
TRUCKS

FALL
FUN

CRAFT
BEER

Olde Barn Green

5444 VT ROUTE 103, CUTTINGSVILLE, VT

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS

Monday 10am to 12pm

Tuesday 7 pm to 9 pm

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

Thursday 7 pm to 9pm

Friday 10am to 12pm

Saturday 10am to 12pm

Please stay away if you're not feeling well, and wear a mask 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.

We're very happy to announce that DIRK THOMAS has been re-elected to the Board of Trustees! He served as a trustee for many years before stepping down. Welcome back, DIRK!

MANY THANKS to STEPHEN ABATIELL for his excellent presentation on the VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE, which works to support Vietnamese and American survivors of the use of Agent Orange during the War. Stephen is a Board member of the organization, and has traveled to Vietnam several times to visit the project. His dad, PETER ABATIELL, is a U.S. army veteran, who has suffered from the effects of this dangerous pesticide.

MANY THANKS to everyone who showed their support for the Library at Shrewsbury Day, especially LISA SHARROW and her Jeep with the great signs; CABOT SPATZ as Bilbo Baggins; and all the cheering bystanders!

THE BOOK SALE continues under the tent on the honor system through mid-October, when Discover Books will pick up the remainders. MANY THANKS to everyone who donated books and DVDs, and bought some; and to all the bakers and patrons who make the book sale a sweet event!

Coming Events:

Saturday, October 21 @ 7pm: JOAN ALESHIRE will read from her new novel, *Belfield*, out now from Green Writers Press. Copies will be available for sale at the reading or at Bookshop.org.

Friday, October 27 @ 5:30pm: THE HAUNTED LIBRARY. Please see our ad for details, and prepare to be scared!

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, October 8 @ 3:30pm: WRITERS' GROUP: If you have poems, short fiction or sections of memoir to share, please join our supportive group! For more information, please contact Penelope Weiss (pw@earthlink.com) or Joan Aleshire (joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, October 15 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: *The Iliad: A New Translation* by Emily Wilson! We'll spend three months on this one. Read as much as you can, and come after the CCC Road program at 1 pm at the Meeting House. It will be a full afternoon! Please contact joanaleshire@vermontel.net if you want to join us and need a copy!

Sunday, October 22 @ 7pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester: The Book Club is spending another month on this long book! Print and e-books will be available. Contact Margery Salmon: salmonm@vermontel.net.

New Books include:

- *Fraud*, the new historical novel by Zadie Smith: Dickens for the 21st century;
- *Tom Lake*, the new novel by Ann Patchett, author of the popular *Bel Canto*;
- *The Quickening: Creation and Community at the Ends of the Earth* by Elizabeth Rush: *A meditation on Antarctica, climate change, and motherhood*;
- *What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Bird* by Jennifer Ackerman;
- *Evergreen: A Japantown Mystery* by Naomi Hirahara: A crime novel set in the 1940's Bay Area that explores the wartime internment of the Japanese;
- *Mighty Opposites: Machiavelli and Shakespeare Match Wits* by East Wallingford summer resident, Michael Platt.

New DVDs include:

- *Asteroid City*: the new movie by Wes Anderson;
- *Past Lives*: A moving drama of memory and desire from Korea.



STORY HOURS
@ SHREWSBURY LIBRARY
CHANGING TO SATURDAYS!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
and
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 @ 11 am
with MARGE BENINI

BABIES to 7 to 8-year old
No registration necessary.

After October 14 we'll take a break and
re-group with new leaders/readers.
Stay tuned!

Questions? Please contact Joan
joanaleshire@vermontel.net

PAXTON GREENS TREE FARM

HELLO!

We are the new owners of Paxton Greens Tree Farm!



Left to Right: Owen, Kate, Nate, Dylan

We had the pleasure of meeting the previous owners and it was obvious how much love and hard work has been put into the farm! We know Paxton Greens is a cherished part of this community and we hope to continue the tradition!

This is our first time running a business, or a farm, so please bear with us while we get our sea legs. Tips, tricks, feedback, and requests are all welcome! We have saws and sleds to lend, but we encourage you to bring your own. No tractor rides this year either, sorry (We are working on it!).

Due to limited stocking of market sized trees, we will have to cap our "cut your own" sales at 400 trees for the next several seasons. We apologize for the sales constraint, but this will allow us to replant and grow our inventory to full capacity.

However, we will be offering pre-cut Christmas trees for the entirety of the season, even after the 400 "cut your own" number has been reached.

Things to know before you go:

- **Address:** 97 Stewart Lane, Cuttingsville, VT 05738
- **Opening Day:** November 24, 2023 @ 8am
- **Closing Day:** December 17, 2023 @ 4pm
- **Hours of Operation:**
 - 8 am – 4 pm
 - Friday through Sunday
- **Pricing:**
 - \$60 Cut Your Own 4'+
 - \$40 Cut Your Own Under 4'
 - \$70 Pre-Cut
- **Parking:**
 - Limited Spaces Available
 - No Parking Attendant

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Retaining Walls; New and Old / Ponds/Power, Gas,
and Water Line Burial/ General Dirt Work



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Shrewsbury's Evening Song Farm wins conservation award



Farmers Kara and Ryan Fitzbeauchamp of Shrewsbury won conservation awards, the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) announced Sept. 14. The Fitzbeauchamps of Evening Song Farm in Shrewsbury won the 2023 Eric Rozendaal Memorial Award. The winners received the awards at the land trust's annual member meeting in Barnard on Sept. 13.

"We're delighted to celebrate these farmers and educators who inspire with their care for the land and their mission to connect people to healthy food," said VLT Interim President Tracy Zschau.

Kara and Ryan Fitzbeauchamp of Evening Song Farm received the \$5,000 Eric Memorial Rozendaal Award in recognition of outstanding service to community, land stewardship and innovation. The award is given annually to a farmer who honors the legacy of Eric Rozendaal — a thoughtful, creative, and entrepreneurial farmer.

The Fitzbeauchamps started farming and running a vegetable CSA in Pennsylvania in 2009 before moving to Cuttingsville in 2011. Their first farm here was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene, when Mill River changed course and carved a new riverbed through their vegetable fields. They restarted a few miles away, uphill from the Mill River. They incorporated low-till methods and other practices for soil health on a steeply sloping hillside.

"We're focused on developing a farm ecosystem that can thrive in a changing climate," said Kara, "prioritizing the health of the land, farm team, and community for now and into the future. We see the work of farming as climate work and community building, so there is always more to learn, adapt, and experiment with."

They grow certified organic vegetables and herbs together with a team of farmers and offer a year-round CSA. More than 250 families subscribe to Evening Song Farm's CSA program. This program includes subsidized low-income shares as well as senior health shares. In addition, they sell to area food co-ops, restaurants and, through grant-funded sales, charitable organizations.

"We feel incredibly grateful to be selected to honor Eric's important legacy within the thriving Vermont farming community," said Kara. "Farming has always been about more than food production, and trailblazers like Eric have been models for what new farms can aspire to. We appreciate the support from this grant to augment our ability to serve our community through food and land stewardship. Thank you."

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What a glorious Shrewsbury Day 2023 !

We would like to thank everyone for making our 4th Annual Shrewsbury Day our greatest event to date. Shrewsbury Day belongs to our community; it belongs to you.

Everyone's participation has enabled us to grow our longest short parade to 19 entries and nearly 150 participants for your entertainment. The energy of Shrewsbury Day builds with the community as our audience and support. From the music, games, luncheon and parade, this day belongs to our town. We want to express our gratitude to everyone whose feet touched the ground on September 17, 2023 to celebrate our community. We appreciate you!

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Shrewsbury Day Committee: Grace Brigham & Betsy Jesser, and Linda Fontana, Stacy Harshman, Chryl Martin, Pam Monder, Steven Nicholson, Liesbeth van der Heijden, Ann Vanneman, Penelope Weiss, and Sharon Winnicki.







SHREWSBURY
DAY 2023





Photos and Collage by Chryl Martin
 Photo of photographer by Linda Shelvey

Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

Save the date, October 15

In the making for two years, delayed by the epidemic, the Historical Society along with the Library will co-sponsor a program given by:

Marty Podskoch

Author of CCC Camps (*Civilian Conservation Corp*) in Vermont

Sunday, October 15 at 1pm at the Meeting House

Highlighted will be Shrewsbury's camp in Northam, ca 1930s. The following day, Podskoch will visit Mountain School and give a program to the children. Their school stands on the site of the Northam CCC camp.

Looking back at past memories in the Times of Shrewsbury, I recently looked back to the year 2018, when the very first Shrewsbury Day was held on September 16 at the center through the efforts of the Historical Society committee chaired by members Dick Rohe and Betsy Jesser. Rohe had planned to make a speech and was not able to accomplish that, so without ado, I think these words sum up the special day we all enjoy and look forward to.

"It is good to show pride in our history, respect for the earliest settlers and those who came later, and to find time to participate in the preservation of that history. The Shrewsbury Historical Society is proud to host this event and appreciative that the Town has sponsored it. As we reflect on our history, we want to remember that 47 years ago, Arthur Patten and Nancy Spencer had the ambitious idea that it would be of value to collect and preserve the documents and artifacts of our history."

Information on how to save your family treasures

In light of our recent flood in Shrewsbury, I noticed the following information in the Rutland Herald. They gave websites you might want to read on this subject: Save Your Family Treasures at FEMA.gov., or

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/recover/save-family-treasures>, or www.mshsvt.org, or <https://mshsvt.org/newsletter-archive>

Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum will have different hours on

**Sunday, October 1: Museum open 2-4:00pm
for visitors to Tap to Table**

Through the generosity of Julianne Sharrow and Ann Ridlon.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on October 29

On Sunday, October 29, the museum will close for the season. Hours the same, 1pm to 3pm. A special meeting will be held at 3pm, after the doors are closed, for the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. All are welcome.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



Shrewsbury Mountain School Bottle Drive Success!

The SMS PTO would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent bottle drive. We collected \$780.00 in bottles and cans, a HUGE success!

This will help support some of our well-loved activities: an Ice Skating Field Trip with Hot Cocoa just before the Holidays, Artist in Residency, school Dance Night with DJ are some of the great things happening this year.

Your trash is our treasure! It's not too late, our account will remain open at Olivia's Market for anyone who would like to donate. Stop in anytime and mention the SMS PTO.



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.

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

We've returned to the Center Church for all Sunday Services! All are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10:30am on the second floor of the Meeting House in Shrewsbury. You are sure to hear an uplifting message, beautiful music provided by musicians Roxanne Ramah and Marcos Levy, meditate, and visit with our neighbors in this beautiful sanctuary!

Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar

- Sunday, Oct 1 @ 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Holly Ross.
- Sunday, Oct 8 @ 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Steve Longley.
- Sunday, Oct 15 @ 10:30 am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service.
- Friday Oct 20, 5-6:30pm Take Out Community Lasagna Dinner Order Ahead.
- Sunday Oct 22 @ 10:30 am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service.
- Tuesday, Oct 24 @ 12 noon Prayer Shawl Group meets 2nd floor Meeting House. 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!
- Sunday Oct 29 @ 10:30 am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Donna Smith.



Friday October 20 Take Out Lasagna Dinner! Lasagna, Salad & Roll

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The Sunday Fun Day Program for kids is in session in the children's room upstairs at the meeting House. All are welcome to join us. We welcome parent participation.

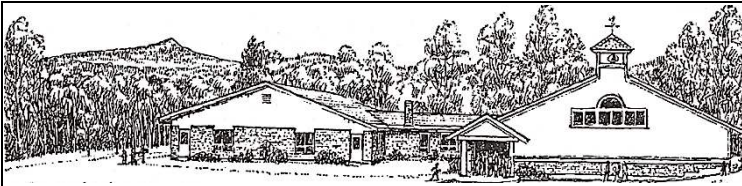
Community Food Shelf

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.

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 MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Important Dates:

9/25: Early Release Day - Bridge program (after care from 12-3pm). There is no after school program from 3-5:15pm on these early release days.

- Oct 5: Picture Day!
- Oct 26: Fire Safety All School Assembly with the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department
- Oct 31: SMS Trunk or Treat 2:30pm - please give us a call if you would like support by participating with your trunk for treating with nut free treats! You can dress up in a costume and/or decorate your trunk too!

HUGE thanks to the Shrewsbury Day planning committee who invited our SMS students, parents and MRU student musicians to participate in the parade again this year. We are grateful for the time together celebrating our community!

We are so excited about our Fire Safety Presentation from our Shrewsbury Fire Department! We are so grateful for our local heroes who keep us safe and we are excited for students to engage with them and learn through this experience.

We had an amazing turnout for our Back to School Night where families gathered at 6pm to enjoy the PTO sponsored Pizza Pot Luck and then families visited with teachers in their classrooms.

Our PTO organization had their first meeting! We are so grateful for the support of our PTO with special events for our students and staff. There has been a special committee created to focus on playground safety, repair and improvement. If you would like to make a donation toward the playground or support the PTO, please contact Chair Missy Barker at cmnsbe@gmail.com

Our students are having some special learning experiences around the theme of apples for our Fall harvest time here in Shrewsbury and we will be wrapping up our October with our AWESOME Trunk or Treat event.

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

~Submitted by Kristin Cimonetti, Principal
School Website: <https://sms.mruusd.org/hom>

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Online

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

and

www.shrewsburyvt.org



Champlain Philharmonic Concert

The Champlain Philharmonic, conducted by Matt LaRocca, presents its Fall Concert Series on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 pm, at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury and Sunday, October 15 at 4:00pm at Grace Congregational Church in Rutland. This community orchestra has several loyal Shrewsbury fans and this season includes two townspeople, Kristi Bragg and Roxanne Ramah.

To celebrate their 20th year, the orchestra will play Mozart and Mendelssohn selections which were played at the very first concert. The rest of the program will show the breadth of styles in American classical music, including the jazz of Morton Gould; the lyrical melodies and lush harmonies by Amy Beach, the first woman to have a symphony performed by a professional orchestra; the weirdness of Ives; the beauty of Copland; the rhythm of Milad Yousufi, a refugee to this country; and a world premiere by Vermont composer Travis Ramsey. More information is available at <http://champlainphilharmonic.org/>.

~Submitted by Roxanne Ramah



Reinbow Riding Center is off to another busy fall season. We have riders from Shrewsbury, Mt. Holly, Cavendish, Ludlow and Rutland area schools all participating in our horsemanship lessons as well as adult

participants from surrounding towns. To help us provide these programs we have volunteers from those towns as well as Springfield, Chester and Weston, and we are always ready to welcome more.

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 & 8, stop by Belmont Cider Days in for fresh pressed apple cider, cider donuts, crafts, food, children's activities and Reinbow Riding Center booth! Fun for kids, 50-50 raffle, information on participating in our program and/or volunteering.

At Reinbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted. For more information about Reinbow Riding Center and our mission go to: reinbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @reinbow_riding_center. Contact us at programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 about our programs and lessons. For information about opportunities to volunteer with us contact janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org.

~Submitted by Janet Upton



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Fungi are Amazing

On September 2 the SCC sponsored an awesome walk and talk led by Meg Madden an expert on mushrooms and fungi. Meg began by showing us some common examples of mushrooms she had collected that morning from the woods near her home in Middlebury. She went on to explain the key difference between mushrooms and fungi:



Fungi are microorganisms that reproduce from spores and are therefore different from plants that photosynthesize to make food. In the forest, fungi are often the part of the organism that is not visible above ground—the mycelium—a complex system that runs for miles and miles below the top layer of soil. Mushrooms are the fruiting bodies, or the reproductive part of the fungi and are often what we see above the ground. All mushrooms are fungi.

As the group walked searching the ground and the trees for mushrooms, fungi, molds, and lichen, Meg offered many interesting details about each of the many species found within 50' of the edge of the road. Most exciting was the wide variety of potential uses for fungi that might offer solutions to some of the significant problems facing humanity. Below are just a few examples:

- **As a carbon sink:** Mushrooms and fungi have been around for millennia and play a critical role in the sequestration of carbon and the breakdown of organic matter in the forest to keep it moving through the carbon cycle.
- **To solve the landfill crisis:** Although still early in the experimentation stage, scientists are using fungi to break down plastics in landfills. Early results look promising.
- **Biodegradable packaging:** Mushroom based packaging can be used to replace oil-based Styrofoam which takes thousands of years to break down. IKEA has already replaced their packaging with a mycelium-based product which can be grown in less than a week and breaks down in just a few weeks.
- **As energy efficient building materials:** In 2014 a building in NYC was built out of mushrooms (mycelium) grown in a brick-shaped mold along with agricultural waste. Future experimentation may allow us to eventually replace carbon hungry concrete.
- **To reduce water pollution:** Mushrooms grown in wood chips have been shown to reduce water pollution from livestock 100-fold.
- **To absorb radioactivity:** A specific species of mushrooms has been found to thrive on radio activity and converts it into energy for growth.
- **To cure or mitigate disease:** Mushrooms can produce antibiotics and can be genetically engineered to produce insulin and other human hormones.

So, the next time you are out in the woods, step lightly and keep your eyes peeled for the many varieties of fungi and mushrooms that are likely just under your nose. Our lives may depend on them. ~Submitted by Kim Royar



Gary's Grove

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission wanted to give remembrance to our past Tree Warden Gary Salmon in a way that would have long lasting value. Gary had begun planting a variety of local trees in the area on the Cold River Road where the road was rerouted away from the river bank that was gradually sliding into the river below. Gary's untimely

passing left the task incomplete.

The SCC, with donations from individuals and several assorted willing spouses,



planted more trees which included some varieties that may do well as climate segues into warmer temperatures. They were watered throughout the season and a day was spent recently mowing the grass around the small saplings and more established trees to allow them to flourish. Those that drive past this area might like to keep an eye on this spot and give a nod to Gary's memory as they drive past.

~Submitted by Louise Duda

Are You a New Landowner 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



Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Trail Camera Picture of the month



Black bears are fattening up for winter. Here are some trail cam captures featuring the activities of bears from Linda Shelvey.

Have you seen a bear here in town? The SCC would like to add your sighting to our bear map. Send location info to Linda at the email below.



Do you have a wildlife picture to share? A track for us to identify? Send your trail cam, phone or camera picture to Linda Shelvey, Lpurdyshe@gmail.com. Please include your location in your email, so we can include your data in our Wildlife Road Crossing Map.

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

Owls of the Eastern Ice: A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl By Jonathan C. Slaght

★★★★★

What an exciting story of both the world's largest owls and the rugged adventurers who seek to conserve them. Both owls and men combat the hostile environment in the remote Khabarovskiy Province in the southernmost part of Russia on the Sea of Japan. The owls are seeking to live, and the men are struggling to understand what the owls need to continue to survive. Even here, where the harshness of the environment is no match for the drive to make a buck are logging companies bent on destroying the forests and taking down the very trees that the owls depend on to make their homes and raise their young. It is a race centering upon a young graduate student with the help of a few stalwart men to obtain the knowledge and data they need to help protect this amazing species from extinction. Their techniques seem crude when compared to elite scientists working in a lab. They are battling a wilderness that will indeed kill them if they set a foot wrong. This is a gripping, heroic story, written well, and it deserves 5 stars.

~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick,
member of the Science Book Group

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Event is free at Farm & Wilderness in Plymouth, VT!

For more information and to register for the event, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mobile-mapping-101-an-avenza-workshop-registration-705451653887?aff=oddttdcreator>

For questions,
email: conservation@farmandwilderness.org



We would like to give a special shout out to Shrewsbury farmers, Kara and Ryan Fitzbeauchamp of Evening Song Farm who won Vermont Land Trust's 2023 **Eric Rozendaal Memorial Award**, given to thoughtful, creative, and entrepreneurial farmers.

While this abundant season brings a wonderful variety of produce to our local farms, it also brings abundance to our meadows and forests. On October 7, Scott Courcelle of Alchemy Gardens and SAGE will be leading a walk around his family's farm and sharing seeds from the vast wealth of plants that grow there. Come for a stroll where we'll talk about plants and all of their wonders and collect seeds as we go so that you can expand the variety of plants growing in your own fields and gardens! You'll have the chance to collect seeds from annuals and perennials including herbs, flowers and vegetables.

**Seed walk will meet at 224 Frank Lord Rd
3:00pm. on October 7
rain date: October 14**

Seed packets will be provided, bring a good pen; clothes and shoes that will be comfortable for walking in the woods and fields. A clipboard or notebook might be helpful for notes or sketches too. We look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to contact Scott with questions by email at: alchemygardens@gmail.com.

When you get home with your seeds, you can enjoy a brand-new episode of SAGE & VFFC's podcast, Root Words, returning for a special 5-part mini-series this October. This mini-series is packed with conversations with food systems experts, and shouldn't be missed! You can find Root Words on VFFC or SAGE's websites, or wherever you get your podcasts.

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, has a mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. 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 ShrewsburySAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos at www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation.

Submitted by Stephen Abatiell

Green Mountain Neighbors

Community Meeting

Sunday October 1, 4-5:30

***** Shrewsbury Library *****

(not at the Meeting House as shown in the Shrewsbury Times)
Come learn more about this approach to remaining in our homes as our needs change.
All are welcome



SNO-BIRDS NEWS

The Sno-Birds have been hard at work repairing the trails the last few weeks. Dave Fucci has taken charge of this issue. He has had all of his equipment on the trails, excavator, track dump truck, and bulldozer. Club members have been helping using his equipment when needed. Dave must have called in some favors as on Saturday we had two 1ton dumps helping to bring in fill in Mendon on 407. At this point we are sure that our trails will be open for the season as long as Mother Nature is nice to us.

If we did not have Dave and the other hardworking members working to put things back together, every one that uses our trails would suffer the lost enjoyment that they are used to. The trails are still so wet that we do not recommend wheel traffic on the trails, it is not legal anyways either. We saw a group of trail bikes out this last weekend and we saw how the trails were getting dug up in the wet areas.

Another thing I was thinking is most all the workers are in their 60's or above it would be nice to see some younger members stepping up to help out. We do it for the love of the sport. John and I cleaned up the Tucker and checked for things to order for maintenance. Most things look good. We will start in a week or two getting the maintenance done.

We had the VAST annual meeting earlier this month and your local long time groomer operator Gary Arthur received Groomer of the Year for not last year but for all the years of grooming. I will have to check, but I do not think there has ever been a groomer at 90 years old!

It is volunteers like Dave and Gary along with a lot of other volunteers that do things for the trails day and night that makes the Sno-Birds trails as good as they can be! We hope you enjoy our trails like we do!

~Submitted by Roy Arthur



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Pierce's Store Chili Cookoff Contest Rules

Thank you for your participation in the Pierce's Store Chili Cookoff! Please complete the sign-up sheet below, so that we can set up your station at the Cookoff. We will provide a sign for your station that shows your name and the name of your chili, so that tasters can identify it when voting. Pierce's Store will provide utensils and cups for tasting and will be selling beer, wine, and soft drinks to help cleanse the palate between chilis. Chef sign-up is \$10 per chili. Please review the rules for the Chili Cookoff. You can email your questions to pierceschilicookoff@gmail.com, or by calling Pierce's Store at 802-492-3326.

The Chili Cookoff will occur on Saturday, October 7th from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. Chefs should arrive at least ½ hour before start time to get set up.

The Rules are as follows:

- ❖ Chefs, please sign up in advance to help us with planning - You may pay the \$10 registration at the event
- ❖ Chef arrival time – between 4:30 and 5:00pm – this will allow time to get set up
- ❖ Any kind of chili is acceptable – red, green, vegan, beans, no beans, Texas, Cincinnati, etc... whatever your specialty is
- ❖ Bring at least 1 gallon of chili
- ❖ Chefs must bring their own crock pots or heated chafing dishes
- ❖ Chili should be heated in advance, and brought to the event at serving temperature
- ❖ Pierce's Store will provide electric outlets for crock pots
- ❖ All crock pots should be set to low (because crock pots set to high will overload electrical circuits)
- ❖ Taster sample servings – approximately 2 ounces
- ❖ Pierce's Store will provide small cups and utensils for serving samples
- ❖ Note - Tasters may announce food allergies or sensitivities – please be forthcoming if they ask about specific ingredients
- ❖ Tasters – will be the judges, and they will be given 3 beans when they arrive
- ❖ Each Taster will sample chilis and vote for their favorite 3 by placing beans in the cups corresponding to their favorite chilis
- ❖ Tasters – if you have food allergies or sensitivities, please announce them to each chef before tasting
- ❖ Tasting will end at 7:00pm sharp, at which point votes will be tallied and winners will be announced
- ❖ Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be sold by Pierce's Store at the event. If you plan to purchase alcoholic beverages, please bring ID regardless of your age.



Pierces Store 2nd Annual

Chili Cookoff

October 7, 2023

5:30PM until 7:30PM

At Pierce's Store

**2658 Northam Road
Shrewsbury, Vermont**



Chefs and Tasters Welcome!!!

Chefs – Your fantastic Chili could be the winner!

All varieties of Chili are welcome!

Entry Fee – \$10.00 per Chili

To get Contest rules and registration, you can:

Visit Pierce's Store

Download at <http://PiercesStore.com/Events>

Or, request by e-mail to: Pierceschilicookoff@gmail.com

Tasters – You will be the judges!!!

Taste the wonderful variety of chilis and vote for your favorite!

Entry Fee - \$10.00

Prizes – Bragging Rights, plus:

1st Place Prize - \$25 Pierce's Store Gift Certificate

2nd Place Prize - \$15 Pierce's Store Gift Certificate

3rd Place prize - \$10 Pierce's Store Gift Certificate

Pierce's Store will be selling soft drinks, beer, and wine

This event is a fund-raiser for the Shrewsbury Co-Op at Pierce's Store



NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE 802-492-3326

Bob Knudsen, Manager

Happy Fall everybody! As we head into Leaf Peeper season, we have a few updates to let you know about.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wine Tasting:



The first event is our wine tasting on September 29 at 4:30 pm until closing time. Sandy has selected some great reds to celebrate the changing seasons, including some that are priced well below their normal wholesale costs! The first is a Barbera from a co-op in Piedmont, Italy, followed by a Portuguese blend, both priced at less than \$15. And to help celebrate wines from oft overlooked regions with centuries or even millennia of winemaking, there will be a Babic from Croatia and a Lebanese Chateau Musar from the Bekaa Valley. Heather Shay will provide some tasty appetizers to enjoy with the wine, and entertainment will be provided by Roxanne Ramah, Al Wakefield, and Kristi Bragg on the violin, flute, and cello, respectively.

Mexican Cooking Class:

Speaking of Heather's cooking skills, she will be hosting a Mexican food cooking class to benefit the store! Margaritas, main courses, and desserts will all be on the menu, so if you would like to participate, please contact her at 802.492.2284 or let us know at the store. The date and time are TBD based on the needs of those participating.

Chili Cook-Off:

Our second annual Chili Cook Off in the Garage will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 5:30pm! Last year's event brought a ton of variety and amazing flavors to the store, and helped raise money to keep the lights on. If you would like to participate as a contestant, please let us know via email or phone or just sign up at the store. If your skills are more suited to judging, be sure to come by and have a taste of some of the best chilis our friends and neighbors have to offer.

HAPPENINGS AT THE STORE

Sweet Treats for the Kids:

With Halloween here, we are bringing back the incredibly popular candy bags! Bring your kiddos up to the store in costume and they will get one of the special selection of sweet treats in our spooky yet cute little bags for free in the month of October.

Pre-Order Thanksgiving Turkeys and Pies:

It's also time to start pre ordering those Thanksgiving Turkeys if you want to make sure to have them on time this season. We will start taking requests now, but the pricing is not yet available, though we expect it will be roughly the same as last year. We are also planning on doing preorders on pies as well from our friends at The Pie's the Limit, so please let us know on those as well!

NOW HIRING

We are looking for a new assistant manager to join the team at the store! The position will start as part time, but there is room for some long-term growth if you are so inclined. We are hoping to find somebody with some knowledge about food, both in the kitchen and on the grocery side, and some retail experience would be a plus but it isn't a deal breaker if you don't have that yet. For details or questions about the position, let us know and we will be happy to speak with you about it!

~Submitted by Bob Knudsen



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