

Times of Shrewsbury

August 2025

SHREWSBURY DOGS WORK AT THE HOSPITAL

During your next visit to Rutland Regional Medical Center, you may encounter a dog among the hospital's many healthcare professionals. The proven benefits of Animal Assisted Therapy have created a health care role for dogs and some of Shrewsbury's canines have volunteered to the cause.

Credit for the success of the hospital's therapy dog initiative goes to Shrewsbury resident Debbie Schoch, who administers the program as the hospital's Director of Volunteer Services. "Hospitals are very controlled settings and having a therapy dog visit can restore a sense of normalcy for our patients," Debbie wrote in an email. "The dogs offer a distraction and are a bright spot in everyone's day – staff included!"

The program was initiated in 2009 in the hospital's Psychiatric Services Inpatient Unit as a complement to group guided therapy. Shrewsbury resident Linda Shelvey was a pioneer in the program, having volunteered for 12 years with four certified therapy dogs.

The psychiatric services unit remains the centerpiece of each therapy dog visit, but demand from other units has expanded the program in the last few years. Therapy dogs now visit at least twenty different units within the hospital, including the Emergency Department, Oncology and ICU. There are now 19 therapy dog teams certified by Caring Canines Therapy Dogs of Southern Vermont and further vetted by the hospital. At least one team visits the hospital each day, handing out trading cards with each dog's photo and a brief bio. The cards are popular with both patients and staff.

One of the favorite teams is Faith and her handler



Owner – AnnMarie
Breed – Dorkie
Hometown – Cuttingsville, VT
Birthday – December 20, 2013
Favorite Activity – Walks
Favorite Treat – Peanut Butter Sticks
Favorite Toy – Woody Woodpecker
Accomplishments – Becoming a Therapy Dog & being in the Caring Canines
Faith can be a funny & a serious dog. She always will make sure whomever she meets will be smiling & feeling better. Faith also enjoys doing tricks for a small treat now & then.



Owner – Sandy
Breed – Chinook
Hometown – Shrewsbury, VT
Birthday – April 30, 2018
Favorite Activity – Walking in the woods
Favorite Treat – She loves ANY treat!
Favorite Toy – Her daughter, Kita
Accomplishments – Birthed and raised a litter of five
Koko's motto is 'Hello, I love you' – she hasn't met a person she doesn't like.

AnnMarie Moody of Cuttingsville. Faith, an eleven-year-old Dorkie (a cross between a Dachshund and Yorkshire Terrier) has been visiting the hospital weekly, usually twice a week, for the past six years. "Faith can be a funny and a serious dog," said AnnMarie. "She always will make sure whomever she meets will be smiling and feeling better. It is so rewarding going with Faith every visit, making people laugh, seeing them enjoy Faith, and seeing the light in their eyes."

A more recent addition to the therapy dog team is the Shrewsbury resident, Sandy Bragg and his 7-year-old Chinook, Koko. Koko joined the therapy dog team when she was three years old and remains an enthusiastic participant. Each Tuesday Koko interacts with over 100 people; patients, visitors and staff. "She's a pooped puppy by the end of our visit, but she loves all the attention." "When she is surrounded by a group of patients or nurses, she'll give me a look as if to say, 'I hope you are taking notes – this is what I deserve at home!'"

Debbie Schoch, who oversees the program, elaborated on its benefits to patients: "Animal Assisted Activities (AAA) and Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) have been shown to stimulate cognitive function and communication, increase self-esteem and motivation, decrease anxiety, improve mood and increase participation in treatment." For the hospital's own staff, the dogs are an emotional release, particularly in high-stress units such as Oncology and the Emergency Department. And for the dogs and their handlers, there is deep pleasure in spreading the love. So don't be surprised if you see a four-footed volunteer during a visit to Rutland Regional -- it may be a hometown pup.

~Article by Sandy Bragg

The backs of trading cards for Faith (left) and Koko (right)

**NOTICE
PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE IN
SHREWSBURY**

**To take place at Selectboard Meeting on
September 3, 2025, 6:30pm
at the Shrewsbury Town Office, 9823 Cold River Rd., Shrewsbury VT**

The Selectboard of the Town of Shrewsbury hereby proposes to convey a portion of municipal real estate to a private landowner. The property proposed for conveyance is located and described as follows:

*Being a portion of municipal real estate which borders Vermont State Route 103, the parcel owned by Gregg C. Over and Lynette R. Over [Span No. 594-187-10485], the parcel owned by Michael Edwards and Christina Drischilo [Span No. 594-187-10539], the parcel owned by Todd Fillmore and Deirdre Fillmore [Span No. 594-187-10224], and the town right of way of Lincoln Hill Road. **

The terms of the sale shall be by signed and notarized quit claim deed whereupon the Town of Shrewsbury, Grantor, shall convey onto the Grantees, Gregg C. Over and Lynette R. Over.

Per 24 V.S.A. § 1061. Conveyance of [municipal] real estate, unless a petition is filed in accordance with the following, the legislative body may authorize the conveyance.

If a petition signed by five percent of the legal voters of the municipality objecting to the proposed conveyance is presented to the municipal clerk within 30 days of the date of posting and publication of the notice required by 24 V.S.A. § 1061(a)(1), the legislative body shall cause the question of whether the municipality shall convey the real estate to be considered at a special meeting called for that purpose. After the meeting, the real estate may be conveyed unless a majority of the voters of the municipality present and voting vote to disapprove of the conveyance.

*~submitted by the Town of Shrewsbury Selectboard
Posted July 25, 2025*

Vermont State Senators:

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

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

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

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Kcwinter5783@gmail.com or 802-245-4190

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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Senator Peter Welch

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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 directly 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, feature articles, or letters that are not commercial. Also, there is no charge for appropriate notices of free items.

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	\$110	(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	\$15	(7.5"w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5"wx 4.5"h)
Business card	\$10	(3.5"w x 2"h)
Classified ad	\$5	(15 words or less)

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

1/18/25

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Times of Shrewsbury, P. O. Box 373, Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Email: shrewsburytimes@gmail.com Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org and <http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 24	12-2pm	*Prayer Shawl group meets upstairs in the Meeting House
July 25	6pm	*Trio of Aether concert at Meeting House; Food by Shrewsbury Community Church at 5:30pm
July 27	9am-1pm	*Blueberry Festival at Pierce's
Jul 27	1-3pm	*Anthotype print workshop at Russellville Schoolhouse sponsored by SAGE
July 27	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Jul 30	1-3pm	*Pre-K to Grade 12 artists invited to the Library's Big Tent. Art to be displayed at Pierce's Art Show
Aug 2	5:30pm	*Annual Library Taco Dinner and Street Dance at the Meeting House
Aug 4	3-6pm	*Covered bridge celebration at the Brown Bridge
Aug 5	TBA	*Pop-up wine tasting at Pierce's Store
Aug 8	6pm	*Yankee Chank Concert at the meeting House, 88 Lottery Road
Aug 9	4:30pm	*Lepidoptera story telling at Pierce's Store
Aug 15	4-6pm	*Opening celebration of Kids Art Show at Pierce's Store
Aug 16	2pm	*Showing of the movie <i>The Chasers</i> at the Library
Aug 16	5-7pm	*Roll-O Dairy Bar Burger Pop-up with music & jam session at Pierce's lawn/garage
Aug 17	4pm	*Famous Book Club meets at the Library
Aug 23	4pm	*Medicinal Herb Walk at 399 Frank Lord Rd sponsored by SAGE
Aug 24	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Aug 26	12-2pm	Prayer Shawl group meets upstairs in the Meeting House
Aug 27	--	*First Day of School
Aug 30	9am-noon	*Mushrooms Galore Walk-and-Talk. Location TBD. Pre-Registration Required.

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

TIMES OF SHREWSBURY

Online at

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com
www.shsrewsburyvt.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--May-Oct: 9-10am; Nov-Apr: 10-11am 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	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office; No meeting July & August
Prayer Shawl Group	4 th Tuesday at 12noon upstairs at the Meeting House
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 @ 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Rd
Shrewsbury Historical Society	1 st Monday- 3pm at the Museum
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open 1-3pm Sundays only from July 6 to October 26, 2025
Shrewsbury Singers	Sundays 9-10:30am and Tues 6:30-8:00pm @ Meeting House
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	Mondays & Thursdays 8:30am-1pm; Wednesdays 1pm-6pm (Fax 802-492-3383)
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 1-802-230-1996 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 5/7/2025]

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

The Selectboard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Town Office.

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting - July 2, 2025 :

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Interim Administrative Assistant and Planning Commissioner: Laura Black. Development Review Board: Mark Youngstrom. Zoning Administrator and Animal Control Officer: Adrienne Raymond. Road Commissioner: Dan Cavoto. Green Mountain Power: Eric Lemery, Mike Burke, Eric McLellan. Delinquent Tax Collector: Steven Nicholson. Health Officer: Kathy Felder.

Members of the public: Melissa and Daniel Golfin. Liesbeth van der Heijden. Virginia Gundersen. Rich Biziak. Cynthia Thornton. Paul Stewart. Sharon Winnicki. Greg Over. The meeting was convened at 6:29 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Excess weight permits for Consolidated Communications and Beacon Sales Acquisition and Certificate of no appeal or suit pending of Lister assessments. M. Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Green Mountain Power (GMP) Upgrade Plans – Crown Point Rd. and Northam Rd. to Old Plymouth Rd.: Mike Burke explained that Shrewsbury sees a lot of outages. GMP would like to put some of the lines underground (about 70% proposed to be underground). The vast majority of the lines would not be in the road, but in the shoulder. GMP will be sending a key for the maps. Dashed lines are underground. Solid lines are above ground. One set of maps will be kept at the Town Office.

Road Commissioner's Report: New road crew employee (Billy Austen). Landslide on Cold River, just outside of the road right-of-way. Wilmouth Hill and CCC roads repaved this year.

Class 4 Roads Reclassifications: Laura drafted a notice to post for giving up Town right of way. Selectboard needs to review, discuss and approve. Meet early for meeting on 8/20/25 at 5:30 PM for site visit.

Aaron Korzun made a motion of notice of examination of premise and public hearing for discontinuance of the ROW for Town Highway #47. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Vicious Dog Complaint: Dan Golfin is getting rid of the two dogs involved in the biting incidents. The Selectboard required a written agreement that the dogs would be rehomed within a week. Dan signed a copy of the agreement.

Excess Weight Permits: Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve the excess weight permits for Consolidated Communications and Beacon Sales Acquisition. Seconded by Marc Cimonetti. Approved.

Certificate of no appeal or suit pending of Lister assessments: Aaron Korzun made a motion to accept the Certificates of No Appeal or Suit Pending for 2023 and 2024. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

New Business/Open to the Public: Discussed sale of Town property to Greg Over. It will need a subdivision permit and/or property line adjustment, which will require a survey. The Selectboard has given verbal approval for Greg to begin property improvement on the piece of property proposed to be conveyed to him.

Laura Black suggested that we advertise for a Selectboard Administrative Assistant.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 6/18/2025 Selectboard meeting minutes with the following amendment: Rich Biziak wanted to clarify that the security of Transfer Station tickets and the income generated from their sale was a concern because the Transfer Station Attendants have many distractions from their other duties at the Transfer Station. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #7 for \$4,783.40 and Road Orders #7 for \$15,446.29. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 8:47 PM

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

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### Minutes of Selectboard Meeting - July 16, 2025

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Interim Administrative Assistant and Planning Commissioner: Laura Black (remote). Zoning Administrator and Animal Control Officer: Adrienne Raymond. Road Commissioner: Dan Cavoto. Delinquent Tax Collector: Steven Nicholson.

Green Mountain Power: Eric McLellan.

**Members of the public:** Liesbeth van der Heijden. Greg Over. Mary Smith. Alaina Cimonetti.

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Delinquent Tax Collector, 2 catering permits and a liquor license. M. Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Green Mountain Power (GMP) Agreement Letter – Crown Point Rd. and Northam Rd. to Old Plymouth Rd.:** Reviewed draft GMP agreement for work on Crown Point Rd. and Northam Rd. to Old Plymouth Rd. All Selectboard members and the Road Commissioner are satisfied. Aaron Korzun made a motion to accept the GMP agreement letter

for work on Crown Point Rd. and Northam Rd. to Old Plymouth Rd. Marc Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

**Road Commissioner's Report:** Dan Cavoto reported on doing work at the bottom of Spring Lake Rd. Moving forward with the culvert on Northam Rd.

**Vicious Dog Complaint - Update:** Only one of the two dogs have found a new home. Aaron Korzun made a motion to support the Animal Control Officer with an order to euthanize a brindled female dog, Baby Girl, owned by Dan Golfin. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

**Lincoln Hill Town Property-DRB Application:** A subdivision is required for the town to relinquish part of the town property. It has been warned at the DRB for a subdivision. The subdivision hearing will be on July 23, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Also discussed the separate process of conveying the property. Needs to be warned 30 days in advance – posted in 3 locations and in a newspaper of general circulation of the town.

Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve the subdivision application of town property on Lincoln Hill Rd, parcel #004-0-0167.1. Francis Wyatt seconded. Approved.

**Selectboard Administrative Assistant Position:** Aaron Korzun made a motion to hire Alaina Cimonetti as our new Selectboard Administrative Assistant. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

**Catering and Outside Consumption Permits:** Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve a catering permit on 7/20/25 for Knudsen Properties, LLC. Seconded by Marc Cimonetti. Approved.

Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve a catering permit on 10/5/25 for Vermont Vines on the River for the Tap to Table event. Seconded by Marc Cimonetti. Approved.

Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve an outside consumption permit for Pierce's Store. Seconded by Marc Cimonetti. Approved.

**New Business/Open to the Public:** Steven Nicholson requested that the Selectboard authorize the putting some properties possibly up for tax sale. Aaron Korzun made a motion to authorize the Delinquent Tax Collector to contact an Attorney for the possible purpose of putting the following properties up for tax sale: Hillary Adams Paul, Irene Frydel, Vermont Property Ventures Inc. Marc Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 7/2/2025 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #7a for \$8,370.79 and Road Orders #7a for \$20,167.35. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Adjourned at 8:10 PM**

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

**NOTICE  
NOTICE OF EXAMINATION OF PREMISES AND  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY  
FOR TOWN HIGHWAY #47**

Site Visit: 5:30pm on August 20, 2025  
Public Hearing: 6:30pm on August 20, 2025, at the

Shrewsbury Town Office, 9823 Cold River Rd,  
Shrewsbury, VT

Pursuant to its petition and motion approved July 2, 2025, and the requirements of Title 19, Chapter 7 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Town of Shrewsbury Selectboard will conduct an examination of the premises and public hearing on August 20, 2025, to consider the discontinuance of the +/-0.24-mile Class 4 right-of-way for Town Highway #47.

All interested parties shall meet for the following:

1. An inspection of the premises at 5:30pm on August 20, 2025, for the discontinuance of the entire +/-0.24-mile Class 4 right-of-way for Town Highway #47 at the location Town Highway #47, at 900 Upper Cold River Rd., Shrewsbury, Vermont.

*The Class 4 town highway right-of-way  
for Town Highway #47 extends  
+/-0.24 miles southerly from the right-of-  
way for Upper Cold River Rd.,  
and is abutted on both sides by the  
property owned by Michelle and Stephan  
Suker.*

*The Town of Shrewsbury proposes to  
discontinue the entire right-of-way.*

2. A public hearing following the inspection of the premises at 6:30pm on August 20, 2025, at the Shrewsbury Town Office, 9823 Cold River Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, to receive testimony from all persons abutting, owning or interested in the matter of discontinuing the entire, +/-0.24- mile Class 4 right-of-way for Town Highway #47.

Persons wishing to comment, provide testimony or give evidence regarding the proposal may do so in person during the hearing, or by filing their comments, in writing, prior to the hearing. After examining the premises and hearing from any and all interested persons, if the Selectboard judges that the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Shrewsbury warrants discontinuing the aforesaid Class 4 town highway right-of-way of Town Highway #47, it will be so ordered.

*~submitted by the Town of Shrewsbury Selectboard  
Posted July 25, 2025*



***Unless otherwise posted, the  
speed limit is 35 MPH on all  
Shrewsbury roads***

## UNDERSTANDING THE SHREWSBURY OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR: What It Is and How It Works

In 2023, Scott Ryan and Clara Krueger joined Shrewsbury's Board of Listers after the previous members stepped down. Through two years of hands-on experience and extensive learning about Vermont's property valuation system, they quickly realized the position had become far more technical and demanding than it once was. With evolving state laws, complex software systems, and high expectations for consistency and fairness, it was no longer a job suited to part-time volunteers.

As a result, the Board recommended that the town vote to abolish the elected lister system and instead hire a professional assessor. They believed this change would not only improve the accuracy and reliability of assessments but also make better use of taxpayer dollars by ensuring the work is done thoroughly and consistently.

### Who Works in the Office?

Shrewsbury's assessing team now includes two experienced professionals: Lisa Wright, of Wright Appraisal Company, VT Certified Residential Appraiser, SRA, and a Level IV Vermont Master Property Assessor who began serving the town in 2024, and Mimi Burstein, of Vermont Assessment Services, who joined as Assistant Assessor in 2025; she is also a Level IV Vermont Master Property Assessor. Together, they are responsible for appraising and assessing all taxable real estate in town.

Their duties include maintaining up-to-date property data and tax maps, appraising changes from building permits, managing current use, homestead declarations, and property transfers, preparing for and conducting periodic reappraisals, and providing information to town departments and residents.

Scott and Clara remain actively involved as Assessor Clerks, supporting inspections and assisting with administrative work during times the professional assessors are not on site.

### How Property Values Are Determined

The current property values in Shrewsbury were established during the last town-wide reappraisal in 2010. At that time, trained data collectors reviewed each parcel and analyzed three years of real estate sales to determine fair market value. Construction costs, income and expense data (when relevant), and comparable property sales were factored into valuation models in the town's Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software. These values, based on a standardized set of cost tables, have been maintained through regular updates ever since.

In addition to the CAMA system, the assessor's office uses two state-required software programs to manage the official Grand List.

### What Is the Grand List?

The Grand List is a public record of all taxable properties in town, including owner names, mailing addresses, parcel descriptions, assessed values, and other key data. The

municipal portion of the Grand List is used to calculate local tax bills and excludes certain exemptions. All values are set as of April 1 each year.

### Appealing a Property Valuation

If you believe your assessed value is either too high or too low, you have the right to appeal. However, it's important to understand that you cannot appeal your tax bill, only your valuation. Tax rates are set by the Select Board based on budgets approved at Town Meeting and are not under the control of the assessor.

To appeal your value, submit a written request to the Assessor's Office and be prepared to provide evidence like recent comparable sales to support your claim. A formal grievance hearing will be scheduled before the Board of Assessment. If you're still dissatisfied, you may appeal to the Board of Civil Authority and then to the State Appeal Level.

### A New Town-Wide Reappraisal Is Coming

Because property values in Shrewsbury have shifted significantly since 2010, the Vermont Department of Taxes has ordered a full reappraisal. The state uses a measurement called the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) to track fairness across assessments, and once that number exceeds 20, a reappraisal is triggered. Shrewsbury's current COD is 22.76.

Tyler Technologies has been contracted to perform the reappraisal, which will affect the 2027 Grand List. Property inspections will begin in 2026. During these visits, data such as square footage, building condition, and improvements will be collected. Residents are encouraged to participate to ensure accuracy.

### Public Resources Available

The Assessor's Office maintains several helpful resources for the public, including property record cards, tax maps, and ownership and transfer information. For questions, assistance, or to verify an inspection, residents may contact the office by email at [shrewsburylist@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburylist@vermontel.net) or call **802-492-2009**.

*Submitted by Mimi Burstein*



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FARM**.com  
2450 Lincoln Hill  
Shrewsbury VT  
802-492-2151

**Small Farm Flavor & Quality !**

- \* **Sale on Beef Tri-Tips !!!**  
(while they last)
- \* **Bakers Doz of ground beef**  
(13) 1 lb Packages \$96.
- \* **VT Maple Syrup all grades**  
1/2 Gal \$30 Qts \$17
- \* **Local Eggs** (as avail)

**Thank you for supporting our small farm !!**

Summer is moving along nicely. We've been fortunate here in the Shrewsbury hills not to experience the severe storms that have inundated other areas of the country and state. Our thoughts are with the people of Texas and other states.

Since the last article SVFD responded to three calls for assistance. On June 24 a log truck tore down a service wire to a house on the Cold River Road. We responded, blocked the road, as the wire was still energized, laying across a vehicle and in the road. The wire was safely removed from the road, off the vehicle and the road was re-opened. Green Mountain Power responded and repaired the damage.

On July 1 we responded to Town Hill Road for a tree and wires down. Again, we had to block the road and wait for GMP to respond. The road was re-opened once the tree and wires were safely removed.

On July 6 we were dispatched to Old Farm Road for a smoke alarm activation. After inspecting the house and the out-building it was determined to be a faulty smoke detector.

We held our scheduled business meetings. We performed drills the past couple of weeks. The first drill was working with our portable pumps. We have portable pumps on each tanker which provides us access to a water supply that is too far from our trucks. We can pump 500 gallons a minute with these pumps. The second drill was a first- attack scene assessment drill. During this drill we simulate arriving at a fire scene, assess the scene and develop an attack plan. We determine what equipment is needed, where to safely place equipment and how best to attack the fire.



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual inspections and maintenance were performed on heating equipment at both stations. Our standby generators were serviced and inspected

for proper operation. The SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment is required to be flow-tested annually for proper operation and certified. This was completed as well.

The SVFD vehicle inventory consists of two pumpers and two tankers. By having one at each station, it gives us the ability to respond quickly anywhere in town. Years ago, we developed a plan to replace a vehicle every seven years, as this plan would give us a vehicle life-expectancy of 28 years. Tanker 1 is 33, Engine 1 is 25, Tanker 2, which was a truck we had built with a used chassis and used body is 19 and Engine 2 is 18 years old. Fortunately, thanks to a good maintenance program these vehicles are in good condition. The last new vehicle purchase in 2007 was Engine 2. This truck cost \$260,000.00. Today, that same vehicle cost would be between \$500,000- \$600,000. The officers are reviewing equipment needs and are in the process of specifying what will need to be replaced. The truck committee is reviewing the next truck purchase. We hope to order a new truck in 2025, having it in-service by fall of 2026!

If you are doing yard work or land clearing and wish to burn brush, you are required to call for a burn permit. Enjoy your summer and remember

**STAY FIRE SAFE!!!**

*~Submitted by Jack Perry*



### 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.

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## SUMMER MEETING HOUSE CONCERT SERIES



### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 YANKEE CHANK

You could travel over 1600 miles from Vermont to get to the heart of Cajun country in southern Louisiana, or you could two step on over to Shrewsbury and pretend you're there!

Yankee Chank will let the Good Times Roll on Friday, August 8, when they play at 6pm at the Shrewsbury Meeting House. The band's sound is characterized by the prominent use of fiddle, accordion, guitar, and bass, instruments central to Cajun and Zydeco music, cultures with French roots in Louisiana. Their performances aim to immerse audiences in these lively sounds and rhythms. Featuring Bob Naess on fiddle, Mark Sustic on bass, Cannon Labrie on accordion, and Jim Burns on guitar, the band will transport listeners to the dance halls and honky-tonks of Louisiana.

Harry and Elena from Pierce's Store bring the evening's food options, along with the coveted 802 ice cream pops, and Hallie from Wally's Corner offers up snacks and drinks...the incredible maple popcorn is back!

Please pay what you are able to with cash, check or Venmo contribution at the concerts. Bring a chair or blanket. If rainy, we move indoors. For more info, call 802-558-2708, email [singtolive57@gmail.com](mailto:singtolive57@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook: Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series.

~Submitted by Victoria Arthur



### Attention: Pre-K to Grade 12 Artists

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at 1pm to 3pm

to make pictures from real life or your imagination for the "Kids Art Show" at Pierce's Store.

Materials will be provided FREE.

Kids must bring an adult who is welcome to participate.

More info? Call Grace at 492-3458

See poster about the "Kids Art Show" on next page →

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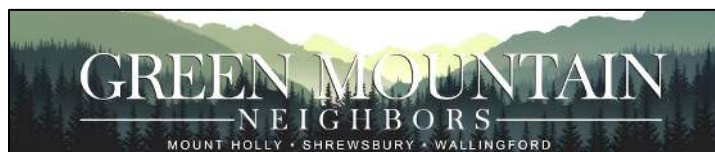
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## NEWS FROM LAUREL GLEN ASSOCIATION (LGA)

### Back to Basics

With no big news to report this month, it seems a perfect time to revisit how Green Mountain Neighbors got its start—especially for our new members. Thanks to member Lois Castanguay of Wallingford for inspiring this look back!

In October 2022, Vicky Arthur and I attended a Village-to-Village Network session in Killington. We wondered if this model might help us—and others—stay in our homes and communities as we age. What we discovered was energizing: a structured, grassroots effort to connect neighbors through non-medical services like rides, help with everyday tasks, and social activities to reduce isolation.

Vicky and I decided that we should reach out to people in the neighboring towns of Mount Holly and Wallingford to expand the pool of potentially interested people. By early January we had a representative group that started meeting weekly to figure out how we should proceed. Surveys were sent out to gather names in each town and what people might be interested in seeing what we might do.

After sharing what we learned with each community, about 30 people expressed interest. We hosted an informational Zoom with a “mentor” from VtoVN, and excitement grew. Thanks to a detailed guide and lots of local effort, we officially launched in May 2024 with members, volunteers, and a fully functional support system in place. Last year we focused on services; this year, we’re building out our activity calendar.

You might ask, “Why do I need this if I already have helpful friends?” That’s a great question. What makes Villages unique is the technology that simplifies everything. Post a request on our website, and the system contacts volunteers who’ve offered to help—whether it’s a ride to the doctor or swapping out storm windows. So far this year, we’ve already filled over 70 service requests.

Have questions? Call us at 802-417-2292 and leave a message. We’ll get back to you within a day.

~Submitted by Sally Deinzer

People often ask, “Why isn’t the mansion open more often?” We’d love to be open a couple of times a month, but, since we are 100% reliant on volunteers, we simply can’t. Laurel Glen needs volunteers to commit to landscaping, cleaning



*Dash interprets Mr. Bowman's gardener.*

the greenhouse and mansion, leading tours, helping host open houses and cemetery tours. If you love the mansion as much as we do, get involved!! No previous experience is necessary, just passion for history, gardening, museums, working with the public.

We held an open house on Saturday, June 28. Volunteer docents Cathy Louttit, Jeff and Dash Monder, Barry Griffith, and Ed Sawyer joined me for a great afternoon. Each time we host an event, enthusiastic folks wander the property, wide-eyed, and tell us that, for years, every time they’d passed through Cuttingsville, the mansion hadn’t been open. Some tell of driving from NY or NH because our Facebook page alerted them that the building would be open. Others had visited the bookstore when they were young. There are so many connections to Laurel Glen!

We still seek donations of: **ironing board** - late 1800s or early 1900s, **“baby gate”** – modern will do, and old-fashioned **larder** – wooden, Victorian. It will not be a cooler but will look nicer than the fridge we have. Email laurelglen.bowmanmansion@gmail.com (Be advised we may not be able to accept an item.)

The website IS live! <https://www.bowmanmansion.org/> Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BYnNb3DXh/> and help by making a donation today at <https://gofund.me/f0d486d9>

**Did You Know?** The annual interim meeting will be held at the mansion on Wednesday, July 30, at 6:00pm. Come find out what goes on at Laurel Glen!

~Submitted by Pam Monder



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### Free Medical Equipment

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## BLACK MAGIC HAS A NEW HOME!

Spring Lake Ranch's unique and colorful woods truck "Black Magic" has a new home just across town! Becki Bates was recently gifted the truck, a vehicle she became very familiar with over her 37 years working at the Ranch, where she maintained and operated this vehicle, collecting firewood and sap with Ranch staff and clients. In Russellville, it will continue to haul firewood and entertain visitors, just as it did during its 61 years at the Ranch.



*Becki Bates is the proud new owner of Black Magic*

When Becki arrived at Spring Lake Ranch in 1980, she was eager to learn more about mechanics. Michael Wells, Mick Corrigan, Podge Sirjane, and the two trucks (later known as "Black Magic" and "Flower Power") were her best teachers. According to Becki, she learned the phrase "the work will teach you how to do it" which she tried to pass on to Ranchers over the years. "Don't be afraid. Try. Or as Peter Grace used to say, "do something, even if it's wrong". Don't panic. Eventually you will figure it out. And don't be afraid to ask for help."

Black Magic, the Dodge G-507 WC series Power Wagon, was built from 1943-1945 for the military, as a 6-wheel drive troop transport vehicle. It only operates in 4-wheel or 6-wheel drive. You need big biceps to steer it. The 6-cylinder engine produces just 92 horsepower, but the low gearing allows it to haul a 1-1/2 ton load. The WC63 came with a powerful 7,500 lb. winch on the front, which Black Magic has. Reports indicate that just 23,092 of these vehicles were produced during the war. Labeling on the truck indicated Black Magic

was property of the Belgian army during the war.

Somehow, she found her way to New Jersey when, in 1964, the Ranch purchased it. Peter Erb and Michael Wells drove this uninspected, uninsured and unregistered war horse north to Shrewsbury at a top speed of 35 mph. Several inquisitive policemen decided to just turn their heads as

this behemoth "raced" to her new home. Michael says, not only were the cops interested in the truck, but they were also extremely friendly, chatty and waved them on with good cheer. "It was so wonderful", says Michael. In New Haven, CT local children ran along side, cheering Black Magic along her way.

Once at the Ranch, the talented Ranch Director and appointed Chief Mechanic, Michael Wells, could often be seen, in greasy overalls, under the truck making necessary repairs, changing the weak 6-volt electrical system to 12 volts or pulling the transmission because of a stripped flywheel. For the next 61 years Black Magic roamed the woods and fields of Spring Lake Ranch.

A couple months ago, Becki, figuring the local sheriffs and troopers may not be as understanding as those down country cops 61 years ago, snuck Black Magic to Russellville in a few stages, travelling the mile south on Rt 103 at 5 am. Now all tuned up, with all fluids changed, she is purring like a kitten. Becki invites visitors to see (and maybe take a ride in) this wonderful and unique piece of American and Ranch history

*~Article by Mark Youngstrom*



**< Back Magic**

**Flower Power >**

*Both trucks have been a part of Spring Lake Ranch for over 40 years*

*Related article: "Flower Power" and "Black Magic" cover story, February 2019 issue of The Times of Shrewsbury online at:*

**[www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)**



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# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire  
**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS & COUNTING**

## LIBRARY HOURS:

**Monday 10 am to 12 pm**  
**Tuesday 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**Wednesday 10am to 5 m & 7pm to 9pm**  
**Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**Friday 10 am to 12 pm**  
**Saturday 10 am to 12 pm**

**Come see our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt and buy a raffle ticket! Less than a month to buy one: Drawing August 2**

Wonder if the Library has a particular book or DVD? Want to put a hold on an item or renew one you've borrowed? Please visit [www.shrewsburylibrary.org](http://www.shrewsburylibrary.org).

To suggest a book to add to our collection, please contact DONNA SWARTZ for Children's and Young Adult titles ([donnaswartz44@aol.com](mailto:donnaswartz44@aol.com)) and JOAN ALESHIRE for Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction ([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)).

We can request books on Inter-Library Loan, if the cut in federal funding allows. We will buy books depending on our budget and our collection's needs.

MANY THANKS to SANDGLASS THEATER for a captivating show at the Russellville Schoolhouse, sponsored by the Library and SAGE. Sisters Jana Zeller and Shoshana Bass performed the Legacy production, *Punschi*, created by their mother, to delight an audience that ranged in age from 87 to 1 year old!

MANY THANKS to Director PAR PAREKH, his wife AMANDA, and SANDY BRAGG for bringing the moving documentary, *Sister Una Lived a Good Death*, to the library. PAR encouraged the audience to engage in an open, heartfelt discussion of this often-avoided subject — one of the great benefits of our library programs.

THE PAUSE on BOOK DONATIONS continues as we search for ways to handle discarded books. We've had some good suggestions, but at this point, we're not planning to have a Book Sale this fall. We'll keep you posted, and continue to welcome your ideas.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

Saturday, August 2 @ 5:30 p.m.: ANNUAL LIBRARY TACO DINNER & STREET DANCE! Join us to make your own taco salad with home-grown ingredients and dance to the music of our own MARCOS LEVY and the COMMUNITY BAND! See our ad elsewhere in this issue of The Times.

Saturday, August 16 @ 2 p.m.: *TIME CHASERS*: A showing of the cult sci-fi classic, with Rutland director DAVID GIANCOLA, star GEORGE WOODARD and other cast members! See our ad about this one too.

## **CONTINUING PROGRAMS:**

Sunday, October 5 @ 4pm: WRITERS' GROUP: We're PAUSING our monthly meetings until October. If you have poems or short pieces of prose to share with our friendly group, please contact Penelope Weiss ([pw9@earthlink.com](mailto:pw9@earthlink.com)) or Joan Aleshire ([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)) for info!

Sunday, August 17 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: TBD— Probably Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*. Copies will be available at the Library. Please contact Joan if you want a copy: [joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, August 24 @ 7pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Best Science and Nature Writing 2024*, edited by Bill McKibben. Print and e-books are available. Please contact Margery Salmon ([salmonm@vermontel.net](mailto:salmonm@vermontel.net)) if you'd like a copy.

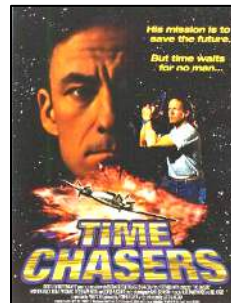
## **New Books include:**

- \* *Cooler Than Cool: The Life and Work of Elmore Leonard, the Master of Crime Writing*, by C.M. Kushins;
- \* *The Doorman*: A thriller by Chris Pavone;
- \* *The Jailhouse Lawyer* by Calvin Duncan: The autobiography of an incarcerated man who became a self-taught legal advocate for fellow prisoners;
- \* *Angelica, For Love and Country in a Time of Revolution* by Molly Beer: The history of Alexander Hamilton's sister-in-law;
- \* *Murder Takes a Vacation: A Riveting Mystery of Deception, Art Theft, and Unexpected Romance on a Parisian Cruise* by Laura Lippman;
- \* *Among Friends* by Hal Abbott: A first novel about friendship and betrayal.

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Shrewsbury Library to Screen Cult Classic

Continuing to showcase notable films by Vermont filmmakers, the Shrewsbury Library is excited to host David Giancola's underground classic, *Time Chasers*, Saturday August 16 at 2pm. Filmed in Rutland and Burlington on a shoestring \$150,000 budget, the movie has attained cult status, with fans as far away as Japan gobbling up T-shirts and other merchandise related to the film.



The film includes George Woodard, director of *Farm Boy* and *Summer of Walter Hacks* (both previously shown at the library), who stars as an evil corporate executive. Woodard, along with other cast members, will join David Giancola at the screening and will be available for Q&A after the show.

Filmed locally during the summer of 1990, the movie includes scenes set in the Howe Center (owned by Giancola's family), Diamond Springs Mall, and Rutland–Southern Vermont Regional Airport as well as venues in Burlington.

The film, which celebrated the 30th anniversary of its release last year, was lampooned by the TV show *Mystery Science Theater 3000* in 1997. The cast of the film assembled at the studio for a reunion party and reportedly enjoyed the mocking the film received. ~Submitted by Sandy Bragg



BOOK REVIEWS

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

Please share your book reviews. Send them to Marilyn Dalick maplesugar@comcast.net for her to compile and submit to the *Times*.

The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2024 edited by Bill McKibben

"What Plants are Saying About Us" by Amanda Geffer (Nautilus)

★★★★★

The science book group reads the current version of this book every year, and it has become increasingly difficult to find a piece that doesn't spell doom and gloom for our earth. All essays are thoroughly researched and interesting, but they are not for everybody. Among this year's selection, I happened upon an exciting 5-star article about plants that I think you will enjoy.

Paco Calvo (Minimal Intelligence Lab at the University of Murcia in Spain) says that most people are guilty of "plant blindness." But others have been astonished to see plants as they really are: cognitive organisms. They are endowed with memories, perceptions, and feelings -- capable of learning from the past and anticipating the future. Professor Calvo says it is time to reevaluate the science of cognition, as plants "fly in the face of our leading theory." It says, in short, that cognition boils down to the firing of neurons in our brains. And plants don't have brains.

I have read recently that when plants are visited by pollinators, they produce more nectar to keep up with the demand. How do they do this? We have recently accepted research that trees are not just stationary ("sessile") but are actively responding to events happening to other trees via a massive, underground messaging network (the "wood-wide web") of tiny fungal threads called "mycelium" that connect the trees to one another. Mycelium allows the transfer of carbon, nitrogen, water, and other minerals. Trees also communicate warnings of pests and diseases via this amazing network.

The author writes: "Plants do stuff." They can sense humidity, nutrients, competition, predators, magnetic fields, salt, and temperature. They know which way is up! Lastly, let's consider Venus flytraps. When an insect triggers one of its sensor hairs, the clever plant waits for a second trigger before expending the costly energy to bite. Once the trap is closed, it waits for three more triggers to ensure there's a decent bug buzzing around before it releases acidic enzymes to digest its meal. This means the fly traps can count to five!

I wholeheartedly recommend this article to you. I think it would be very exciting information to pass on to children and young adults--or to anyone not familiar with the astonishing things going on in our gardens. Five stars.

~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick
 Shrewsbury Science Book Club

Vermont Covered Bridge Week



August 2-9, 2025 has been officially proclaimed Covered Bridge Week to honor the 25th anniversary of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society (VCBS) and to celebrate the legacy and preservation of Vermont's iconic wooden spans.

Maple Monday, August 4, 2025: Visit the Brown Covered Bridge in North Shrewsbury between 3:00-6:00pm and receive a free gift with a maple product purchase from Stewart's Maple of Cuttingsville

A banner will be hung at the Brown Covered Bridge during this week. This banner was donated by Betsy Jesser and the Vermont Covered Bridge Society.

Peggy Wilson has been elected to the Vermont Covered Bridge Society's Board of Directors and will serve as publicity chair for the organization. Pegg is delighted to take part in the growing resurgence of the preservation of the covered bridges of Vermont. If any reader would like to become a member of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society (VCBS) they can learn more at:

https://www.vermontbridges.org/membership_paypal.shtml

~Submitted by Peggy Wilson



Not So Level

Each time the Bone Builder group meets, they walk toe to heel around the room during a balance and "social" time. For almost 20 years the group has declared there's a hump in the northeast corner of the room....and sure enough there is! Jerry Parker brought his level and figures the floor has a 1 1/2" rise in a 4' span.

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To receive a Welcome Bag, email conservationcommission@shrewsburyvt.org

Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

Shrewsbury Historical Society hopes you enjoyed receiving your Memories of Yesteryear calendar for 2026. There are a few more copies available for purchase at the museum, also past calendars.

The museum is open from 1-3 pm every Sunday until the end of October. We also welcome visitors during Tap to Table festivities in early October, and when the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association hosts events at the Bowman Mansion. The museum's Civil War collection adds to the story of John P. Bowman, whose fortune was made in the leather tanning business during the war.

We are grateful for Shrewsbury voters increasing support for the Historical Society on Town Meeting Day. Thank you!

Please come celebrate our town's unique past and present history on Shrewsbury Day 2025, September 14 (rain date on Sept. 21). This annual extravaganza is neither a fundraiser nor an advertised public event. It is an occasion for Shrewsbury residents old and new to see and experience the special community that we are.

Each year the Historical Society and Shrewsbury Day Committee choose an important event from our town's history to honor:

- 2018 Our Founders (1761)
- 2019 Our Farmers, past and present
- 2020, 2021 Covid No celebration
- 2022 Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept (1952)
- 2023 Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-1937)
- 2024 Shrewsbury Mountain School (1974)
- 2025* Shrewsbury Library (1975)

The Shrewsbury Day Committee meets for several months to plan and organize, and on the big day depends on many volunteers of all ages: sign placers, traffic controllers, parade wranglers, M.C., providers and supervisors of games, welcomers, food providers and servers, grill team, recycler, dishwasher, clean-up crew, ...

Shrewsbury Day has become a tradition. It gives us a chance to gather and visit with neighbors we might not otherwise meet in our busy lives. All are welcome! No dogs or other live animals at this celebration.

After the very first Shrewsbury Day Celebration in 2018, a small child was heard to say, "I love Shrewsbury Day. We've ALWAYS done it!" And it will keep happening as long as we love it. The parade, games, music and visiting are all free! The splendid lunch is funded by our donations. This year's contributions pay for next year's food.

Thanks, and a tip of the hat to Historical Society members Dick and Lee Rohe who kicked off the first Shrewsbury Day in 2018, and to all the folks who enable it to continue. For more information or to help, please contact the Shrewsbury Day Committee through Betsy Jesser (802) 492-9117 or Grace Brigham (802) 492-3458. ~

Submitted by Grace Brigham



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Upcoming Events & Announcements

Find Us At The Shrewsbury Concert Series

A BIG THANK YOU to the organizers of our town's Music Series. It's been a wonderful summer so far! You may have seen us joining the fun with a Wally's Corner booth. We'll continue providing snacks like Maple Chex Mix & Maple Popcorn & essentials like Tallow Sunscreen at each show going forward.

August 10th 10a-11a: Wildflower Arrangements

Our host, Lauren Escott, will lead us in creating beautiful wildflower arrangements in antique mason jars. Will be so lovely to enjoy the local flora on our own countertops.



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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

We have been enjoying our summer services in the historic Northam Church. In following tradition, our summer services in July and August are held in the Northam Church. Little has changed in this beautiful, well cared for church since 1840. We still have the oil lamps and historic Etsy Pump Organ. This building is truly a community treasure! All are welcome to visit us any Sunday. Come and worship with your neighbors, enjoy the peace, time for meditation, and beautiful music! All services are at 10:30am except for the last Sunday in August, which is our annual Evening Vespers Service at 6pm. The Northam Church is the white church on the Cold River Road, next to the town office, and just around the corner from Pierce's Store.

Reflection: Teamwork makes the dream work



I worked at a company once when they decided to do a rebranding. We got a new name, new logo, new letterhead, new mission statements, etc. However, everyone still used the old name in our division. Marketing. I'm not sure that it made any difference in the long run. I did get a t-shirt out of it. On the back was the above phrase

"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work". I have really seen this in the community of Shrewsbury since I first joined the team at Shrewsbury Community Church early last year. We have a rhythm to the worship service for instance. Each person has their job so to speak. We also have folks that can fill in as needed. It can be more formal as when the person who took up the offering asked and trained one of the youths to do so as she was going on vacation. The young person now has a permanent job. If he's out the original person just does it. No words needed. This same young man asked me in the middle of the service on another day if he could read the scripture as he saw that the person that did so was out. I just told him yes and he did a great job. She now has a backup. Cross training is very helpful.

As pastor when events come up, I like to participate as I am able to. The church and the community are a well-oiled machine that seems to automatically go into gear. I also know that it is not automatic. I know that it takes a lot of behind-the-scenes planning, and doing and prep work to pull it off. With success!!! I know that tensions can occur. We are human. We work them out and stay in relationship with each other which is the important part.

So, what is our dream that our team is working on? We are embedded in the larger Shrewsbury Community; we are connected; we care and love the community; we want the best for the community. We believe that each person is important, no matter their situation, no matter their need. We act out our faith of interconnected love of all. That is our dream!!! We just keep finding new and creative ways to do it. Amen! ~Pastor Karen Braeutigam

Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar

- Sunday, Aug 3 at 10:30 Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.
- Sunday, Aug 10 at 10:30 Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.
- Sunday, Aug 17 at 10:30 Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.
- Sunday Aug 24 at 10:30 Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.
- Tuesday, Aug 26 at 12noon Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs at the Meeting House. All are welcome! Dessert, coffee, tea, and lemonade served. Bring a bag lunch if you would like to. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Come and we will teach you! Call Roxanne for information 802-492-3675.
- Sunday Evening Aug 31 at 6:00pm Vespers Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church (there will be no morning worship service).
- Sunday, Sept 7 at 10:30 Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Center Church.

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 802-779-4360 or 802-492-3738.

Community Needs

- Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-779-4360
- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; Sue Kelley 802-779-4360, 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.

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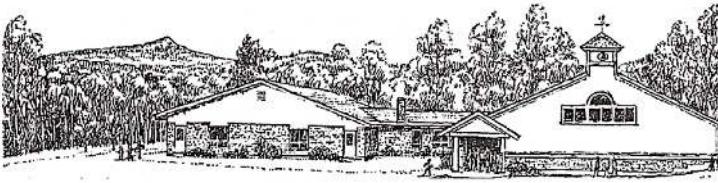
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Weather has been beautiful and I hope you are having an amazing summer! I can't wait to hear all the stories about summer adventures from our students and I hope they are starting to feel that familiar excitement that comes with returning to learning together for a new school year.

Important Dates:

8/23: Playground Celebration and THANK YOU to our whole community for their support!
 8/24: Playground Celebration Rain Date
 8/27: First day of School!
 8/27: After School Program Begins
 9/1: Labor Day - No School
 9/16: SMS Open House: PTO Pizza Potluck at 6:00pm, Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm

SMS Playground Ribbon Cutting Celebration:

Join us Saturday August 23 12-2pm to celebrate the installation of our new playground and reconnect with friends before the start of school! We've received support from SO many townspeople and we'd like to CELEBRATE with YOU!! Come, play, bring a picnic lunch, and get a FREE ice cream from an ice cream truck! We could not have done this without your support. Thank you, thank you! The school will be open for a bathroom and water fill station use from 12-2pm only. Rain date Sunday 8/24, 12-2pm.

First Day Share! One of our favorite parts of the first day of school is seeing the big smiles, favorite outfits and summer growth of each kiddo as they walk into our school. In order to share that joy this year, I am asking any of you who would like to take a first day of school picture of your child(ren) and email it to me. I will share pictures on our website and Facebook page so we can all celebrate together.

School Update:

Mr. Dave, our custodian, has been hard at work painting, cleaning and organizing our learning spaces, and keeping our building and campus looking amazing. We are grateful for all his hard work and dedication!

Our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Tim Harte, supervised the installation of new heat pumps in every single learning space in the building. We are excited that we can continue to support the temperature of our learning environment in a sustainable way that meets our school mission.

Support our School! We need volunteers to help with our Four Winds Program, our Winter Sports Program and our PTO! If you are able to volunteer, please send me an email or call the school. We would love to have you and the students would greatly appreciate your support!

Work at SMS! We are in need of para educators in the district and substitutes at SMS. Please contact me for more information.

After School Program:

<https://sites.google.com/millriversschools.org/afterschoolprograms/shrewsbury-after-school-program>

Coming soon:

School Calendar, Student/Family Handbook, Bus Schedule, Letters from Classroom Teachers with supply lists.

I hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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

~Kristin Cimonetti, Principa



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





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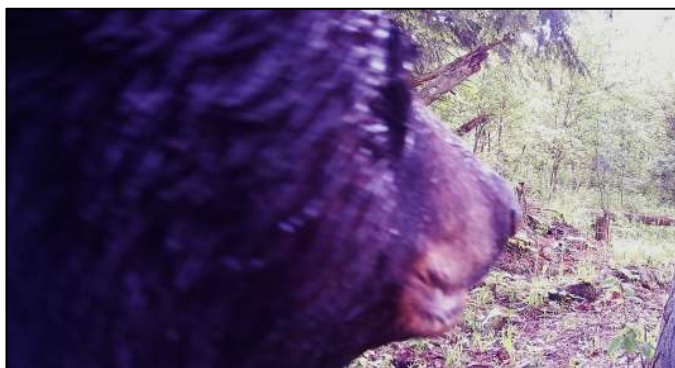
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Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Trail Camera Picture of the month



This month Jim Davis, Jr. shared a close up of the face of a big bear. You can see that the capture of the bear in profile could not have been any closer to his camera!



A mossy rock outcrop, surrounded by ferns, is a lovely spot for wildlife to take cover, nap and hunt. The gray fox naps, the bear cub waits for mom in a safe spot and the bobcat stalks prey hidden by the ferns!

~Submitted by Linda Shelvey

If you have a picture of a track or wildlife capture to share, please contact: Linda Shelvey at:

lpurdyschel@gmail.com



Vermont Turkey Brood Survey:

July 1 through August 31

Vermont Fish and Wildlife officials invite Vermonters to participate in the Vermont Turkey Brood Survey which runs from July 1 to August 31 every year. Anytime during that window you spot a hen turkey, with or without poults (baby turkeys), please take a moment to visit vtfishandwildlife.com to report your sighting. Data gathered are used to monitor the reproductive success of this iconic bird. There is no account to create or logging in, just visit the website and report! Last year there were 998 usable reports. Let's try to break 1,000 this year! More information on the brood survey can be found here <https://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/citizen-reporting/wild-turkey-brood-survey>

~Submitted by Michelle Greene (on behalf of the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission)



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Saturday August 30 @ 9am - noon

Fungi educator, author, and photographer, Meg Madden, will be coming back to Shrewsbury on Saturday August 30 at 9:00 - noon! Meg is a well-known expert on fungi and even she was amazed at the diversity of mushrooms we discovered two years back. She thought she had discovered a new species on that walk but did find a *Clavulinopsis appalachiensis* – the first report of this species in our state!!!

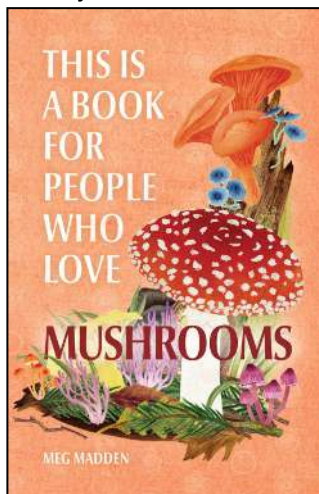


Meg can often be found in the forest practicing what she calls "mushroom yoga" -- laying on the ground, standing on her head, or balancing precariously on a log -- to capture the perfect snail's-eye view of her favorite photo subject: Fungi! Her colorful, highly detailed mushroom portraits offer an intimate look into the often-overlooked world of these extraordinary organisms.

Inspired by the belief that people are more likely to take care of something they love, she finds great joy in facilitating fun and meaningful connections between humans and nature. (Check out her Instagram gallery of amazing photos @spore.stories)

On this walk we will explore the woods and talk about the mushrooms we find along the way. From building soil to connecting trees, we will go over the essential roles that fungi play within their natural communities. We'll also learn about some of the unique ways fungi can help us navigate our way in a more planet-friendly manner. Meg will also discuss the importance of community science, how you can contribute to Vermont's growing database of fungi species on iNaturalist, and share tips and tricks for taking scientific grade mushroom photos.

This walk is appropriate for families and people of all ages. Wear comfortable walking shoes, (expect wet spots!) weather-appropriate clothing, and bring your questions and curiosity! A smart phone equipped with the iNaturalist app is a plus, but not required. Meg's book will be available for purchase and signing (\$17).



The SCC is excited to offer this workshop with mycologist Meg Madden! The exact location will be announced via email shortly before the event. Rain or shine! Unfortunately, **we have to limit the group size to 20, so you must pre-register.**

Email: atconservationcommission@shrewsburyvt.org
~Submitted by Louise Duda

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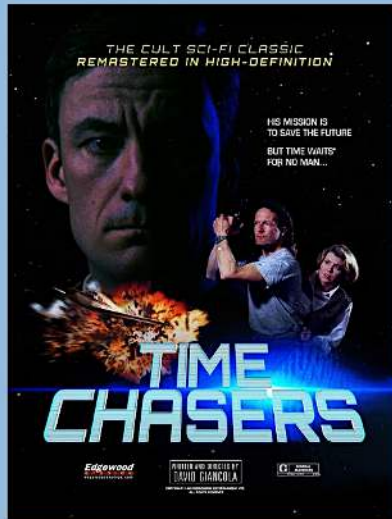
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Mt Holly Library Program

On Saturday, August 16 at 10:30am the Mt. Holly Library will celebrate its summer reading for kids with a workshop led by art teacher Casey Junker Bailey. Casey will introduce children to the colorful world of Henri Matisse as they make a series of bold collages inspired by the book *Henri's Scissors*. The program is free of charge and appropriate for all ages. For more information, contact the Library at (802) 259-3707 or mthollylibrary@gmail.com

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Spring Lake Ranch therapeutic community

Spring Lake Ranch Expands Its Psychiatric Team

Spring Lake Ranch is thrilled to announce that we are expanding our psychiatric team with the addition of Donny Grenier, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC. Donny is joining the Ranch as a consulting psychiatric nurse practitioner. He previously worked at SLR as both the med room assistant and nursing manager. Since then, he completed his Nurse Practitioner degree and became a Board-Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.



Donny was born and raised in Mt. Holly. He now works in private practice in Manchester, VT, where he sees a wide range of clients. Many of his clients are experiencing treatment-resistant depression and mood disorders, which do not significantly respond to traditional first-line therapies. Treatment requires creative thinking, curiosity, and a deep understanding of what is available and how different treatments work together.

"I really like it," says Donny. "People come to check off a box for themselves. They're not coming because they think it will work. So, when something does work for them...the fact that they're feeling better at all can re-instill hope. And I love seeing that."

The Ranch is thankful for Donny's experience with treatment-resistant diagnoses, as many residents come to the Ranch after other attempts at treatment have not worked for them. Because Donny is already familiar with the Ranch, its mission, and its values, he can jump right in while honoring what works about our program.

"I know there's no place like it," Donny says about SLR. "The inner workings of it are much more intricate than they appear from the outside. It's a very intentional place." Donny joins Dr. Jennifer FauntLeRoy, the Ranch's long-time consulting psychiatrist who is based in Rutland.

"Dr. FauntLeRoy has been a mentor to me," Donny says. "I've learned so much from her. She makes it more about who the person is and how we can help that person attain what their goals are within the context of our society."

Rachel Stark, our Executive Director, has nothing but praise for Donny, whose career progression she has witnessed.

"For a number of years, Donny has impressed me with his dedication to our population, those experiencing serious mental illness," says Stark. "Not just when he is at the Ranch, but in his education and private practice as well. He's never wavered in his interest and passion. The depth and breadth of his knowledge is astounding. We are so proud of him."

~Article by Anna Sutton

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Remember to tune in for a very special art workshop we have planned in the Russellville Schoolhouse on July 27th from 1-3PM. Benjamin Aleshire, will be leading a program on anotype printing.



Volunteers help the garden grow!

SAGE Calendar:

July 27 from 1-3:00pm: Anotype print workshop at the Russellville School House

August 23 at 4pm: Medicinal Herb Walk, 399 Frank Lord Rd.

Well, we kept an eye on the Mountain School Orchard and the Rose Chafer beetles came back in force at the end of June. The team led by Julia Bonafine applied Surround and manually removed about a 1000 beetles! With a strong effort they were removed from the trees and virtually gone by the following week.

The school garden is looking lush with weekly maintenance from Julia, Scott, Stephen, and some eager summer volunteers. Students will be met with a garden of abundance on the first day of school!

Come for a stroll on the farm and discover the treasure trove of amazing health supporting plants that surround us! Scott Courcelle will lead a walk and discussion on how you can begin to tap into the abundant gifts/ medicine that the plants have to offer. Medicinal Herb Walk. Saturday August 23rd at 4pm meeting at 399 Frank Lord Road.

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation's mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. \ 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

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PAIRING PROGRAM in the Garage

Pierce's Store hosted a program on Pairing food and wine presented by Sandy Bragg with a full garage attendance! They sampled four different wines (two whites and two reds) with five different food types (salty, acidic, fatty, bitter, and sweet). The food types were represented by: salty potato chips, dill pickles, cheese, arugula, and maple syrup. Each person rated the pairing and then voted...and the results were...mixed! Everyone agreed it was a fun learning experience!

~The Roving Reporter

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FULL WHITE	0	.5	1	.3	.1
MEDIUM RED	4	.4	.7	0	.3
FULL RED	1.1	.3	.9	0	.4



Notes about Shrewsbury Day--Sunday Sept 14, 2025

The Shrewsbury Day committee will be celebrating the library's 50th Anniversary with some surprise additions. If anyone would like to costume up in book character or movie figures you will only add to our Shrewsbury Day theme, or groups can create your own as in past years.

We have added new games this year along with design your own caps for kids, badge making and rock painting. We will also have the hair sticks, nail painting and the kid favorite tattoos.

We are excited to bring Shrewsbury Day 2025 to life. It is shaping up to be another great year with new activities and fun for both young and old.

~Shrewsbury Day Committee

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Engaging fully in community
never bullying with impunity,
Being a partner in a society
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~by Thomas Hartigan

Free Thinking

A penny for your thoughts
Not any for your oughts
We know what they should be
Or we should now shouldn't we
I think I'll love thy neighbor
Far more than just a favor
My thoughts, to show compassion
Not ever out of fashion
And thinking of empathy
It's understanding you by me

~by Thomas Hartigan

Focus on the Breath

Mellow is the mind
Relaxed and full at ease
This mood is the kind
I'd like to find, yes please

But with all that's happening
Around us in this world
The feeling that I'm grappling
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Our phenomenal managers, Elena and Harry, have made Pierce's a place that is reliable to grab a breakfast or lunch sandwich and baked good, as well as completing your weekly shopping with local meats, local veggies and flowers, an amazing wine selection, all the basics and then some. They have all sorts of plans for more offerings; perhaps bringing back a weekly dinner take-out night. Did you grab one of the wonderful roasted chickens they offered up on August 19? No specifics yet, but they are planning good things! Learn more by going to www.piercesstore.com.

In other good news, stop in to say Hi to these new volunteers:



Katja Leveroni -- Makayla Boisvert -- Fitz Welenius

To close, these coming events just might interest you- check our website for details:

- July 27 @ 9am-1pm: Blueberry Fest – all baked goods that are blueberry!
- Aug 5: Wine Tasting with a Finger Lakes Vintner
- Aug 9 @ 4:30-6pm: Lepidoptera (story telling) with Thomas (food & drink available for purchase)
- August 16: Roll-O Dairy Bar Burger Pop Up
- Sept 20 @ 4-6pm: Antarctica Comes to Vermont!

See you at Pierce's!

~Submitted by Adrienne Raymond, Board member

Hi Folks! We have new products at Pierce's Store that you should be aware of!

CADIA Brand: Look out for these new products around the store. CADIA is an affordable everyday organic brand from one of our new distributors. You'll find competitively priced products such as:

- Cadia Black & Garbanzo Beans - \$1.99
- Cadia Microwave Popcorn 3 pk - \$3.89
- Cadia Ketchup - \$3.99
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- Cadia Italian Blood Orange Soda - \$4.99
- Cadia Maple Cream Cookies - \$5.99
- Cadia All Purpose Flour 5 # - \$8.49
- Cadia 2 oz Vanilla Extract - \$8.49

New Cheese: **Blue Ledge Farm Marinated Chèvre**

Blue Ledge Farm is a family-run goat dairy in Salisbury VT, just 30 mins away. They make award winning goat cheese and this newest offering is irresistible with a crusty baguette. It includes 6 oz of their fresh goat cheese covered in a zippy olive oil, splash of lemon juice and sprinkling of herb de provence.

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August Events: **STUDENT ART SHOW**

Friday, Aug15 @ 4-6pm in the Garage

Join us to celebrate Shrewsbury's talented young artists with live music, games, and light refreshments. Submissions are encouraged by all students grades pre-K to 12th. Drop off your art at the store before the event during the following times: Aug 6 @ 2-5pm or Aug 10 @ 10-1pm Questions? Call Martha: 802-492-3377

ROLL-O Dairy Bar Burger Pop-Up with Live Music & Jam Session

Sat, Aug 16 @ 5-7pm on the lawn/garage

Grass fed burgers and ice cream from this travelling 1950s inspired dairy bar. Bring a guitar to get in on the tunes.

~Harry & Elena

Up Wine Tasting, Tuesday, August 5

Pierce's Store will host Mel Goldman, the owner of a highly regarded Finger Lakes vineyard, for a pop-up tasting of his wines on offer. The event will be held in the late afternoon, although the exact time was not confirmed by the time of publication. Mel's vineyard, Keuka Lake Vineyards, is considered one of the best Finger Lakes vineyards according to Wine Spectator: "With owner Melvin Goldman in charge, Keuka Lake Vineyards has been quietly putting out some stellar bottlings. With such impressive offerings, as well as notable values, this winery can now be included among the Finger Lakes' elite producers, a list that includes Hermann J. Wiemer, Forge Cellars and Ravines, among others." *~Submitted by Sandy Bragg*



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