Times of Shrewsbury

November 2026

A NEW LOTTERY ROAD BARN

Off The Land and With A little Help from Friends

Everyone knows farmers must be frugal and make do with what is on hand, as much as possible. So, when a new barn is needed, it takes some resourceful planning. A recent example is Aaron Korzun's new cattle barn. First Aaron hired a logger to cut some pine on the farm, splitting the harvested logs with the logger for payment. Then he hired a friend with a portable sawmill to cut the beams and boards needed for the barn, paying for that work with extra lumber cut from the logs. When it was time to frame the barn, Aaron built what he could from the ground and then called in the troops.





The Amish do this all the time, framing a large barn, with dozens of hands, in just a day. So, on a sunny Sunday a few weeks ago, friends and neighbors showed up to raise the rafters and attach the purlins, in preparation for the roof going on before the predicted rain. Like clockwork, those with various experiences set to getting it done, some up high, some on the ground. By the end of the day the framing was done. A few days later, the roof was on, before the rain!

This is an example of what makes small communities great. Neighbors helping neighbors. Many hands making short work of what would either be a difficult and dangerous job for one person, or an expensive job if contracted out. Examples like this have built many homes and barns in Shrewsbury over the decades. And now Aaron's cattle have a nice, sheltered place to congregate during the winter. A job well done.

~Article by Mark Youngstrom







PAXTON GREENS CHRISTMAS TREES

Stewart Lane, Shrewsbury, VT
(off Town Hill Road)

Opening: Friday November 27
Hours: 9-4pm Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
Closing: Late December

Pricing
$60 for a tree over 4' tall.
$45 for all trees shorter than 4'.

New this year: 3% fee on all card transactions.

SALE!
Last two weekends of the season will be a sale on Pine and Spruce trees. Ask us if you need help Identifying the correct trees. All pine and spruce trees will be $40 regardless of size.
Phone (802) 733-7941

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

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





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)*

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct 24	2-6pm	*Cider pressing and introduction of hard cider made from Shrewsbury apples at Pierce's Store
Oct 25	10am-1pm	*Outing Club work - Bessenyay Trails Fall Maintenance Day
Oct 25	1pm	*Historical Society Annual Meeting at the Museum
Oct 25	3pm	*Shrewsbury Singers Concert, "Singing on a Sunday Afternoon" at the Russellville School House
Oct 25	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library and via Zoom (No November meeting)
Oct 30	5:30-7pm	*The Haunted Library at the Library
Nov 1	2am	*Daylight Savings Time ends (Clocks fall back)
Nov 1	4pm	*Writers' Group meets at the Library
Nov 3	10am-7pm	*Election Day; Vote at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road
Nov 14	7pm	*Music Jam at Russellville Schoolhouse
Nov 15	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club meets (location TBD)
Nov 20	4-6pm	*Holiday Wine Tasting at Pierce's Store
Nov 24	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets upstairs in the Meeting House
Nov 26		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Dec 5	7pm	*Annual Cookie Swap and Silent Auction at the Shrewsbury Library

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com
www.shsrewsburyvt.org



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REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays--May-Oct: 9-10am; Nov-Apr: 10-11am at Meeting House
Development Review Board	4th Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda
Library Trustees Meeting	2nd Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg	1st Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3rd Wed. 7pm at MRHS unless otherwise warned
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office; No meeting July & August
Prayer Shawl Group	4th Tuesday at 12noon upstairs at the Meeting House
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays @ 10am Shrewsbury Library & via Zoom wildernessfriends@gmail. com
Selectboard Meetings	1st & 3rd Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	1st 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	2nd 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 *Window Hours:* Mon–Fri 7:30am–10:30am and 11:30am–2:30pm; Sat 8am–11am
Lobby Hours: Mon– Fri 7:30am–5:00pm and Sat 7:30am–11am
Burn Permit: 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
1st Constable: Robert Littmann 802-774-8835, 2nd 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

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

October 7, 2026: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: *Selectboard Members:* Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. *Admin Assistant:* Alaina Cimonetti (Remotely). *Town Clerk*: Rebecca Rice.
Active Participants: Maggie O'Brien *Rutland Regional Planning Commission*. Laura Black and Melissa Reichert *Shrewsbury Planning Commission.*
The meeting was convened at 6:33 PM.
Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the addition of maintenance agreements for Mountain School Rd and Northam Rd Culvert. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. All in favor, motion approved.

LHMP- Final draft: Shrewsbury residents: the final draft of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for your review! From October 7 to October 21, submit any comments you may have regarding the 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update to maggie@rutlandrpc.org. You may also attend the October 21 Selectboard meeting at the Town Office (9823 Cold River Road) to provide your feedback in person. You can view the working draft version of the plan at the Town Office or https://tinyurl.com/shrewsbury-lhmp26.

6:45 PM SWAC Disaster Debris Plan: M. Cimonetti made a motion that the town garage be the designated debris site in case of a natural disaster. The road crew will use the woodchipper to dispose of natural debris at the site collected. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

6:55 PM Letter of Support - Northam Rd. Culvert Replacement (Near Crown Point Rd): A. Korzun made a motion to sign a letter of support of Katie Stiles pursuing funding for the replacement of the Northam Rd culvert replacement. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Operation and Maintenance Agreements for Mountain School Rd and Northam Culverts: This agreement is put in place, so the town continues to monitor and maintain the Culverts. A. Korzun made a motion to accept the agreement. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

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

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 9/16/2026 minutes. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Review Orders: M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #10 for a total of $69,544.95 of which $37,655.28 is for town reappraisal and $20,000.00 was for the garage bond. Approving Road Orders #10 for a total of $860,130.25 of which $454,000.00 was for the Northam Culvert Project and $336,326.00 was for paving. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alaina Cimonetti

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



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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As we approach Election Day in America's 250th year, let's look at what the Constitution says about voting. Adopted in 1787 to establish a government for our newly independent nation, it created a Legislative Branch vesting power in a Congress consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives. Recognizing the differing populations of the 13 states, it provided that each state would have two Senators to be chosen by the State Legislatures while representation in the House was based on actual population.

The Constitution also contained a provision (Article V) for future amendment. The process for adopting amendments was extensively debated and has been used six times to change the manner of voting. Amendment 12 (1804) specified the method for electing the President and Vice-President by means of Electors chosen by the States (what we call "the Electoral College").

After the Civil War, the 15th Amendment (1870) declared that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged…..on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." The 17th provided that Senators be elected "by the people" in each state (rather than by the Legislature). Amendment 19 (1920) said women's right to vote could not abridged "on account of sex." The 24th (1964) said voting cannot be lost for "failure to pay any poll or other tax", and Amendment 26 (1971), following the Vietnam War, lowered the voting age to 18 (voting "not denied….on account of age").

American history thus tells of an ongoing endeavor to expand and protect that linchpin of democracy - the right of a free people freely and safely to choose their government representatives. 70% of Shrewsbury voters cast ballots in the 2024 General Election. We now have 915 registered voters; what will be our 2026 percentage? Let us all exercise our right on Nov. 3 to select the candidates of our choice, "Your Vote is Your Voice".

~Submitted by Jonathan Gibson


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NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

General Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
10pm to 7pm
Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88 Lottery Road

The Warning for the Election, Sample Ballots and the current checklist are now posted at the Post Office, Pierce's Store and at the Town Office. The state mailed out the ballots to Shrewsbury residents on September 25, 2026. If you have not received your ballot by now, please let me know, and if need be, I can issue you a new ballot once you confirm that you never voted the first ballot. At this point, the safest way to receive an absentee ballot is to come into the office to pick one up. The alternative is to come to the Meeting House on November 3 and vote in person.

Once you receive your ballot, you can vote at any time, either by mailing it back, leaving it in the drop box outside the Town Office, by bringing it into the Town Office. **It is probably wiser to not rely on the mail as the ballot must be received, (not just post-marked) before 7pm November 3**. Alternatively, you can bring it with you to the Town Meeting House on Election Day, November 3, from 10am to 7pm. 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 Justices of the Peace are located. Two years ago, a significant number of folks did not complete this side of the ballot.

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

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MRUUSD FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Greetings from Mill River Unified Union School District. We are moving along with district budgeting. During our October 5 finance committee meeting we received the summary for a FY '28 rollover budget scenario from the business office. We also discussed our district surplus and initial ideas for surplus management.

The district has $3.7 million in undesignated surplus being rolled over from last fiscal year. $1.25 million will be directly applied to the current fiscal year and $1 million has been designated for the building sinking fund, as voted on last March on Town Meeting Day. These funds allowed us to pave Mill River and Wallingford's parking lots, as well as refinish the main sports field at Mill River. The board plans to chip away at the current district surplus by addressing facilities projects, deferred maintenance, and by applying a portion directly to the FY 28 budget.

Health insurance and general inflation continue to be large external cost drivers for the budget. The state has asked districts to plan for a 7-8% increase in health insurance costs from the previous year.

Our current rollover budget scenario has an increase of 1.3% over last fiscal year. After this year's administration and teacher contract negotiations wrap, that number will come closer to the 3-5% increase window we typically plan for. That being said, we don't foresee making any other major changes to the rollover budget at this time.

For the sake of efficiency, it is district practice to examine operations and finances for potential strategic cuts. These cuts are often from under or unutilized areas of the budget. Class sizes and appropriate staffing levels are also looked at. In making strategic cuts, we can create more space for strategic additions to the budget.

This year Superintendent Gonzalez believes there is room for some reallocation of staff from the high school level, and that this will keep us in compliance with new state law regarding minimum class sizes. She believes 4-5 positions could be reallocated while still providing quality academic options for our high school students.

As far as strategic additions to the FY 28 budget are concerned, the board is interested in looking at adding more math and reading interventionists at the elementary level, where we are seeing positive results from the shared-intervention program already in place.

Moving forward, the finance committee has asked the superintendent and business office to come up with different budget scenarios for whether or not 4-5 high school positions might be kept, eliminated, or reallocated as elementary interventionist positions. We will be directly weighing tax impact vs. educational impact. We will refine a draft FY 28 budget scenario until it is presented to the full board in December for a vote.

Finally, we will hold another community focus group in the Mill River Library on October 22 at 6:00pm for public input on this year's budget creation.

Here is a link for an online survey for those who cannot attend either of these conversations.
https://forms.gle/RTq8A515HT5BM4QZ6

Scan for Budget Survey

Our next finance committee meeting will be on November 2 at 6pm. In this meeting we will discuss and compare the budget scenarios the committee has asked to see as well as general surplus management. We will create a close to final draft budget at our November committee meeting. These meetings have a virtual meeting option and the public are encouraged to attend. You can find more information about Mill River Unified Union School District, our board, and meeting agendas and minutes at https://www.mruusd.org.

~Submitted by Stephen Abatiell
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Rutland Regional Planning Commission

Big news for the Rutland Region! The Vermont Land Use Review Board and Public Service Department have approved the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan, adopted by town representatives serving on the RRPC Board of Commissioners on May 19, 2026.

The Plan—including the Regional Future Land Use Map—is a practical roadmap for building stronger communities and a stronger economy. It gives towns and local partners a flexible, locally led way to turn shared goals into real results. This is not a one-size-fits-all plan, and it is not about stopping growth. Our Region needs more housing, thriving businesses, reliable infrastructure, and smart investment in every community—from Mount Tabor, our smallest town, to the City of Rutland, our largest. Each municipality has an important role, with growth shaped by its own size, resources, needs, and character.

Thank you to everyone who helped create a Plan for the Region, by the Region. Approval is a major milestone—but it is only the beginning. Now is the time to turn the Plan into action, and everyone has a part to play. Learn more, share your ideas, and get involved! Explore the Plan and see how you can get involved:
https://www.rutlandrpc.org/programs/regional-planning/

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear fellow citizens:

While I support the addition of an equal rights amendment to the Vermont Constitution, it is my opinion that Prop 4, upon which Vermonters will be voting in the 2026 General Election, is discriminatory. The language of the second and third sentences of Prop 4 would provide the mechanism to discriminate based upon group identity, which is in conflict with Article 1, Chapter 1 of the Vermont Constitution. Article 1 intends to protect our inherent, immutable rights as human beings. Prop 4 undermines the basic principle of Article 1 and places the determination of "rights" within the hands of government, rather than protecting our unalienable rights.

An amendment that undermines Article 1 of the Vermont Constitution and provides a mechanism to discriminate is bad governance. I do not support Prop 4 and ask our legislators to present Vermonters with a REAL equal rights amendment.
~Submitted by Deborah L. DeLong

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Dear fellow citizens,
While I support employees' rights to join or form unions, I have concerns about Prop 3 "Right to Collective Bargaining" proposed Vermont Constitutional Amendment upon which we will be voting on the 2026 general election ballot.

The right to collectively bargain is already protected under the First Amendment's "right to assembly" clause. The second sentence of the proposed amendment, "Therefore, no law shall be adopted that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to collectively bargain with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety, or that prohibits the application or execution of an agreement between an employer and a labor organization representing the employer's employees that requires membership in the labor organization as a condition of employment," goes beyond protecting workers' rights to collectively bargain. The second sentence of Prop 3 empowers unions, not employees. Prop 3 would prevent Vermont from ever giving workers the freedom to choose whether or not to join or financially support a union without risking their job.

It is my opinion that if Prop 3, is passed by the voters on the 2026 general election ballot, it will exacerbate Vermont's affordability issues. I believe that the second sentence of Prop 3 would reduce the Vermont legislatures' ability to enact reforms affecting collective bargaining for public sector unions - the VT-NEA and VSEA - over compensation and benefits, limiting options to address rising taxpayer obligations in the future.

Because of the second sentence of Prop 3, I do not support Prop 3. *~Submitted by Sean DeLong*

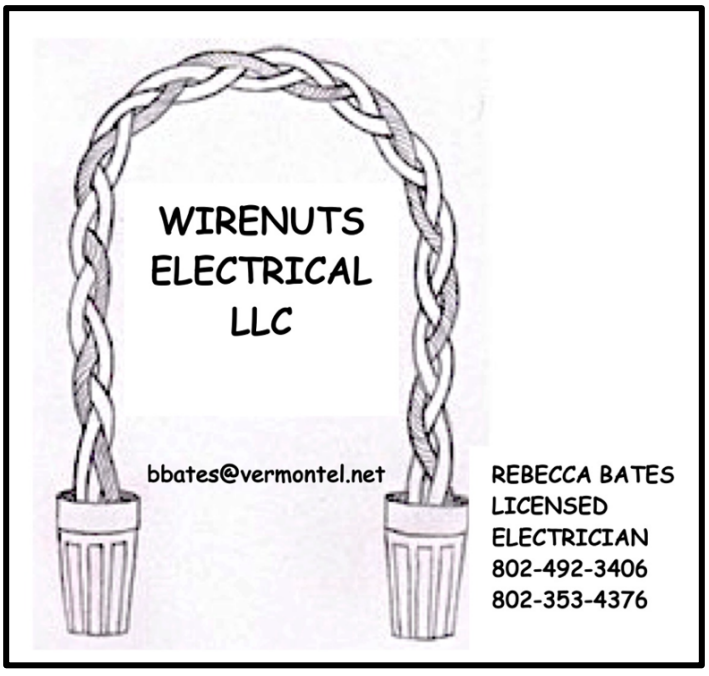
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Meet the Candidate at the Transfer Station,
I feel lucky to be able to support Phoebe Tucker for our VT State Representative!

She is so energetic and committed to being the communication link between her constituents and Montpelier as she said in her public appearance at the Ludlow Town Hall candidates' forum.

Phoebe has been out and about at many events in our district these past months, but if you haven't gotten a chance to meet and speak with her, she will be at the Shrewsbury Transfer Station on October 25 at 1:00pm. She would love to meet you and hear your concerns. *~Submitted by Laura Black*

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Hi everyone!

PHOEBE TUCKER
For VT State Representative
2026
Ludlow - Mt. Holly - Shrewsbury

Thank you so much to all of the Ludlow, Mount Holly and Shrewsbury residents who've come out to meet me on the campaign trail this fall.

Across our three towns, I've met people with a wide range of backgrounds. But one conversation that unites us? We **all** want to live in communities where we can **afford our bills**; access **housing, healthcare**, **and food**; keep our **schools** local; and ensure our **kids and working-class families** have the support they need.

I'm excited to advocate for these concerns in the Statehouse, and I'd be **honored to have your vote.**

As your candidate, I am committed to **collaborating** across party lines; maintaining open lines of **communication**; being **transparent** about my voting choices, and showing up with **authenticity** and **compassion**.



I can't wait to be your voice in Montpelier, and to **see you at the polls on November 3rd**.

In the meantime, stay in touch! Visit my website: www.phoebeforvermont.com, call/text me: (802)-230-4439, or email me: phoebeforvermont@gmail.com.

Warmly,
Phoebe

Paid for by Friends of Phoebe Tucker For Vermont.

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



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.

2026 marks the 74th year of the SVFD which had its humble origins in March of 1952. With this milestone, the department held its annual meeting and election of officers on the first Thursday of October. The meeting started with a catered supper for members and their families. After dinner, a short business meeting followed under the direction of President Jack Perry. A sincere thank you was extended to Barry Griffith for his 40 years of service as our treasurer and secretary. New firefighters Tim Peer, Isaac Day, Will LaFountain and Shawn Danaher were also recognized as was returning firefighter and former chief Steve Walsh. Their contributions to the department are greatly appreciated.

Chief Phillip Severy reported on the past year in which the SVFD responded to 48 calls. He recognized the efforts of Matt Danaher, Jack Perry, and Tim Peer for their efforts in servicing air packs and their work to bring the new Rescue One truck online.

Chief Severy also presented exemplary service awards. The Peter Cosgrove award was presented to Firefighter Isaac Day, while the Chief Snarski Award was presented to Barry Griffith.

Following awards and recognitions, the annual election of officers was held. The results of the elections were as follows: Chief – Phillip Severy, President – Jack Perry, Vice President – Bob Snarski, Secretary – Bob Snarski, and Treasurer – Barry Griffith. Trustees at large were Mark Stewart, Hal Niblack, and Shawn Danaher.

A special presentation to the department was made by Shawn Danaher, who had procured 17 two-way radios donated by Essex Fire and Rescue to the SVFD. The radios, which were replaced in Essex as part of a periodic upgrade for the city, are compatible with the current SVFD radios. They will require re-programing to Rutland County frequency, and once that is completed, they will be assigned to SVFD members to allow for improved inter-department communications. This will enable members to notify each other of their responses, take care of traffic control situations, facilitate communications from interior or rooftop fire scenes to those on the fireground and much more. They will not be programmed to communicate with state dispatch as only officers are allowed to make that contact due to state regulation.

The SVFD responded to three calls during the past month. On 9/22 members attended to a call for a “lift assist” with Regional Ambulance on Town Hill. On 9/24 a call came in for Mutual Aid to a residential fire alarm in Mount Holly. The call was cancelled as the SVFD was enroute. On 9/26 a response was made to Tabor Road for a Carbon Monoxide alarm. In this case, the alarms were found to be expired and were replaced.

And so, the SVFD now officially begins its 75th year of volunteer service to the Town of Shrewsbury. So many thanks go out to those members who have given of their time and talents over the years to help make our department what it is today. And thanks to you, our citizens, who have supported the SVFD in so many ways. The SVFD asks for continued vigilance to ensure the safety of our town from fires, accidents, and general emergencies. Should you have need of assistance, a call to 9-1-1 will quickly bring you a response.



At the SVFD's 74th Annual Meeting in October one our newest members, Isaac Day, received a reward for his service over the past twelve months. Fire Chief Phil Severy presented the award plaque to Isaac.

~Photo by Hal Niblack

The SVFD asks that all citizens do their best 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.



LAUREL GLEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF 1894

The open house at Laurel Glen on Oct 4 was a great success. We had a steady crowd: so many, we lost count! Uniformed docents Barry Griffith, Dash and Jeff Monder, Tim Faulkner, Colleen Kennedy, Alannah Severy, Ed Sawyer, Ann Vanneman, and Liz Smith were on hand to greet the visitors, one from Texas! And, we had a successful bake sale, a first for us. The weather was perfect – sunny and crisp.

Reproductions of the famous Haunted Mansion Bookshop posters are selling well. These beautiful, full color 12x16" posters can be purchased by contacting us via email. Or visit our community sponsor, Wally's Corner, at the Olde Barn complex in Cuttingsville. You can also purchase one at the mansion; contact us to set up a tour!

Also available are beautiful stickers – five different designs! They range in price from $4 – 6.50. Adorn your water bottle, laptop, car, or whatever with a Bowman sticker while supporting Laurel Glen. These can be ordered by mail or by visiting Wally's Corner.

DID YOU KNOW? Many folks ask how a mildly successful tanner in tiny Stony Creek, NY, was awarded a contract to supply leather to the Union Army. John Bowman was a prominent businessman in Rutland County before moving to Stony Creek, even being elected to the VT State Legislature in 1851. Rutland attorney, Solomon Foot, was President pro tempore of the US Senate during the American Civil War. Foot held numerous offices during his illustrious career, including Speaker of the VT House of Representatives, State's Attorney for Rutland County, member of the US House of Representatives, and US Senator. When the war broke out, Foot knew Bowman from their time together in VT and was able to send business to a former colleague.

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https://www.instagram.com/bowmanmansion/
Our website: www.bomanmansion.org
Email laurelglen.bowmanmansion@gmail.com
All donations to Friends of Bowman Mansion (P.O. Box 416, Cuttingsville, VT 05738) are tax deductible. *~Submitted by Freddie Monder*

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:

- Miscellaneous canes
- Wooden crutches
- Adjustable aluminum crutches
- Walkers & Wheelchairs
- Knee scooters
- Brace walking boots
- Gait belts
- Grab bars & Toilet safety bars
- 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.

SMITH MAPLE CREST FARM .com
2450 Lincoln Hill
Shrewsbury, VT
802-492-2151
WED - MON
10 AM - 5 PM

STOCK UP ON OUR VERMONT MAPLE SYRUP
- Golden Delicate
- Amber Rich
- Dark Robust
- Very Dark & Strong

GRASSFED BEEF & MORE
- Sirloin Steaks
- Beef Roasts
- Short Ribs
- Sausages
- Ribeyes
- Briskets
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and
www.shrewsburyhistorical society.com

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Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

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(NOTE CHANGE as of October 4)
Thursday 7pm to 9 pm
Friday 10am to 12pm
Saturday 10am to 12pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR WEDNESDAY HOURS HAVE CHANGED AS OF OCTOBER 4 TO: WEDNESDAY, 10am to 7pm UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

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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.

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped make the BOOK SALE an annual success: Everyone who put up the tent, donated books, carried and sorted them into categories, browsed and bought items during the two-week honor system; and everyone who helped remove the left-overs: Neal with his forklift; the Transfer Station; and our new re-sale partner, Bay State Books!

COMING EVENTS:

Friday, October 30 @ 5:30 p.m.
The HAUNTED LIBRARY. See our ad in this issue!

Saturday, December 5 **@ 7pm**
SILENT AUCTION/COOKIE SHARE/HOLIDAY PARTY!

Continuing Programs:
Sunday, November 1 @ 4pm: WRITERS' GROUP: If you have poems or short prose pieces (stories, personal histories) to share with our supportive, friendly group, please join us. Info contact: Penelope Weiss: pw9@earthlink.com or Joan Aleshire: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, November 15 @ **4**pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: *The Odyssey,* as translated by Emily Wilson. Session 2. Copies are available at the library. Please contact Joan if you need a copy: joanaleshire@vermontel.net. Sometimes we meet in person in the Library, and sometimes via Zoom.

Sunday, October 25 @ **7**pm In-person & via Zoom: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Biomimicry: Nature's Playbook* by Peter Schaefer. Print copies and e-books are available. Please contact Margery Salmon for information: salmonm@vermontel.net. There will be no meetings in November and December. Check the December *Times of Shrewsbury* for updates.

New Books include:
* *If not, winter: fragments of Sappho*, translated by Anne Carson, winner of the 2026 Nobel Prize for Literature. (We'll have more books by Carson soon!)
* *Partita*, the new novel by Barbara Kingsolver, about a former concert pianist hoping to revive her dreams.
* *The Odyssey*, translated by Emily Wilson. Skip the movie; read the book!
* *Crossing the Wine-Dark Sea: Journeys through Classical Literature* by *Odyssey* translator Emily Wilson.
* *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred Work of Grief* by Francis Weller.
* *Ply* by Hernan Diaz: the new dystopian novel by the author of the acclaimed *Trust.*
* *Avalon, Rise* by Madeline Ffitch: a novel set in a small town in Appalachia torn by political dissent.
* *Bread of Angels*, a new memoir by singer Patti Smith, about her life as a wife and mother in a pause in her career.

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

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

Whistler
by Ann Patchett
★★★

This is another well-written book by this prolific author. I was intrigued by the events of the snowy car crash leaving a nine-year-old girl and her stepfather stranded in a life-threatening situation.

The story begins in earnest when the grown-up little girl is visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art with her husband when he notices that they are being followed from gallery to gallery by an elderly gentleman. The gentleman turns out to be the beloved stepfather. A lovely reunion ensues.

All the characters in this book are wildly successful, beautiful, and rich. The fabulous horse on the cover, Whistler, is a side note, nothing more. Indeed, Whistler is not mentioned for a very long time once the story begins. For a person (me) who thought this book was about a horse, you might understand my disappointment!

~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick
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Spring Lake Ranch
therapeutic community

Farm Crew Gets a New Leader

SLR is pleased to introduce Hadley Stock, our new Farm Crew Manager. Hadley grew up in Dorset ("back when it was a small town") and has been farming in Pawlet for the past twenty-five years. Her love of farming started when she was pregnant with her first child. She got what she called her "gateway chicken," and it grew from there. Pawlet is a strong farming community, so she knocked on neighbors' doors and asked to work for and learn from them. Eventually, she ran her own pasture-raised pork and poultry farm.



"I also really wanted to strengthen the connection between the people who were growing the food and the people who were making the food," says Hadley. "And the people who were eating the food!" She sold farm-to-table meals through catering, a food truck, and a grab-and-go spot in Manchester. After welcoming her second child, she transitioned to the nonprofit sector and worked for both Merck Forest and the Smokey House Center. The idea of working longer-term with residents, helping them discover their own love of farming is what drew her to the Ranch.

She also knows what it is like to struggle with what's next, like many of our residents. "I went to college straight from high school, went to art school, then realized, what was I going to do with a degree in ceramics? I floundered for a few years, and it took a while to find the connection between doing work and doing what I love. It took a long time, but I love what I do. I go home from work and keep working."

Twenty years ago, Hadley and her partner also became sober. Working the land healed me as I was getting sober. For me, farming is therapy. It's getting to be outside, getting to be very connected to the earth, very grounded, very connected to my food system. Animals are proven therapeutic tools, and I'm really excited to put that to practice with other folks, not just for myself."

She's also looking forward to another big part of working at the Ranch...maple syrup production. "My partner and I got sober and traded one addiction for another—sugaring! Now it's a whole family thing. We love it!"

Her family will move into the Sarcka House on SLR's campus this November. Her son will go to Shrewsbury Mountain School, her daughter to Stafford, and her partner will work at Vermont Wood Pellet Company.

As excited as Hadley and her family are about moving to the Ranch, SLR is even more excited to welcome them. After Hadley's site visit and interview, there was a rare consensus on the hiring committee—she was just who we were looking for! We're thrilled to have Hadley as a new addition to the Ranch and Shrewsbury communities. *~ by Anna Sutton*

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Calling All Photographers!

The Shrewsbury Board of Auditors is soliciting recent photographs of Shrewsbury life for the town's 2026 Annual Report.



We particularly value photos of Town officers and Town events (such as Shrewsbury Day, concerts, school activities, etc.), but also welcome scenic pictures from in and around Shrewsbury.

Submit your picture as a jpeg file and email it to auditshrewsbury@gmail.com no later than January 1, 2027. Don't forget to provide captions identifying people, places, and events. Also, be sure to identify the photographer so we can give them proper credit! The Board of Auditors will review the photos and select them based on applicability and space availability. Thank you for your help with our Town Report!

Shrewsbury Board of Auditors

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SNO-BIRD NEWS

The Sno-Birds have really been busy the last month. Dave Fucci has been out with a lot of help from Scott Ryan and others on three big projects. The first one was installing 19 culverts and over 3,000 feet of ditching for drainage. There was a lot of tread work and 9 tandem loads of stone to make the road smoother and firmer with the muddy conditions. They had the excavator, skid steer and track dump truck for the project which is on Federal property on 4&7.

The next project was the 45-foot steel I beam bridge just below the old Pocobut Camp area about 1 mile south of the Clement Shelter on 4&7. Mike Stewart helped a lot with the permitting process. The State had to do all kinds of studies including a bat study. At last, we got the ok and got started. We had help from Jay Young with his bigger excavator to help set the bridge and pull out the old bridge. Dave took the wood to Hubbard's and Scott cut the steel frame and scrapped it, so no mess was left. There were several club members helping with this project to make it go quickly.



The big bridge project is almost done! Workers on the bridge were Craig Lyons, Scott Ballard, John Hogan, and Dave Fucci.

This is the same type of bridge as last year so Dave used the same plans as he did last year. With the new bridge placement, the trail is a lot straighter with no 90-degree corners, which makes grooming easier. It was tight before. Dave is now de-brushing with his excavator and brush head. Bill Lohsen was helping with his tractor and brush hog also. Pro Cycle is letting us use a track skid steer with a cutter bar for a few days also. We had a good group on s Sunday using hand brush cutters to clear two plus miles also. We will be out again on Saturday and start the upper trails. We should be ready by opening day.

The club is also still looking for a secretary so if you could help, we would like to hear from you! I want to thank everyone that has been helping! *~Article by Roy Arthur*

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December 2026

Cuttingsville Railroad Station was operational in 1903 and continued to run into the 1950's and was eventually taken down.

December 27, 1918 Frank Plumley, enjoying a meal in the dining room of the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier, was delighted to find a large pearl in his serving of oyster stew.



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Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

Exhibits honoring Shrewsbury Treasures

On Sunday, October 11, the Historical Society hosted an informal reception at the Museum for two Shrewsbury Treasures: Joan Aleshire and Julanne Sharrow. The gathering was part of our ongoing celebration of the Town's history.



Joan Aleshire Exibit



Julanne Sharrow Exhibit

Shrewsbury has many individuals, groups, organizations. and events to be aware of, and proud of!

Among the guests on were family and friends of Joan and Julanne, their associates from the Library, Winters' groups, SAGE, the DAR, Community Church, town government, Meeting House Committee; farmers, poets, historians,
artists, teachers .... Because they wouldn't be able to attend on October 11, several friends had come to the Museum the previous Sunday to see the special exhibits honoring Julanne and Joan.

Passersby stopped to see the Museum and stayed to visit with the jolly group. Thank you to Gina Stewart for photos of the occasion.

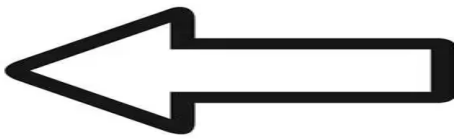
The Historical Society's annual meeting takes place Sunday, October 25 at 1:00pm at the Museum. You are welcome to attend and see what we are about.

- Do you love history and Shrewsbury?
- Do you have ideas to share.

The Museum closes at the end of October, but you can still visit by contacting us at either:

Julanne Sharrow at
julanne@vermontel.net
Grace Brigham (802) 492-3458
Visit our website:
www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

~Submitted by Grace Brighab



Corrected Calendar

Much of the numbering on the 2026 Shrewsbury Historical Society Calendar December page is incorrect. So, if you have a copy of the calendar, you can replace it with the corrected one here!



Got your shovel ready?

You Worship Who?

We build cathedrals on the land
& cathedrals in our minds
Both are meant for worshipping
But only one might be the kind
Designed to bring about
Hopefulness & compassion
Not for glorification
Of someone without passion

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The Bridge

When build structures
To bring sides together
We repair ruptures
Outlasting bad weather

Each bridge constructed
To bridge a divide
Is behavior conducted
In support of all sides

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How to Learn

Whether I lose or I win
I remain quite sanguine
As I only compete with myself

Whether mistaken or correct
I'm imperfectly perfect
& this learning brings me great wealth

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Better Built

No the idea is not novel
& no we will not grovel
Nor beg for the return of our nation
But rather we wlll fight
For the return of our right
To improve each other's station
At the fore will be compassion
So much more of that in fashion
In a strong community's curation

Poems by Thomas Hartigan
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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Exciting News! We are changing the Sunday morning program for youth at Shrewsbury Community Church! Please feel free to give ideas for these town wide projects. Our youth are getting older, and we want them to feel challenged to 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 meet at least once a month with a specific focus on families and needs in our town.

- The following are projects for November: Sunday November 8. Food Drive. Please call Lynette to Donate @ 802-683-0631. We will pick up!
- Sunday Nov 22nd-All day gathering of greens and wreath making. Lunch provided. Dress for the weather. We will be cutting our own balsam.

Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar

(All services are in the Center Church on the 2nd floor of the Meeting House.)

Sun, November 1, 10:30am Worship service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam

Sun, November 8, 1030am Food Drive and Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam

Sun, November 15, 10:30am Worship service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.

Sun, November 22, 10:30am Worship service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam. Wreath making all day. Lunch will be provided

Tues, November 24, 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, November 29 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.

FOOD!!

This is a song from the musical Oliver! The street urchins are singing this song. They would be the homeless children of today. Yes, there are homeless children on our streets today. We recently held a take-out lasagna dinner. Lasagna is not my favorite Italian meal but this lasagna was great. It had enough cheese and sauce in it. I got 2 portions out of mine. As a church we raise money to help others through the helping hand fund and the community sharing project fund. There are people in our own community in need. Given the sharp rise in the cost of gas, food and other necessities the use of the food shelf has also dramatically increased. As a church we will just do more to raise more to meet the increased need.

These are hard times in our world. Things which we have nothing to do with impact our daily lives. That's hard. No one escapes the pain. Just like any other time in history the burden of this falls on those with the least. The ones with no discretionary income, the ones who live from paycheck to paycheck. These are the ones that are repeatedly mentioned throughout the Bible as those that we should be focusing on.

We are very grateful that we have our faith to direct us to do for those in need. A simple thing that we can do. We also know that we can't do so alone. We are very grateful for this very generous community to work together to feed the 5000. It is a miracle of giving. *~Pastor Karen*

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 Julanne 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*





120 Lasagne Take-Out Dinners!

Thank you to everyone who ordered lasagna dinners last month! We served 120 dinners and sold out! We were able to raise much needed funds with the proceeds for our community sharing project which provides gift cards for kids and grocery cards for families for holiday dinners!

If you would like to be included in our gift or grocery card list please call Sue @ 802-779-4360.

Helping with the Shrewsbury Community Church Lasagna Take-out Dinner were Kitchen crew-helpers (L-R) Cortney, Lynette, Ellen, and Sue. And, helping with salad and packaging were (L-R) Anissa, Carly, Eliza, Roxanne, Julanne, and Isabelle

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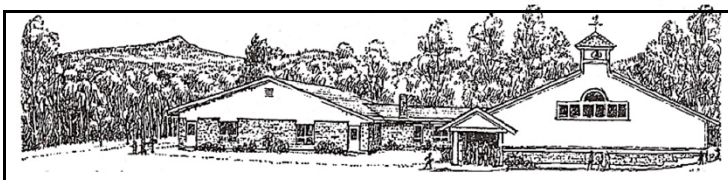
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SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Our students have been having so much fun learning and playing outdoors in our beautiful weather this Fall season!

Important Dates:
Oct 22: Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Fire Safety Presentation
Oct 30: Trunk or Treat sponsored by our SMS PTO
Nov 11: No School - Veterans Day
Nov 16: Half Day Release - Professional Development
Nov 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

Harvest Festival:
This past Thursday, 10/15, our students celebrated the harvest season with an all-school festival event. Each classroom harvested items from our school garden, cooked a special dish to share, and then took a "passport" around our gym to taste test all of the food choices. After students sampled each food, they would get a vegetable sticker in their passport and get to vote on the data wall for that item. The three choices were "I liked it", "I loved it", and "I will need to try this again"... The students were so excited to try new things and have their voice be included in the data collection. After all the students were able to travel to all the food stations in the gym, we came together as a whole school and made some observations about the data collected. The next part of the celebration had craft and activity stations all throughout the school and the campus. Students were able to freely choose which stations they wished to experience. The activities included:

- Origami Butterflies with Miss Linda our After School Program Director
- Fall Sing-A-Long with Mrs. Hart
- Strange Vegetable Drawing with Miss Brigham and Miss Ridlon
- Corn Hole and Tic-Tac-Toe with Ms. Rice
- Harvest Mural with Miss Maria
- Leaf Art with Ms. McDonough
- Corn or Pumpkin Beads with Ms. Levins
- Vegetable Math with Ms. Girardi
- Garden Jobs and Secret Ingredient Lemonade with Ms. Bonafine and Mr. Dave

I am so grateful for all our dedicated educators giving our students this amazing learning opportunity and festival. It is one of our favorite events of the school year!

Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Fire Safety Presentation: We are looking forward to a visit by our Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Fighters and the Fire Truck. Each year our dedicated volunteers provide an all-school assembly on fire safety and let every student visit the fire truck. We are so thankful for our local heroes always keeping us safe!

SMS PTO Request: Please save your bottles and cans over this winter! Our SMS PTO is having a **BOTTLE DRIVE** this Spring to support learning and special experiences at our school! Thank you for all your support!

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. Happy Fall! *~Kristin Cimonetti, Principal*





Attention Shrewsberries!
The Shrewsbury Apparel sale is returning! We will offer the same two designs as last year; SMS apparel with our mascot, Marley the Moose, and Shrewsbury VT apparel.

Visit our webstore at All Star Ink to see more styles!
https://all-starink.com/collections/shrewsbury-mountain-school

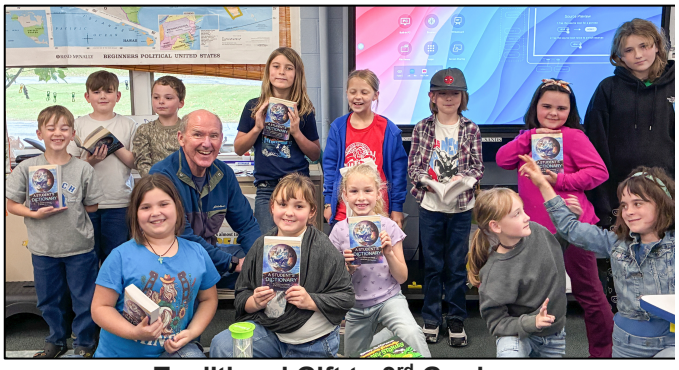
There will be two print dates:
Order by Nov. 9 - your items ship the following week.
Order by Dec. 7 - your items ship the following week.

Items will be ready ahead of the holidays. Please spread the word to Shrewsbury lovers far and wide!

Proceeds benefit the Shrewsbury Mountain School PTO and ultimately, our children!

Thank you for your endless support!

~Submitted by Ingrid Wisell



Traditional Gift to 3rd Graders

The Wallingford Rotary Club has provided personalized dictionaries to Shrewsbury Mountain School third graders for twenty years. Local Rotarian Barry Griffith visited Ms. Levins' combined 3/4 class on October 13 to make this year's presentation. The book also contains a lot of other information for the students to explore in the days and years ahead. *~Photo by Colleen Levins*



SMS Harvest Festival





















SAGE
SHREWSBURY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION + ARTS FOUNDATION

Once again students at the mountain school celebrated the season with their annual Harvest Fest! Autumn inspired cooking, tasting, art, and games led each grade level through a living and learning adventure, utilizing produce from the school garden. With Harvest Fest behind, the students will prepare to put the garden and the orchard to bed for the winter season.



Another community celebration took place this month on the other side of town at Aaron Korzun's farm. With the help of friends and neighbors, Aaron has felled trees on the farm, milled lumber, and now raised a new cattle barn. Such local building practices may be rare these days, but that makes their impact even greater felt. Ben Aleshire captured the scene with his camera and this thought, "I was so moved with how a community of young and old comes together to make such a big project happen—"



Young and old were represented at October's community music jam!! Mark your calendar for November 14, when School House Jams come back to the Russellville School House at 7 pm. Jams continue on the second Saturday of the month through April or May.

SAGE has a mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. For more info: contact Stephen Abatiell at educate.sage@gmail.com, Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit www.sagevt.wordpress.com. 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
~Photos by Ben Aleshire (barn raising), and Vicky Arhtur (music jam)



Back L-R Soraya, Sky
Front L-R Charlotte, Isabel
Soccer photos by Catherine Carrara



Grades 3-4 Soccer
L-R: Harper B, Brady P.



Grades 5-6 Soccer
Back row L-R: Cooper, Everett, Bennett, Hal, Christian
Front Row L-R: Eliza, Hannah, Isabelle, and Kayla

Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Trail Camera Picture of the month

The Black Bear's Fall feeding frenzy is called Hyperphagia. Bears forage for berries, nuts and apples and can put on 2-3 pounds per day. Vermont Fish and Wildlife's 2026 Hard Mast Crop Report isn't out yet. However, observations from the forests note Hickory and Oak trees with heavy mast loads. This is a surprise after last year's drought.





Enjoy the pictures of a family of triplet cubs as they climb trees and scent mark a utility pole.







Reesa Watson shared her wonderful pictures of a Bobcat taken on Northam Road. Thanks Reesa!



This night flight was caught on Gina Stewart's game camera.

If you have a wildlife picture to share, please send it to Linda Shelvey at lpurdyshel@gmail.com

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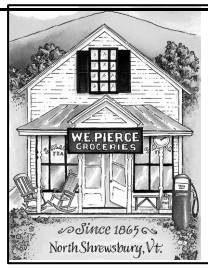
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What's Happening at Pierce's?

There's plenty happening at Pierce's this fall, from new faces and old friends to delicious chili, fresh cider, and a festive finale to the year!



A New Chapter at Pierce's

Pierce's is getting ready to welcome a new manager! Val Hannan officially joins the team on Monday, October 26, and will spend her first week working alongside Harry and Elena, learning the ins and outs of the store. On November 1, Val will officially take over as manager.

Harry and Elena have been part of Pierce's for the past two years, and we'd love for the community to stop by during the week of October 26 to thank them for their dedication and give Val a warm welcome. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the people who make Pierce's such a special part of our community.

Chili Champions!

Pierce's 5th Annual Chili Cookoff was a delicious success! With perfect fall weather, a garage full of neighbors, lively conversation, and an impressive assortment of homemade chili, it was a terrific afternoon.

After the votes were counted,

Dashiell Monder took first place,
Lavinia Seide earned second, and
Val Hannan claimed third.

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank-you to everyone who cooked, tasted, voted, and joined in the fun! And yes, our incoming manager apparently knows her way around a pot of chili!

Mark Your Calendars

October 24 from 2–6pm: Watson Wheeler and his cider press will be introducing his new cider made entirely from Shrewsbury apples as well as revealing its name.

Friday, November 20, from 4–6pm: Pierce's will host its final event of 2026: a wine tasting and pie auction! There will be live music, food and beverages available for purchase, and plenty of good company.

We need pie bakers! Community members are encouraged to donate homemade pies for the auction. Whether you're a master baker or simply love a good slice of pie, this is one celebration you won't want to miss.

Thanksgiving Is Around the Corner

Thanksgiving turkey orders are now open through Pierce's special-order website. Orders will be available for pickup on Tuesday, November 24, just in time for the holiday.

A Little Store Improvement

Pierce's has also installed a new walk-in cooler, another investment in keeping the store running smoothly and serving the community.

As the seasons change, there's always something happening at Pierce's. Stop by, say hello, and be part of it!

~Submitted by Stacy Harshman
~Photo by Ed Sawyer

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Holiday Wine Tasting
Friday, November 20, from 4pm to 6pm

The Shrewsbury Co-op at Pierce's Store will host a complimentary pre-holiday wine tasting Friday, November 20 with chamber music, appetizers and wines by the glass in Pierce's Garage. We'll be sampling wines from the prestigious Piedmont region of Italy as well as this year's newly released Beaujolais Nouveau (officially released 1 day prior to the tasting). Meanwhile, in the Garage, the illustrious trio of Al Wakefield (flute), Roxanne Ramah (violin) and Kristi Bragg (cello) will be performing, accompanied by hors d'oeuvres and wines by the glass. Prepare for the big holidays in style at Pierces! *~Sandy Bragg*

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