



Times of Shrewsbury

August 2026



MOUNTAIN SCHOOL ROAD DAM REMOVAL PROJECT



On Saturday, June 27, a group of 18 Shrewsbury residents gathered to learn about the construction activity on Mountain School Road. Katie Stiles, District Manager of the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD), led an informative and detailed walk and talk organized by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission.

What is going on?

The concrete dam on the north side of Mountain School Road is being removed and the culvert that runs through the road is being replaced.

Why is the concrete dam being removed?

There are three reasons why this project was required:

1. **Flood Resilience:** The headwaters of the Cold River flow through this area, and in the past Mountain School Road has been flooded and sustained damage at this site during heavy rain events. Removing the dam and upsizing the culvert will provide more flood resilience for this critical town infrastructure.
2. **Water Quality:** The Cold River eventually flows into Lake Champlain, a waterbody listed as "impaired" due to excessive nutrient loading. Nutrients (like phosphorus) are both naturally occurring in local soils and added to the landscape through human activity. The old dam at this site has impounded a lot of nutrient-rich sediment, so removing the dam, some sediment, and stabilizing the area with vegetation plantings will reduce the amount of sediment that washes downstream during heavy rainfall events. Additionally, culverts like the one at the site (pictured above) are sometimes not sized or installed ideally, and can lead to bank erosion, which can also increase nutrient loading in waterways.
3. **Wildlife Habitat:** Culverts are important travel ways for a variety of organisms. This culvert was "perched" resulting in a small waterfall into a pool at its exit. Aquatic organisms that are a natural part of Shrewsbury's ecosystem could not make it up such a distance, fragmenting the habitats of local invertebrates and fish.

Who is managing this project?

RNRCD, in partnership with Vermont Natural Resources Council and Trout Unlimited, are managing this project. The Town of Shrewsbury and abutting landowners are supportive participants in this project but are not managing the project.

Who is paying for this?

This project is funded in part by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program through a grant administered by Vermont's Natural Resources Conservation Council. The project has also been funded in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (BIL 4N0A001022-1) to NEIWPCC in partnership with the Lake Champlain Basin Program via a grant passing through Vermont Natural Resources Council. The project also has funding from US Fish and Wildlife Services and Trout Unlimited.

When will the road be open again?

This project's timeline includes reopening the road by mid-August to allow access to the school in time for the 2027 school year. Work will continue in the area until mid-October.

What about that downstream culvert that crosses Northam Road?

That culvert will also be replaced this summer. RNRCD has secured funding from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program through a grant administered by Vermont's Natural Resources Conservation Council to support the Town in that project's construction.

Please contact RNRCD at info@rnrcd.org with any questions, comments, or concerns about the project.

~Article by Michelle Greene

~Photos by Chryl Martin



Please join us on
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st at 5 pm
at the
RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE,
18 CROWN POINT ROAD, SHREWSBURY, VT.



Puppet Crimes, performed by Jana Zeller
400 years of puppetry survival

This dark comedy highlights all the glory of traditional, antiauthoritarian, counter-cultural puppet theater. Puppet Crimes, an original hand puppet show created by Jana Zeller, is a raucously hilarious satire about what it takes for a common puppet to survive for 400 years in the face of war, tyranny and economic oppression.

Conceived and Performed by Jana Zeller
Co-writer and Director: Eric Bass
Puppet Heads: Zak Grace
Puppet Costumes: Ines Zeller Bass
Composer: Anna Patton

Vermont State Senators:

Brian Collamore: bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us
Terry Williams: tkwilliams@leg.state.vt.us
David Weeks: dweeks@leg.state.vt.us

Vermont State House of Representative:

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).

United States Senators:

Senator Peter Welch

www.welch.senate.gov

Vermont Office: (800) 642-3193

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

Senator Bernie Sanders

www.sanders.senate.gov/contact

Vermont Office: (800) 339-9834

Washington D. C. Office: (202) 224-5141

United States House of Representative:

Representative Becca Balint

Vermont Office: (802) 652-2450

Washington D. C. Office: (202) 225-4115

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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, clarity, and general community appeal. All others will be printed when space allows. 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 these guidelines.

A submission that is critical of a named entity (individual or organization) must be sent to the named entity and the Times, along with a copy of this policy, by the 10th day of the month. The named entity's reply in writing to the submitter and to the Times is due by the 20th of the same month at which time both the submission with reply or the submission alone (if no reply is received) will be considered for publication in the next issue at the discretion of the editors.

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 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 elections. Event ads must include the sponsor's name and contact information. Political ads must focus on Shrewsbury ballot initiatives or candidates wishing to represent Shrewsbury. Any informational piece with specific party or vote appeal will be considered an advertisement.

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.

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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	6pm	*Summer Concert Series at the Shrewsbury Meeting House with Rustie Bus
July 26	1-4pm	*Botanical Printing Workshop at the Russellville School House
July 26	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club meets at the Library
July 26	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library or via Zoom
July 28	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets upstairs in the Meeting House
Aug 1	5pm	*Sandglass Theater presents <i>Puppet Crimes</i> at the Russellville School House
Aug 2	9am-1pm	*Blueberry Festival at Pierce's Store
Aug 2	4pm	*Writers' Group meets at the Library
Aug 7	6pm	*Summer Concert Series at the Shrewsbury Meeting House with the Jonathan Lorentz group
Aug 11	10am-7pm	*Vermont Primary Election at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road
Aug 16	4pm	Famous Books Book Club meets at the Library
Aug 23	7pm	Science Book Club meets at the Library or via Zoom
Aug 25	Noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets upstairs in the Meeting House
Aug 28	4:30-6pm	*Lepidoptera Storytelling Hour at Pierce's Store Garage
Aug 29	9am-noon	*Mushrooms Galore" sponsored by the Conservation Commission; Pre-registration required
Aug 29	5:30pm	*Annual Shrewsbury Library Haystack dinner and street dance at the Meeting House

*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

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 Shrewsbury Library & via Zoom wildernessfriends@gmail. com
Selectboard Meetings	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	1 st Tuesday - 5:15pm at 1049 Upper Cold River Road
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open every Sunday 1-3pm July 5 to October 25; Appointments 802-712-7373
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-12noon
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--2noon; Sat 10am-12noon
Meeting House	492-6050	Reservations: 492-3361 or julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net	(email list for Urgent and reminder news)
Cuttingsville Post Office:	802-230-1996	<u>Window Hours:</u> Mon–Fri 7:30am–10:30am and 11:30am–2:30pm; Sat 8am–11am
		<u>Lobby Hours:</u> Mon– Fri 7:30am–5:00pm and Sat 7:30am–11am
Burn Permit:	Deputy Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668, or Deputy Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr. 802-282-3642	
Health Officer:	Catherine Schneider 802-774-8024	
Animal Control Officer:	Rutland County Sherriff Dept 1-802-775-8002	
1 st Constable:	Robert Littmann 802-774-8835, 2 nd Constable: Steve Walsh 802-492-3572	
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 4/20/2026]

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

July 1, 2026: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: *Selectboard Members:* Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. *Town Clerk:* Rebecca Rice. *Admin Assistant:* Alaina Cimonetti.

Active Participants: Dan Cavoto *Road Commissioner.*

The meeting was convened at 6:35 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: 2027 Grants and Aid and a Class 2 Road Paving Grant for 2027. Seconded by F. Wyatt. All in favor, motion approved.

2027 Grants and Aid: This grant is for stone lining ditches along roads. We got \$24,000 this year (2026) and we got \$17,000 for next year (2027). A. Korzun made a motion to accept this grant. Seconded my M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Class 2 Road Paving Grant: This grant is for paving in 2026-2028 at a value of \$200,000. This will be used this year (2026), and it will be used for Lincon Hill Rd. This means we will likely not get more grant funding for paving until after 2028. A. Korzun made a motion to approve this grant. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Road Commissioner Report: Bids are due for the Lincoln Hill Road paving project on 7/8/26 and will be reviewed at the next scheduled Selectboard meeting which is 7/22/26. D. Cavoto is pursuing contract removal of some dangerous roadside trees. The Selectboard will be getting D. Cavoto a cell phone that will be able to handle all the new apps the state requires him to use.

Forest Fire and Fire Protection Statute Changes: In Act 162 of 2006 that goes into effect of July 1, 2026, the state decided that the fire chiefs are now the new fire wardens, this means the new warden is now Phil Severy. Town residents should continue to contact the current fire warden unless there are any updates from the Fire Department explaining otherwise.

Office Software Discussion - Microsoft 365: The board is looking to move forward with a plan to create one main Microsoft Admin

New Business / Open to the Public: A reminder that the next Selectboard Meeting on July 15th is canceled and has been rescheduled to the 22nd of July.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 6/17/2026 minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #7 for a total of \$2,701.05. Also approving Road Orders #7 for a total of \$6,239.41. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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

NEWS FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

Vermont Resident Homeowners Annual Filing
Be sure to file the Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122 annually. The state website has online filing and the forms available at <https://tax.vermont.gov>. Complete the Property Tax Adjustment form, Form HI-144, if you are eligible. Those are also available in paper forms for mailing. Vermont State phone is (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll free in VT) for information or help.

Due Date: April 15, 2026. You may file up to Oct. 15, 2026, but the town may assess a penalty.

Linda McGuire, Treasurer
Town of Shrewsbury, 9823 Cold River Rd, Shrewsbury, VT
05738 Town Office 492-3558.

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Keith Hawkins
PRESIDENT

**SHREWSBURY
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Haystack Dinner

And

Street Dance

**Dinner at
5:30PM**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST
29**

**Dance at
6:30PM**

**FEATURING THE
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY BAND**

Dinner & Dance age 13 & up \$10

Children 5-12 \$5

Just the Dance \$5

**JOIN US AT THE
SHREWSBURY MEETING HOUSE
(TOWN HALL)
88 LOTTERY RD**



WARNING – VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 11, 2026

A statewide Primary Election will be held on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026**, to vote for candidates for the following offices:

U.S. Representative
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
State Treasurer
Secretary of State

Auditor of Accounts
Attorney General
State Senator(s)
State Representative(s)
Probate Judge(s)

Assistant Judge(s)
State's Attorney(s)
Sheriff
High Bailiff

The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place(s) is/are located at:

Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road, Shrewsbury, VT


Town (or City) Clerk

VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS AND VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You can register to vote on Election Day. **Register early** at your town clerk's office or online at Vote.Vermont.gov.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR FIRST-TIME REGISTRANTS BY MAIL: If you are registering to vote for the first time in Vermont by mail or online, you must provide a copy of identification along with your registration: current valid photo I.D., or a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and current address. If you do not provide I.D. or other documentation with your registration and do not have it when you come to the polls, you will have the opportunity to register in person. If you decline, you will be offered a provisional ballot.

PARTY CHOICE: You don't have to tell anyone which party you are voting in. However, you can only vote for candidates on one party ballot in the primary election. (There is no voter registration by party in Vermont.)

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You can request absentee ballots at any time during the election year. The latest you can request a ballot in the town/city of _____ is _____ (when the office closes before the election).

You or a family member can request early/absentee ballots in person, in writing, by telephone, or on the Vermont Voter Portal: Vote.Vermont.gov. An authorized person can request ballots for you in person or in writing.

EARLY or ABSENTEE VOTING: How to vote early or by absentee ballot once ballots are available at the end of June (at least 45 days before the election):

1. Vote in the town clerk's office before the election.
2. You may take your own ballots from the clerk's office and return them in the same manner as if you received the ballots by mail.
3. Have the ballot mailed to you and return it to clerk's office before Election Day or to your polling place by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
4. If you are in the military, live overseas, are ill or disabled, or in the Safe at Home address confidentiality program, you may receive your ballot electronically and utilize our accessible online ballot marking tool, but you must print your ballot and return it by mail.
5. If you are ill or disabled, ask the town clerk, on/before the deadline to request an absentee ballot, to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on any day before the day of the election (once ballots are ready) or the day of election.

CHECKLIST: Posted at the town clerk's office by Sunday, July 12, 2026. If your name is not on it, then you must register to vote.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added, even though you submitted an application: Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation. They will then either have you complete a registration form and add your name to the checklist, or explain why you cannot be added.

If the town clerk or presiding officer and BCA members present cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day. Or, you may vote a provisional ballot.

CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT: If you accept the offer to vote a provisional ballot, you must complete a sworn affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope swearing that you are qualified to vote in Vermont and in the polling place where you are, and that you submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline. You will be given a card explaining how you can find out if your ballot was counted one week after the election by calling the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683.

ASSISTANCE FOR VOTERS: Any voter who wants assistance for any reason may bring the person of their choice into the voting booth to help. Or, they may ask for assistance from two election officials.

Voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place may have a ballot brought to a car outside the polls by two election officials.

Any U.S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who applied to register to vote on or before election day is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.

THE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING—DO NOT:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.
- Offer a bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.
- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or out of a polling place. No campaigning inside a polling place. There is no specific distance from the polls that campaigners must be. The presiding officer sets reasonable rules for campaigners.

The Election Officials at the polling place are here to serve you. If you have any questions, or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

**Call the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) (Accessible by TDD)**

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated: Call the Elections Division at 800-439-8683. Or, file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State St, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, report this to your local U.S. Attorney's Office, the County State's Attorney, or VT Attorney General.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted intimidation, threat or coercion in order to cause a person to vote for or against a candidate or question, or obstruct a person from voting or a public official or employee from administering an election, you may report this to the VT Attorney General by e-mail at AGO.Info@Vermont.gov or by phone at (802) 828-3171.

VOTING PROCESS—INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

- Go to the entrance checklist table, give your name to the election official in a loud voice. They might ask for your address, too.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- If you want to use the **accessible voting system**, tell the entrance checklist official at this time. An election official will take you to the accessible ballot marking device, enter a security code, and then leave you to mark and print your ballot privately. Read more about the accessible voting system online at: Sos.Vermont.gov/Elections/Voters/Accessible-Voting.
- Take the 3 ballots from the election official and enter a voting booth. **In a Primary Election, ONLY vote for candidates of 1 Party on only 1 ballot, or your vote will not count.** Once inside the voting booth, decide which PARTY ballot you want to vote.
- Fill in the oval to the right of a candidate's name to vote for them. **Do not vote for more candidates than the "Vote for not more than" number for each office. If you vote for more than that, your vote will not count for that race.**
- **WRITE-IN candidate(s):** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name, or place a sticker, on the blank "write-in" line on the ballot. Then, fill in the oval.
- **If you make a mistake or change your mind, DO NOT try to erase. Return your spoiled ballot to an election official and ASK for a replacement.** Each voter may have up to 3 ballots.
- **After completing your ballot, fold the 2 unvoted ballots in half and give the unvoted ballots to an election official to be deposited in the "Unvoted Ballots" ballot box.**
- To cast your voted ballot, insert your voted ballot into the tabulator machine, or, in a hand count town, put it into the ballot box.
- Go to the exit checklist table, if any, and state your name. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- Exit the voting area immediately by passing under the guardrail.
- All voters in line at the polling place at 7 p.m. will be permitted to vote. No voter can enter the polling place to vote after 7 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE news

Primary Elections will be held

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

at the Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88 Lottery Road.

Voting hours are from 10am to 7pm

Absentee ballots are currently available by calling me, emailing me or going online to Vote.Vermont.gov. If you have difficulty with the online platform, please give me a call at 802-492-3511. You can also come in and just vote in the Town Office.

The Town continues to work with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to put together the current Local Emergency Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are looking for feedback from the town members as the Plan gets worked on. There is a link on the Town Website to review what has been completed to date and would love your feedback on what is in the Plan and what else should be in there.

Although the time to renew dog licenses without paying a late fee has expired, if you have not registered your dog, please do so. At this time, the fee for licensing your dog is \$15.00 per neutered/spayed dogs and \$19.00 per unneutered/spayed dogs. Dog licenses are required by State Law and the Town can fine any owner of an unlicensed dog.

The Town Office still has a supply of free COVID Tests for those in town needing them.

As of August 1, 2026 the CCC Road will be closed from the gate at Black Swamp Road to Route 100 in Plymouth. This is for the state to make substantial repairs to the section of road which frequently gets washed out with significant rain events. The state is hoping they have a fix which will last significantly into the future.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 802-492-3511, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, or shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net.

~Submitted by Rebecca A. Rice, Town Clerk

207199 SHREWSBURY RUTLAND-WINDSOR		
CAUTION: Vote in One Party Only Or Your Ballot Will Be Void		
DEMOCRATIC PARTY		
OFFICIAL VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT		
AUGUST 11, 2026		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS		
- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL. - To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person. - To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use BLOCK letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins. - Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office. - If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.		
FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS Vote for not more than ONE	FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS Vote for not more than ONE	FOR PROBATE JUDGE Vote for not more than ONE
BECCA BALINT SHREWSBURY	TIM ASHE BURLINGTON	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	NICHOLAS GRAETER BURLINGTON	(Write-in)
FOR GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote for not more than ONE	FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY Vote for not more than ONE
AMANDA JANOO BURLINGTON	CHARITY R. CLARK WALTON	IAN C. SULLIVAN HITTSFIELD
ALY RICHARDS ANDOVER	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	FOR STATE SENATOR Vote for not more than THREE	FOR SHERIFF Vote for not more than ONE
ESTHER CHARLESTIN SOUTH BURLINGTON	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
MOLLY GRAY BURLINGTON	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
RYAN MCLAREN LESTER, ANDOVER CITY	(Write-in)	FOR HIGH BAILIFF Vote for not more than ONE
(Write-in)	FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Vote for not more than ONE	(Write-in)
FOR STATE TREASURER Vote for not more than ONE	PHOEBE TUCKER LUDLOW	(Write-in)
MIKE PIECIAK WINDSOR	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than ONE		
SARAH COPELAND HANZAS BRADFORD	(Write-in)	(Write-in)

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CAUTION: Vote in One Party Only Or Your Ballot Will Be Void		
PROGRESSIVE PARTY		
OFFICIAL VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT		
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Support for Molly Gray

In my years in Vermont, I've seen it become harder and harder for Vermonters to survive here. The cost of living, cost of housing, cost of health care, and the cost of child care are all out of reach of too many.

Nearly two-thirds of Vermonters ages 18 to 34 are considering leaving within the next five years. Driven by the state's affordability crisis, the "brain drain" phenomenon threatens to compound Vermont's demographic challenges. We need folks in Montpelier who will fight for us. Molly Gray is one of those people. She is an advocate for universal primary health care and paid family leave, affordable housing initiatives, and support for rural communities, all while protecting us from illegal federal actions.

Molly will make life better for working families through the expansion of Vermont's Early Child Care workforce. She also will fight to implement paid family leave so parents don't suffer financially when their kids get a cold.

Molly knows health care is too expensive, if it's available at all. She will fight to address inflated administrative costs in our major health care systems by supporting publicly financed universal health care for all Vermonters, which in the long run reduces health care costs. Finally, Molly will work to grow a primary care workforce throughout the state, so health care is more accessible.

Molly will also address our housing crisis through Act 250 reforms, removing red tape and making it easier to build new housing. She'll work to remove costly and drawn-out delays to housing development by simplifying local zoning laws and pre-approving state grants for areas that implement those zoning reforms. Molly will support the start of a Vermont Housing Corps to train the next generation of carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and other housing professionals to meet Vermont's housing needs.

Molly will fight for Vermonters and that is why I am excited by her for our Lt. Governor ~Submitted by Scott Garren

Cow Facts

Please keep the following information in mind when you walk, run, or bicycle past areas in Shrewsbury where cows are kept.

Did you know that cows are prey animals whose survival depends on quick, instinctive responses to perceived threats. This means their default reaction is usually to run then observe.

1. **Flight zone:** Each cow has an invisible perimeter around its body. Breaching this zone or sudden movement will trigger them to flee for safety.
2. **Vision:** Cows have nearly 360° vision **but** limited depth perception directly in front. Sudden head-on approaches or moving into their blind spot behind can startle them, leading to kicking or bolting. If something runs to or by them, they will run out of fear.
3. **Hearing and smell:** They detect sounds and odors more acutely than humans. Loud, high-pitched noises and unfamiliar scents can provoke flight or defensive reactions.
4. **Temperament:** Beef cows tend to have less frequent human contact, and often larger flight zones than dairy cows who are handled daily.

When approaching pastures with cows avoid sudden movements or running. Move slowly/walk while keeping noise levels low to prevent triggering flight zones

Reference: scienceinsights.org, American Highland Cattle Association, Temple Grandin

~Submitted by Mary Smith, Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC

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Just when things start to move in the right direction, it's important to recognize that there is always a shoe waiting to drop...

Well, the shoe dropped when we investigated our plumbing; we need to replace the outlet pipe, toilet, and holding tank. We plan to put in a 1,500-gallon tank. Additionally, the commode in the WC needs to be replaced; the gaskets and seals are old and no longer functional. This will cost \$5,000 – 6,000 installed. As my mother-in-law used to say, "Oy vey!" Once we get this sorted out, we will be able to host events, meetings, and more.

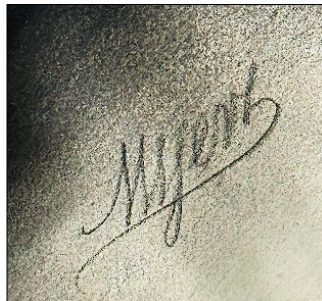
In spite of our restroom challenge, we are enjoying a low-key season with a lot of private tours. Some folks have asked why we haven't held any open houses this summer. The answer is simply that, for a wide variety of reasons, we don't have a lot of volunteers available this year. Some of you know that I am a Revolutionary War reenactor; this, being the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, has been an extremely busy season. Consider getting involved at the mansion! Training is provided, and it is a fun place to spend time! There will be several events in the fall, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website, and local media.



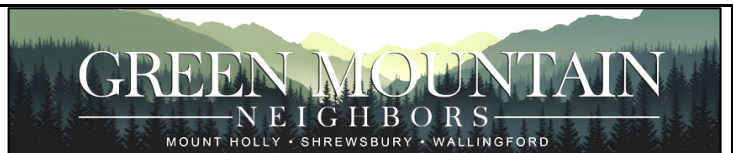
On-going fundraising efforts: Details will be available soon on how to purchase facsimiles of the famous Haunted Bookstore poster, but in the meantime, visit our Go Fund Me to make a donation. Or send a check made to the Friends of Bowman Mansion to P.O. Box 416 in Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Do you miss the open houses? Email us to set up a private tour! Laurelglen.bowmanmansion@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW? You may help solve a mystery. There are three portraits in the mansion created by the same artist. Two of the portraits are clearly the beloved wife of John Bowman, Jennie, and his older daughter, Ella. An artist's signature appears in the lower right corner of each charcoal/pencil rendering. The same mark is found on a portrait in the front parlor, but we are not sure who the sitter is. (I wonder if it is a young Mr. Bowman, perhaps recreated from a photograph. I am probably hoping for too much, especially since the nose doesn't really match.)



Here is the signature: Al has not been able to help me with identifying the person who wrote this name. Is it W Jenz? Myers? Myerz? Myenz? UGH! Help me out of this rabbit hole! ~Submitted by Freddie Monder



Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

Volunteers: As our membership grows each year, so does our need for more volunteers. You don't even need to leave home!

In particular, GMN is seeking a volunteer with technical skills to assist with software administration and setup to help manage the organization. Please email tech@greenmountainneighbors.org with your skills and interests.

If you are interested in becoming a member, a supporting member, or exploring volunteering with GMN, please check out our website at greenmountainneighbors.org. You can also call 802-417-2292 and listen to the prompts. We are a 501c3 organization run entirely by volunteers. We would love to have you participate in our efforts to help our seniors stay in the homes and towns they love as long as they are able.

Green Mountain Neighbor Events:

- Bingo at Wallingford House, 1:30 - 3:30, on the third Monday of each month.
- Blueberry Picking: Tuesday, July 28, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Sugar Hill Blueberry Farm. Members of Green Mountain Neighbors will receive a discount!
- VNA/Hospice of SW Virginia will hold a discussion regarding Advanced Directive on August 12, 1:30 - 3:00 @ Wallingford Gilbert Hall Library.

Betty Forrest and Clara Allard have said "we really appreciate Bingo and the transportation provided by the Green Mountain Neighbors organization!"

~Submitted by Lois Castonguay

Bone Builders

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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FREE Medical Equipment

Medical assist equipment donated by Shrewsbury residents who no longer need them are available at no cost on a loaner basis. Including many wooden crutches, adjustable aluminum crutches, walkers, rollators, commodes, shower seats, bedpans, toilet safety bars, wheelchair, and more. If you need equipment or have an items to donate, call Donna Swart at 773-7403.



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The summer of 2026 is already more than half gone! During this time, many people like to get outside, take vacations and recharge their batteries. However, the SVFD uses this time to catch up on many tasks and training that are difficult to do in the winter months.



Firefighters Hal Niblack and Keith Patterson attaching hard suction

vehicle was transported to the Rutland Hospital by Regional Ambulance for evaluation.

The department has also made use of the better weather to participate in training that needs to take place outside and discuss other necessary business. The regular business meeting was held just before the 4th of July and other than the normal reporting, a new member was voted into the SVFD. We welcomed Will LaFountain III to our ranks after he attended



Chief Phil Severy at the pump panel of Rescue One adjusting water pressure.

Fortunately, during July (as of this writing) there was only one call for SVFD assistance. This occurred on Friday the 26 at about 4 pm when a lady was about to make a turn from Route 103 to Town Hill Road in Cuttingsville and was tail ended by another vehicle. Damage was done to both vehicles, and the lady who struck the turning

vehicle was transported to the Rutland Hospital by Regional Ambulance for evaluation. The department has also made use of the better weather to participate in training that needs to take place outside and discuss other necessary business. The regular business meeting was held just before the 4th of July and other than the normal reporting, a new member was voted into the SVFD. We welcomed Will LaFountain III to our ranks after he attended meetings and drills over the past month. Will was referred to us by his brother-in-law, Keith Patterson, who is currently an SVFD firefighter! Will has a family background in the fire service as his father, Will LaFountain Jr., was a firefighter with the Brandon Fire Department for several years before he passed away. Will also has an uncle who currently serves in

the Middlebury department. We welcome Will to our department and appreciate his volunteering and much-needed youth in the SVFD.

Firefighter Hal Niblack reported that Spring Lake Ranch recently held a fundraising event called "Ramp It Up" which raised \$750 that they donated to the SVFD. It is greatly appreciated by the department when donations from groups or individuals are given. Thank you, Spring Lake Ranch, for your loyal and ongoing support of SVFD.

In other news, due to a new Vermont State Law (Act 162), local fire chiefs are now the official town Fire Wardens. Chief Phillip Severy took on this responsibility, and long time (33 years), Fire Warden Kevin Brown was redesignated as Deputy along with long serving (32 years), Deputy Warden Al Ridlon Jr. Both deputies will continue to issue burn permits as they have in the past. The town of Shrewsbury is deeply indebted to both Kevin and Al for taking on this task for so many years. Chief Phil along with the deputies will now receive the updates on fire conditions directly from the state. But the biggest deterrent to wildfires remains with our citizens being careful with any outside burning.



As Smokey Bear's iconic catchphrase states;

**"ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT
WILDFIRES".**

Until next month, be careful and continue to **STAY FIRE SAFE!**

*~Submitted by Bob Snarski,
SVFD Safety Officer*

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.



BURN PERMITS

If you plan to burn brush you **MUST** call for a burning permit. Contact

**Deputy Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668, or
Deputy 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.

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS & COUNTING

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

Want to know 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.

To suggest a book to add to our collection, please contact DONNA SWARTZ for Children's and Young Adult titles (donnaswartz44@aol.com) and JOAN ALESHIRE for Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction (joanaleshire@vermontel.net). We can request books on Inter-Library Loan, and will buy books depending on our budget and our collection's needs.

THE COOLEST PLACE IN TOWN: Check out the Library if you want a cool spot to read and relax on the hottest summer days and evenings!

MANY THANKS to filmmaker JOHN O'BRIEN who came to screen and discuss his classic Vermont comedy, "Man with a Plan" at the Library in July. And EXTRA THANKS to SANDY BRAGG for contacting John and for turning the Library Meeting Room into our local movie theater. We couldn't do it without his expert help!

COMING SOON!

Saturday, August 1 @ 5 pm: SANDGLASS THEATER:
Puppet Crimes @ Russellville Schoolhouse

Saturday, August 29 @ 5:30pm:
 Library Haystack Dinner & Street Dance @ Meeting House

Saturday, September 19 @ 7pm:
 Poetry Reading @ Russellville Schoolhouse

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, August 2 @ 4 pm: WRITERS' GROUP: If you have poems or short prose pieces (stories, personal histories) to share with our supportive, friendly group, please join us. For information, contact Penelope Weiss: pw9@earthlink.com or Joan Aleshire: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, July 26 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* and *Civil Disobedience*! Please contact Joan if you need a copy. joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, July 26 @ 7pm: In-person & via Zoom: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Life 3.0 : Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* by Max Tegmark. Print copies are available in the library. Please contact Margery Salmon to get an e-book or another print copy: salmonm@vermontel.net.

New Books include:

- * *Country People*, a new novel by Daniel Mason, author of the acclaimed *North Woods*: A funny, poignant, enjoyable story about an urban academic couple who move to Vermont.
- * *The Lost Founder: James Wilson and the Forgotten Fight for a People's Constitution* by Jesse Wegman.
- * *A Pair of Aces*: A rollicking historical novel set in 1930's Chicago, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, co-authors of *The Personal Librarian*.
- * *The Autobiography of Mark Twain: Volumes 2 & 3*: Two entertaining, enlightening doorstoppers by America's classic humorist.
- * *The Hill* by Harriet Clark: A moving, thought-provoking new novel about a daughter whose mother is in prison for her radical activism.

New DVDs include:

- * *Hud*: The classic Western starring Paul Newman.
- * *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*: The 1970's favorite, directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Ellen Burstyn and Kris Kristofferson.



GO BEAD-CRAZY

In July Donna Swartz held a workshop at the Shrewsbury Library for teens to make and learn about beaded jewelry. Fun, Pizza and lots of Great Jewelry making happened with fantastic instruction from Donna and was enjoyed by Aurélie, Sigrid, Darby, Fitz, Donna, Silas, and Eliza.
 ~Submitted by Jenny Wellenius





88 Lottery Rd Shrewsbury VT

2026 SHREWSBURY MEETING HOUSE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



RUSTIE BUS **Friday, July 24 at 6pm**

Rustie Bus is heavily influenced by the bands of the 1970s; when things were groovy and the sound was big. They've been making a name for themselves, playing around Vermont at venues like The Country Girl, The New American Grill, Off the Rails, and they've also gained popularity with appearances at events such as the Best of Vermont Festival, BBQ and Brew festival, 4th of July fireworks at Okemo resort and Rutland's Seven to Sunset Series. An average set list could include The Doobie Brothers, ELO, Chicago, Tom Petty, Wings and the Allman Brothers, as well as originals. This is a big band with a big, fun sound. Shrewsbury's own Marcos Levy is on keyboards. Come dance and sing along...you'll know the words!

**Shrewsbury Community Church will provide
food starting at 5:30pm**

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### **JONATHAN LORENTZ GROUP** **FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 @ 6pm**

The show goes on Rain (inside) or Shine!

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series will host the Jonathan Lorentz Group on August 7, marking the Shrewsbury-raised saxophonist's first performance in the area in over 10 years.

Tenor saxophonist Jonathan "Lockjaw" Lorentz leads a powerhouse quartet that includes Tom Robinson (piano), Brendan "Low End" Dowd (upright bass) and Tim Gilmore (drums). Their set is high energy, blues-infused, and full of improvisation.

Raised in Shrewsbury, Jonathan spent his early years playing with his hometown Muddy Rhodes Blues Band, while learning jazz from Rutland area educators Glenn Giles and Bear Irwin. Lorentz later moved to NYC, where he studied with Lenny Pickett, Frank Foster and George Garzone, and played venues ranging from Smalls to CBGB'S, Radio City, the Bitter End, and the Blue Note. He earned international radio play and acclaim for his album Borderlands (Métier Jazz), for which Fanfare magazine stated "Lorentz has really got it: a great style, an explorative mind, and a concept that goes beyond the usual fare you hear from jazz groups."

Lorentz says that he's "On top of the world excited to return home to play. Vermont is such a fantastic place, maybe even a state-of-mind. I have so many great memories of music and musicians there, and getting to know the community. I'm still inspired by experiences like hearing Tito Puente at Discover Jazz, Dave Brubeck in Rutland, the Basie Band outside at Pico, trumpeter Dave Ellis at Killington, and catching Billy Comstock (Sr), Ace Leonard, and Pete Giancola around town. I even heard the JGB at a wedding up north! I'm honored to have been a small part of the scene over the years, playing Radio Bean, sitting-in with Sandra Wright, late nights in Burlington, Mojazz in Wilmington, Pink's in Manchester, 51 in Middlebury, playing on the Killington Access Road with Joey Leone, or Center Street Alley with Steve Audsley. One of my most memorable gigs was indoors at the Shrewsbury Library with Muddy Rhodes (Tom "Bout Right" Mitchell, Dirk "Blind Boy" Thomas, Paul "Thudd" Sgalia, and Mark "Catfish" Hamilton). It was hot, and the bookshelves must have been pushed to the sides of the room, because people were dancing!"

**At 5:30pm The Wellness Cafe will be serving a mix of  
bowls; salad, grains, rice just like they serve at their  
establishment in Rutland.**

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Attendance is Pay What You Can...please be as generous as you can. We have NO business sponsors and are totally supported by our listening audience. Proceeds go to the musicians and the historic Shrewsbury Meeting House. Questions? Want to receive updates about any upcoming concert, menu, etc? Please send your email address to singtolive57@gmail.com

**THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT SERIES OF
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Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com



Greetings!
This distinguished figure welcomed visitors on our museum's opening day, July 5. His splendid coat was authentically created and loaned to us by Jeff and Freddie Monder. Brown with red lapels and cuffs, and silver buttons, it would have been worn by a soldier in Whitcomb's Rangers in 1777. (Jeff told us the wool would have originated in England, and the uniforms assembled in France!) The coat and hat have departed to serve in Revolutionary War reenactments.

July 4, 2026 has come and gone in a flurry of parades, speeches and fireworks. For 250 years this Nation of ours has existed, its political boundaries expanding across a whole continent and beyond. Our Town of Shrewsbury was chartered in 1761 when Benning Wentworth, Royal Governor of New Hampshire sent surveyors and laid out land grants in this area. Our museum contains an eclectic collection of treasures from our early settlers to the present.

With our current perspective, it's interesting to know that our several hamlets each had farms, schools, churches and industries. There were once 15 one-room schools, several general stores, at least 5 cheese factories, sawmills, blacksmith shops, inns, etc. in town. Making a living had to adapt to constant change. In a recent visit to the Windham Historical Society, we heard from Roger Albee (former Commissioner of Agriculture for Vermont) who wrote *Turning the Soil*. He documents the never-ending boom & bust story of Agriculture and industry in Vermont during the past 250 years.

Come see what we have! Families are especially invited. Come see toys made before the Age of Molded Plastic. Open Sundays, 1pm-3pm until the end of October or call Brian Winkler (802-492-3324) Grace Bingham (802-492-3458) or email Julianne Sharrow at julanne@vermontel.net

~Article and artwork by Grace Bingham



SHREWSBURY DAY 2026!

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50th ANNIVERSARY
and
40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOOSE AND JESSICA

10:00am MUSIC STARTS (park and find your place to sit)
10:15am PARADE LINE UP (please be on time!)
10:45am ROAD CLOSED Until PARADE is DONE
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BOOK REVIEWS

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

Life 3.0

Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence by Max Tegmark

★★★

This is a highly detailed exploration of artificial general intelligence. Its premise argues that humanity is on the brink of transitioning into "Life 3.0," a state where life can design both its software and hardware rather than being dependent on slow, biological evolution.

The author is a MIT professor and colleague of Elon Musk in developing grant programs for AI safety research. Much of the book's 100 first pages is dedicated to computer science, full of graphs and detailed explanations.

I really had a tough go at reading this, let alone enjoying it. It would be in the interest of fairness for someone who enjoyed this amount of detail to write a review of their own. However, some critics in the tech community say that Tegmark's views veer too far into science fiction rather than dealing with practical AI concerns. ~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

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Words and Events that Shaped our Nation

2026 marks the 250th year, the Semi-quincentennial, of the birth of our nation, an occasion to reflect on our history. Commemorative events will be taking place in Vermont and around the country.

The founding documents of America did not recognize the role and rights of women in society or government. Women throughout the United States could not vote until 144 years after the Declaration of Independence declared "all Men are created equalwith certain unalienable Rights."

The women's suffrage campaign was closely related to the abolitionist movement with many leaders also advocating for women's right to vote: Sojourner Truth ("Ain't I a Woman" speech, 1851); Ida B. Wells, a Black journalist and rights activist; and Lucy Stone, a powerful orator ("Do not tell us before we are born even, that our province is to cook dinners, darn stockings, and sew on buttons"). Susan Anthony and Alice Paul led such organizations as the National American Women Suffrage Association into the early 1900's.

The Seneca Falls (NY) Convention, organized in 1848 by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, propelled the movement forward. It issued a "Declaration of Sentiments" modeled on the Declaration of Independence, as this excerpt shows: "The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

- He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable right to the elective franchise.
- He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.
- He has made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.
- He has denied her the facilities for obtaining a thorough education."

The efforts of these women finally resulted in passage by Congress in 1919 and ratification on August 18, 1920 of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

For more information on Vermont events, go to: <https://anniversary250.vermont.gov/> or <https://www.vermonthumanities.org/programs/attend/vermont-250th/> ~Submitted by Jonathan Gibson



Spring Lake Ranch therapeutic community

Summer is in full bloom at the Ranch. The grounds are lush, the lake is open for swimming, the birds are singing, and—most importantly—pesto is back at the Rutland Farmer's Market!

For Farm Crew, this summer feels a little different. At the end of May, longtime farmer Carl Mancivalano retired. His daughter and farm assistant Olivia also left to take over her family farm, with her mini donkeys and sheep in tow. Our sows were donated to Yoder Farm. Our herd of cows sits at just sixteen. (Our chickens, as always, are many in flock and egg production.)

Neighbors have mentioned they heard our farm was closing, so we wanted to assure you: Farm Crew isn't going anywhere! What might seem like a quiet time is actually busy with major planning.

First, we're in the midst of our search for the next therapeutic farm manager. This is an important hire that requires first-hand knowledge of running a small Vermont farm. Even more important, the manager should have skills to help our residents thrive through daily interaction, mentorship, and authentic connection. We are taking our time to fill this position to ensure we find the right person. In the meantime, we've brought on a farmhand, Tyler Martelle, and temporary Farm Crew Manager, Windsor Smith, to keep things humming along. Clinician Sam Marszalkowski grew up farming in Addison County and has been spending extra time with the crew as well.

We're fundraising and finalizing plans for a new farm complex. We're replacing our dilapidated and scattered barns with a new consolidated farm complex thoughtfully designed to provide the best care possible for our residents, animals, and the land we steward. If you'd like to donate, visit <https://springlakeranch.org/raisethebarn>.

We are also welcoming new animals. Three baby goats arrived from Pennsylvania in July. This month, we'll welcome new pigs from Champlain Valley Farm. We're hoping to bring on Tamworth heritage pigs as well as sheep, and we're converting some of our existing cows to brooders for the next



calving season. Our goal is to increase the herd to twenty-four to accommodate the needs of the kitchen and the work program without putting undue stress on the land.

All this planning, Farm Crew is still caring for animals, haying fields, harvesting mushrooms, maintaining equipment, and managing our egg program. Just as firewood needs a season to cure and soil to lie fallow, this is a necessary time of renewal for our farm. Our intention is, as always, to keep Spring Lake Ranch and our farm thriving for generations to come.

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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Shrewsbury Community Church hosted a local gem



On Tuesday evening July 14 the Shrewsbury Community Church hosted the first in a 5-day series of concerts of the Tamarack Brook Music Festival. The concert was titled Baroque to Bluegrass. The group is composed of some delightful, very talented young musicians. The woman who is a founder of the group, is a native of Wallingford.

The musicians included a pianist, cellist, violinist/fiddle player, and a French horn player. They played a variety of songs that featured different groupings of the 5 musicians. It was a wonderful evening for everyone. The musicians and others stayed around afterwards for some lively discussion and refreshments. The group was so thankful for hosting them and we were so thankful to have been able to do so.

The group received a free will donation to the Bridge to Rutland program or there was the option to give donations of non-perishable items to the Shrewsbury food shelf. This has been actively used. The Bridge to Rutland program provides help to refugees who are settling into the Rutland area. What a wonderful give back to the larger community.

We remain a relatively small and spread-out community yet once again we work together well to help our neighbors in need. We also know how to make a joyful sound unto the Lord. We are always honored to be able to host events such as this for all to come to and just enjoy!

~Pastor Karen Braeutigam



We are enjoying summer services at the historic Northam Church. All services in July and August are held in Northam on Sundays at 10:30 am except for the last Sunday in August when we have our evening Vespers Service at 6pm. All are welcome to visit! Little has changed in this well-cared for community treasure! Come and see the oil lamps and historic Etsy Pump Organ. Enjoy the peace, and beautiful music. Say hello to your neighbors. 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.

Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar

August Services are in the historic Northam Church on the Cold River Rd next to the Town Office and just around the Corner from Pierces Store. Hope to see you there!

Sun, August 2, 10:30am Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam, Northam Church.

Sun, August 9, 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam, Northam Church.

Sun, August 16, 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam, Northam Church.

Sun, August 23, Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam, Northam Church.

Tues, August 25, Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs in the Shrewsbury Meeting House. All are welcome! Dessert, coffee, and tea served. Bring a bag lunch if you like. Come and we will teach you to knit or crochet! For info call Roxanne 802-492-3675.

Sun, August 30, 6pm Evening Vespers Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam, Northam Church. (No morning worship service this day).

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.

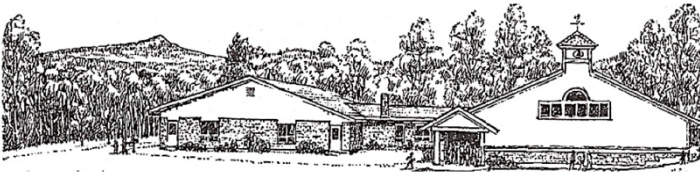
Limited hours are:

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 Shrewsbury Library, we will deliver groceries to you. If you need items 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 Julianne Sharrow 802-492-3361, or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-779-4360
- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact 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. ~ Revised 3/1/2026



SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

The 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 when they return to school on August 26!

Important Dates:

Aug 26: First day of School!

Aug 26: After School Program Begins

Sept 7: Labor Day - No School

Sept 15: SMS Open House: PTO Pizza Potluck at 6:00pm,

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

School Update:

Mr. Dave, our custodian, has been hard at work painting, cleaning and organizing our learning spaces. Our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Tim Harte, facilitated the delivery from James Carrara Excavating of Hunter Woods wood chips to replenish the PreK and K-6 Playgrounds. Mr. Dave will be spreading these out over the next few weeks to keep our students safe while they have so much fun. We are grateful for all Mr. Dave's hard work and dedication keeping our building and campus looking amazing!

Ms. Bonafine has been hard at work on Wednesdays in the school garden with help from some school families. We are looking forward to a beautiful harvest this Fall. Please feel free to join in on the fun when you are available!

We are also grateful for our SMS PTO who sponsored the replacement of plastic circular windows in our PreK playground structure.

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 and bus drivers in the district and substitutes at SMS. Please contact me for more information about how you can join our team.

After School Program: District Coordinator Theresa Serr - tserr@millriverschools.org

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

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.

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

I am always here to support our school families and community, please contact me at 802-786-3995 or at kcimonetti@millriverschools.org if you have any questions or concerns. I hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

~Kristin Cimonetti, Principal

Student Art Show at Pierce's Store Garage



The rain let up just in time for the Student Art Show at Pierce's on Sat. July 18, which drew just over 50 folks to see the local creativity on display. While we had fewer submissions this year than we had last year, there is more diversity of medium. That, coupled with some new families lending their talent, made for a great show overall. New mediums this year were photography, stained glass and textile.

The Pierce's glass pastry case was ideal for keeping some of the delicate sculptures safe, and alongside the carved wood of the organ, also used for display, added interest and charm to the show. If you did not get a chance to see the show swing by the Blueberry Festival on Sunday, August 2nd and pick up some delicious kitchen creations. We are so fortunate for the Pierce's generosity, and support of the board to have access to this event space.

We'd like to thank the following artists for lending their work: Adelheid, Aurelie, Benna, Christian, Darby, Eleanore, Emma, Flora, Henri, Hugh, Isabel, Marianne, Mason, Molly, Netti, Serena, Sigrid, Silas, Scout, Remy, and Rory. Keep creating, imagining and sharing your talent!

Thanks also go to those who helped out by loaning games, picking flowers, setting up and donating refreshments. I can't imagine not having Grace Brigham to assist with this event; her patience, time and never ending enthusiasm for art and our local kids is admirable. Do stop in to see the show!

Happy Summer! *~Article by Martha Sirjane; Photos by Jenny Wellenius*



LAST YEAR WAS TOO DRY
BUT THIS YEAR LOOKS PROMISING!!!

RETURN BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!

MUSHROOMS GALORE!!! Saturday August 29 @ 9am to 12noon

Fungi educator, author, and photographer, Meg Madden, will



be coming back to Shrewsbury! Meg is a well-known expert on fungi and even she was amazed at the diversity of mushrooms we discovered three years back. She thought she had discovered a new species on that walk but did find a *Clavulinopsis appalachensis* – 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)

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. Contact Weezie at:**

conservationcommission@shrewsburyvt.org



Spring Lake Loon update

Without the floating nesting raft as an option, our Spring Lake loon pair built a shore nest in the cove near campsite 2. Unfortunately, it appears that high water levels thwarted their attempt. Summer 2026 “nest fail”. Good news is, the pair appears to be quite enjoying their summer off from parenting. Stay tuned for 2026 Vermont loon statistics to be shared later in the season.

~Submitted by Ali Wilson, Shrewsbury Outing Club

Before The Next Wave Hits

I am finally seeing what climate change means, up close and personal. Forests torn asunder, giants fallen, amazing destruction. Tornado in Eastham, Shrewsbury, Vermont. Where it touched, a jumble of broken, uprooted trees. It will take many years for those woods to recover, whether the lumber is salvaged or left tumbled. It hurts my heart to see it. Elsewhere in town, peaceful pastoral life continues, untouched and unaware.

I see this as the micro of what is happening on the macro scale. In our minds, we see this from a distance, somewhere else, not here. It is here. Climate change is coming at us in waves, allowing us to feel safe in the lull before the next wave hits.

What strikes me is that our response to disaster is heavily dependent on fossil fuel, the main contributor to the oncoming disasters. Heavy diesel- and gas-powered machinery clears our roads and restores electricity and other infrastructure. Chainsaws and generators are everywhere, all adding to the carbon imbalance wreaking havoc around the globe.

What have we done.

It is a terrible realization, embodied in the ruined forest here, the heat deaths in France, the drought and flood equally hovering.

I'm grateful this storm didn't damage homes. The next one might. Imagine that force upon our houses, with us in them. Is this what we have done and continue to do to ourselves, each other, the whole planet?

Despite the magnitude of emissions from ongoing War and grotesque consumption by the few, we can't dismiss our own responsibility. For Heaven's sake, for all our sakes, consider what you can adjust. Shall we be helpless victims of catastrophes or conscious creators of our future, this world our kids are facing? Each one of us has to figure this out for ourself. As always, what you do matters.

Just thoughts....by Pam Darrow



Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Trail Camera Picture of the month

Moose on the Loose!

Moose are one of the largest creatures living in the woods of Shrewsbury and are also one of the most elusive. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department estimates only 2,000 to 3,000 moose call Vermont home, so spotting one is a rare treat. Moose prefer quiet woods, ponds, and marshes where they dine on leaves, twigs, grasses, lichen, mushrooms, and a variety of aquatic plants. Moose are most active around dawn and dusk and can weigh up to 1,500 pounds. Bull moose can be aggressive during mating season from mid-September to mid-October, and cows are highly protective of their calves. If you encounter one it is best to maintain a safe distance of at least 50 feet.

The Conservation Commission's Wildlife Road Crossings Project recorded 34 instances of moose tracks, scat, and sightings over a five-year period, confirming the consistent presence of moose in Shrewsbury. For more information about these fascinating animals, visit VFWD's webpage devoted to all things moose:

<https://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/vermont-critters/mammals/moose>

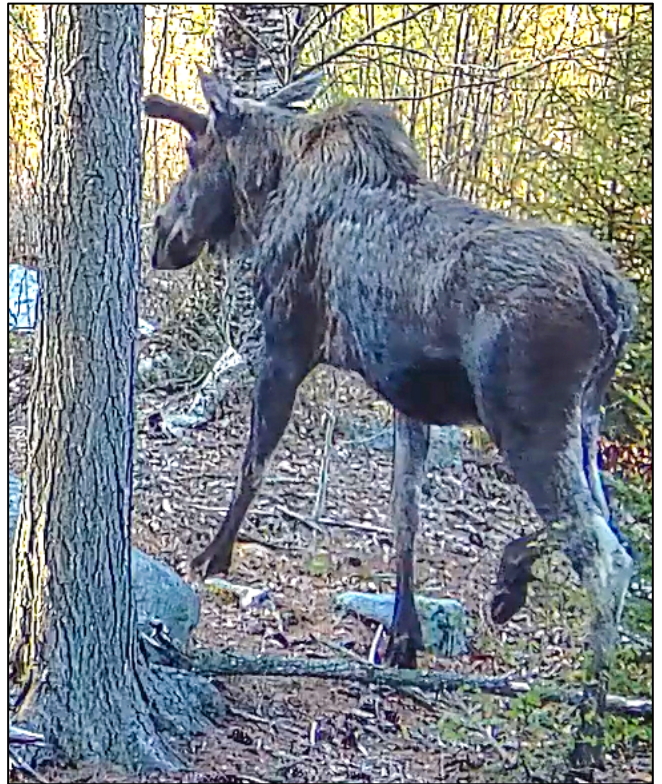


Photo above by Michelle Greene camera.



Photos above by Linda Shelvey camera.

This month's trail camera photos feature moose enjoying a mountain pond and browsing through the woods in spring. Photos are courtesy of Linda Shelvey and Michelle Greene. If you'd like to see your wildlife photos in print in the Times of Shrewsbury, email them to Michelle Greene at michelle.a.greene247@gmail.com.



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About Our Event!

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Event Highlights

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- get your tickets** ◀ only 13 tickets available for each time slot. 10am, 12:30pm and 3pm
- cost** ◀ \$30 per ticket purchased before August 1
\$32 per ticket purchased between August 2 - 8
- contact us** ◀ to purchase tickets or ask questions, please contact Beth at melby5584@aol.com

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Contact us (802) 858-6069 Visit our Website <https://www.vermontbridges.org/>

Peggy Wilson of Shrewsbury is on the board of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society.



Ms. Bonafine and volunteers have kept the SMS garden humming through the summer with watering and weeding. It will be a landscape of abundance when students return later this month ready to harvest beans, flowers, and veggies through the rest of the summer and early fall!

SAGE, in partnership with the Shrewsbury Library, is proud to welcome Sandglass Theater back to Shrewsbury to present "Puppet Crimes". This dark comedy highlights all the glory of traditional, antiauthoritarian, counter-cultural puppet theater. Puppet Crimes, an original hand puppet show created by Jana Zeller, is a raucously hilarious satire about what it takes for a common puppet to survive for 400 years in the face of war, tyranny and economic oppression. The show will be at the Russellville Schoolhouse on August 1st at 5pm. Sandglass is dedicated to the arts of theater and puppetry as a means of exploring contemporary issues, inspiring dialogue, and sparking wonder. They create original ensemble performances and collaborations, present diverse theater artists, produce events that serve our communities, and teach their art.

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, has a mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. For more information about SAGE: contact Stephen Abatiell at educate.sage@gmail.com, Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit www.sagevt.wordpress.com. Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date event details at ShrewsburySAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos at www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation.



Bone Builders!

Shrewsbury Bone Builders have been coming together every Tuesday and Thursday for low impact exercise and a high degree of socialization for the last **19 years!** Training and weights are provided free by RSVP (part of the National Senior Service Corps) to provide a program to promote increasing balance and bone density in the maturing population...so come on out and join the group!

~Photo by Palgo Wyatt



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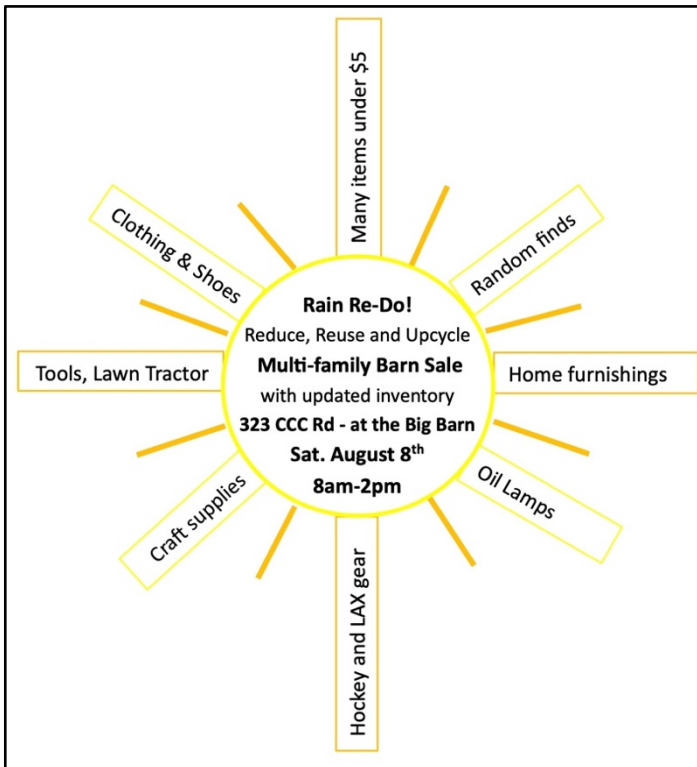


Recently one of our regular volunteers, who celebrated his 81st birthday in February, climbed aboard Billy, and said, "It sure felt good!"

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Reinbow Riding Center: programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @reinbow_riding_center and LinkedIn! To volunteer with us contact januption@comcast.net. *~Submitted by Janet Upto*





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Pierce's Garage Lepidoptera Storytelling

(quite loosely based on NPR's, The Moth)

With infamous storyteller, poet & MC, Thomas Hartigan

Tell any kind of story (funny, scary, sad, bizarre) for 8-10 minutes
Stories must be true and about you.

(Please contact Tom ahead of time at 492-3605 if you can so he gets a storyteller count.
Otherwise, show up and see if you're moved to share once there!)

Friday, August 28, 2026

4:30-6p.m

Food & beverages for purchase

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



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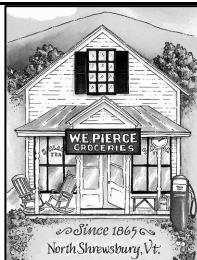
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Let's start with a couple of important changes to our summer event schedule. First, the wine tasting class originally set for July has been rescheduled to October 17. Additionally, the Lepidoptera (story telling) event has been moved to Friday, August 28. We apologize for these changes and hope those of you that signed up will still be able to attend. Speaking of events, don't miss out on the annual Blueberry Festival set for August 2 from 9am to 1pm. We're also very excited about our ever-popular wine tastings with Sandy Bragg. Of course, we always offer a selection of finger foods and glasses of the wine you just tasted at these events. Here is a schedule of our upcoming wine events:

- Saturday, September 26 @4pm–6pm: Wine Tasting
- Saturday, October 17 @ 4pm–6pm: Rescheduled Wine Class:
- Friday, November 20 @ 4pm–6pm: Wine Tasting

In the meantime, summer is definitely here, and the store is enjoying a typical seasonal increase in vacation travelers from points near and far. When these first-time customers walk through our doors, they are immediately hit by the 'old timey' appearance of the main room and as their eyes wander the shelves, they often want to hear more of our history. Many are surprised when we describe a history going back to Civil War times. I've been asked more than once if we have a pickle barrel and checker board (maybe we should). Oh, and they tend to take lots of pictures of our store.

On a more local note, we hope you are all receiving our weekly email updates containing information on prepared foods, produce highlights, and new products. If you are not, and you would like to receive them, please contact the store. The same information can be found on our web page (which is updated regularly) at piercesstore.com along with the dates and times of our upcoming events, wine news and business hours - so be sure to check us out often to see what's going on.

Keep in mind, we are always looking for new volunteers to help at the store. Not just behind the counter, we can use help with things like getting the donuts Sunday mornings and making bakery runs. If you want to volunteer, we'll find something for you to do. If you've ever thought about volunteering or know someone who might be interested, stop in and talk to us - no obligation. Without our volunteers (and generous donations) the store would be much different. On a final note, when you visit the store you may see some new faces behind the counter, if you don't know them be sure to introduce yourself and say hi.

~Submitted by Ed Sawyer, Pierce's Board



Just horsing around on a beautiful day!

L to R: Coleen, Karen S., and Karen L.

~Submitted by Karen Leonard



Pierce's Store Annual (AND wildly popular) Blueberry Festival Fundraiser At Pierce's Garage



**Donate a scrumptious blueberry dish
or come by and support the event**

Sunday, August 2, 2026

9:00AM until 1:00PM

(Rain or Shine)



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



Extra Fish available!



Pierces has increased fish available on Fridays for those of you who miss the deadline. You can always count on salmon, swordfish, scallops and shrimp to be available fresh and in the cooler. After Sunday, you can find any fish leftover in the freezer section to enjoy!

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