



# Times of Shrewsbury



April 2011



*When the sap starts running, surely  
Spring is almost here*

## EARLIEST MEMORIES

Many of the local sugarhouses are run by people who have fond memories and a long history in their trade. At the Spring Lake Ranch sugarhouse Bruce Allen's eyes light up as he remembers sitting around an open fire when he was about 8 years old. A big cast iron pot sat on a grate, and sap was poured into the pot to boil until it was syrup—enough to supply the family for the year.

In the middle of summer when Art Krueger came to Vermont, he saw the spacing of the trees in a sugarbush. It occurred to him that it was the most beautiful thing he'd ever seen. His first visit to a sugarhouse with his father in Connecticut was not so memorable though. But he does remember his father was very tired and out of sorts, and Art says you can get that way when you've been boiling long hours. "The sugarhouse is not a nuclear power plant, but it can melt down if you don't watch out."

At Maple Crest Farm sugaring has been a way of life for over 200 years. Bill Smith says he remembers tapping trees with snow up to his waist. They climbed over snowbanks and spilled half the contents. The sap was put in 40-quart milk cans and taken to the house. When the syrup was ready it was canned cold in tin containers.

Back in Michigan Terry Martin first learned sugaring with his dad who had a 40-tap operation. They used one-gallon milk jugs that were always running over with sap, and he loved going up to the taps and drinking out of them—the practice that coined the phrase "sap sippers."

The garage was where Jack Jesser began sugaring. He started with a 2 x 4 pan, boiled 230 hours, and got 15 gallons of syrup! After a few years when he had 65 taps, he had Grimms make a copper 2 x 5 pan. That year he made 35-40 gallons.

"If he hadn't come along when he did, we would have had clean buckets." That's what Orville Woods' father always said about Orville's April birthdate which took his mother away from washing the buckets. Orville said it was a long time ago, but he thinks he was around 4 or 5 that he first remembers being in the sugarhouse with his mother. "I must have had a good time, it stuck with me." He recalled the fire box and figured if he fell in that it would leave a mark, so he stayed away from it. His father wouldn't allow them to drink the syrup, so he and his brother were sloppy working with it so they could lick it off their hands.

Before there was plastic, Red Landon used #10 cans to hang on the trees. Then they boiled the syrup in five-gallon metal cottage cheese containers outdoors over an open fire. "It wasn't a fancy grade, but you sure could use it to tar your road!"

When his mother was in the sugarhouse, Bob Perry remembers he didn't have to take a nap. One day

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Thanks to a Wonderful Fire Department**

Two days ago at Beaver Meadow Farm, we found one of the horses upside down, on his back, thrashing and panicked because he could not get out of a big snow hole. He had probably gone down for a good feeling roll in the snow but he could not get up! And he had been trying for a long time as was evident by the blood around his head. Orville and Dave were doing their best to help him but were outdone by the heavy panicky horse and the conditions. So I called the fire department in the hopes that more manpower would make the difference in saving the life of this poor beleaguered critter.

Orville and Dave did get him up finally, by digging into the snow and mud and making a place where the horse could get a grip with his legs.

I was able to reach the fire department in time to save all but one volunteer the time it would take to answer the call.

I cannot tell you how grateful I am that we have this wonderful fire department of wonderful men and women who have volunteered to be there when we need them. Thank you one and all for offering your help to us.

The fire department and, from what I have heard,

most of the residents of this town, turned out one day several years ago when Neale was living here, to save the house from total destruction by fire. Whether something as serious as the fire that nearly destroyed this house, or the fire that would not quit in the 100 foot tall pine tree across the road, or the near loss of an upside down horse, I thank you one and all for what you do for us.

—*Ludy Biddle, Beaver Meadow Farm*

(*Editor's note: The latest report is that the horse is doing well.*)

### **Thanks, Aaron**

The Shrewsbury Mountain School Staff, students and school board would like to thank Aaron Schneider for his help in shoveling at the school throughout this past winter.

—*Debbie Fishwick, Principal*

## IN MEMORIAM

Julian A. Plumley Sr., former member, gentle soul and a fine gentleman, passed away on February 23, 2011. Julian was always first at the museum on meeting nights, waiting for the rest of us to arrive and open up the door. He was very quiet but always contributed to the discussion at hand about Shrewsbury as he remembered it. Julian will be greatly missed.

*Submitted by Ruth Winkler, Shrewsbury Historical Society*

## The Times of Shrewsbury

The *Times of Shrewsbury* is published monthly February through December. It is compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal being to keep Townspeople informed of what is happening in Shrewsbury.

All submissions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the person submitting it. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters to the Editor should not exceed 350 words. Any opinion piece will be deemed to be a Letter to the Editor subject to this policy. All items including letters are printed at the editors' discretion. A letter writer of any letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to that resident or organization and to the *Times* at least a week before the 20th of the month prior to publication or it will not run. If the named individual or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the *Times* that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and the initial letter will run in the same issue.

**There is no charge for:** jokes, poems, essays, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are non-political and non-commercial.

**Articles and Advertisements:** Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's *Times*. If you send something electronically and don't get an acknowledgment within 2 to 3 days, please email, or call Sandra Korinchak at 773-8930 ext. 223 or Chryl Martin at 492-2244. Advertisements include runs for political office, political endorsements, and any money-making venture for an individual or business.

**Best Formats:** (Black & white, camera-ready) *Articles:* Word (preferably 2004) or in an email message with no formatting. *Photos:* .jpg format. *Ads:* .pdf or .jpg file or Word document.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 1		*Deadline for obtaining dog licenses
April 4	7pm	*Vermont Coffee Company Tasting event @ Shrewsbury Library
April 12	12 noon	Senior Luncheon @ The Doll House; Call Fran Patten 492-3706
April 11-15		Spring Recess — No School
April 15	7:30pm	*Sri Lanka Habitat for Humanity talk @ Shrewsbury Library
April 17	4pm	*Book Discussion Group @ Shrewsbury Library
April 19	12:15pm	Prayer Shawl Group @ Fran Patten's home (Bring "brown bag lunch")
April 20	6:30pm	*Public hearing on Flood Hazard Area Regulations @ Town Office
April 28	3:30-5pm	*Junior Librarian Program @ Shrewsbury Library
May 3	7pm	*Historical Society Annual Meeting @ Museum
May 7		Green Up Day

\*see information elsewhere in newsletter for details



Deadline for submission  
to the next issue is  
April 20

## REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm	Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am	Meeting House
E. Wallingford Baptist Church Olympic Bible Club	Fridays—6:30-8:00pm	E.W.B. Church
Library Trustees' Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—7:00pm	Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm	Mill River Union High School
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals	Friday nights [see page 17 for details]	
Planning Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays—7:30pm	Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays—10:00am	Library, upstairs
Shrewsbury Community Church Worship	Sundays—10:00am	Center Church
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open by appointment—492-3324	
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays—6:30pm	Mountain School
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	Tuesdays—7:00pm	Noel's Restaurant
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm	Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	(February-May: 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday—5pm) & (June—January: 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday—5pm)	

### Shrewsbury Town Website: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

**Town Clerk's Office** 492-3511  
Mon-Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm; Closed Friday

**Town Treasurer's Office**  
492-3558 or 492-3487; Wed 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Shrewsbury Town Library** 492-3410  
Mon 10:00am-Noon Tues 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Wed 10:00am-5:00pm AND 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Thurs 7:00pm-9:00pm Fri 10:00am-Noon  
Sat 10:00am-Noon

**Transfer Station**  
Sun 8:00am-4:00pm Wed 1:00pm-7:00pm

**Cuttingsville Post Office** 492-3585  
Mon-Fri Counter 8:00am-11:00am & 12:30pm-4:30pm;  
Mon-Fri Lobby 7:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday Counter 8:00am-10:30am;  
Saturday Lobby 7:30am-10:30am

**Dog Warden** Matt Danaher, call 492-3442  
**Shrewsbury Constables** Matt Danaher 492-3442  
and Pete Lajoie 492-3671

**CVPS power outage** 1-800-451-2877  
**Ambulance** 773-1700  
**Medical—Fire—Police Emergency** Dial 911  
**Rutland Hospital** 775-7111

## FROM THE TOWN OFFICE:

Detailed results from the March 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Town Meeting voting can be found on the Town Web site [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

### Congratulations to:

Eldred French for winning Town & School Moderator,  
John Wood and Mike Stewart for winning Selectboard seats,  
Chryl Martin for winning Auditor (write-in),  
Sharon Winnicki for winning Lister,  
Barry Griffith for winning Grand Juror and Town Agent,  
Matt Danaher for winning 1<sup>st</sup> Constable,  
Peter Lajoie for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable,  
Larry Carrara for winning Cemetery Commissioner (write-in),  
Ed Hemmer for winning Town School Director.

All Town and School Articles passed.

The voting went smoothly and the counting of ballots went quickly, and I was able to get the results published on the Town Web site by late Tuesday night. Many, many thanks to: Barbara & Barry Griffith, Steve Nicholson, Andy Richards-Peelle, Melissa Reichart, Carol Goodwin, Irene Gordon, Gerry Martin, Ann Vanneman, Randy Page, Nelson Haley, Joyce & Lee Wilson, Stan & Louise Duda, John Wood, Marilyn Dalick, Fran Patten, Trish Norton, John Berryhill, Sally Jones, Julianne Sharrow, Hull Maynard, Rich Biziak, Betsy Jesser, Adrienne Raymond, Roxanne Ramah, Anne Ridlon, Carol Calotta, Martha Sirjane, Sally Deinzer, Theresa Williams, Sharon Winnicki, Mike Stewart, Bert Potter and Doris Perry. Again, many thanks to all who voted and helped with elections!

—Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk



### FLAGS:

If you are considering getting a new US Flag to fly during the spring and summer months, you can bring your old and worn flag to the Town Office so that it might be disposed of properly.



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when he was home sick, he hooked up his pony with about 15-20 buckets. His father said to put more on, and that was the beginning of sugaring at their farm.

Visiting Edgar Ridlon's operation was one of Mark Stewart's early memories of sugaring, but he says he doesn't remember much else about it.

At the Wheeler Maple Sugarhouse Neal Sharrow recalled when he was around 6 he went with his grandfather to Saltash which he thinks was probably the biggest operation in Vermont for a number of years. One year he put about 10 or 12 buckets out in front of the house and boiled the syrup on his mother's wood stove. He thinks he only got a couple quarts for his effort!

The family of Al Ridlon, Sr., is celebrating the family's 100th year of sugaring. Al remembers starting as a kid 70 years ago when he just watched. When he was old enough to walk, he began tapping the trees. Back then and until the 1950s they used horses to pull the sled with the sap tub (a round 4-5 barrel tub). They never needed a water bottle, they just used the sap bucket when they needed a drink.

Al keeps records of the sugarhouse operations and recent records indicate that 2002 was the shortest season in the last 10 years. It lasted 21 days from March 10-March 31, 2002. The longest season for that period was February 20-April 13, 2006 for 52 days. Wonder what it will be this year?

—by Chryl Martin

## Sugarhouses of Shrewsbury



Terry Martin's Sugarhouse



Wheeler Sugarhouse



Maple Crest Farm Sugarhouse



Jesser Sugarhouse



Krueger-Norton Sugarhouse



Ridlon Sugarhouse



Spring Lake Ranch Sugarhouse



Stewart Sugarhouse



Orville's Sugarhouse

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
TOWN OF SHREWSBURY**

April 1, 2011

Dear Shrewsbury Citizens,

The Shrewsbury Office of Emergency Management is pleased to announce that the Town of Shrewsbury has received a Matching Grant of \$12,832.50 from Vermont Emergency Management “**to provide and wire an emergency shelter generator for the Shrewsbury Mountain School.**”

Because the Shrewsbury Mountain School is our town’s most important emergency shelter and because it serves our children so well on a daily basis, we are now beginning a campaign to raise Matching Funds of \$12,832.50 so that we can accept the grant from Vermont Emergency Management and install an automatic electric generator at the school. The generator will serve our town well not only during a major emergency but also every time we have a power outage from CVPS. Our weather does seem to be becoming more severe. Too frequently our children have had to be sent home from school because of a power failure.

Therefore, we urge all our citizens to contribute to the **Generator Fund for The Mountain School**. All contributions are important, whether they are large or small. Our Town Treasurer will create a special fund entitled the Generator Fund for the Mountain School. All funds will be deposited and accounted for there.

I am happy to announce that a team of anonymous donors have set up our own town matching generator fund which will match all funds raised within the town for the Generator Fund for the Mountain School. Therefore, all of the funds you contribute will be doubled. We will reach our goal! **Therefore, please give generously for this important project. All contributions to the fund are tax deductible.**

Contributions to the Fund may be made in several ways. Pierce’s Store will have a secure collection container. If you contribute by check, please make your check out to Town of Shrewsbury Generator Fund and mail it to: **Shrewsbury Town Treasurer, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.**

I urge that each of you contribute as you are able to this significant project in support of our children and our town.

Very sincerely,  
Irene Gordon, Emergency Management Director, Town of Shrewsbury, VT



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Now available online at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission website at [www.rutlandrpc.org/townnewsletters.php](http://www.rutlandrpc.org/townnewsletters.php)

## Shrewsbury's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Shrewsbury is about to celebrate another birthday or at the least a milestone. September 4th, 2011, will be the semiquincentennial anniversary of the Proclamation of Benning Wentworth (royally appointed governor of the state of New Hampshire) to settle the town of Shrewsbury (as well as others). In a sense, in this day and age, it is not a big deal, but for anyone who is interested in how the town of Shrewsbury and Vermont became what it is, this is an opportunity to delve into the hows and maybe whys. Vermont is unique in that it became a self-governing Republic. Independent is the best adjective for its first citizens.

We all can guess how unfriendly the terrain where we now live must have been to those early homesteaders and probably can't even imagine the courage and hard work it took to fulfill the requirements of the grants (within 5 years to clear at least 5 acres, raise a dwelling and produce for each year an ear of corn for Benning Wentworth). We should know more about these hardy first citizens.



Community Supported Agriculture  
[www.eveningsongCSA.com](http://www.eveningsongCSA.com)



At Evening Song Farm we offer a summer vegetable share program for 22 weeks from June to October. Purchasing a share is an economical way to receive a weekly assortment of fresh, delicious, and unique vegetables. The different share sizes can be your summer supply of veggies or a great compliment to a home garden. Check out our website, give us a call, or send us an email for more details or to sign up.

Come share in the harvest!



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I was fortunate enough to have been born on the farm settled by Captain David Holden, a Revolutionary War Veteran. My father bought the farm in 1930, and I have been keenly aware of how much was done since 1780, entirely by hand tools, axes, shovels, scythes, and mattocks. In a short period of time, they went from log cabins to framed houses, without railroads or even all-weather roads.

Grace and I are suggesting that those who can trace their roots to the original settlers do so by a simple family tree, the original settler at the top and so on. Grace's family line is homesteader, Peter – Thomas, Sr. – Thomas, Jr. – Amasa – Glen – Grace. It would be nice to include anecdotes, for example Grace's earliest grandfather was killed in the Indian Raid on Royalton in 1783. His wife stayed on the farm in Tunbridge, VT and raised the two boys (4 and 6 when their father died). There isn't a Vermont list of original settlers so we could start as a town and later expand to a county and even a state list.

If you could begin to talk with relatives and research records, we could bring these recollections together and maybe produce a map of where our original Vermonters started. This doesn't need to only include those of you born here as there are many families who started in Shrewsbury and moved on, particularly to the west. It is also important to remember that the maternal side counts just as much, spouses and mothers worked just as hard as the men who were the only ones allowed to claim the land at that point in time.

The Shrewsbury History book is a place to start, the Historical Society already has some genealogy records but we need yours. Let us give it a try and in the process remember just what our town was like back in the beginning.

—Submitted by Leonard Korzun

## Canceled Mardi Gras

The Committee to Help Hunger is sorry to announce that the Mardi Gras celebration has been cancelled for this year. Unfortunately, the weather was not at all cooperative on February 25th, the original date, and we felt it best to cancel/postpone the event. Now it has definitely been cancelled until next year. Thank you to EVERYONE who was involved trying to get the party started.

—Fran Patten

## FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Greetings Fellow Shrewsberries,

Happy Spring. And what a winter it's been. I want to thank and acknowledge our road crew for the continued amazing job they do on our roads. They have put in a lot of hours and effort this winter. I also want to thank all 262 of you that turned out to vote. There are 912 registered voters in town. A 28% voter turnout.

As a new selectboard member I am still getting my feet wet learning all that the selectboard is responsible for. And not only the selectboard, but all the other commissions and groups that make the town run and function effectively. At the organizational meeting of the Selectboard for 2011 two questions were raised that I think are worth thinking about:

- 1) What can we do to promote more voter participation?
- 2) What can we do to get more people involved in town government and volunteer to serve on the various boards?

It is a commitment of time and energy certainly, but it can be rewarding in many ways. It will certainly give you an understanding and appreciation of all that does happen to make things run. As I see it, town government is democracy at its simplest (and perhaps best) form. YOU are having a say in what happens in your own back yard. It starts with showing up to vote!

The new Flood Hazard Area Regulations were presented to the selectboard by members of the planning commission. April 20th at 6:30 at the town office there will be a public hearing on these regulations.

September 4, 2011 marks the 250th Birthday of the Town of Shrewsbury. It is not too early to be thinking about ideas for celebrations. If you have thoughts and ideas, or a talent for organizing, we want to talk with you.

The selectboard meetings are open to the public and are held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday (7–9 pm.) We encourage your participation.

—Submitted by John Wood

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### Mail from the Post Office:



Thank you to all of the people on the rural mail routes that kept their mail boxes cleared for the carriers. There were several mail boxes in town that were not kept cleared and were an ongoing problem. This is not fair to those that did keep boxes cleared for us. Boxes are to be kept clear 10 feet to the approach and 10 feet from the exit.

Spring is almost here so please clear brush away from boxes, fill in holes, and remove bugs and such from mail boxes. Boxes that the carriers feel need attention will be given notices. Please pay attention and correct the problems. Thank you.

—Staff of the Cuttingsville Post Office

Reminder:  
April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for licensing your dog.  
After April 1<sup>st</sup> a late fee is charged.



## NOTES FROM THE SVFD



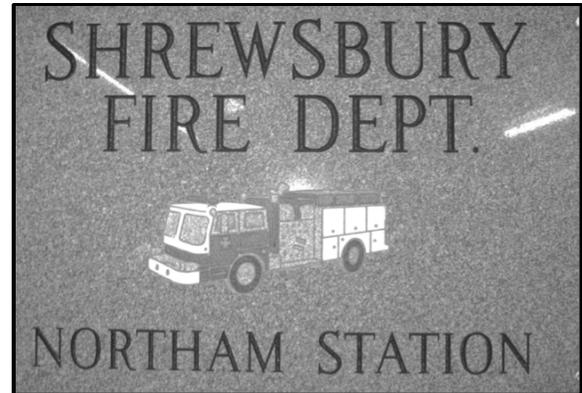
As we prepare this article in mid-March—knock on wood!—your fire department has not had to respond to any recent major calls for our help. We have been focusing on maintenance and training

so we can properly respond when needed.

While the calendar says it is spring, we are still using our wood stoves. Many of us are now burning greener wood, and our stoves are not fired up as they were in the dead of winter. This combination can lead to chimney fires—please be careful! As the snow disappears in April (we hope!), we will transition into grass fire season. Because you have been responsible, we have not had many of these calls in recent years. Let's keep it that way! Remember: if you wish to burn, a permit is required. To get a burning permit, call Fire Warden Kevin Brown (h 775-6194) or Al Ridlon, Jr. (h 492-3722). Tend your fire. Call us if you need us.

In February, we discovered that the gas tank on our Northam Tanker was leaking. Clark's Truck Center—from whom we had purchased the vehicle last year—agreed to provide us the replacement parts at their cost. A team of volunteers, led by SVFD Lt. Jamie Carrara, replaced the leaking gas tank with a new one. Thank goodness for local expertise! This skilled volunteer work spared the

Fire Department a major expenditure. Likewise, we have been fortunate to have the benefit of the volunteer talents of new member (and drywall expert) Mark Gilman, (electrician) Jack Perry and master carpenters such as Al Ridlon and Mark Stewart to help with fire station upgrades and maintenance. Review the Fire Department membership list, and you will find a wealth of volunteer talent serving SVFD and our community. Thank you, one and all!



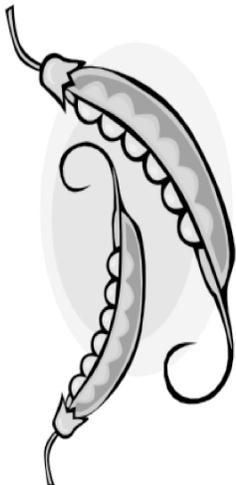
There is more good news to report. The mother of our Fire Chief Russell Carrara, Linda Beaudin of Granite Industries in Barre, has produced and donated a granite plaque for the Fire Department. It now graces our Northam Station, and if you would like to see it in person ask a member!

Happy spring!

STAY FIRE SAFE !!!

—Submitted by Barry Griffith

### The Roving Reporter asked: When do you plant peas?



- “I don't know; Mark plants, I pick.” *Carol Goodwin*
- “When an oak leaf is as big as a squirrel's ear.” *Anonymous*
- “April 8 with my mittens on.” *Julanne Sharrow*
- “It depends on the weather, but May is usually a sure bet.” *Podge Sirjane*
- “I don't like peas, but if I planted them, I'd check the zones to see when to plant.” *Penny Johnson*
- “When I get someone to rototill my garden.” *Grace Korzun*
- “May 3.” *Connie Youngstrom*
- “My other relatives plant peas.” *Grace Brigham*
- “It depends on when the chicken house gets cleaned.” *Trish Norton*
- “When the ground is unfrozen....also, there's a pea weevil, so you might need to use an inoculant.” *Mark Goodwin*
- “Peas are like people, they can be very sensitive.” *Another Anonymous*



## Shrewsbury Historical Society

Ruth Winkler, Secretary  
Museum Telephone #492-2175  
www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

**THANK YOU** to our Shrewsbury supporters for saying “yes” to the Society’s request for the \$2000 from the town to help maintain the

beautiful, historical building that is our museum. We are so grateful. And a thumbs up to the officials who dedicated the Town Report to Gracie Brigham. Gracie certainly deserves this honor. She is so giving of her time to the Historical Society as well, and we appreciate her great talents.

This year the Society celebrates its 40th anniversary. Thanks also to the folks who cared enough to preserve the history of Shrewsbury, and persevered through the years of lack of space, with artifacts piling up in boxes underneath their beds at home and in closets. Today we are graced with a lovely old church building that is well maintained by the House Committee who are determined to keep the museum beautiful outside and inside and members who take care of the many files and artifacts. We will be open from 1 to 3 pm on the first Sunday in July which is July 3rd and Sundays thereafter until the last Sunday in October, which is October 30th. We welcome your visit and input.

**MILL RIVER ICE “GOING OUT”** For those of us who live in Shrewsbury and have never had the opportunity to actually witness the Mill River going out, we are fortunate to have B. J., Mark and Regina Stewart who were on top of things and Regina ready with the camera. At approximately 2:39 pm Sunday afternoon, March 6th, the action started and you are there! Beginning in the heart of Cuttingsville at the bridge, then traveling along Route 103 to the second bridge near Spring Lake Ranch Road, standing on that bridge (back of Chris Clarke’s house on right) and capturing what looks like a tsunami of ice coming at you, rumbling, grumbling and roaring, until near the end of the film, you are at the swinging bridge at the Gorge, you will be mesmerized with Mother Nature’s workings. Watch it all unfold at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOcVQbudALY>.

**WHERE DID OUR TOWN’S NAME COME FROM?** In the opening pages of the town’s history book, *Shrewsbury, Vermont—Our Town As It Was*, it is stated that “the origin of Shrewsbury’s name is unknown. However, since Wentworth [Benning Wentworth, Royal Governor of New Hampshire who signed our town’s charter] had a wide circle of friends in England and many of his grants were named for them, it is possible that the town was named for the Duke of Shrewsbury.”

This writer decided to search out Wikipedia on the Internet and I read that Charles Talbot was the 1st Duke of Shrewsbury. Born July 24, 1660 and died February 1, 1718 at age 57, Talbot was appointed Duke of Shrewsbury in 1694. He was an English politician and held many titles. Shown is a photo of a painting by Sir Godfrey Kneller of the Duke dressed in what appears to be a velvet waistcoat and patterned ascot. The article describes him as “one of the greatest noblemen of the reign of Queen Anne. Though blind in one eye, he was strikingly handsome in person, his demeanour was dignified and his manners full of grace and courtesy... William III spoke of him as the king of hearts.” Shrewsbury married in 1705, and at his death in 1718, left no children, and the dukedom became extinct, the earldom of Shrewsbury passing to his cousin Gilbert Talbot.

—Submitted by Ruth Winkler



The Duke of Shrewsbury  
by Sir Godfrey Kneller

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Everyone is invited. If you have not paid your dues, you will not be able to vote. Please see treasurer John Elwert before the meeting starts.

## LIBRARY NEWS

- **THANK YOU** to ALL THE SHREWSBURY VOTERS who voted to fund the Library again this year. We greatly appreciate your help with our basic operating expenses, and try to do our best to serve you. Please let us know how we might do better!
- **THANKS TO LISA** for getting the new computer chairs and for setting up the public computer so that the Library collection is easily accessible. Want to know if we have a new book? Just click on KOHA!
- **WANT A LIBRARY CARD?** Just ask at the desk! Lisa has been making cards for regular patrons; if yours isn't there, just fill out a form with your name, address, and e-mail, and your card will be ready soon. Every member of a family will have his/her own card, so make sure all are included. During the transition, the old numbers will still work!
- **DOWNLOADS** — When you have a card, and when we are connected to the Green Mountain Library Consortium, you'll be able to download not only music and audiobooks onto your iPods and computers, but also e-books onto e-readers with your Shrewsbury Library membership.

## COMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 4 @ 7 p.m. —VERMONT COFFEE COMPANY TASTING of Alta Gracia & Tres Mariposas Coffee & discussion of sustainability & fair trade.

Friday, April 15 @ 7:30 p.m. —“HABITAT for HUMANITY SRI LANKA” with Stan & Louise Duda

Sunday, April 17 @ 4 p.m. —BOOK DISCUSSION: *Angle of Repose* (2nd session). Wallace Stegner's novel about the American West is an engaging, thought-provoking read. Copies are still available.

Tuesday, May 17 @ 7 p.m. —LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING: ALL WELCOME.

If you're interested in serving on the Library's Board of Trustees, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee—Gail Hartigan (492-3605), Lisa Sharrow (492-3720), or Dirk Thomas (492-3549)—to find out about the responsibilities & expectations.

- **READERS' PICKS:** *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese; *Rules for Old Men* by Peter Pouncey (Two recent novels.)
- **NEW BOOKS:** *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain (a novel about Hemingway's first marriage: a new best seller)...*Blood, Bones and Butter*, a memoir by chef Gabrielle Hamilton...*Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell, a wacky, moving novel set in Florida.
- **NEW DVDs:** *127 Hours*, starring James Franco; *The Fighter*, starring Christian Bale; *Inside Job*, the Oscar-winning documentary about the financial crisis.
- **NEW CD:** Summer resident MARGA RICHTER'S Chamber Opera, *Riders to the Sea* (Thanks to Nancy Spencer!)



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## **Hello from the Kids Korner,**

\*\*The next Jr. Librarian program will be held **on Thursday April 28, 2011 from 3:30–5:00**. This program is open to all students in grades 3 thru 6. As in the past, please give me a call at 492-3605 to let me know that you'll be attending and don't forget your bus note.

\*\*The planning for this year's Summer Reading Program has begun. This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories." If there is anyone interested in helping with the planning and/or presenting of a program, please contact me at the library (492-3410). The Rutland Summer Encore Theatre group will perform at the library again this year. They will be at the library **on Tuesday, July 19, 2011** in the evening. This year's production is an adaptation of "Aladdin and the Magic Lamp." Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss these wonderful performers!

\*\*As we all are enjoying the change over of the seasons, remember that when you are doing your spring-cleaning, please be on the lookout for any overdue books, movies or music. If you find any (I know I have) please drop them off at the library. You can always use the book drop (the white "mailbox") to the left of the stairs) if you can't get there when we're open. There are no late fees!!

\*\*The library board has voted to start limiting the number of videos that you may take out to three (3) at one time. By doing this, we are hoping to decrease our number of overdue videos.

Thanks for your support.

*Gail H*

## **SHREWSBURY STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES**

**When:** May 3, 2011  
**Where:** Shrewsbury Mountain School  
**Cost:** \$100.00 for an 8 week session  
**Days/Times:** Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. & Saturdays 7-8 a.m.  
**Instructor:** Laurie Mintzer, Optimum Fitness

This strength training class incorporates every muscle in your body – while using music. Laurie will be teaching you the exercises while doing them with you. Key points on proper form are mentioned throughout the work out. One hour will fly by because you are not only becoming stronger – but you are having fun too.

This class is moderate paced and highly motivating. It will keep you wanting to come back for more. We will use a stability ball to help with core balance; we will be using hand weights – anywhere between 5lbs and 20lbs. Stretching is as important as any other form of exercise – the class will end with a nice stretching sequence.

**Registration deadline is April 23, 2011. You may register for one or both days.**

Please call or email Kathy Beauchain at 773-8783, [beaubunch@comcast.net](mailto:beaubunch@comcast.net) or Laurie Mintzer at [info@optimumfitnessbylaurie.com](mailto:info@optimumfitnessbylaurie.com) for registration materials.

## Mountain Memo

April 11-15: Spring Recess – NO SCHOOL

**Pre-K:** The month of February flew right by! We really enjoyed making our Valentine's bags and then exchanging cards and treats with our friends. It was sad to see our friend Kayley leave to move to North Carolina but we are hoping to hear from them very soon. We made a special friendship book for Kayley to take with her so that she will always remember her friends at SMS. We are really enjoying our yoga time with Ms. Galen on Thursdays! In March, we will be learning about Ireland for St. Patrick's Day, doing a character study by using "gingerbread" books, and doing a unit on numbers. Parent/Teacher conferences will be on March 17th...more details to come. Hopefully the snow will melt soon and spring will be well on its way.)  
—Ms. Amy and Ms. Julie

**MAP:** The multiage primary, along with our friends in Miss Rice's class, enjoyed celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday earlier this month. Our celebration had a technological twist as we used the smart board to graph our preference for green eggs and ham. We also took a virtual tour of the Dr. Seuss museum in Springfield, Mass., and had fun guessing which book each bronze casted character was from. Students also had a choice of 3 different books by Dr. Seuss for a read aloud. Everyone seems to have their personal favorite, and it was interesting to see that the students split themselves quite equally among the 3 books. The grand finale of our celebration was, of course, eating green eggs, (parsley and pesto), and ham.

Ms. Bonafine's reading group has enjoyed applying their hard work with vowel sounds to books focused on the theme animal adventures. Our most recent favorite was *The Red-Eyed Tree Frog*, by Joy Cowley.

Ms. Bonafine's math group has been focused on two big ideas: understanding our place value system and working on math fact fluency. Students have enjoyed practicing strategies they have worked on in class using an online program called "Extra Math." Each student has a school and home account that they can use to practice and chart their progress with knowing math facts. The program is tailored based on each student's responses. As the teacher I get information about how each student is proceeding both in their work at school and at home. Happy Spring!

**2nd & 3rd Grade:** Although we've been enjoying sledding, skiing, building snow forts, and all of the other winter activities, the 2nd and 3rd graders have officially decided that we are ready for spring! Our most recent units have kept us busy during this last cold stretch of winter.

In science we have been doing lots of hands on learning about electricity. We have built circuits to learn how electricity flows and tested different materials to see if they conduct electricity. We are looking forward to two presentations by CVPS that will be a fun way to wrap up this unit.

On February 22nd we celebrated the 100th day of school! We did different activities centered on the number 100, such as making cereal necklaces, dice games, and using coins to make our names worth \$1.00.



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At the beginning of the month, we had the chance to get together with Ms. Bonafine's class in order to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. We listened to some of his stories, saw some sculptures from the Dr. Seuss Museum, made a graph on the smart board, and got to try some green eggs and ham prepared by Ms. Julie.

#### **4th – 6th Grade: VOLCANOES**

*by Grace Gilman (4th) and Ella Bankert (6th)*

Did you know that 75% of the world's volcanoes are located in the Ring of Fire? Well, the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades are currently working on a volcano project for science class. Each student in both homerooms has already chosen what volcano they are researching. We are studying famous volcanoes like Mount St. Helens and Kilauea, as well as some lesser known volcanoes like Mount Pelee and Loihi Seamount. For our projects we have to make a map, a poster or model, write about the history of our volcano, and our volcano's activity, like if it is historical or active. In class we have already learned three different types of volcanoes, the parts of volcanoes, the rocks formed by volcanoes, and different ways volcanoes erupt. We are all now amateur volcanologists.



#### **STARBASE: Launch your dreams**

*by Tess Beauchain and Levi Tarbell*

The Shrewsbury Mountain School fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are participating in a program called Starbase. Originally we were going to have classes on Mondays in March, but due to weather we will be doing Starbase in June. Our first Starbase was going to be February 28th, 2011. Unfortunately, we had an ice storm. Our next session was scheduled for March 7th, and we had a snowstorm.

We are going to take a test once we start and again when we finish. This will show all that we've learned. If we get a 100% on the last

test, we will acquire a pin, which shows that we did a superior job.

We will all have our own call signs too. We chose our call signs and designed them; even Mr. Morrison and Mrs. McDonough have call signs. One student's call sign is Poppy and another is Critter. During Starbase, we will use our call signs instead of our names. At the end of Starbase, we will receive a lanyard to hold our call sign pins.

Most of our activities will be in the gym of the armory. Here we will learn about aerodynamics, planes, and other science concepts. Some of our activities will be outside. We are going to construct and launch hot air balloons and rockets. For us, this will be extremely thrilling.

Hope there aren't any snow days in June!

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**Summer Help Wanted:** The Town of Wallingford is seeking qualified applicants for the 2011 summer season: our 4-week summer rec program needs a Counselor I (w/ lifeguard certification) and a Counselor II (no lifeguard cert. req.); and our public beach at Elfin Lake needs Lifeguards and Concession Workers. Applicant must be at least 16 yrs of age. Standard First Aid and CPR cert. req. for all positions, excluding concession workers. Proof of Lifeguard cert. required for lifeguard positions. This is seasonal, part-time; therefore, no benefits will be provided. Stop by Wallingford Town Hall to pick up an employment appl. Refs required. Call 446-2872 with questions. —Julie Sharon, Wallingford Town Administrator

#### ***Nature's Green Is Gold***

*by Robert Frost*

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
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## DOINGS AT THE DUMP

### WHERE FRIENDS GATHER

#### WHERE DO I?

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Clothes, if serviceable, should be placed in the Reading Room. The Reading Room is next to the office. Glass goes on the shelf next to the compactor.

Bay 2 takes lots of things; from front to back it goes like this. Tin, returnables, aluminum, egg boxes, paper bags, packing peanuts, shredded paper and fluorescents. That said the tin will move outside when spring makes its belated appearance. Phone books go in mixed paper.

Bay 3 is for paper products; white, newspaper and mixed paper. While I am here I need to say a little more about paper. The present price structure is very steep with white paper bringing more than \$100.00/ton. With mixed paper bringing the least, \$15.00/ton. Newspaper wanders around between the two. Let's get a bit picky here and sort well. Shredded paper goes in bay two.

Bay 4 is the plastic bay. We are presently not sorting plastic so any barrow is OK. We do still request that caps be removed.

Bay 5 this is cardboard and pasteboard. There are two things here that I would like to mention. PLEASE put your pasteboard in paper bags and place all toward the ends of the bale. There is a bit of history here. When I came to the Dump the bale of cardboard looked like a football and weighed about 800 pounds. By placing the cardboard toward the ends of the bale we are able to make a 1500-pound bale, thus cutting the cost of transporting the cardboard in half.

If you wish to place things by the fence for other people to use, please check with me first. There are some things that go out quickly and others that do not. Those that do not I have to put in the compactor.

It has been a long winter and I have spent too much time in the office. where I am less accessible to you and you refrain from bothering me with stupid questions. But there are no stupid questions. I miss the interaction with you, which I feel is very important.

We are near the end of the page and I must thank Bob Perry for his help this winter. He usually appears at the end of the day. You may think that he is running the Dump and in fact he is. When he appears I hide in my office to rest for a while. As I get older I find that the Dump day is much harder for me to handle. More so in the winter. I wish that you would join me in showing him appreciation for his help and hard work. Thank you Bob.

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## PIERCE'S STORE MENUS

### Friday Night Dinners for April:

1<sup>st</sup> To be announced

8<sup>th</sup> **Baked Herb Crusted Chicken Breast** with roasted asparagus served on a bed of Basmati Rice; prepared by Guest Chef Joyce Wilson.

15<sup>th</sup> A Crew from **Spring Lake Ranch** will be cooking & serving a meal to be announced the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>. If it is half as good as Tracy Crelin & company's Beef Stew last month we are in for a treat.

22<sup>nd</sup> **Chicken Pot Pie** served with a soft whole wheat dinner roll & small salad of mixed baby greens with fresh & tangy tomato herbed dressing; prepared by guest chef Judith Thomas.

29<sup>th</sup> **Come Celebrate Cinco de Mayo** (Mexican Independence Day, May 5th) with a traditional meal from Oaxaca, Mexico— Two Tamales: one spicy *tamal de mole negro con pollo* paired with a savory (not spicy) tamal with chicken & vegetables. Served with homemade black beans, Mexican rice & a side salad of tomato, cucumber & avocado; prepared by guest chef Maya Zelkin.

*Meals will be available Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00...and Saturday, until they run out. It's best to call ahead and reserve your order! 492-3326.*

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### **Note to the Shrewsbury Community from Pierce's Store**

Sometime in the next month or so a change will happen in the landscape of Northam. A sad change, but one necessitated by concerns for the safety of the public, our customers, staff and volunteers. The large white pine tree to the north of the Pierce house will be taken down.

Over time, several branches have fallen from the tree, including one that came down on Pierce's Store co-manager Lindsay Arbuckle's vehicle, breaking the rear windshield and damaging the body. There are concerns about similar occurrences in the future.

This decision, made by property owner Preservation Trust of Vermont, was not made lightly, nor was the input to PTV from our board one-sided. We hope to make use of some of the wood in a meaningful way to always remember this beautiful tree.

—Sally Deinzer



## Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store News

### Super-worker Volunteer Needed!

Would you be interested in helping to clean Pierce's Store for 4–6 hours each month, in exchange for 25% off of purchases here? If so, please let us know by emailing [pierces.store@gmail.com](mailto:pierces.store@gmail.com) or leaving a message at the store at 492-3326.

### Weekly Sales

If you haven't noticed, we now have at least 6 sale items each week, and often many more! Look for the bright orange tags around the store. Past sales include: Long Trail Beer 6-packs for \$6.99, Maplebrook Mozzarella for \$3.99, and Utz Potato Chips for \$1.99. We will also be posting these sale items to our blog—check it out at: [piercesstore.blogspot.com](http://piercesstore.blogspot.com).

### Product Mix at Pierce's

Did you know we carry conventional, local and organic foods? Though we are a co-op, we are not a traditional "natural foods" store. Our goal is to have something for everyone. If there are any products you'd like us to carry, please fill out a request form with your name, phone number, and as much information about the product as possible. Here are some items we carry:

#### Conventional

Ballgame Hot Dogs  
Lipton Tea  
Kellogg's Raisin Bran  
Duncan Hines Cake Mix  
Campbell's Soup  
Chef Boyardee Ravioli  
Teddie Peanut Butter  
Bounce Fabric Softener Sheets

#### Local

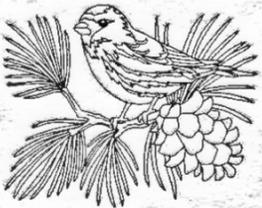
Smith Maple Crest Beef  
Three Meadows Farm Eggs &  
Chickens  
Laurel Hill Honey  
Maya Zelkin Sauerkraut, Kim Chi  
& Salsa Verde  
Plymouth Cheese

#### Organic

Bulk Rolled Oats  
Bulk Vermont Teas  
Natural Value Beans  
Pacific Naturals Chicken Broth  
Green Mountain Gringo Tortilla  
Strips  
Nasoya Tofu

—Lindsay Arbuckle & Scott  
Courcelle, Co-Managers

## Connie's Nature Journal



March 22: Well, here it is, officially Spring, but winter still has it in its grip. The snow lies deep in the yard and at the feeders the mob of Redpolls jockey into position

for a turn at the thistle seed. The ground is carpeted with their seed hulls. Some days it's only 25 or so but today there are over 100 of the cheerful active birds. They are irregular in their migration habits which means that they move to a better location only if the food supply is inadequate.

Terry Martin mentioned to me that over a recent

warm day he watched as Redpolls snapped up honeybees that had come out to get some air.

By the time you read this, the onions, leeks, and shallots that I started from seed should be 6" tall, happily thriving under fluorescent lights. It's now time to start parsley, celery, and celeriac—all of which are easy from seed. And maybe by the end of March, the snow will be down enough to get at those parsnips waiting to be dug out in the garden.

Looking forward to the return of the woodcocks and the very first wild Spring greens.

—Connie Youngstrom

## MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Though I am sitting at my desk writing about Mill River, I have to take a minute to celebrate the return of spring. As much as I enjoy winter activities, I rejoice at the arrival of warm weather always welcoming the change with open arms and leaving my Sorels and heavy coat in the mud room.

To all the Shrewsbury voters who approved the Mill River budget, thank you very much. The board was faced with a variety of difficult decisions which included eliminating several positions. We appreciated the community's support. I would also like to thank Greg Over for stepping in to fill the vacant Shrewsbury board position. His years of board experience brought a helpful perspective to board discussions.

Returning to the world of educational acronyms, as mandated by NCLB (No Child Left Behind act) our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students took the annual NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) exams in October; we recently received the scores. I should note that all VT schools took the test in October. The information we have at this time shows mixed results. The key component, whether we met AYP (Annual Yearly Progress), will be released later by the state. For reading and writing our students are meeting or are slightly above the state average. Our math is somewhat weaker as our students tested slightly below the state average. For science we are doing well exceeding the state average. Breaking down the test results reveals the challenges which lay ahead for Mill River. Our special ed students (yes all students take the exam though accommodations are granted) are weak in both reading and math.

The Mill River staff puts in a good deal of work extracting useful information from the test results. Staff is able to identify how our students did on each portion of the tests. Where there are weaknesses faculty will review and adjust curriculum to better prepare students. As noted above we can focus upon specific groups of students and target them for additional assistance.

Now some notes about these tests: the challenge of these tests is that while they have a large implication for schools there is no implication for each student as the NECAP scores have no impact upon a student's grade. School administrators have spent considerable time explaining to students the importance of the tests and setting up a test environment which minimizes stress. That said there are still a variety of circumstances which cannot be controlled; a student has a "bad day," a student didn't have a good breakfast, a student stayed up too late texting friends or playing Farmville (it's on Facebook), a particular

class happens to be statistically better or worse at taking tests. The list goes on.

The other important piece of "making AYP" is schools either make AYP or they don't. It is Yes or No. There is no recognition of how much a school has improved or how close it came to making AYP. We have a good example with our 11<sup>th</sup> grade math scores. Twenty-three students scored between 1–3 points below the state "proficiency level" which meant we had 34% of MR 11<sup>th</sup> grade students attain proficiency. Had these 23 students increased their scores by just 3 points to reach state proficiency the MR proficiency level would have jumped from 34% to 55%. While this isn't an excuse and staff already is examining how instruction can be improved, it does illustrate the lack of information when we saw "Met" or "Did Not Meet" AYP. As I have said previously, the overall intent of NCLB is achieving the goal of improving our students' education and leaving no child behind. The use of "One test takes all", "Yes or No" really is an unsatisfactory measure of performance.

Hope you are enjoying the coming of spring as much as I am. —Andy Richards-Peelle 492-3648



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Worship: Sundays at 10:00 AM.



## Thought for the Month

“If we make our goal to live a life of compassion and unconditional love, then the world will indeed become a garden where all kinds of flowers can bloom and grow.” —*Elizabeth Kubler-Ross*

From the Pastor’s Desk—

As I write this the sun is shining and the snowdrops are blooming by the back steps and it is officially the first day of spring! I know it must be so because the sap is flowing and my eyes are watering as my allergies come back in full force. But I’m not complaining as we leave the snow of historic numbers behind and look forward to warmer weather and the blooming of all God’s wonder in creation.

This time of year is one I love when the trees begin to blossom with that new shiny color of green. I always marvel at how many shades of green it takes to make up all the trees, grass and plants on earth. I can just imagine how incredible it will look as I watch for the first time the mountains here in Shrewsbury wake up from their winter sleep. The wonder of this causes me to thank the Lord who created such a splendor for us to enjoy and appreciate.

There’s an old legend from Yugoslavia that tells of four angels who witnessed creation. Each angel had a very different way of responding to what they saw based on the way they viewed life in general. The story goes like this: The first angel observed God’s handiwork in awe and said: “Lord, your creation is beautiful! How did you do it?” That’s the worldview of a scientist. The second angel observed in awe and said: “Lord, your creation is beautiful! Why did you do it?” That’s the worldview of a philosopher. The third angel observed in awe and said: “Lord, your creation is beautiful! Can I have it?” That’s the worldview of a materialist. Finally the fourth angel observed in awe and said: “Lord, your creation is beautiful! Can I help?” That’s the worldview of God’s faithful. [*Windows to Truth*, April/May/June 1992. Cited in James W. Moore, *Some Things Are Too Good Not to Be True* (Nashville: Dimensions for Living, 1994)]

**In many ways this reminds me of how we each respond differently to our world. We often can view the same event and leave with an entirely different way of living our life.** I hope that I am more like the fourth angel in how I live my life; but each and every day is a challenge to live it faithfully given all the temptations we are confronted with on a daily basis. I trust you will find your path for life in this season of new birth we call spring and may you be a blessing to God in everything you do and say.

Holy Week Services:

April 21<sup>st</sup> – **Maundy Thursday** Soup Supper and Service, 6:00 PM

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Good Friday** Service, 7:00 PM

April 24<sup>th</sup> – **Easter Sunday Sunrise** Service 7:15 AM on Church steps, followed by a Pancake Breakfast 8-9 AM; **Easter Sunday** Service 10:00 AM.

## EVENTS at SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

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As interest in locally produced food grows across the country, two small vegetable farms on Rte. 103 are offering a unique way to connect people with the farms producing their food. Caravan Gardens (by Spring Lake Rd.) and Evening Song Farm (1 mile south of Cuttingsville) are both featuring a Community Supported Agriculture program, or CSA, for this summer.

To join, members sign up and prepay for a full season's worth of vegetables. In exchange, CSA members share in the bounty of the harvest and pick up fresh vegetables from the farm each week of the growing season, June to October. The arrangement gives farmers access to working capital in the spring, and the customer receives a discount on vegetables and a unique relationship with the farmers who grow your food.

Evening Song Farm will begin its first year of production this summer. Ryan Wood-Beauchamp and Kara Fitzgerald previously managed a CSA in northeastern Pennsylvania before purchasing their farm this past June. Their CSA pickup will be every Thursday afternoon, and will feature a free-choice style pickup and a pick-your-own flower patch.

Caravan Gardens, growing at the Spring Lake Ranch farmstand, will offer an array of vegetables, herbs, flowers and strawberries this year. The Sirjane family joins Evening Song Farm in encouraging area residents to learn more about our gardens by visiting us this season.

Each CSA operation is unique to that farm, so get in touch with the farmers to learn more about their particular operation and to see if CSA might be right for you.

—Submitted by Podge and Martha Sirjane & Kara Fitzgerald and Ryan Wood-Beauchamp

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