

Times of Shrewsbury

November 2023

A GOOD APPLE YEAR IN SHREWSBURY

October is the time of year I'm driving around town with a car full of 5-gallon buckets, collecting apples in anticipation of a month-end pressing. Late apples tend to be the best for hard cider. By hanging on longer and enduring any early frosts, they tend to be a bit sweeter than early apples.

After the hard freeze in mid-May, it was unclear how this year's apple season would play out. Valley orchards were devastated. Charlie Brown of Brown's Orchard says his apple harvest is down 40% this year. But he remains optimistic. He remembers the last time there was such a late freeze, in 1982, and the bumper crops he enjoyed the following two years. When apple blossoms die prematurely, the trees store up for the future.

Apple harvests always vary, especially around here. Wild trees tend to bear every other year. Some years, like last year, most trees take the year off. Some years, like 2019, are mast years when trees are burdened with apples, branches bent to breaking.

By rights, since last year was abysmal, this should have been an excellent year for apples. The mid-May freeze put an end to that, hammering early apples and those places where cold air collects. But late bloomers largely escaped damage and upland trees, like those in North Shrewsbury, were unfazed by the late freeze. So, it has been a good year, not great but certainly better than 2022.

Shrewsbury is blessed with a diversity of apple trees. When the town was first settled, apple trees were one of the first things planted. Apples were a key source of sugar – apple molasses and apple butter – as well as alcohol in the form of hard cider and applejack.

Sugar is also my obsession. The more sugar, the more alcohol. I measure the sugar content of the local apples using a refractometer, a simple device that estimates the sugar content in a few drops



Apples are in one of many 32-gallon buckets. The plan is to have 300-350 gallons of apples with the hope of yielding 60-70 gallons of cider.

of apple juice. Shrewsbury apples average about 11% sugar. During a hot, dry summer they may get up to 12% or 13% (which might compare with places like Washington's Yakima Valley on an off year). I expected all the rain we had this year to have washed out the apples but they tested similarly to previous years.

Craving sugar, I favor trees that have apples with 13% sugar or more, which is one reason I like the late blooming trees. The sweetest Shrewsbury apples can get up to 18% or 19% sugar and those are the ones I covet. The wildlife also loves them. Often the underbrush below sweetest trees has been trampled by deer or littered with obscene amounts of bear scat.

Old apple trees can be very cagey about their sugar. Their strategy is to produce fewer apples, but the ones they do grow are very sweet. Unfortunately for me, they might yield only a dozen apples, or fewer. For them, it's all about quality not quantity.



Containers of apples from this year's crop will soon be loaded into the 5-gallon buckets for pressing on this vintage press owned by Peter Grace.

As of 1880, Shrewsbury had 23 acres of apple orchards, with 1,000 bearing trees yielding 745 bushels of apples, according to Dawn Hance's Shrewsbury Vermont: *Our Town As It Was*. The town has fewer orchards these days, but remnants remain, often standing guard beside cellar holes. Because VELCO and the town road crew are respectful of apple trees, impromptu orchards have grown along powerlines and roads.

I maintain a list of all the trees I've investigated over the years, which is now 300 trees long. Every year I discover more trees, so my census is incomplete. If I had to guess, I'd say Shrewsbury probably has at least half as many apple trees as it did in 1880. They are mostly volunteers living in the margins, with the bounty consumed by bears, deer, squirrels, chipmunks, and the occasional apple scrounger like me!

~Article by Sandy Bragg

The Value of a Regional Ambulance Membership



Twelve communities form the Regional Ambulance Service (RAS) and benefit 24/7 from highly professional service from the largest Vermont ambulance service which responded to over 10,000 calls last year. The availability of this ambulance service is secured for Shrewsbury residents by a \$4 per capita yearly assessment.

So, what does a Regional Ambulance Membership get you? If you use the service you are billed through Medicare and/or other insurance for payment. If you have applicable deductible and/or co-payments you could be faced with significant out-of-pocket or "balance billing". Membership at \$50 per household for the year (November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024) can be purchased any time. Membership assures that the principal subscriber and dependents residing in RAS normal call area will have any applicable deductible or co-payments covered. Membership also includes two local routine medically necessary transfers. Applications will be mailed to all of us in Shrewsbury and can be accessed at:

www.RegionalAmbulance.com

~Submitted by Gerry Martin

Shrewsbury representative, Regional Ambulance Service

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.

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

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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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Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org and

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct 27	5:30pm	*"Haunted Library" at the Shrewsbury Library
Oct 28	9am	*Walk and Talk program about the ways VELCO manages the land under power lines
Oct 29	3pm	*Historical Society Annual meeting and election of officers at Historical Society Museum
Nov 1		*Deadline to sign up for Regional Ambulance service to get full calendar year (see article)
Nov 4	11am	*Story Hour at the Library
Nov 4	1-3pm	*SCC "Thank you" lunch for Wildlife Tracking Volunteers at the Meeting House
Nov 4	2-4pm	*Green Mountain Neighbors program on Safety in the Home
Nov 4	7pm	*Joan Aleshire reads from her novel at the Library
Nov 5	2am	*Daylight savings time ends
Nov 12	3:30pm	*Writers Group meets at the Library
Nov 17	4-6pm	*Pre-Thanksgiving Wine Tasting at Pierce's Store
Nov 18	4pm	*Sally Deinzer talks about the Second Expedition of Admiral Richard Byrd at the Library
Nov 19	3pm	*Shrewsbury Singers "Singing on a Sunday Afternoon" at the Meeting House
Nov 19	4pm	*Famous Book Club meets at the Library
Dec 1		*Return Library survey forms (survey in this issue)
Dec 2	7pm	*Silent Auction Event at the Library
Dec 8	7pm	*Program on the total solar eclipse presented by Scott Garren at the Library

*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	No meetings until Spring 2024
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Closed for Winter. Appointments only
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	Town Office open ONLY by appointment
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 ~ Wednesday 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 11/1/2023]

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

October 4, 2023: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt. Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara

Members of the Public: Kris Carter-GMP

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

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

Work in ROW permit- GMP on Jesser Road: GMP would like to install underground power on Jesser Road due to frequent power outages in this area. The power line is in conduit. The line would be under the shoulder of the road and would cross the road in two places. The line would not be over any culverts. Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve the Work in ROW permit for GMP on Jesser Road, provided GMP follows the Road Commissioner comments. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Otter Creek CUD Report: Laura Black (Chair of the Otter Creek CUD) provided a report from the Otter Creek CUD describing work to date.

Transfer Station Repairs: Hubbard's has proposed to install 3 concrete slabs – one with rails – at the Transfer Station. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the proposed work for no more than \$15,000. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Town Attorney Search: Laura Black provided a Retainer Agreement for Facey Goss and McPhee for Town legal services, when required. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the Retainer Agreement for Facey Goss and McPhee. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Listers - Address corrections to the Grand List: For parcel 942-0-0077 the mailing address should be: 77 Wallace Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738. Owner 1 – Reesa H. Watson & Suzan G. Reynolds, Owner 2 – Suzan C. Tudzarov, et al. For parcel 002-2-0762 the mailing address should be: 762 Northam Rd, Shrewsbury VT 05738. Owner 1 – Reesa H. Watson & Suzan G. Reynolds, Owner 2 – Suzan C. Tudzarov, et al. Aaron Korzun made a motion to accept the Shrewsbury Listers and Contract Assessor Errors and Omissions Request for 2023 GL. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

New Business: None.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 9/20/2023 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #10 for \$24,726.43 (\$20,903.50 for garage bond) and Road Orders #10 for \$65,680.90 (\$55,438.27 for flood work on Cold River Rd.). Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

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

Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org

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November Note from the Zoning Administrator

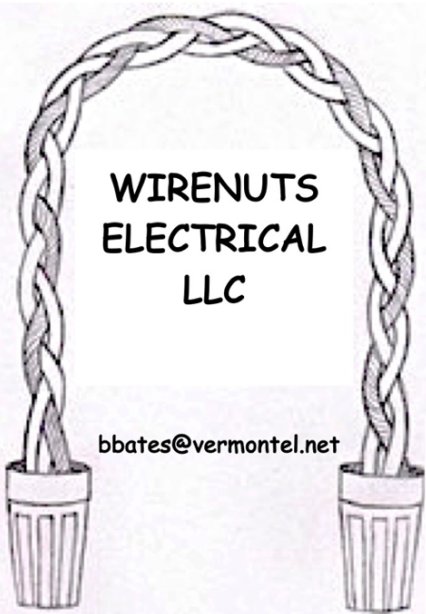
Before snow starts to fly, I want to bring three things to everyone's attention.

1. What many consider to be temporary buildings, are not considered temporary by our Zoning Regulations. Temporary buildings are not based on construction type, but how long they are on a property. If you have a structure, 64 sq ft or larger, no matter the foundation, or lack thereof, or its materials of construction (note, storage containers are considered a structure), please contact me for a permit. The cost is minimal, but without a permit your property is not in compliance with our Zoning Regulations.
2. Structures of any sort, need to comply with property setbacks requirements. Setbacks from property lines vary from 30ft to 100ft depending on what zoning district your property is in. Setbacks to shorelines and wetlands are 100ft. There is a process to reduce the setback requirements through a Waiver or a Variance for specific circumstances. Waiver and Variance requests are heard by the Development Review Board and require a warned hearing.
3. Shrewsbury's Zoning Regulations define a Junkyard as a property storing three or more unregistered and/or uninspected cars. Junkyards are prohibited in every area of town.

If you recognized your property as one that has one or more of these ongoing situations, please give me a call. I will be sending out postcards to those folks whose property has come to my attention, but I hope to be receiving phone calls in the next few weeks from people wanting to bring their properties into compliance.

*Thank you for your attention,
Adrienne Raymond, Zoning Administrator*

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## Transfer Station Improvements

In recent weeks the Transfer Station has been undergoing maintenance that has not gone as smoothly as hoped for. Bert Potter says that Paul and Jeremiah have had many unexpected mechanical difficulties to deal with. They are sorry for the inconvenience to users of the Transfer Station and appreciate the understanding from many Shrewsberries.

Three areas of the dump have been affected, and maintenance on should be complete by mid-November on all areas. The Shrewsbury Transfer Station has a contract with Hubbards to haul and replace the three Roll Offs which contain

- (1) Trash
- (2) Metal
- (3) Cardboard/Glass/Plastics.

Concrete slabs for three Roll Offs have been poured to provide the level support needed to pick up and replace Roll Offs by transport. In addition, railings in some areas have been replaced and other repairs made to provide safer access to working with the areas.

In addition to providing level support for the Roll Offs, the maintenance and changes to collection have been affected by several factors. Bert says the Town decided to go with Zero Sort because:

- Zero Sort is more convenient for users.
- The State requires that glass be ground finer than what our grinder would do.
- Our cardboard machine needed to be replaced at too high a cost.
- Access to the Roll Off areas needed maintenance.

Plastic/Cardboard/Glass can now be thrown into one Roll Off for Zero Sort. When the Roll Off is full, it is removed by Hubbard (whom we have a contract with) and taken to Cassella where it is mechanically sorted with blowers, conveyor belts, and other means of sorting.

The last of the slabs should finish "curing" about October 28 with completion of work following that. Bert extends his apologies for the inconvenience caused over the last few weeks, and encourages anyone with questions to give him a call at (802) 773-2272. ~Article by Chryl Martin

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Remembering Charlie Budd

Our friend and neighbor Charlie Budd passed away on September 27. His knowledge of special fishing holes in Shrewsbury were unbelievable. We will miss his wave as he slowly drove by, on another adventure I would think. Our condolences to Andy and family. ~submitted by Ruth Winkler

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### Pray for Peace

At this time, the Jewish Community in Rutland County would like to encourage people to join us in praying for peace in Israel and the Middle East. Anti-Semitic activity against Jewish and Islamic people in the United States is seeing a troubling upward trend.

Our services alternate between Friday nights at 7:30pm and alternating Saturday mornings at 9:30am. Information may be found at [www.RutlandJewishCenter.org](http://www.RutlandJewishCenter.org)

~Submitted by Kathy Felder

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Greetings Shrewsberries,

We would like to thank our community for your generous donations providing everyone with a tasty Shrewsbury Day luncheon from our 2022 funds. This year we came up just shy of our projected luncheon budget for next year's 2024 event. We would like to thank all the individuals, who meet throughout the summer and to the organizations for their planning in making our fourth annual Shrewsbury Day. successful. We will celebrate the Shrewsbury Mountain School's 50th Anniversary in 2024! We are excited at the aspect of brainstorming around this theme. We welcome your thoughts and participation in 2024.

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

Letter to Liesbeth van der Heijden and Grace Brigham

I would like to thank you very much for hosting my talk on the 90th Anniversary of the CCC (*Civilian Conservation Corps*). The audience was fantastic! What a large enthusiastic group. Lots of CCC people, too.

Grace (*Brigham*) was a great host at the Mountain School. I loved working with the kids. Thanks for touring the grounds and looking for the ski area.

Thanks for a great place to stay at Donna's (*Maple Crest*) B & B. She was a great hostess and delicious food and conversation. Hope you have a great fall & winter! The best to you and your family.

~Marty Podskoch

P.S. I'm going to speak at the Plymouth Historical Society on the October 29 at 2pm at the Plymouth Community Center.

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My Dad Spent 18 months with  
**Admiral Richard Byrd**

**on his Second Expedition to the Antarctic**

Come and Hear about this Adventure of a Lifetime

**Saturday, November 18  
4:00pm  
at the Shrewsbury Library**

Try to put yourself in my father's position when he was 22. He had just graduated from MIT in 1932 with a degree in electrical engineering and planned to go for an advanced degree.

That summer, Dad had a job setting up a ham radio shack for an MIT-related gentleman on Cape Cod. That man knew Admiral Richard Byrd, who was planning his second expedition to the Antarctic and needed someone to operate the radio communications back to the "civilized world." Byrd was interested.

Dad had to make a choice: Graduate school or the unknown? What would you do? Come find out what he did!

(Spoiler alert – there will be some movies and photos of lots of ice and snow, plus walruses & seals, penguins, sled dogs, airplanes, skiing, and tons of equipment for surviving temperatures as low as -70 below.)

~Sally Dyer Deinzer

Interesting link:

Antarctic Explorers: Richard E. Byrd & the Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition ([south-pole.com](http://south-pole.com))



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Around this time a month ago, we were shining up our fire trucks in anticipation of the September Shrewsbury Day parade. That was fun! Thanks to the wonderful folks who put the program together.

October is Fire Prevention Month. As the *Times* deadline approaches, your Fire Department is preparing to present a Fire Safety Program at Shrewsbury Mountain School – on Thursday, October 26. Chief Phillip Severy will lead the program as usual. Our Safety Officer and retired educator Bob Snarski has gathered materials for the students. Our Junior Firefighters Ethan Severy and Dylan Thomas will be among those participating; they graduated from SMS not so long ago. We expect that Ethan and Dylan will be remembered and warmly welcomed by the students and teachers. Thank you to Principal Kristin Cimonetti and the SMS staff for making this event possible.

The Fire Department held its 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on October 12. Chief Phil provided a review of events of the past year, including a summary of SVFD's 31 calls and responses. It was learned that we can no longer get parts for our aging thermal imaging cameras. These are important firefighting tools, which we use at nearly every fire call. Replacement cameras are being investigated—more on that next time. Two traditional Department awards were announced by the Chief. The Chief Snarski Award for exemplary service was presented to Mark Goodwin, who has taken on many assignments since joining the Department 18 months ago. The Peter Cosgrove Award for distinguished service (named for a past SVFD President) was presented to Jack Perry, who has served as our Department President since 2005 and was well described as being the glue of our organization. The Chief noted that every member deserves recognition, but only two can be singled out every year. These are two great recipients. When you see them, congratulate them and thank them for their service.

Our bylaws call for the election of officers each year at the Annual Meeting. Elected at this year's meeting were: President Jack Perry; Vice President Bob Snarski, Secretary Mark Goodwin, Treasurer Barry Griffith, and Trustees Mark Stewart and Hal Niblack. Hal was also reelected as SVFD's Representative to the Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association. Outgoing Secretary Jon Lees was thanked for his years of service.

Many of our volunteers have signed up to attend a class on the evening of November 2, described as follows by the Vermont Fire Academy: *Lithium-ion batteries are becoming commonplace on the roads, in industrial settings, and in the residential fire environment, and pose unique challenges to the fire service. This three-hour course introduces students to how lithium-ion battery systems work, how they fail, and how they burn. It provides students with tactical guidance for safely and effectively dealing with fires in electric vehicles, energy storage systems, e-mobility devices, and other applications of lithium-ion battery technology. We keep training so that we will be ready for any emergency. Contact us if you might be interested in joining our team. We want everyone to*

*Submitted for SVFD by Barry Griffith*

## TOWN CLERK NEEDED

Shrewsbury is in **serious** need of a permanent town clerk. While it is an elected office, an interested candidate can be appointed to serve and then stand for election at the next town meeting.

Among other duties as defined by statute, the town clerk:

- records land records, deeds and other real estate instruments,
- maintains and records town vital statistics and proceedings of town boards and commissions,
- registers voters and serves as the presiding officer for elections,
- disseminates information from state agencies to local constituencies,
- issues marriage licenses and certified copies of other records.

The clerk is compensated by a combination of salary and recording fees.

For more information regarding the position, please see the town clerk's report on page 30 of the 2022 Town of Shrewsbury Annual report, go to Vermont.gov Title 24: Municipal and County Government Chapter 35: Town Clerks, or email interim Town Clerk, Marc Cimonetti, at [shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net)

~Rich Biziak, Board of Auditors

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On Saturday, November 4, from 2pm to 4pm, Green Mountain Neighbors is hosting a **FREE** special event about **Safety in the Home**. Join us at Wallingford Town Hall (2nd. Fl.), where Aaron Jones and Melanie Paskevich from **NeighborWorks of Western Vermont** will talk about this important subject of making your home environment safer as your physical needs and abilities change. A **BONUS** handout that provides **Tips on E-Safety** (avoiding online and phone scams and threats) will be provided to our guests.

**Light refreshments will be served.**

This event will also be a great way to learn about **Green Mountain Neighbors**, a new non-profit designed to help our neighbors (60+) from the towns of Mount Holly, Shrewsbury and Wallingford. In 2024, we will begin providing our members with a range of volunteer-led services and community events that will help them stay in their homes and communities as their needs change. Come learn about our exciting plans and how you can get involved – as a Member, Volunteer, Patron and more!

Wallingford Town Hall is located at 75 School Street. Parking is available on School Street or in the school parking lot directly across the from Town Hall. **Carpooling is always a good idea!** The Town Hall is handicap accessible and the elevator is accessed via Taft Terrace (to the right or east side of the building) toward the back of the building.

If you have questions about this event, please contact either  
Linda Fontana at Lafhaha\_2000@yahoo.com  
Sally Deinzer at sjdad3@gmail.com

#### 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](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

and

[www.shrewsburyhistorical society.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistorical society.com)

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**Second Sunday in March:** Spring Forward,  
The U.S. begins daylight savings at 2am

**First Sunday in November:** Fall Back--  
The U.S. ends daylight savings at 2am





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# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## honored on its 90th Anniversary

The Shrewsbury Historical Society honored the Civilian Conservation Corps on its 90th Anniversary in the Shrewsbury Day parade on September 17. Eleven stalwart folks turned up to represent the men who came and constructed their headquarters where the Mountain School is now located.



The young men lived here between 1933 to 1937 while they built the CCC Road to Plymouth.

The Historical Society banner was carried by Eldred French, representing the military management of the CCC camp and Aaron Korzun, as an LEM (Local Experienced Man).

Among the marchers were descendants of CCC members: Tom Carrara, Bennie Carrara, Scott Courcelle, Gabe Dayton (honorary Carrara) and reenactors Dirk and Judith Thomas, Agden Patterson and Greg Miller.

*Submitted by Grace Brigham*

## Remembering back to the 1930's

I was a youngster living in a small community on Long Island called Hempstead. At this time of year, all thoughts were of coming holidays of Halloween and Thanksgiving. Halloween was a night of terror. Yes. no trunk or treat then. The youth of the day would let air out of parked cars, throw raw eggs at buildings, scatter toilet paper from here to there. No costumes and candy. Just mischief on their minds. Some parties by mothers included dunking for apples and pinning the witch on the wall with thumbtacks to a poster showing a broomstick while being twirled around wearing a blindfold.

And then there was Thanksgiving. We kids would dress up in our father's old clothes, creating beards on face with a piece of charcoal, donning an old hat and carrying a satchel. The chant of the day would be "Anything for Thanksgiving?" Off we would go, out in the cold, house to house on our block. I tend to think this was a mother's way of clearing the decks for intense cooking and roasting. Friendly folks would toss a few pennies or an apple or a penny candy into the satchel and we were eager for the next challenge.

There was no better aroma in the world when entering our home tired and chilly from the cold, and sniffing the turkey roasting in the oven. Soon family would arrive. My Grandma, Grandpa, some uncles and aunts. Table set with Mom's best china.

First course was a grapefruit cut in half with a cherry on top. Just like a fancy restaurant.

After the meal, Grandpa would walk home a block away to take a nap. He was a quiet man, and loved to take care of his pigeons and dalias. I had the best Gandma in the world.

Holiday or not, it seems the local high school football teams would stage a game on that day. So, off to the game for the men. We ladies would clean up and prepare take out with leftovers of our huge turkey.

My Dad had a machine whereby you could cut your own records and we would enjoy recording our guests that afternoon and it was such fun. I have those recordings to this day. Not having played them for years, I probably would be disappointed. They may be unplayable. ~Submitted by Ruth Winkler



## Laurel Hall Guided Tours

Dressed in period clothing, docents gave guided tours of Laurel Hall to over 100 people on October 1. Posing for their "portrait" are docents (back row) Barry Griffith, Jeff Monder, Tom Giffin, Ed Sawyer, (front row) Rachelle Patton, Grace Brigham, and Pam Monder. Not pictured are docents Nancy Ellery and Tim Faulkner.

*~Photo by Tim Faulkner*





## Tap to Table Event Huge Success!

Stewart Maple's 3rd annual "Tap to Table" event held on October 1 in Cuttingsville was a huge success. On the wonderfully sunny day with peak foliage as the backdrop, Cuttingsville saw over 2,500 people come through the event. Alyssa Stewart said that there were 80 vendors showcasing VT small businesses with specialty foods and selling crafts in addition to food trucks serving gourmet foods and craft Vermont beverages to be sampled and enjoyed.

Among the 80 vendors Shrewsbury had a strong showing with 12 vendors including Cuttingsville Wreath Design (Deb Eastman), Nature's Turn (Gerry Martin), Stewart Maple (hosts), The Potter Stone (David Stone), The Eatery by Vermont Bliss (

her grand opening in their new location at the Olde Barn.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society and Laurel Glenn Hall / Bowman estate also had exciting open houses that drew a large crowd through the town's historic stories. Even the bathrooms at the event were in support of a Shrewsbury business (Tim Hewitt of Preferred Restrooms)

We appreciate everyone in the Shrewsbury community who came out spend the day with family and friends and for their support of the event! It was a great day and always a treat to see so many neighbors in the community out and about! ~Submitted by Alyssa Stewart



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Available to ship or for local pick up in early December.



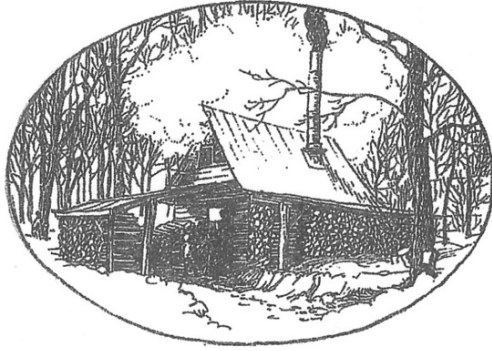
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### Small Business Saturday Reception

Saturday, 11/25/23 from 11am-6pm  
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about to expand! **JOIN US** to ring in the holiday season  
with a new look & a reception featuring light fare, drinks  
and Black Friday Deals all weekend.

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Sharing songs we love to sing,  
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November 19th @ 3:00pm
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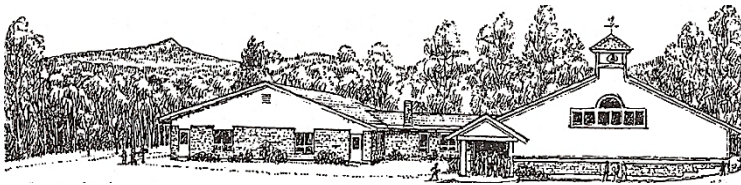
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SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Important Dates:

10/26: Shrewsbury Fire Department School Assembly
 10/30: Half Day Release
 10/31: Trunk or Treat - thank you, PTO!
 11/17: Thanksgiving Lunch
 12/18: ALL School Ice Skating Field Trip sponsored by the PTO
 12/19: 6:30pm All School Winter Concert - every student performs in this music celebration!

Updates and information:

1. Our amazing custodian, Ms. Terri, will be retiring soon! We are so grateful for all of her hard work and dedication to our school. We will need to fill this role in November. Please visit <https://employer.schoolspring.com/employer/jobs/joblist.cfm?ts=1696427128137> for details about applying for a MRUUSD custodial position.

2. Our teachers planned an amazing Harvest Festival for our students on October 13. Our students in multi age groups were able to experience four different teacher-led activities all with the theme of apples. Ms. Levins led a Johnny Apple Seed story and geography mapping activity. Ms. Striglia and Ms. Coutermarsh led an activity about nutrition and teamwork. Ms. McDonough and Ms. Wyman led a STEM activity where students built baskets to hold apples and Ms. Bonafine and Ms. Rice led a taste testing varieties of apples activity where students graphed their preferences. Look at the pictures of all the fun learning!

3. Our grade 5 and 6 students enjoyed a special presentation about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) by historian and author, Marty Podskoch, sponsored by the Shrewsbury Historical Society and the Shrewsbury Library. Mr. Podskoch



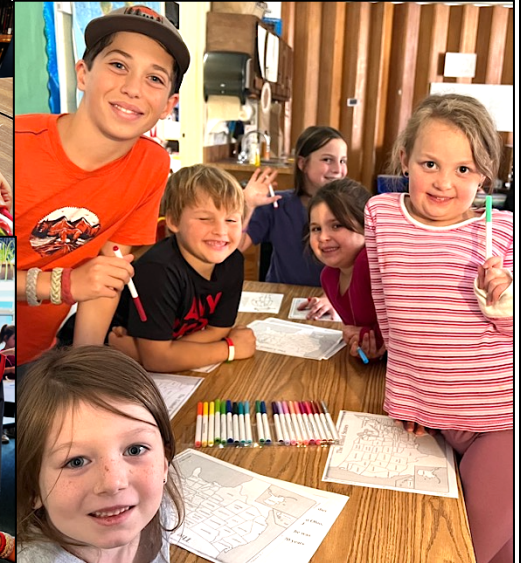
piqued student interest in the time period through the stories and experiences he shared as well as the artifacts students were able to handle. They were even able to try on a uniform from this

time period. Students loved seeing images of the Shrewsbury site and trying to envision its location on the school grounds. We are grateful for Grace Brigham coordinating this with Ms.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 802-786-3995 or at kcimonetti@millriverschools.org.

Kristin Cimonetti, Principal

SMS HARVEST FESTIVAL



Shrewsbury Soccer kids Fall 2023



Mill River Union Soccer 3-4 Boys

(left to right) Christian Gould, Chase Stone, Gavyn Joslin, Quinn Severy, Leium Forrest, Joey Fitzgerald.



Mill River Union Soccer 3-4 Girls

(left to right) Isabelle Park, Netti Wilson, Eliza Sharrow, Annabelle Macgregor, Kayla Carrara, Hannah Phillips.



Mill River Union Soccer 5-6 Girls

(left) Benna McGown, (top) Mikayla Hutt-Vater, (front) Ellie McDevitt, (right) Hadley Côté. Missing from photo: Evelyn Morris



Mill River Union Soccer 5-6 Boys

Coach Rick Wilson with (left to right) Quinn Thomas, Conrad Sanderson, Jack Allard, Silas Sharrow, Jaxson Phillips, Rye Wilson, Everett Spatz, Oliver Smith
Photos submitted by Catherine Carrara

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS

Monday 10 am 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 to protect yourself and others.

To search the library catalog, put a hold on a book, and get the latest library news, please go to: www.shrewsburylibrary.org. Stop in to see our Freedom to Read exhibit!

The BOOK SALE was a great success, raising more money than ever, through the honor system for all but the first day! MANY THANKS to everyone who donated books and DVDs, helped set up the sale tables, and boxed the books for the Discover Books pick-up at the end! SPECIAL THANKS TO DONNA, LISA TRISH, ED, ANN MARIE and ZACK MOODY, KIMBERLY KUNCES, DICK SWARTZ, and DAPHNE HEMMER for going the extra miles, and to NEAL SHARROW for his skill with the essential fork lift! THANKS, too, to the bakers who provided sweet treats to benefit the library!

Coming Events:

Saturday, November 4 @ 7pm: (Postponed from Oct. 21) JOAN ALESHIRE will read from her new novel, *Belfield*, out now from GreenWriters Press and available at the reading, at Pierces' and on bookshop.org

Saturday, November 18 @ 4pm to 6pm SALLY DEINZER will present a program on her father's trip to Antarctica as a radio operator with Admiral Scott, with remarkable photographs.

Saturday, December 2, @ 7pm: Silent Auction and Cookie Swap, a Shrewsbury Library Holiday Tradition.

Saturday, December 8 @ 7pm: SCOTT GARREN will present a program on the coming total solar eclipse. Details to come!

Continuing Programs:

SCIENCE BOOK CLUB No meetings in November; will next meet January 28. The next book is *An Immense World* by Ed Yong

Saturday, November 4 @ 11am: STORY HOUR. We'll suspend sessions after this, and re-group after the holidays!

Sunday, November 12 @ 3:30pm: WRITERS' GROUP: If you have poems, short stories or sections of memoir to share, please join us! Please contact Penelope Weiss (pw@earthlink.com) or Joan Aleshire (joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, November 19 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: *The Iliad* in a new translation by Emily Wilson. We'll spend several months on this one! Please contact Joan if you need a copy.

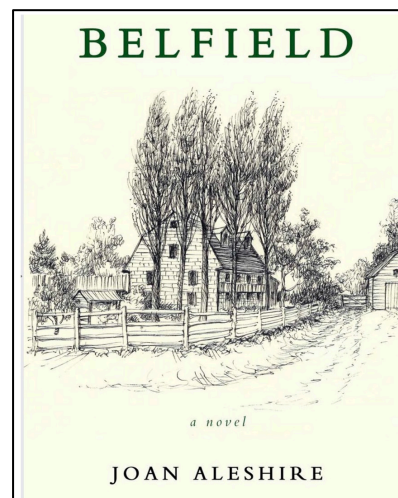
New Books include:

- *Gather* by Ken Cadow: The new Young Peoples' National Book Award finalist, by a Vermont Middle School principal from Pompanoosuc!
- *Elon Musk*: A biography of the enigmatic billionaire by Walter Isaacson.
- *The Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff: A novel about a young indentured servant who must find her way in the wilderness of Virginia in the early 17th century.
- *Returning the Light: Thirty Years on the Island of Skellig Michael* by Robert L. Harris: Meditations on a life in nature on a remote island.
- *Chenneyville: A Novel of Murder, Loss, and Vengeance* by Paulette Jiles: A story set in the chaos of post-Civil War America.

New DVDs include:

- *Sanditon: The Complete Series.*
- *Abbott Elementary: Season 2*

Saturday, November 4 7pm at the Shrewsbury Library



Joan Aleshire will read from her new novel,
Belfield, Out now from Green Writers Press.

Copies will be available at the reading or at
Bookshop.org

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY SURVEY FORM

Please take a moment to answer this anonymous survey about the Shrewsbury Library. All questions are optional.

Section 1: Please circle one answer for each of the following:

Do you have a library account or a library card?	Yes	No			
How often do you use library services, in person or digitally?	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less than once a month	Never
How would you rate each of the following? The library's materials collection (books, audiobooks, DVDs, snowshoes, museum and state park passes, etc.)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Programs (such as events, talks, puppet shows, book sale, children's Halloween party, etc.)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Online services (website, catalog, E-books, audio books, classes, etc.)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Inter-library loan	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Technology (Computers, printers, Internet access, photocopier, etc.)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Accessibility devices (Reading assistance devices, Optelec Power Mag and Magnisight)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Days of the week the library is open	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
The hours the library is open	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Community meeting room, reading areas	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable
Overall, how would you rate the library?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do not know/Not Applicable

How do you typically find out about library programs? Circle all that apply.

Library website	Times of Shrewsbury	Front Porch Forum	Signs or flyers in the library
Social media/Facebook	Word of mouth	Library volunteers	Do not know/Not applicable

Other: _____

Section 2: We value your opinions. Please answer the following questions:

6. What do you value most about the Shrewsbury Library?

7. How would you improve the library or its services?

8. How old are you? Circle one age range: 12 or under 13-18 19-24 25-64 65 or older

9. OPTIONAL: Name and contact information. Please provide your name and contact information (email, phone number and/or mailing address) if you would like to be contacted by the Shrewsbury Library in the future.

Thank you for your time! If you have questions about this survey or about the library, please contact us at shrewsburylibrary492@gmail.com or 802-492-3410.



The Shrewsbury Library Board of Trustees invites community members to share their thoughts and opinions about our local Library by completing a brief survey. Please take a few minutes to provide your input, either online by using the link or QR code below, or by filling out the printed survey form provided in the Times of Shrewsbury and at the Library. We value your opinions and suggestions and encourage you to complete the survey by December 1, 2023. Your input is much appreciated <https://forms.office.com/r/yPebZeK5r2>



Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Trail Camera Picture of the month

This month we have twin fawns, a large bear and a vernal pool resident from Terry and Russell Smith. A bull moose was captured by Linda Shelvey's camera!



Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Conducting an unusual Walk and Talk Saturday October 28 9:00am

**Help Us Locate Bear Signs on Power Poles
and
Learn More about the Various Ways that VELCO
Manages The Land Under the Lines!**

Join us for a short, but strenuous, walk under the transmission line in the VELCO ROW.

The Walk has two purposes! First, help the SCC examine the transmission poles to see if they show signs of bear. This will help us continue collecting data on where wildlife crosses Route 103, since the power line parallels that road.

Secondly, join forester Devon Snyder from VELCO for observation on vegetation differences that reflect different management methods used to keep trees from growing too tall and falling on the power lines. This area has land managed for several years with herbicides and next to it land managed by cutting, so we can readily see the resulting differences. This will be of particular interest to

Shrewsbury residents who own land on the power lines to help you determine whether you wish to opt out of herbicide spraying or not in the future.



Park on Freeman Brook Road where the VELCO lines crosses the road at 9:00 am. Wear long pants with tick prevention in mind, as we will be pushing through tall grasses and some shrubs. This is an adventuresome walk – with uneven, challenging footing in some places. Question? Contact Weezie at shrewsburyvtconservation@gmail.com

Devon Snyder has been a forester with VELCO for two years. She came to VELCO with a decade of experience in disturbance ecology and land management, and enjoys employing this expertise in the responsible management of rights of way. In her spare time, she enjoys native plant gardening, home renovations, and spending time in and around Rutland City where she lives with her husband and two cats.
~Submitted by Louise Duda

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- *** *Enjoyable*
- ** *Just O.K.*
- * *Not recommended*

The Day the World Exploded: August 27, 1883

Krakatoa

by Simon Winchester

★★★★★

This is yet another top-rated book that the science group just read. It is not overrated, trust me. Simon Winchester thoroughly imparts his vast knowledge of this part of the world and the horrific events that occurred there.

Often referred to as the Dutch East Indies, the author tells us about the clever map-makers, skillful sailors, greedy businessmen, the Dutch. They have colonized this paradise to make it their own at the expense of the indigenous people who they subjugate and treat cruelly.

This story is so complex, full of interesting details about the formation of volcanoes, plate tectonics, and the magnetic forces between the north and south poles. On page 89, for example, you will learn about the convection inside the earth's mantle, the driving mechanism between continental drift and plate movement. Volcanoes are more likely to form where the "subduction" of oceanic basalt makes one plate slide beneath another. An example of this would be the San Andreas fault, where these plates are moving one half inch a year. In a subduction zone, the colliding oceanic basalt begins to head off down back into the earth, causing a "pinch", or a trench in the sea bed. If the continental material is light, it piles upward. The Himalayas are an example (page 110).

We also learn about Alfred Russell Wallace, espouser of Darwinism, who promoted the idea of an Eurasian plate (cows, monkeys, thrushes, elephants) and an Indo-Australian plate (cassowaries, emus, kangaroos) where his imaginary line passed closely between the two. Java and Sumatra are the most volcanically unstable pair of islands ever known, and it is here that we learn about the explosion that could be heard 3,000 miles away, and the wall of water that drowned 40,000 people. This immense tsunami, 100 feet high, was felt as far away as France! It is remarkable that the instruments in that time were accurate enough to register this event all over the world, at exactly the same time. This short review can't do justice to this weighty little paperback book. I've done my best.

*Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick,
Member of the Science Book Group*

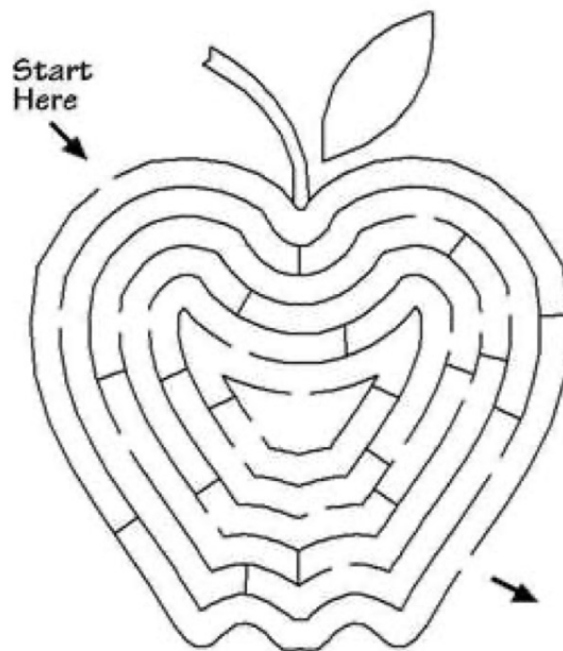
Shrewsbury Library Halloween Party



Friday Oct. 27

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Saturday, December 2nd
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**Join us upstairs at the
Silent Auction
for the fun filled bidding wars**

**Bake a big batch of your favorite
cookie recipe to share.**

For more information please call Lisa at
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The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

would like to thank our tracking volunteers, who
worked so hard last winter gathering wildlife
tracking data, with a

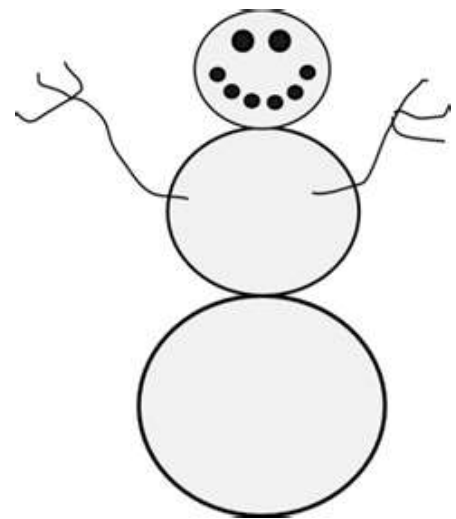
**Lunch at the Meeting House
Saturday, November 4 , 1:00-3:00pm**

We'd also like to invite anyone interested in
learning about helping with our Wildlife Road
Crossings Project this coming winter to join us. We
will help you learn about animal tracks and what
you would have to do to help out on a route.

Jens Hilke, who works for the Vermont Agency of
Natural Resources, has put together a map of our
tracking data. I think you'll be very
interested to see what the map shows after 2 years
of field work!

To refresh your memory of what to look for when
identifying a wildlife track, I am putting together a
fun quiz for you! Bring your tracking cards!!!

Please RSVP to Linda at lpurdyshe@gmail.com
to help our planning!



Got your shovel
ready?

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Exciting things are happening at the Shrewsbury Community Church! We will soon be decorating the sanctuary with fresh balsam wreaths, poinsettias, our Nativity scene, and a glorious Christmas Tree! All are welcome to join us any Sunday at 10:30am at the center church which is on the second floor of the meeting house. Come and enjoy the beautiful music, hear an uplifting message, and visit with your neighbors. There is also a Fun Day Program for kids!

Annual Wreath Decorating Celebration

The kids will be decorating fresh balsam wreaths to take home on November 19 at 10:30am. If you would like to participate in this activity, please call Sue 802-779-4825 or Cortney 802-683-7852 so we can make sure to have enough wreaths for each child.

Holiday Giving: We will be providing gift and grocery cards for folks in Shrewsbury during the holiday season. If you or a neighbor would like to be included please call Sue at 802-492-3738 or 802-779-4825

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.

Community Church Calendar

Sunday, Nov 5, 10:30 am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Holly Ross.

Sunday, Nov 12, 10:30 am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Rev. Holly Ross.

Sunday, Nov 19, 10:30 am Fun Day Program Wreath Decorating for kids. Worship Service led by Pastor Donna Smith.\

Sunday, Nov 26, 10:30 am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Pastor Vicki Disorda



Special Thanks to our Shrewsbury Day Serving Crew:
(l to r) Liesbeth, Tiffany, Julianne, Sue, Lynette, Roxanne & Cortney!



Remembering our Loved Ones

If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in honor or in memory of a loved one in the sanctuary for the holiday season, please make checks for \$20 for a wreath or \$10 for a poinsettia payable to the Shrewsbury Community Church and mail to

Sue Kelley, PO Box 366 Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

___ Wreath or ___ Poinsettia in honor or in memory of

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Rain kept us from our first try at hosting a Seed Walk with Scott Courcelle of Alchemy Gardens, but the rescheduled event turned out to be an even better time to be out searching for new and exciting seeds. Over a dozen folks showed up to learn and collect sunflower, straw flower, marshmallow, heirloom tomato, and many more, all while enjoying some yummy home baked cookies, yum!

Stay tuned for future workshops from SAGE and partners. In the meantime, have a listen to our first new release from our Root Words podcast in over a year! SAGE and VFFC are putting out a 5-part mini-series this fall, and the first episode focuses on localizing the global food system. For this episode SAGE's Stephen Abatiell spoke with Steve Gorelick, the managing and programs director for Local Futures, an organization that promotes localization around the world. He is also the co-director of the film *The Economics of Happiness*, author of *Small is Beautiful, Big is Subsidized* and co-author of *Bringing the Food Economy Home*.

"We face a number of serious crises, whether they're ecological, economic, or social. any of these crises have their roots as we see it in a globalized economy that doesn't respect human needs or ecological limits. What we're promoting is essentially a shift from global to local. Right now the global economy is heavily subsidized through tax subsidies and promoted through regulatory regimes that make it easier for the global players to operate and harder for the smaller players to operate. So, we're working towards shifting that around so that the small and local is promoted instead of the large and global..." - Steve Gorelick

To hear more from Steve, as well as other compelling guests, please find "Root Words" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts.



SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, mission is to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. For more info: contact Stephen Abatiell at educate.sage@gmail.com, Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit www.sagevt.wordpress.com.

Follow us on Facebook for event details at ShrewsburySAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos at www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation.

~Submitted by Stephen Abatiell



Whether it's a birthday or Halloween, at Rainbow Riding Center we celebrate our riders, our horses and especially our volunteers who are an integral part of the program.

This year we've had a very long and productive season. Now as the leaves drop and the days get shorter, lessons are drawing to a close and it's time to pack up the center, send the horses to their winter homes and settle in for the cold season when we spend our time planning for next year, writing funding grants and recruiting more volunteers.

And now, Horse Trivia 101. #1: Did you know that unlike dogs who can only see blue and yellow, horses can see blue, yellow and green and variations of those three colors. In tests researchers have found that blue has a very calming effect on horses. Some horse owners will paint their horse stalls blue because of this. #2: A recent study of scents indicates that horses love the smell of lavender. So, horse owners grow lavender in your garden and put a few sprigs in you horse's stall next summer.

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

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## SNO-BIRD NEWS

Fall is here and we are very busy getting the trails and the Tucker grooming machine ready. We are in pretty good shape. John Hogan and Dad helped with the Tucker maintenance, and the trails are all repaired. We still have not seen the tracks for the groomer so I hope the old tracks will hold up this winter. The State has been out installing about 400 water bars on the State lands which is we over kill in our estimate but we will have to deal with it. So early in the season ride cautiously as it might take a while to fill them in. I really want to thank all who helped at the last minute to make it all happen! ~Submitted by Roy Arthur



## 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.



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## Pierce's Store Continues to Fun-Raise for the Community

Throughout the late summer and early fall, the Board of Pierce's Store has provided multiple events for community gathering and general merriment. In August, Pierce's offered an evening of hilarious story-telling at our annual Lepidoptera (Moth) Story Hour. Attendees enjoyed delicious Asian food and shared laughs and drinks with their friends and neighbors. Thanks to all who took to the stage to entertain us!

In September, we enjoyed an evening of superior classical music with appetizers and delicious wines offered through yet another of Sandy Bragg's Wine Tasting Events. Thanks to all who played music, prepared food, and attended this popular event.

Finally, in October, Pierce's hosted the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off with some of Shrewsbury's finest chefs competing for first place with their prized chili recipes. This year's winners were Louise Duda (1st place), Heather Shay (2nd Place) and Bob Knudsen (3rd place). It was a perfect way to spend a cold, rainy evening as we kept each other warm in the garage with chili and good cheer.

Please watch the Times for more community events in the future including our next wine tasting event on November 17. Thanks for supporting Pierce's! ~Lily French



### Red Lentil Thai Chili

Olive oil 1 teaspoon to 2 tablespoons  
 1 large yellow onion, diced medium  
 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced medium  
 3 cloves garlic, minced  
 2 Tablespoons chili powder  
 1 ½ lbs sweet potatoes cut into ¾" chunks  
 1 cup red lentils  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 4 cups vegetable broth  
 2 (15 oz) cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed  
 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste  
 1 (15 oz) can low-fat coconut milk  
 28 oz can diced tomatoes

½ cup fresh cilantro, plus extra for garnish  
 Limes for garnish (optional)

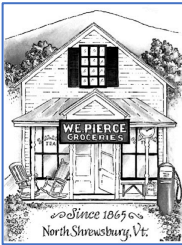
Preheat a 4-quart pot over medium heat. Sauté onions and pepper in oil with a pinch of salt, for 5 to 7 minutes. Add garlic and sauté a minute more.

Add chili powder, sweet potatoes, lentils, salt and vegetable broth. Cover and bring to a boil. Let it boil for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent burning. When lentils are cooked and sweet potatoes are tender, add the remaining ingredients and heat through.

Taste for salt and seasoning, top with cilantro and lime and serve! Leftovers can be frozen.

~The winning recipe at Pierce's Store's  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chilli Cookoff





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

Bob Knudsen, Manager

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE AT THE STORE

We are in the process of adding some additional food options at the store, including

**soups,  
sandwiches, and  
some additional fresh brewed coffee flavors and options.**

The soups are going to be provided weekly by volunteers and members who are graciously giving their time to help us out, so if you would like to sign up and make soup, please let us know! We will also have additional sandwich options working their way into the mix, as well as some more breakfast options, so check in!

### HALLOWEEN BOO BAGS AND THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

The Halloween Boo Bags are back! A quarter of a pound of candy in spooky treat bags are available for free for anybody who comes into the store in costume! Don't want to dress up? No problem, you can also buy one for \$1.99 to share with your friends, or just taunt them while you eat the goodies in front of them.



### Due Date to Order Turkeys: November 10

This year, we will be ordering the Stonewood Turkeys once again! The due date for orders is November 10, so make sure to let us know what size bird you want by then. It will be similarly priced to last year, \$5.99#, and the delivery date will be November 17. Other special orders are also available, including dinner rolls from the Bakery.

### PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE STORE

The Second Annual Chili Cookoff was a huge hit! Big congratulations to Weezie Duda for winning first place in a landslide, as well as to Heather Shay for second. Thank you to everybody who participated and came out to join in the fun, even with the weather being a bit iffy.

Our wine tastings have also been very popular lately, bringing out regulars and new tasters alike as Sandy brings us incredible wines with amazing pricing and special buys Sandy has reserved several cases of the Beaujolais Nouveau to ensure we have enough for the tasting and for anybody who wants to take a bottle home.

### HELP WANTED

We have begun the process of searching for my replacement as manager. I am not stepping down until we have somebody else in place and ready to take over. With the new baby and other commitments, I am finding myself with less time to devote to the store. I do plan to still help out with a lot of tasks around here and take shifts and whatnot. This process will probably take a few months, so y'all are still stuck with me for now! If you know somebody who would be fit for the role, ideally somebody with kitchen and/or retail experience, please send them to either me or the board! ~Bob Knudsen

### Pre-Thanksgiving Wine Tasting November 17

We've got a great lineup for our pre-Thanksgiving tasting from 4pm to 6pm on Friday, November 17 at Pierce's Store.

This year's Beaujolais Nouveau is being released the day before the tasting, and we've reserved some cases from the distributor because the wine is such a vivacious accompaniment to turkey. We also found some other fun – and maybe a bit quirky – options to brighten your Thanksgiving table: an unorthodox natural Chardonnay from Chile, a zingy RED vinho verde from Portugal, a svelte Finger Lakes Riesling and a biodynamic orange wine from Spain. All are perfect turkey wines: crisp (to keep the palate fresh), low alcohol (to keep pace with ample helpings of food without getting blotto) and affordable (so you can have plenty on hand). Please join us for a zesty, diverting tasting. ~Submitted by Sandy Bragg

## Seeking a General Manager for Historic Pierce's Store

The Board at Pierce's Store is seeking a full-time manager to operate a small, historic country store in Shrewsbury, Vermont. Pierce's Store is a community cooperative owned by its members and overseen by an elected Board of Trustees.

The ideal candidate would have customer service and business experience, preferably in food service, grocery, or retail, but training may be provided for the right candidate. We are looking for a friendly, flexible, team player with knowledge of technology, cash management, ordering, marketing and inventory management. Responsibilities also include supervision of paid staff and volunteers, and oversight of kitchen operations. An entrepreneurial spirit would be welcome!

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please call the store (802-492-3326) or contact one of the Board members listed below.

Pierce's Board: Lily French (492-3304), Mark Youngstrom, Jeff Monder, Paul Titterton, Liz Bullock, Lana Vanucchi, Larry Abelman, Ed Sawyer, David Tibbs

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