



Times of Shrewsbury



September 2026

TORNADO IN SHREWSBURY?

Not according to the National Weather Service (NWS), but 70 mph winds hit Eastham, in the dark, during the early hours of July 15, 2026, and left a swath of downed trees, some snapped off halfway up their trunks, some completely uprooted.

This photo is of Bailey Road...Yes, the road is somewhere under that mess. The high wind path seemed to have touched down on the Laydon property, leaving a wide path of destruction, crossed Bailey Road just above the brook, and then jumped to the Calotta property on Eastham Road. Amazingly, no homes or structures were damaged and there were no injuries.

ABC News reported the "most impacted towns included Orwell, Shrewsbury and Hubbardton". One of the men clearing Bailey Road said "it's a 150-yard swath just laying right down. We couldn't even get up here; it's been a fight just to get up through this road".



Bailey Road...yes, it's under there!



John Calotta indicated that "in 35 years we have never seen a storm that lasted only 20 minutes and did so much damage". The Calottas lost 35-40 trees around their house, "many uprooted, some 50 years old, and apple trees that were swept 30 feet away".

Vermont sees an average of one tornado per year, with none several years. However, this year, a record three confirmed tornados have been reported by the NWS; Williamstown, Lincoln and Woodstock.

The NWS classified this recent event as a microburst, defined as "a small, intense downdraft of air from a thunderstorm that hits the ground and spreads outward, producing extremely strong winds (upwards of 100 mph) capable of causing severe damage". Regardless of its label, let's hope we don't see more of these events anytime soon!

~Article by Mark Youngstrom

Shrewsbury Phone Book Information Form

The Shrewsbury Library is preparing a 2027 phone book. We have used the 2020 phone book as our starting point. If you are in the 2020 edition and wish to have the information remain the same, there is nothing you have to do.

Please fill out the attached form:

- If you were not in the 2020 phone book
- Or wish to change your information
- Or wish to be left out of the new edition
- Deliver: Shrewsbury Library
- Mail: Shrewsbury Library, P.O. Box 396, Castigaglia, VT 05738
- Email information: shrewsburyphonebook2027@gmail.com

Deadline to submit Telephone Information Form: October 1, 2026

Choose one: New Entry Information change

(Please Print) Last Name First Name Surname's First Name

(Signature with different last names will be listed separately and will show a full name for each person)

Primary Contact Phone Number:

Optional: email address (only use phone)

Optional: Children's names:

I authorize the Shrewsbury Library to include in the 2027 Shrewsbury Phone Book the information I have provided.

I do not wish to be included in the book.

Signature: Printed Name:

Deadline to submit Telephone Information Form: October 1, 2026

2027 SHREWSBURY PHONE BOOK

Individuals: If you are in the 2020 edition and wish to have the information remain the same, there is nothing you have to do. If you were not in the 2020 edition, need to make a change, or wish to be omitted, then complete the form on page 14 and return by October 1.

Businesses: To advertise in the 2027 Shrewsbury Phone book, complete the form on page 15 and return by October 1!

The Phone Book is being compiled by the Shrewsbury Library
"Phone Book Committee"
Deadline: October 1, 2026

Shrewsbury Phone Book Advertisers Form

Advertisements from local businesses are being sought by the Phone Book Committee. Please complete the form below and return with your check to the address below.

Inside Front Cover	\$125
Inside Back Cover	\$125
Full page	\$100
1/2 page	\$55
Business Card (1/3 page)	\$35
Single line on business page	\$20

*No charge for this listing on business page if an ad is purchased. A single line entry of business name and phone will be listed on business page if space allows, an email or web page can also be listed. Also, there are a limited number of full-page ads, and requests will be filled on a first come basis.

Deadline to submit Advertising Form is October 1, 2026

(Please print) Business Name:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Website:

Ad Size:

Amount: \$ (preferably payable by check)

Please attach camera ready advertisement to this form or email PDF, JPEG, DOC, or DOCX to: shrewsburyphonebook2027@gmail.com

*Assistance in designing an ad is available.

Make checks payable to: Shrewsbury Library - Phone Book

Send payment to: Shrewsbury Phone Book Committee, c/o Shrewsbury Library, P.O. Box 396, Castigaglia, VT 05738

Deadline to submit Advertising Form is October 1, 2026

SHREWSBURY TOWN WIDE REAPPRAISAL

The Town of Shrewsbury is in the process of performing a state-mandated revaluation of all real estate within the town. The State of Vermont requires that all properties be reappraised at the estimated market value to correct property valuation inequities that occur over time. The last reappraisal was conducted in 2010. The purpose of this revaluation is to maintain fair and equitable taxation within the town. Shrewsbury has contracted with Tyler Technologies, a certified revaluation company, to assist the Assessor's Office with this project.

The purpose of this notice is to let property owners know that the reappraisal is starting. Property owners will be visited by a Tyler appraiser or Tyler data collector beginning the second week of August. They will be making their way through each neighborhood, visiting properties, verifying measurements of buildings, taking a photo of the front of each building, and correcting property data when needed. Data collectors may also ask residents/occupants questions about the property as it relates to property value. The purpose is to collect accurate information which will be applied to market-calibrated tables. The intent is to produce accurate property valuations. Data collection will continue until Winter 2027.

Thank you for your cooperation in this vital step of the revaluation effort. Contact reappraisal.shrewsbury@gmail.com you have any questions. Alternatively, information about the revaluation project can be found on the town's website, visit <https://empower.tylertech.com/Shrewsbury-Vermont.html> for a general schedule, revaluation process videos and frequently asked questions (FAQ) posted on the town's website. The official project website: [Shrewsbury: https://empower.tylertech.com/Shrewsbury-Vermont.html](https://empower.tylertech.com/Shrewsbury-Vermont.html)

~~Submitted by Mimi Burstein, Contract Assessor for Shrewsbury

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 memberships, 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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Chryl Martin

~ Rich Biziak

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

Aug 26		*First Day of School: see page 21 for Mountain School temporary traffic pattern information
Aug 26	11am-6pm	*Art show at Pierce's Garage
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
Sept 1		Property Reappraisal Forms due.
Sept 6	4pm	*Writers' Group meets at the Library
Sept 13	10am-3pm	* SHREWSBURY DAY (see program elsewhere—rain date Sept 20)
Sept 18	5pm+	*Candlelight Cemetery & Mausoleum Tours at Laurel Glen; reservations suggested
Sept 19	7pm	*Poetry reading by Joan Aleshire at Russellville Schoolhouse
Sept 20	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club
Sept 22	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets at the Meeting House on the 2 nd floor
Sept 26	9am	*Book Sale under the tent at the Shrewsbury Library (ongoing for two weeks)
Sept 26	3-5pm	*Grand opening of the Banks Transitional Living area at Spring Lake Ranch
Sept 26	4-6pm	*Wine tasting and folk music by Roy & Jan Smith at Pierce's Store (rain date Sept 27)
Sept 27	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library or via Zoom
Oct 1		*Deadline to submit telephone info & advertising forms for the 2027 Shrewsbury Phone Book
Oct 3	TBA	*Chili Cookoff at Pierce's Store
Oct 9	5-6:30pm	*Pick up pre-ordered lasagna dinners at the Meeting House
Oct 9	7pm	*Taxes Due

*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 the Town Office 9823 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 8/20/2026]

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

July 22nd, 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.* Linda McGuire *Treasurer.* Jack Facey *Legal Counsel.* Steven Nicholson *Delinquent Tax Collector.*

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following addition: Tax Rate. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. All in favor, motion approved.

Tax Rate: Aaron Korzun made a motion to accept the tax rates as calculated by the Treasurer Linda McGuire of the following rates:

Homestead Rates: Town: 0.7346; School: 1.7062; Appropriations: 0.1520; Local Agreement: 0.0036; Total: 2.5964 (5% increase from 2025) *Non-Resident Rates:* Town: 0.7346; School: 1.8647; Appropriations: 0.1520; Local Agreement: 0.0036; Total: 2.7549 (6% increase from 2025) Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Aaron Korzun made a motion to not assess penalties for late homestead declarations. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Paving Bids: The board received the following bids from Fuller Sand and Gravel, Pike Industries, and Wilk Paving for the Lincoln Hill Road paving project. The lowest bid is from Fuller Sand and Gravel for a total of \$354,110.00. A. Korzun made a motion to hire Fuller Sand and Gravel for the Lincoln Hill paving project. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

VTEL Stipulation Agreement: The Board discussed the VTEL Stipulation Agreement with legal counsel Jack Facey. The Board will proceed with discussions with the Town's hired assessors with the goal of signing the stipulation agreement.

Road Commissioner Report: The road crew is working on cleaning up trees and brush after the microburst last week.

New Business / Open to the Public: Steven Nicholson brought to the Board's attention a potential funding opportunity from the State for reappraisal. A. Cimonetti will pursue additional information regarding the funding opportunity.

A. Korzun made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to put the Justices of the Peace on the November Ballot and for it to be mailed to all registered voters. F. Wyatt seconded. Unanimously approved.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 7/1/2026 minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #7A for a total of \$8,297.97. Also approving Road Orders #7A for a total of \$35,965.91. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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

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### August 5, 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.* Mimi Burstein *Contract Assessor.* John Vickery and Sean Delong *Tyler Technologies-Reappraisal Team.* Steven Nicholson *Delinquent Tax Collector.*

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM.

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Reappointment of the Town Deputy Forest Fire Warden and a Work in the Right of Way permit on Eastham Road. Seconded by F. Wyatt. All in favor, motion approved.

**Road Commissioner Report:** Bids out for Upper Cold River Road and Copperas Hill Road. The bids will be back on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Lincoln Hill Road near the Smith Farm is being rebuilt to improve its long-term integrity. The paving will occur when that work is finished. Northam Culvert is being completed on schedule and they should be finished by the 17<sup>th</sup> of August. The dam on Mountain School Road is behind schedule and will take longer than expected. The intersection of Eastham and Mount Holly Road will be closed on August 13<sup>th</sup> for a temporary culvert replacement. There will be warnings posted and more information on the website.

**Tyler Technologies/ Contract Assessor - Reappraisal Process:** Tyler Technologies will soon begin property inspections as part of the Townwide Reappraisal process required by the State of Vermont. Staff will visit properties, knock on doors, and ask homeowners for permission to conduct inspections. They will not walk around properties without first making the homeowner aware of their presence. If no one is home, information will be provided on how to schedule an appointment. Residents may also schedule an appointment through the link on the Town website.

All Tyler Technologies employees will prominently display identification badges and will be respectful of residents and their properties.

Properties will be assessed individually based on their characteristics and current market value rather than receiving a uniform adjustment. The official date of value will be April 1, 2027, and property owners will have an opportunity to review and appeal their new assessment.

The updated Grand List will affect 2027 property tax bills. No 2026 tax bills will be affected. More information, including the reappraisal schedule, is available on the Town website.



## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

*The Selectboard meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Town Office.*

**Vermont Deputy Town Forest Fire Warden:** The state changed the statute that makes the Fire Chief the Fire Warden unless reappointed. A. Korzun made a motion to approved Al Ridlon as one of the Deputy Town Forest Fire Wardens. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

**Work in the Right-of-Way on Eastham Road:** This project would start on September 14<sup>th</sup>. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the Work in the Right-of-Way for Wire Nuts Electrical/Biddle. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

**VTEL Stipulation Agreement:** The board discussed with their legal counsel, Jack Facey, about the VTEL Stipulation agreement and will be signing the stipulation. F. Wyatt made a motion to approve the Stipulation with VTEL. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**New Business / Open to the Public:** The primary elections will be occurring Tuesday 8/11 from 10am-7pm at the Meeting House. The ballots have been posted.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 7/22/2026 minutes. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

**Review Orders:** M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #8 for a total of \$2,521.75 and correcting Orders #7A to \$8,251.94. Also approving Road Orders #8 for a total of \$6,473.41. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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

### August 19, 2026: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

**Present at meeting:** *Selectboard Members:* Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti. *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 no additions. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. All in favor, motion approved.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 8/5/2026 minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #8A for a total of \$5,868.38 and Road Orders #8A for a total of \$53,276.78. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

**Road Commissioner Report:** The road crew will be working on culverts on Spring Lake Road from 3am-7am on 8/25-8/28. The tree removal service will be in town 8/24-8/28. CCC Road now has a road closure sign.

**Culvert Projects Bid Opening - Upper Cold River Road, Copperas Hill Road:** The bids for the Upper Cold River Road culverts are from Markowski Excavating for \$38,361.60 and Yankee Home Management for \$13,000. The bids for Copperas Hill Road culvert are from Markowski Excavating for \$38,635.60 and Yankee Home Management for \$13,000. There were two refusal bidders: M&M Excavating and Hunter Excavating. A. Korzun made a motion to accept Yankee Home Management for both projects. M. Cimonetti Seconded. Approved.

**New Business / Open to the Public:** No new business.

Adjourned at 7:20pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Alaina Cimonetti*

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

### TAXES DUE OCTOBER 9, 2026

Payments can be delivered to the town office, mailed, placed in the drop box at the town office (to the left of the front door), made by credit card online at [www.officialpayment.com](http://www.officialpayment.com) (Credit card deadline is October 7). If you plan to pay in cash, please deliver directly to the treasurer.

Town Treasurer regular hours are every Monday from 9am to 12noon.

#### Additional days/times available for payments:

Saturday, October 3 from 10am to 12noon

Thursday, October 8 from 12noon to 3pm

Friday, October 9 from 12noon to 7pm

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

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

Phone: (802) 828-2865

Toll Free: (866) 828-2865

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

Fax: (802) 828-2720

#### Thank you,

and call or email if you have questions.

Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury

9823 Cold River Rd, Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

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

Town Office 492-3558

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NEWS

Primary Elections have come and gone, and the General Election will be upon us. It will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at the Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88 Lottery Road. The hours for voting will be from 10:00am to 7:00pm.

Absentee ballots will be mailed by the state to every voter starting about October 1, 2026. Once you receive your ballot, you can vote by either leaving it in the drop box outside the Town Office, by bringing it in to the Town Office, or by bringing it with you to the Town Meeting House on November 3. If you cannot locate your ballot on election day, there will be additional ballots at the election, but you will need to sign an Affidavit confirming that you have not previously voted, prior to receiving a second ballot. When you vote, please make sure you turn over the ballot and vote on both sides of the ballot. That is where the Nominees for local Justice of the Peace are located. Two years ago, a significant number of folks did not complete this side of the ballot.

- If you are 62 or over, the State of **Vermont Green Mountain Passport**. The Passport provides you with free access to all Vermont State Parks. It can be obtained at the Town Office for \$2.00 and will last you for the rest of your life.
- The State of Vermont yet again changed its timing for **Posting Notices**. The Notice lasts for 12 months from the date you obtain it which was clarified by the Legislature last session.
- 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.

This is a reminder that the **CCC Road** is to be closed from the gate at Black Swamp Road to Route 100 in Plymouth. It is anticipated that it probably will not be reopened until the beginning of October.

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, Shrewsbury Town Clerk

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Democratic Primary State Representative Results

Phoebe Tucker of Ludlow, VT has won the Democratic primary for the state representative position for the Rutland-Windsor (RUT-WDR) district. The RUT-WDR district representative serves the towns of Ludlow, Mt. Holly, and Shrewsbury. Voters can elect one candidate to send to the statehouse for the upcoming legislative session.

Phoebe believes every Vermonter's voice deserves to be heard, no matter the party a citizen identifies with. She recognizes it is time to move beyond bipartisan distraction and focus on what truly matters: building thriving communities where everyone feels welcome, represented, and able to participate in the decision making that affects daily life. As representative, Phoebe will advocate for accessible healthcare for all Vermonters, affordable housing, high-quality public education, and land stewardship that works for generations to come, all while centering focus on empathy, collaboration, and collective engagement.

Election day is Tuesday, November 3. Please get out and make your voice heard by voting. Encourage your neighbors to come out and vote. ~Submitted by Phoebe Tucker

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### New Transfer Station Attendants

Hello friends and neighbors, as you've noticed, there's been some changes at the Transfer Station. First, I would like to thank Jeremiah and Margo for their great service for the last few years. They decided it was time to move out to something else.

Please meet and welcome the two new Transfer Station employees: Michael Gerry and Jim Richie. Also, thanks to everyone for all your recycling. It does make a difference! Please feel free to call me at 802-773-2272 if you have any questions or concerns about the Transfer Station.

~Bert Potter, Transfer Station Administrator

# 250 AMERICA'S ANNIVERSARY

## Words and Events that Shaped our Nation

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

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The words and actions of our Presidents have shaped the course of our history and shaped our sense of our identity as Americans. Going back 125 years, let us reflect on what they did and said.

Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) - Achieved progressive reforms to break up corporate monopolies and improve conditions for workers and immigrants. Conserved America's natural resources by setting aside public lands for national forests, parks, and wildlife refuges.

Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929) Sworn in at Plymouth, VT home on death of President Harding. "If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the union and support of our institutions should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont." (Speech in Bennington, Sept. 21, 1928).

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945) "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." (First Inaugural, March 4, 1933). Created numerous government agencies and New Deal programs to recover from the Great Depression. Guided US through World War II.

Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961) Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe and later of NATO. "This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience . . . we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex." (Farewell Address, Jan 17, 1961).

John F. Kennedy (1961 - Nov. 22, 1963) Supported role of the arts in American life. "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country" (1960 Inaugural). "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth." (May 25, 1961). Apollo 11 landed on the moon July 20, 1969.

Jimmy Carter (1977-2001) Camp David Accords between Israel and Egypt, National Energy Act (solar and energy conservation), Alaska Lands Conservation Act. He later established The Carter Center and was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his peacemaking and humanitarian work.

Ronald Reagan (2001-2008) "It's Morning Again in America" (1984 re-election campaign ad), "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" (June, 1987) - German citizens opened the Berlin Wall, Nov. 9, 1989.

Barack Obama (2008-2017) "There's not a liberal America and a conservative America - there's the United States of America. "...for all our outward differences, we, in fact, all share the same proud title, the most important office in a democracy: Citizen." (Farewell Address, Jan. 10, 2017).

~Submitted by Jonathan Gibson

SHREWSBURY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

The Shrewsbury Day committee has chosen to recognize this group of historic figures with life-size cutouts to be displayed in front of Smith Maple Crest B&B on Shrewsbury Day!





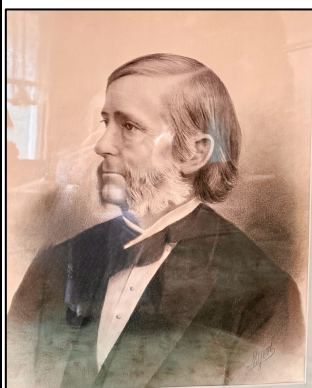
LAUREL GLEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF 1894

This month, I open with the "DID YOU KNOW?" Two big items!!!

- 1) Our plumbing needs major work. The outlet pipe is rotten; the holding tank must be replaced. The estimate is ~ \$8000. Please make a tax-deductible donation at our GoFundMe. Help us fix the WC!
- 2) We seek a new Trustee. Long-time treasurer, Tim Faulkner is leaving the Board at the end of his term. We meet four times a year, fundraise, work with volunteers, help with minor repairs, host open houses and cemetery tours, and so much more. How can you get involved???

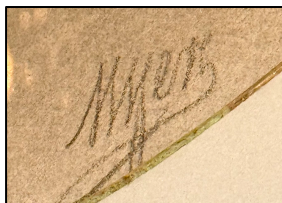
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In last month's Times, you read about the mystery. Folks asked what portrait I cited, so here it is! Charcoal drawings of Jennie and Ella hang in the library, and this, by the same artist, is in a parlor. Each is signed in an illegible hand. What do you think it says? Many of the contents of the mansion were sold at auction in 1953; the building was later rental property, a crafts store, and a bookstore, so it seems

unlikely that this portrait is original to the house, yet it's here. We know from stereographs, made when the house was built, that a few household items are original. This picture is not in the photos, sadly. Who is the sitter? Who made the drawings? Come on, detectives! Solve the mystery!



Candlelight Cemetery and Mausoleum Tours

On Friday, September 18, Laurel Glen will hold candlelight cemetery and mausoleum tours to commemorate the death of Mr. Bowman. Tours begin at 5:00pm and run every half-hour, with the last leaving from in front of the Shrewsbury Historical Society museum at 6:00pm. You must reserve your slot; each group will be limited to 12.

If you don't reserve, you may not be admitted. This is a fundraiser; we ask a tax-deductible donation of \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (Families \$40). Tours last about an hour; they are not scary. Wear comfortable shoes, and dress for weather. Bring a flashlight. Not dog friendly. Email laurelglen.bowmanmansion@gmail.com to reserve your tour!



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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. Email tech@greenmountainneighbors.org with your skills and interests.

If you are interested in becoming a member, a supporting member, or 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 501-C3 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.

Events:

- Third Mondays at 1:30 - 3:30: Bingo at Wallingford House
- August 26, 1:30 - 3:00 @ Wallingford Gilbert Hall Library: VNA/Hospice of SW Virginia will hold a discussion regarding Advance Directives
- Thursday, August 27, at 12noon: GMN Luncheon @ Sweet Caroline's in West Rutland, VT. Please register on the Green Mountain Neighbor's website)

~Submitted by Lois Castonguay

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Medical Equipment

Medical assist equipment donated by Shrewsbury residents who no longer need them are available at no cost on a loaner basis. Including:

- Miscellaneous canes
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- Rollators
- Blood pressure cuff
- Shower seats
- Commodes
- Depends & bedpans
- Chuck pads
- Bed wedges

If you need equipment or have an item to donate, call Donna Swartz at 773-7403 or 802-345-6513 or Ann-Marie Moody 802-492-2091.



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Just like that, we go from the 4th of July to Labor Day and then the 1st day of fall! Wow, that was quick!!

The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept had a busy month. Since the last article we responded to eight emergency calls.

- Four of the calls were for assistance to Regional Ambulance Service,
- A motor vehicle accident on Frank Lord Road,
- A faulty carbon monoxide detector on Russellville Road,
- A smoke detector alarm on Upper Cold River Road, and
- A tractor trailer and train involved accident at the railroad crossing by the swinging bridge. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries but this caused a shutdown on Route 103 from Route 7 to Route 140 for a couple of hours. Our mutual aid partners from Clarendon and Mt Holly assisted with diverting traffic while a VT Hazardous Material team and VT Railway checked the scene until the train could be moved and the tractor trailer unit could be towed from the scene.

We continued pump training with a drill utilizing the new Rescue 1 mini-pumper. The drill began with a site assessment of a location on Button Hill. We discussed best equipment location and set up. This involved pumping water from one engine to a second engine that was closer to the simulated fire site. The portable tank setup utilized a river water source on Spring Lake Road and brought several tanker-loads of water to the site. These types of drills allow us to simulate what real challenges could exist when responding to different locations.

We have performed routine maintenance on our equipment, pumped a couple of our dry hydrants and had a business meeting. A vendor performed annual flow-testing on the self-contained breathing apparatus. A tree fell behind the Northam Station that interrupted electrical service and GMP responded and repaired the damage.

The current culvert work on the School Road and Northam Road led us to place Tanker 2 at the Town Garage in case of an emergency in that area so we could respond quickly.

School will be starting soon and the morning and afternoon traffic will be changing with school buses on the road, please slow down and plan a few extra minutes for your travels.

Thank you to the Shrewsbury community for your continued support, enjoy the fall foliage and remember :

Stay Fire Safe!!

~Submitted by Jack Perry

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.

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MUSHROOMS GALORE!!!

Saturday August 29 @ 9am to 12noon



This walk is appropriate for families and people of all ages. Wear comfortable walking shoes, (expect wet spots!) weather-appropriate clothing. 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

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS & COUNTING

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

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 late-summer days and evenings!

MANY THANKS to brilliant puppeteer JANA ZELLER and Music Director MAGDA SHARFF for bringing SANDGLASS THEATER's riveting "Puppet Crimes" to the Russellville Schoolhouse, sponsored by the Library and SAGE.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 29 @ 5:30pm: Library Dinner & Street Dance @ Meeting House. Please join us for our annual celebration of community, food and music to benefit the library! See our ad elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday, September 19 @ 7pm Poetry Reading @ Russellville Schoolhouse: Members of the Library Writers' Group (and maybe some Special Guests) will join JOAN ALESHIRE to celebrate the publication of her new (seventh) book of poems. See the book cover in our ad elsewhere in this issue of *The Times*.

Saturday, September 26 from 9am on: The Annual **BOOK SALE** opens and continues under the tent for two weeks! See our ad for details.

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, September 6 @ 4pm: 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, September 20 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: Ken Kesey's classic, now 50 years old, novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Please contact Joan if you need a copy. joanaleshire@vermontel.net. Sometimes we meet in person in the Library, and sometimes via Zoom.

Sunday, September 27 @ 7pm In-person & via Zoom: **SCIENCE BOOK CLUB:** *Who We Are and How We Got Here: Ancient DNA and the New Science of the Human Past* by David Reich. 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:

- * *Under the Falls*, the new novel by Richard Russo, author of *Nobody's Fool* and more, set in a small town in upstate New York.
- * *Etna* by Paul Yoon, a stunning novel told in the voice of a dog who notices everything: the surprise critical hit of the season.
- * *The Amateur*, the latest novel by Vermont's own Chris Bohjalian: A psychological thriller about a young golfing champion and a freak accident.
- * *Cool Machine* by Colson Whitehead: The third novel in this terrific writer's Harlem trilogy.
- * *Trash! A Garbageman's Story: A memoir* by Simon Pare-Poupard, translated from the French: A revealing, funny, moving insight into a life of hard work.
- * *Regime Change: Inside the Imperial Presidency of Donald Trump* by Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan. Two veteran journalists with extraordinary access to the White House report, in the non-fiction sensation of the summer.
- * *Astronaut!* by Oana Aristide: A remarkable satirical novel by a Romanian writer, about a young girl and an old woman who subvert a tyrannical government.
- *The Shampoo Effect* by Jenny Johnson: A little light fiction for summer's end.
- *Contrapposto* by Dave Eggers: An "old school" novel from this influential writer, about family and the life-long pursuit of art.

New DVDs include:

- * *Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie*, directed by Nora Jacobsen and others. Back on our shelves!
- * *Harlan County, U.S.A.* The classic documentary by Barbara Kopple, about coal country. A Criterion Collection pick.

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**** **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*.

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.

Tegmark writes "...intelligence doesn't require flesh, blood, or carbon atoms... (page 67). This statement fuels my fear of AI surpassing human intelligence, displacing workers everywhere. Where are they to go without a livelihood? Another unsettling scenario is the stealthy acquisition of lands in the U.S. for "data centers." The general populace does not know who is buying this land, but they do know that it will pose a threat to their communities. The natural resources (water) that the data centers will require is frightening.

I was hoping that this book would allay some of my fears and explain what our lives will be like in the future. It has done neither. Three stars. ~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

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 for the annual sale on **Saturday September 26.**
 Please drop off your donations
 during Library hours.

Donation Guidelines

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- Recent best sellers
- Adult and Young Adult fiction
- Nonfiction: cookbooks, history, politics, biographies,
home & garden, self-help, health, spiritual, travel,
sports, animals
- Children's fiction and nonfiction
- Classic titles, poetry, graphic novels
- Mass-market paperbacks
- DVDs and CDs

We cannot accept:

- Moldy or damaged books
- Textbooks, Encyclopedias or reference sets

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

Beginning on
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September 26
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the tent
for two weeks

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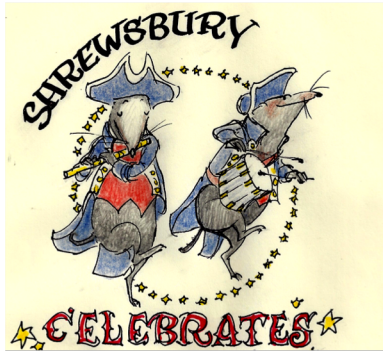
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SHREWSBURY DAY

Sunday - September 13, 2026

Rain Date Sunday, September 20, 2026

Honoring
Our Nation's 250th Anniversary
50th Anniversary Mill River High Schools
40th Anniversary of the Moose and Jessica

10:00-11:00am -- MUSIC

In front of Maple Crest Farm the donated services of our fabulous Shrewsbury town DJ, Brett Myhre
(No thru traffic after 10:45am)

11:00am – PARADE

All groups line up at the corners of Russellville Road at 10:15.
Parade starts when church bell rings!

Parade will line up on Russellville and Northam Roads merge and proceed thru Shrewsbury Center before turning up by the Meeting House—a long, short parade featuring: Bob Snarski, Shrewsbury Mountain School Students and MRU High School Band and Chamber Singers, Marching members of the MRU marching bucket band, Shrewsbury Veterans, Shrewsbury Fire Dept, Rutland Shriners, Antique Cars, our Local Business and Organizations. Also showcasing Mill River Union High School as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Parade followed by Street dance with DJ Brett
After Street Dance enjoy Apple-tizers and cold drinks!

12:00noon ENTERTAINMENT

Dancing and singing on the hill with the fabulous DJ Brett

50/50 RAFFLE!

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

**Bring a blanket or lawn chair
And Enjoy the Festivities!**

All festivities take place outside the Meeting House which will be closed to the public.

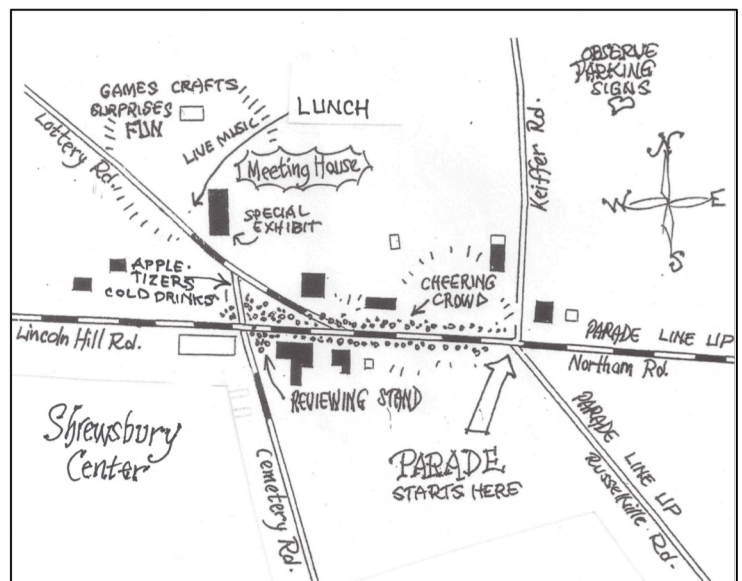
No dogs or other live animals!

12noon – 3:00pm KIDS ACTIVITIES

Tattoos · Design Your Own Caps · Rock Painting · Badge Making · Hair Color Stix
· Razzle Dazzle Nails
Games, Pizza Box Relay, Giant Kick Ball Dart, Corn Hole, Limbo Stick, Giant Jenga And Giant Connect 4

12:15pm – Lunch (By Donation) when the Bugle Blows

Salad greens donated by Evening Song
Veggie and meat chili
made and services donated by Pat Norton of Taco Fresco
Taco Chips to make a Chili Taco Salad,
Rolls & Hot Dogs or Make Yourself a Chili Dog!
Potato Chips, Lemonade
Celebration cakes and Dixie cups for dessert
Live Music donated by Terry Martin Truck Band



MAGIC LANTERN

JOAN ALESHIRE

Please join us for a Poetry Reading



Saturday,
September 19th
at 7 p.m.



at the
Russellville
Schoolhouse,
18 Crown Point
Road, Shrewsbury

With the
Shrewsbury Library Writers' Group
and Featuring Joan Aleshire
reading from her
new book of poems



Free, all welcome

Information: Joan Aleshire: joanaleshire@vermontel.net



Shrewsbury Phone Book Information form



The Shrewsbury Library is preparing a 2027 town phone book.
We have used the 2020 phone book as our starting point.

If you are in the 2020 edition and wish to have the information
remain the same, there is nothing you have to do.

Please fill out the attached form:

- **If you were not in the 2020 phone book**
 - **Or wish to change your information**
 - **Or wish to be left out of the new edition**
-
- Deliver: Shrewsbury Library
 - Mail: Shrewsbury Library, P.O. Box 396, Cuttingsville, VT 05738
 - Email information: shrewsburyphonebook20@gmail.com

Deadline to submit Telephone Information Form: October 1, 2026

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**Choose one- New Entry\_\_\_ Information change\_\_\_**

(Please Print)

**Last Name**

**First Name**

**Spouse's First Name**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;  
{Couples with different last names will be listed separately and will need to fill out a form for each person}

**Primary Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional: email address (only one please)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional: Children's names:\*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize the Shrewsbury Library to include in the 2027 Shrewsbury Phone Book  
the information I have provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to be included in the book.

**Signature:**

**Printed Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of parent/guardian is required if children's names are to be listed, and the signed form must be delivered or mailed to the library.

**Deadline to submit Telephone Information Form: October 1, 2026**

## Shrewsbury Phone Book Advertisers Form

Advertisements from local businesses are being sought by the Phone Book Committee.

Please complete the form below and return with your check to the address below.

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| Full page                     | \$100 |
| ½ page                        | \$ 55 |
| Business Card (1/3 page)      | \$ 35 |
| Single line on business page* | \$ 20 |

*\*No charge for this listing on business page if an ad is purchased. A single line entry of business name and phone will be listed on business page; if space allows, an email or web page can also be listed. Also, there are a limited number of full-page ads, and requests will be filled on a first come basis.*

***Deadline to submit Advertising Form is October 1, 2026***

(Please print)

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (preferably payable by check)

**Please attach camera ready advertisement to this form or email PDF, JPEG, .DOC, or .DOCX to: shrewsburyphonebook20@gmail.com**

*\*Assistance in designing an ad is available.*

**Make checks payable to: Shrewsbury Library –Phone Book**

**Send payment to:**  
Shrewsbury Phone Book Committee,  
c/o Shrewsbury Library  
P.O. Box 396,  
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

***Deadline to submit Advertising Form is October 1, 2026***

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29**

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6:30PM**

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# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

Our Town's agricultural history contains seasonal experiences fondly recalled: Ice cutting, sugaring, putting up loose hay, cider pressing, berry picking. Brad and Irene Kibbe and family had a farm in Saxton's River with acres of blueberries. Many of us travelled there to gather buckets of luscious fruit, leaving the local wild blueberries for the bears.

Now Shrewsbury has its own abundance of splendid blueberries cultivated by Kruegers, Fretzs, Thomas-Prices, and Youngstroms to name a few! In honor of all blueberry growers and sharers, here's Irene Kibbe's recipe for BLUEBERRY BOY BAIT. She may not have invented it, but generously shared it. Feel free to vary it in your own unique delicious way.

## BLUEBERRY BOY BAIT

|                                          |                          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 cups flour                             | 1 cup milk               |
| 1 ½ cup Sugar (or less)                  | 2 eggs                   |
| 1 tspn salt                              | 2/3 cup butter, softened |
| 2 tspn baking powder                     | 1 cups Berries           |
| Topping: ¼ cup sugar and ½ tspn cinnamon |                          |

In large bowl combine flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder mix well; add milk, followed by the creamed butter and eggs. Blend until dry ingredients are moist. Pour into baking dish, arrange berries on top. Combine cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle on top. Bake for 40-50 minutes at 350°

In this 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Nation, we also celebrate some special recent events: Mill River Union High Schools 50th birthday, 40 years since The Shrewsbury Moose and Cow event, and you can probably think of others important to you and your family.

For more than 30 years Ruth Winkler has been quietly collecting news and photos about Shrewsbury. The Winkler family, assisted by Fran Patten, Ann Ridlon and others have filled several filing cabinets with carefully archived Current History.

Brian Winkler, Ruth's son, recently suggested that at age 98 Ruth is ready to retire. Who will carry this on? Are people aware of this hidden treasure?

As a teacher, I was grateful to have access to that carefully preserved information. It represents the life and times of several generations: parents, grandparents, great-grandparents of our school- age citizens. For example, the Vyto Starinkas photos and information that accompany Patrick Farrow's sculpture in the Museum were assembled from these files. They originally introduced his sculpture (Flying School, 1974) in the School's library. Patrick, and Susan Farrow (also an artist) lived in Northam when their daughters Justine and Brittney attended the brand-new Shrewsbury Mountain School. Their home was beside the former Northam Cheese Factory, and Patrick refined his welding techniques in a tiny shop among the pines.

Heartfelt thanks to Ruth and her helpers for creating this treasure trove. Ask about it next time you visit the Museum.

As Ruth says: HISTORY NEVER SLEEPS!

Shrewsbury Historical Society had a jolly and successful Community Tag and Bake Sale August 1, 2026. It came together smoothly with help from the Volunteer Fire Dept, members of the Community Church, Planning Commission and others.



It took place on the lawn beside the Museum, like an old time Lawn Party. Folks found an interesting variety of items, and delicious baked goods. Some visited the Museum and even toured the historic monuments in Laurel Glen Cemetery.

Special thanks to Liesbeth and Michelle van der Heijden for leading this adventure (suggested by Julianne Sharrow more than a year ago)! Thank you to gracious helpers and hosts, both in the Sale tent and inside the Museum: Ann Ridlon, Julianne Sharrow, Sharon and Roger Winnicki, Carly Duval, Donna Smith, Laura Black, and Barbara Griffith.

Joel Korzun came by and stayed awhile to visit and sign copies of his recently published book, *Ancestral Convergence*.

Help from Al Ridlon, Jack Perry, Paul Stewart, Mark, Elliott and Clayton Stewart made the event a special multi-generational community experience.

If you missed it, please don't be disappointed. Next time there will be more advance notice.

~Article by Grace Brigham



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SLR is over the moon to show our friends and neighbors what we've been working on; it's been years in the making from idea to full construction. When you arrive, you'll see a newly constructed mini-neighborhood on the hill overlooking our goat pasture. These buildings are homebase for a step-down program that families have been requesting for years.

While some Ranchers leave SLR ready for a healthy post-Ranch life, others could benefit from a more phased approach to discharge. At BTLTP, they'll practice living independently in private apartments or suites, with full access to the Ranch community. Care managers and a vocational counselor will help them obtain and maintain employment, and assist with developing life skills such as time management, housekeeping, cooking, and medication management. Our goal is to ensure all Ranch residents have what they need for long-term health, recovery, and independence.

*Join Us for the*  
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*of the*  
**BANKS TRANSITIONAL  
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*at Spring Lake Ranch*  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 3-5PM**  
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This is a significant milestone for Spring Lake Ranch, so let's celebrate! Please plan to arrive before the dedication and ribbon cutting, taking place at 3:30 sharp.

And don't forget your dancing shoes for music by Mary Barron and Marcos Levy of the Cold River Band. They met at the Ranch three decades ago when they were young house advisors (now called program coordinators), and they've been playing music together ever since. Marcos says, "A lot of what we experienced there shaped not only how we make music together, but how we value our friendship and how we try to show up in the larger community."

We appreciate the support of our Shrewsbury friends over the past few years. Capital improvements are still ongoing, but this will be a fun day to honor how far we've come. We'll see you soon! ~Article by Rose McCracken

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## The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*

### Exciting News!

#### **We are changing up the Sunday morning program for youth at the Shrewsbury Community Church!**



Please feel free to give other ideas for these town wide projects. Our youth are getting older and we want them to feel challenged and get more involved with our community needs. We will be doing projects that are fun but also learning

how easy it is to get involved with the needs of our community. We will meet at least once a month with a specific focus on families and needs in our town. We have set up a diverse schedule as a guideline to our new program. The following are monthly projects:

**SEPTEMBER:** (Sept 20) Food Drive. Please call Lynette to Donate @ 802-683-0631. We will pick up!

**OCTOBER:** (Oct 9) Lasagna takeout dinner. Raise money for Community Sharing Project.

**NOVEMBER:** (Nov 8) Make homemade soup in jars. Deliver to homes; (Nov 22) All day gathering of greens and wreath making. Lunch provided.

**DECEMBER:** (Dec. 13 & Dec 20) Preparation of Christmas Eve Service and community needs project; (Dec 24) Participate in Christmas Eve Service.

**FEBRUARY:** (Feb.21) Make bird Suet for folks in the community and our families.

**MARCH:** Pancake Breakfast. Preparing, serving and clean up. All volunteers welcome.

**APRIL:** Easter Cook and prepare and eat Breakfast. Boil and dye eggs to give and keep.

**MAY:** Mother's Day Project.

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Be What You Believe In

I am re-reading Thich Nhat Hanh's book titled Living Buddha. Living Christ. What he is talking about is putting our belief/faith into action. Buddha and Christ both believed in love, compassion, peace. We act those values out in treating everyone that we meet with those same qualities. We work for peace. We can be forgiving if we see the other person with compassion for their situation. We donate to causes that we believe in and are passionate about.

I have found that in Shrewsbury people believe in supporting the local community. People will stop by Pierce's store for what they need, what they forgot to get and just for some good conversation and a sense of community, of belonging, a sense of supporting a local business. The store also believes in the community as they host events at the store for local folks to go to. Helping each other is also seen in the community food shelf that the church stocks and is

housed at the town library. As a church community we work to stay in touch with the needs of our neighbors and to lend a helping hand through the fund with that name.

We all need a vital community to thrive. Shrewsbury Community church is blessed to be part of this very special and unique community in the Green Mountains. Peace to all of you. *Pastor Karen*

Shrewsbury Community Church

September Services are in the Center Church on the 2nd floor of the Meeting House

- Sun, August 30, 6pm Evening Vespers Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam, at the Northam Church. (No morning worship service this day).
- Sun, Sept 6, 1030am Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.
- Sun, Sept 13 There will be no worship service. All are welcome to come to the Meeting House and enjoy Shrewsbury Day!
- Sun, Sept 20 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam. Food Drive.
- Tues, Sept 22, 12noon: 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, Sept 27, 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.

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.

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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!
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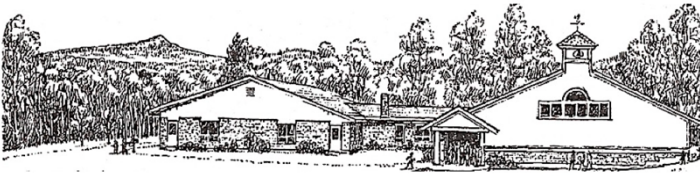
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8/26: First day of School!

8/26: After School Program Begins

9/7: Labor Day - No School

9/15: SMS Open House: PTO Pizza Potluck at 6:00pm, Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm

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.

After School Program: District Coordinator Theresa Serr - tserr@millriverschools.org
<https://sites.google.com/millriverschools.org/afterschoolprograms/shrewsbury-after-school-program>

Road conditions traveling to SMS: The large culvert project on Northam Road is complete and that means that you can take Cold River Road all the way to the school and not need any detours. The Mountain School Road project experienced a delay due to the terrain that was uncovered by the excavation company that was unanticipated and they had to wait for new plans to be drawn up by the engineer. This put a several week delay in the middle of the project. They are making steady progress each day, but at the beginning of the school year, we will experience traffic backing up and delays getting to and from the school during both the morning and afternoon. I have been able to collaborate with our Road Commissioner, Dan Cavoto, to create a plan to keep students and families safe when the volume of cars and the bus will be entering and exiting the school campus. I am very grateful that the Shrewsbury Town Road Crew will be utilizing signs and two way radios to guide traffic one way at a time on the temporary road through the town garage up to the school. They will be in place approx 7:20-8:00am and 2:40-3:20pm. Please plan ahead for extra time in the morning to get to school and I would appreciate extra care and driving with caution as we navigate this short-term issue together. Please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.

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!

Join the SMS team! 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.

Snail Mail: Families have received my Principal Welcome Letter, a School Calendar and Letters from Classroom Teachers with supply lists in their mailboxes to prepare for a great school year!

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!

~Submitted by Kristin Cimonetti, Principal



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Student Art Show News and corrections!

Ever wake at 2 am with a thought seemingly out of the blue? Well, that's what happened to me a few days after submitting the piece to the Times last month. I was horrified to check in the paper in the morning and confirm that I'd left out Laurel's name for her mixed media collage, "Summer Explosion"

...Oh, but it gets worse. A few days later while shopping at Pierce's, Ella informed me she had a "bone to pick" with me. A smile on her face, she told me I'd forgotten her name – and Eliza's too!! I assured her I hadn't forgotten Eliza's, I could recall typing all three family member's names. Thanks for the heads up Ella, you were right. I first listed names by family and then put them in alphabetical order, though with little time between the show and submission deadline I did this at 11 pm. and dropped a few names in the process without noticing. I love that I'm approachable enough for a ten-year-old to correct me. My humble apology to all of you.

I'd also like to acknowledge two late arrivals; thank you Maggie and Celia for your artwork, I wish they'd been on display at the opening. You can still catch them as part of the full show. Read on for details.

The show will be open from 11am – 6pm on August 26, so swing by for ice cream or a cold drink and check out the art work after the first day back to school. Or, see it at Lepidoptera Hour, a great night of local storytelling on Friday August 28. After which the show will come down; I'll be reaching out to return art in early September.

Sincerely, Martha Sirjane

SNO-BIRD NEWS



Well, after several of months of permits and paper work we are getting closer to starting the trail projects. Mike and Dave along with others have been very busy.

To work on US Forest property and the State there is quite a long process. From what I have been told the last thing that needs to get done on the US Forest lands is an inspection of the equipment that is going to be used. Dave is going to install 19 culverts and over 3,000 feet of ditching some south and north of the Governor Clement Shelter on our Corridors 4&7. The culverts have been bad and patched for a long time and the ditches were getting filled in over the years. This will be a big improvement in that area to keep water off the trail for a better trail in the early and late season.

On the Big bridge project on Corridors 4&7 about 1 mile north of the Clement Shelter we are waiting for one more ok from the State before we can start that project. VAST has approved the project for funding so as soon as we get the approval from the State we will get the steel I beams and the rest of the materials ordered.

As I have said, before these projects take a long time to come together some times, the first time we started the culvert and ditching process was after Irene hit. They finally got some funding so you can see how long that was.

We are also going to be doing some debrushing with Dave and his excavator with brush head from the highway garage on US Route 4 in Mendon on Corridors 4&7 to the Gilman Road in Shrewsbury, that is about 11 miles (about 1/3rd of our trail system). There will be some hand de-brushing on the rest of the trails also.



The bridge we want to replace and move to straighten the trail.

Dave and Mike took our Tucker up to Track Inc for some repairs that that we felt were more than we could do properly. We will see how that goes, I have not heard back yet on their thoughts on what needs to be done. They will check it all over and give an estimate to us.

The VAST Annual Meeting is August 29, and we will have several members there to represent the club. All VAST members are welcome. Fall is just around the corner!

~Article by Roy Arthur

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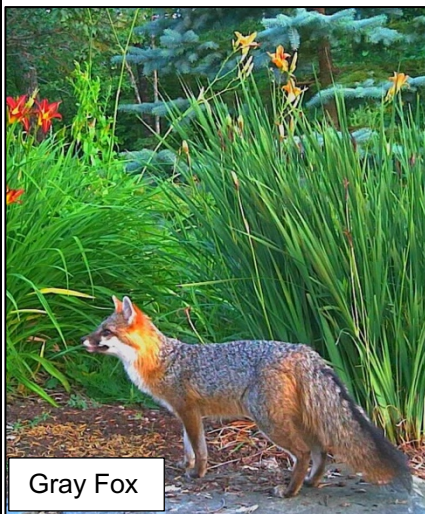


Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Trail Camera Picture of the month

Fantastic Foxes!

Shrewsbury is home to two species of foxes - the red fox and the more secretive, tree-climbing gray fox. Both play important roles in the local ecosystem as adaptable, territorial omnivores. True to its name, the red fox has reddish-brown fur with a distinctive white tip on its tail, black ears, and a white belly. Red foxes prefer a habitat mix of open farmland, fields, and forest edges.



Gray Fox

Gray foxes have a salt-and-pepper gray coat with reddish patches and a black tip on their tails. They have shorter legs, look cat-like, and have semi-retractable claws that allow them to climb trees to escape predators or forage for food. Gray foxes live in dense hardwood forests and low-elevation brush lands. Both types of

foxes enjoy a diet of small rodents, rabbits, birds, insects, and seasonal fruits or berries. They are most active during dawn and dusk.

The Conservation Commission's Wildlife Road Crossings Project recorded 292 instances of fox tracks, scat, and sightings over a five-year period, confirming the consistent presence of both varieties of these beautiful canids in Shrewsbury. Gray fox sign was more abundant than red fox sign, totaling 231 instances of sign versus 61 instances for red foxes. For more information about these fascinating animals, visit VFWD's webpage devoted to all things fox:

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

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



Red Fox

This month's trail camera photos feature red and gray foxes foraging for food in the vicinity of the Cold River. Photos are courtesy of Linda Shelvey and Michelle Greene. If you'd like to see your wildlife photos in the Times of Shrewsbury, email them to Michelle Greene: michelle.a.greene247@gmail.com.

Photo of Gray Fox (top) by Michelle Greene

Photo of Red Fox (lower) by Linda Shelvey



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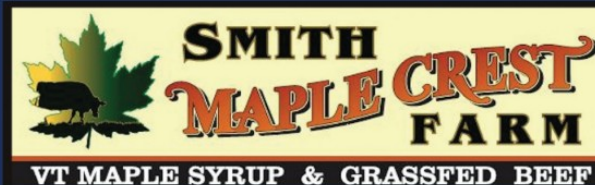
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School is back in session and the students at the Mountain School have returned to a thriving garden. We'd like to thank the three families that volunteered time this summer to join Ms. Bonafine for Wednesday gardening. The garden has been successful because of their effort.

If you pass by SMS you may notice that the six white pines between the garden, the school, and the parking lot have been removed. They were dead or dying and becoming a hazard. Local arborist, Leah Williamson, took these pines down as well as a number of hazard trees by the outdoor classroom. She chipped them all on site between the compost shed and garden where we can easily use them for future garden projects!

In the coming years, we envision a tiered berry patch on the site of these fallen pines. Stay tuned!

Finally, it's time to tune up and dust off your favorite song book as we look forward to an October start of our Russellville Schoolhouse community music jams.

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

~Submitted by Stephen Abatiell



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**

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Another Successful Cooking Class!

The July cooking class was a visit to the Philippines. Heather spent two years there in the Peace Corps from 1966-1968, so it was fun for her to dream up a menu of favorites from there. We made Lumpia for appetizers--it's a Philippine version of fresh egg rolls. The main course was Chicken Adobo with coconut milk and pancit--Filipino Lo Mein. Adobo is the National dish of the Philippines, and we made the version popular in the southern part of the island chain. The first three items show the Asian influence on their cuisine, but dessert highlighted their Spanish colonial period--Flan and Pastillas. The next cooking class to be held in the Fall will be a trip to France. All proceeds from the cooking classes benefit Pierce's Store! ~by Heather Shay



Group photo: (Back row) Jean Marie, Daphne, Heather, Laura, Linda; front: Eila, Weezie, Ronnie & Chryl. Small photos include Ronnie & Laura, Daphne & Weezie.

Place Beaujolais Nouveau order by August 28

This November Pierce's will offer Beaujolais Nouveau from its best-known producer, Georges Duboeuf, the winery that turned the event into a major international phenomenon. Beaujolais Nouveau is a fresh wine from the Burgundy region that is released globally the third Thursday of each November, just in time for Thanksgiving. Fermented only a few days before bottling, it is a refreshing, bright, low alcohol wine that goes great with turkey and all the trimmings. Also, it's very affordable!

Pierce's has to submit its order by August 28, so let me know if you want to reserve any bottles. This year there are two varieties on offer: standard Beaujolais Nouveau for \$16 or a more upscale version, Beaujolais Villages Nouveau for \$18. Notify me at pierceswine@gmail.com how many bottles you want, the variety, and I'll include it in our pre-order.

~Sandy Bragg

News from the Pierce's Store Board

July and August were good to the store. Even with the various detours around town, the store stayed on track. The closure of the CCC Road during a good part of foliage season is another hurdle, but we will soldier on. We do have a great new tool for donations on our website – a QR code- that send you straight to a secure donation site.

You will read in our Managers' Report that there are changes afoot at the store. Harry and Elena have decided that their farm is at a point where it needs their full-time commitment. We are very sad to lose Harry and Elena and we wish them everything positive. The board has a hiring committee set up and hopefully we will have posted the job in as many places (including our website) as can be identified by the time you read this. If you know anyone who might be interested in speaking with us, please send them our way.

The social calendar at Pierce's. Pierce's sold a very impressive array of blueberry baked goods in August- 2 - a sincere thank you to Phyllis Wells for organizing this event once again.

- August 28: Thomas Hartigan will be emceeding and sharing his own stories at our Lepidoptera Hour (think VPR Moth Hour).
- September 26: Sandy Bragg's really helpful and interesting wine tastings, and the Board will be selling light food, beer, & wine by the glass.
- October 3: Chili Fest, organized again by Jeff Monder. Start working on your recipe now for a shot at the crown- this is a competitive town.
- October 17: Wine Class with Sandy
- November 20: The last tasting of the year, and the Board will be selling light food, beer, and wine by the glass in the garage which now has a heater! There are plans to hold a pie auction at the November tasting.

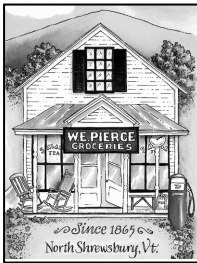
Check piercesstore.com under Events for all the details.

While these events are fundraisers for Pierce's Store, the board and multiple townspeople support them with their time and effort because we want Pierce's to be the community gathering place that Marjorie Pierce meant it to be. Look for more events next year and if you have suggestions, please drop a note at the store or email a board member.

~Submitted by Adrienne Raymond

Shrewsbury Cider Launch Party & Community Apple Pressing

Watson Wheeler Cider, the Shaftsbury cidery that is crafting a special cider made from Shrewsbury apples, will celebrate the release of the new Shrewsbury cider at Pierce's Store on Saturday, October 24 from 2pm--6pm. For the event, Watson Wheeler will bring their press for a community apple pressing for all ages- collect some apples and bring them for fresh cider to take home! The new Shrewsbury cider will be available for tasting and purchase, along with Watson Wheeler's other cider offerings. The name of the new cider is being chosen by Watson Wheeler from all the submissions by Shrewsbury residents and the individual with the winning submission will receive a complementary bottle of the cider. Save the date: more details will be in the October Times of Shrewsbury. ~Sandy Bragg



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Pierce's Enters Next Chapter This Fall

Dear Shrewsbury,

It is bittersweet for us to announce that we will be stepping down as the managers of Pierce's come November. Running the store for the past two years has been a fun, joyous, and busy adventure for us. We've gotten to know so many of you by name and have felt a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation from co-op members who rely on the store and who we see often. Thank you so much to everyone who supported us during this time. We feel very lucky for this experience and very lucky to have been so welcomed by the Shrewsbury community.

What's next for us?

As many of you know, we have started our own entrepreneurial adventure on our farm in South Royalton. We are excited to jump head first into this project, and it feels impossible to continue running the store while we do that. We are so grateful for all the lessons Pierce's has taught us, and we hope you'll stop by and visit us the next time you're in the Upper Valley!

What's next for the store?

It is very much our hope to leave Pierce's in good hands before we leave. The Board, with the Preservation Trust of Vermont has begun a search for new management, and we hope to train our predecessor in the upcoming months. Please feel free to spread the word about the job opening to your networks — we are so excited about this transition and the opportunities it creates for Shrewsbury. In the meantime, we very much expect the store to continue to function as normal.

Autumn is a season of change, and we're excited to embrace all of what that means together. Best wishes,

~Harry and Elena

Pierce's Fall Wine Tasting Features Folk Artists

Thanks to Shrewsbury's tireless impresarios, Paul Sgalia and Vicky Arthur, Pierce's Store will be presenting folk musicians Roy and Jan Smith at its next wine tasting on Saturday, September 26, from 4pm to 6pm (rain date Sept 27). In addition to music and the complimentary wine tasting, there will be appetizers and wines by the glass in Pierce's Garage.



Jan and Roy Smith play what is loosely called Americana - a mix of traditional Appalachian and blues songs, composed folk and country songs, and an occasional pop hit from the early 60's. Coming from

different musical backgrounds (Jan, piano; Roy, banjo & guitar), they found common ground with the 60's folk movement. Roy played in the Shimersville Sheiks, a popular acoustic string and skiffle band whose alumni include Shrewsbury's own Paul Sgalia. Roy was building a banjo when he first met Jan, the first documented incident of a banjo player getting the girl. Jan took up the bass and got recruited into a band after lesson two—yes, she's heard all the bass-player jokes. A year ago, they moved to Middlebury from Chapel Hill, NC where they had spent 25 years playing Appalachian music with the Bolin Creek String Band.

Roy Smith is an unusual musician in his reliance on cochlear implants. His album "Mended Spirit" (available on Spotify) celebrates his hearing journey, which included surgeons and audiologists from the University of North Carolina and, most significantly, his wife Jan. The couple are advocates for the hearing impaired and have founded the Roy and Janet Smith Cochlear Implant Research Fund.

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