



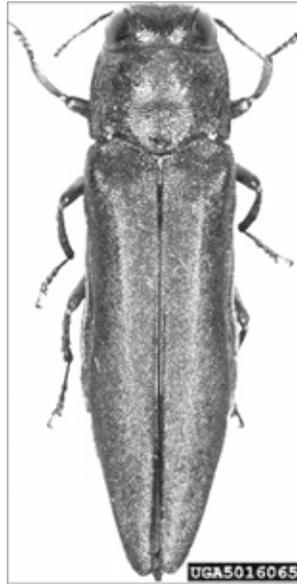
Times of Shrewsbury

June 2011



Bugs, Bugs, Bugs....It's that time of year!

You may notice some purple traps hanging from trees in the Shrewsbury area this season. They're designed to survey for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) which has been devastating to the ash trees in numerous states. In a collaborative effort with the U. S. Department of Agriculture fourteen states, including Vermont, are participating in a "grid-based" survey to monitor the leading edge of EAB infestations. The fact that traps are located in Shrewsbury does not mean the beetles are present, but it does mean survey crews are looking for the beetle. They will be collecting information from the traps in mid-summer, and they will also be refreshing the sticky "lure" at that time. In the fall the traps will be surveyed a second time and then be removed. The traps are not a risk for humans, pets, or wildlife but the non-toxic glue can be very messy if you touch it.



The USDA requests that the traps not be disturbed, but if you see one on the ground please report it by calling the USDA-EAB Hotline at 1-866-322-4512. They also request that you inspect your own trees for any indications of infestation, and they emphasize that firewood should not be moved from the area where it is obtained.

And about the color purple--it turns out that through research it has been discovered that the insect family to which the EAB belongs is attracted to red and purple. They even tested to see which color worked better and found purple to be the color of choice. So this summer if a beetle lands on you while you're wearing purple, you might check it out!

This is one bug we do not want in town! For more information and a color photo of the Emerald Ash Borer go to the Town of Shrewsbury's website.

The Roving Reporter asked: What are your tips or thoughts about the bugs of summer?

- "They're a pain, but you gotta live with them!" —L.V.
- "I hear mosquitoes like dirty, dark clothes, so I'm going to wear clean, white clothes." —M.E.
- "We live on a hill, so we don't seem to have a problem with them." —P.W.
- "Spraying Listerine on yourself helps keep mosquitoes away, and you smell good too." —E.W.
- "With the wet spring and fewer bats, there might be a LOT of mosquitoes this year." —G.M.
- "Do you think with 'global warming' that we'll ever have to worry about malaria in Vermont?"—A.C.
- "I chase them with a swatter." —E.C.
- "I slather myself in DEET!" —J.O.
- "They're really aggravating when they get in my beard." —D.B.
- "I use tea tree oil shampoo to keep black flies away, and it's sold at Pierce's too!" —L.A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Thank You Shrewsbury!

Once again our townsfolk came through on Green Up. Over 100 of you took time to pick up trash on May 7 and help our roadways look their best. There were lots of the usual bottles, cans, and coffee cups. The lucky discoverers of the Golden Frisbees were the team of Roxanne Ramah/Melissa Reichert and Lucky Luke MacIntosh. Thanks again Shrewsbury. See you in 2012.

—Your Conservation Commission

Soccer goals at the Shrewsbury Mountain School

Dear Shrewsbury Families,

The Vermont School Board Insurance Trust (VSBIT) Playground Inspector determined that the soccer goals at the school did not meet their standards and they have been removed due to safety concerns. Our family is organizing a campaign to replace the goals and we are looking for donations. We will be planning some fundraisers and soliciting donations over the next few months to raise \$1,300 so hopefully the kids can have goals by the start of school in August. You are welcome to send donations directly to the school at 300 Mountain School Rd., Shrewsbury VT 05738 or you can contact us at 492-3474 if you'd like to help out. Thank you for your support.

—Submitted by the Bankert Kennedy Family

Shrewsbury Mountain School

May 30	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
May 31	6/2 6th Grade trip to NYC
June 9	2/3 Trip to Hildene
June 10	Band/Chorus Trip to Great Escape
June 11	Girls on the Run 5K
June 11, 13-16	4/6 at Starbase
June 17	MAP Trip to Montshire Museum
June 20	Field Day; Move Up Night
June 21	Last day of school, half day (12:15 Dismissal)

Our Tennis Court is READY!!

Come anytime and enjoy! No need to call. Racquets in the red shed.

—Hull and Taffy Maynard, 773-2087

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 submitting person submitting. 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 initial letter will run in the same issue.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 11		*Rotary Club Annual Fishing Clinic and Derby for ages 12 and under
June 12	4pm	*Shrewsbury Treasures Project @ the Library
June 13	7pm	250th Anniversary planning meeting for all interested individuals and organizations @ the Meeting House
June 16		*Audubon thrush walk with Connie Youngstrom at Shrewsbury Peak
June 18		*Household Hazardous Waste Collection @ Shrewsbury transfer station
June 19	4pm	*Book Discussion Group @ the Library
June 21		*Last day of school at Shrewsbury Mountain School (12:15 dismissal)
June 21	12 noon	*Senior Luncheon @ The Grist Mill in Killington (see article)
June 25	2-5pm	*Surprise event (<i>look for it in this issue of the TIMES!</i>)
July 3	1-3pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum Opening
July 30	7:30pm	*Mettawee Theatre coming

*see information elsewhere in newsletter for details

Deadline for
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the next edition
is June 20



REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm	Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am	Meeting House
Library Trustees' Meeting	2 nd Tuesday—7:00pm	Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm	Mill River Union High School
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals	Friday nights—see Pierce's Store page for details	
Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd 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	1 st Tuesdays—7:00pm	
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open Sundays 1:00-3:00pm July thru Oct	
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	2 nd & 4 th Mondays—6:30pm	Mountain School
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	1 st Tuesdays—7:00pm	South Station Restaurant
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm	Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	(February-May: 1 st Monday—5pm) & (June-January: 1 st Tuesday—5pm)	

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

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

Town Treasurer's Office
492-3558 or 492-3487 Wed. 5pm-7pm

Transfer Station
Sun 8am-4pm & Wed 1pm-7pm

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

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

**In Memory of
Russell W. Smith
1926-2011**

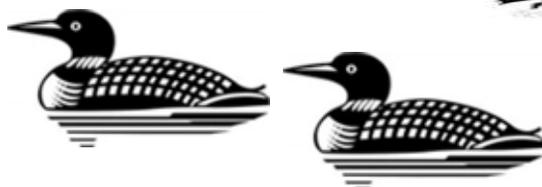
Russell passed away on April 20, 2011 in Brighton Gardens Nursing Home in West Orange, N.J. He was 85. He was born in Rutland and lived his childhood through early adult years at Maple Crest Farm in Shrewsbury Center.

During the war he stayed on the farm to help his father. He was a member of the Shrewsbury Air Patrol, a 4H leader, and called many a square dance at the town hall. In 1951 he graduated from the University of Vermont and later received his master's degree at the University of Maryland. His first position was county agent for Orange County in Vermont. He then went on to Ohio State to work for the Land Grant College in the publications department. His last position before retirement was at Cooks College at Rutgers University in Somerset, N.J. He was a volunteer at the New Brunswick food bank where he spent 2 days a week until his illness in 2007.

Every summer he returned to his beloved Shrewsbury for 2 to 4 weeks. You could always find him cutting brush along the roadside to keep the view open at Maple Crest Farm. Clocks were his hobby; he restored and repaired them. Three of his clocks can be seen in town at the Center church, Town Hall, and the Northam church. Who shall wind the clocks? He shall be greatly missed but fond memories will keep him alive in our hearts, and we will be reminded of his love with the ticking of time.

Burial will be with his parents, Willard and Mary Smith, in the Center Cemetery.

—*The William Smith Family*



The loons are back on Spring Lake

**Shrewsbury, Vermont:
Our Town As It Was**

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Shrewsbury, the Historical Society is lowering the price of its history book, *Shrewsbury, Vermont: Our Town As It Was* by Dawn Hance, to \$15 which is 40% off its regular price.

The sale will begin on SUNDAY, JULY 3rd at the museum opening from 1 to 3pm and can also be found at the Town Clerk's Office and Pierce's Store thereafter, until the end of this year. Now is the time to pick up your copy of this wonderful book filled with everything you want to know about our town as it grew from 1761 until the year 1910.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

OPENS SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011

You are cordially invited to attend the opening of the museum on Sunday, July 3, from 1 to 3 pm. The main exhibit this year will be Shrewsbury's Semiquincentennial or 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Charter. Come to see a copy of the original Charter signed in 1761, designating 24,000 acres to be named *SHREWSBURY*.

This year is also the 40th Anniversary—thanks to the diligence and foresight of its founders—of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, which was formed in the spring of 1971.



Honoring Vermont's Settlers

This is the time of year that we plant a seed so that it will grow. I appreciate the Times printing my letter on the "Original Settlers" out of Benning Wentworth's grants in 1761. We are having, one at a time, interest in following back in time the first families that settled, "made a farm of," the piece of land that they were given to make something of. First of all for a home and then sustenance living for many generations beyond, and for the State of Vermont.

We have been encouraging those whose ancestors were "the original settlers" to trace their roots back, generation by generation. This has created an interest that has been dormant and seems to enjoy waking up for the next generation. There are others like me with Polish-born parents, who are so impressed by the diligence and hard work of the families who settled the Holden and Knight's farms where I have lived. I want it to be known how much they did; how hard they worked. If nothing else comes from the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Benning Wentworth Grants, this should be it.

The town of Poultney printed a book in 1854 on the original families or settlers. The town of Plymouth in 1967 printed a book called *Original Settlers* that has made this connection with the people that "cut a home (farm)" out of the wilderness, sustained and expanded their families and made Vermont. So if you are not a blood relative, but appreciate that these families opened up the wilderness so that Vermont could grow into the strong and individual state it is, you may also be able to trace your piece of land back to "circa" 1780. These families were too busy to write down a lot, but it is interesting detective work. Shrewsbury's own history book will give you a start.

As you look at those stone walls, built to keep the animals in and to protect the crops until harvest, think about the work involved. Somebody reminded me that it was not just one set of hands that did this, families were large, and spread out to settle a lot of the rest of the country. You are undoubtedly related to one of these hardy individuals from way back then after all.

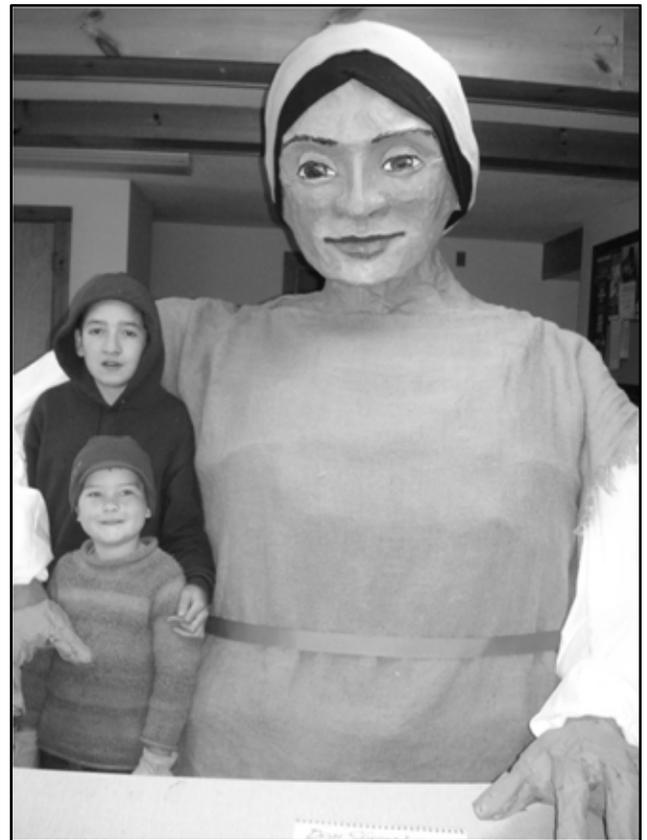
—Submitted by Leonard Korzun

Sixteen Years

The Shrewsbury Seniors have been lunching every month for sixteen years. Why has it lasted so long? Because it's a gathering of people from the same place and the same generations that enjoy a social time of chatter and laughter over a good meal. That's it!!! Come, enjoy this friendly time with us at THE GRIST MILL on the Killington Access Road, June 21 at 12 noon. RSVP: call Rene Pollock for your reservation and if you need a ride. 492-3559.

P.S. What is a "senior"??? We don't tell, 'cause some of us are pretty young in years, and the rest of us are pretty young at heart!!!

—Submitted by Rene Pollock



Mother Earth and two of her friends—Manolo Zelkin and Riley Miller. Mother was created by Grace Brigham to march in the Co-op to Farmer's Market parade in Rutland, but first she paid a visit to the Shrewsbury Meeting House on Green Up Day.

The Shrewsbury Community Church

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 AM



Thought for the Month

“Like a plant that starts up in showers and sunshine and does not know which has best helped it to grow, it is difficult to say whether the hard things or the pleasant things did me the most good.” —*Lucy Larcom*

From the Pastor’s Desk—

It has been a wonderful experience here in Shrewsbury watching the hills and mountains awake from their winter sleep this spring. It was so exciting to see the snowdrops pop out through the snow followed by the gorgeous daffodils displaying their golden yellow color against the ever brightening green grass. Now as we look out over the hills we can see all the trees blooming with flowers or shiny new leaves. I marveled at the blossoms on a dogwood tree recently and my sister shared a wonderful story about the legend of the dogwood tree that I thought you might like to read.

Two thousand years ago, there were very few trees in the Middle East that were big enough to construct much of anything; but there was one tree that was valued for its thick trunk and strong, fine wood. When the Romans moved into Jerusalem, the rulers used this wood to build crosses for executing criminals. The chief wood gatherer was called upon to build a cross for the execution of “The King of the Jews.” The wood gatherer cut a fresh tree and produced an extra tall and an extra-heavy cross. Three days after the death of Jesus, the wood gatherer got the alarming news that all of the finest trees in the forest had withered away to a lifeless, barren region. Several years later, the chief wood gatherer heard that every spring people went to visit the old withered forest. So he went to see what drew people to that old rotting forest. As he drew close his eyes could make out people walking among thousands of beautiful, flowering bushes. The closer he got he could see that each of the white flowers looked as if it had been burned from the touch of a miniature cross.

You see, at the time of the crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees, tall, firm and strong. The legend goes that the tree was so greatly distressed to be used for such a cruel purpose as to crucify Jesus, that Jesus in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to the tree:

“Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross with two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember.”

The legend states that the pink dogwood is said to be blushing for shame because of the cruel purpose which it served in the Crucifixion. The weeping dogwood further symbolizes the sorrow the tree shared. The red dogwood, often called the Cherokee, bears the color to remind us of the blood shed upon that cross of dogwood by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (taken from www.promiseofgod.com/dogwood/)

May we all enjoy the spring with its many blooms, vibrant colors, and warmer temperatures as we remember that out of the depths of darkness, cold and pain can come great beauty.

—*Reverend Pat Jackman, Pastor*
802-770-4003
pastorpatjack@gmail.com

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011, 1:00-3:30pm

SHREWSBURY TRANSFER STATION, 103 Mountain Road, Shrewsbury

AVAILABLE TO: Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY: Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed, not just the one scheduled for your town. Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. Please call John at 770-1333 for more information. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED!!!**

COST: Free to SWAC residents.

- Use products up for their intended use to lower disposal costs for your community.
- Keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!
- No smoking or fires allowed at the collection site.

WHAT TO BRING

From the Yard/Garden

Pesticides
Herbicides
Insect Sprays
Rodent Killer
Pool Chemicals
Flea Powder
No -Pest Strips
Fertilizer
Lighter Fluid

From the Garage

Wax Polish
Engine Degreaser
Carburetor Cleaner

Gas Treatments
Creosote
Radiator Flusher
Roofing Tar
Used Motor Oil

From the House

Drain Cleaners
Oven Cleaners
Floor Cleaners
Toilet Cleaners
Rug/Upholstery Cleaners
Furniture Polish
Metal Polish
Arts and Crafts Supplies

Photo Chemicals
Chemistry Kits
Mothballs
Unbroken Fluorescent
Tubes
Lithium, Mercury, Ni-CAD
Batteries

From the Workbench

Rust Proofers
Wood Preservatives
Wood Strippers and Stains
Paint Thinners
Lead and Oil-Based Paints
Solvents/Varnish Sealants

LATEX PAINT: Latex Paint is not a hazardous waste! Use it up or give it to a friend to use. It may be dried and landfilled as a solid waste. Open container and let dry until solid or mix in cat-litter to speed up the process.

COMPUTER COLLECTION: Permanent computer collection boxes are available in the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, and Tinmouth. West Haven residents can access the computer collection box located in Fair Haven. Please check with your town office or transfer station attendant for disposal fees. In addition, computers are also accepted for recycling or disposal at the Rutland County Solid Waste Facility during regular operating hours. There is a nominal fee for recycling/disposal.

CAR BATTERIES may be taken to the Rutland County Solid Waste Facility during regular operating hours. Most service stations will take used car batteries.

Tires are also accepted at the Gleason Road facility for a nominal fee.

Please Contact John at The Rutland County Solid Waste District at 802-770-1333, Pam at the Solid Waste Alliance Communities at 518-854-9702 or visit WWW.RUTLANDCOUNTYSWAC.ORG for additional information.



Shrewsbury Historical Society, Inc.
Shrewsbury's Semiquincentennial
Charter signed September 4, 1761



NEHEMIAH SMITH
Shrewsbury's second resident

In 1780, Nehemiah Smith and his family came to Shrewsbury from Smithfield, R.I., and settled on Lot #4 across the Crown Point Road from Lemuel White. There is a large rock on the property to this day, in front of the duplex, that became shelter for the Smiths as they built their log cabin.

Smith was born in 1741. He married Lydia Worthington/Warrington in 1766. According to his obituary he served in the "old French War" and during the Revolution commanded a company of Rhode Island militia. On page 204 in *Shrewsbury, Vermont: Our Town As It Was*, there is a copy of First Lieutenant Nehemiah Smith's Rhode Island commission issued on 1779. Smith joined Lt. Lemuel White's militia in Shrewsbury, serving June 10 - 22, 1781, by marching 32 miles to Fort Vengeance in Pittsford or on scouting duty. The quote goes on to say that at one time, he was a sea captain, who transported mahogany spurs from the West Indies.

It is also noted in the town's history book that in the process of clearing land, trees were burned and their ashes used to manufacture potash, the settlers' first cash crop. Tradition has it that Smith strapped sacks of potash on his horse and walked the entire seventy-five miles to Troy, NY where he sold the potash and bought grain.

Eventually acquiring the Lemuel White house, the house was deeded to Nehemiah and Lydia's son, Nathan in 1811, because the couple were advanced in years and wished "to avoid the Trouble of managing a Farm For themselves."

Nathan, in turn, was to provide for their support for as long as they lived in a "Decent and

Honorable Manner Such as tender parents may reasonably Expect from a Dutiful Son (sic)."

When the Crown Point Road Association group toured the area on August 21, 2010, they stopped at the Pine Valley Farm, where Julanne Smith Sharrow informed Barry and Barbara Griffith, CPRA members, that research had shown that the same "journeyman" who had built the porches for her farm had done the same for the two at Maple Crest Farm. The newel post and spindles on the front stairs match the Buckmaster Inn's.

Nehemiah Smith passed away on July 24, 1827 and was buried in the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery, where rest 11 other Revolutionary War soldiers.

POPULATION: By 1790 Shrewsbury had 72 families settled in every section of town, with a total population of 383 people. By 1800 there were 748 residents. From then on the population rose until it peaked in 1830 with 1,289 people. After a prolonged decline, in 1900 the count was 935 and in 1930, 540. The 1960 census showed a population of 445, jumping up to 1,105 in 2005. According to the latest U.S. Census, there were 1,056 residents in 2010.

Bibliography Book: "*Shrewsbury, Vermont: Our Town As It Was*" by Dawn D. Hance. Newspaper article: "*Bicentennial Edition, Rutland Daily Herald,*" Sept. 6, 1961, pg. C-8. Research: on population, notes written by Sadie Hamilton, former Shrewsbury Town Clerk and Postmaster, and current Town Clerk, Mark Goodwin. On Nehemiah Smith, added information by Julanne Smith Sharrow.

—Submitted by Ruth Winkler, Secretary/Treasurer
Museum Telephone: 492-2175
www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the annual meeting held on May 3, 2010, the following officers and trustees were approved for this year. President Con Winkler, Vice-President Marguerite Ponton, Treasurer John Elwert and Secretary Ruth Winkler. Two new Trustees for 3-year terms: Grace Brigham and Catherine Carrara. Two-year terms remain for Fran Patten and Nancy Spencer. One-year terms remain for Ann Ridlon and Richard Bettelli. Bud Clark was named Honorary Trustee.



In April, a bear tried to visit the bird feeders at Rich Betelli and Fran Patten's house... but found them gone!

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SVFD SPRING REPORT

The spring of 2011 has finally arrived, yet ever so slowly. With long enduring snow, and what has seemed like nearly endless rain, we are finally experiencing some nicer weather. The silver lining, so to speak, of the nasty, damp, and cool arrival of spring has been that the brush and grass fire season never really came, and for your volunteers, that is a good thing.

However, the SVFD has been busy in other ways. In late April, a call for mutual aid came from our Clarendon neighbors when a heavily involved structure fire took out the entire middle section of the former Country Squire Motel on Old Route 7 near the airport. Firefighters from Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, and Rutland Town pitched in to save part of the structure and spent the entire night sifting through debris to ensure that no one had been in the vacant building.

A week later, the SVFD was called for mutual aid to Mount Holly for a structure fire. A large barn on the Healdville Road was entirely engulfed when firefighters from Mount Holly, East Wallingford, Shrewsbury, and Ludlow arrived. The barn was a total loss, and three calves and over 100 chickens were lost in the blaze.

The department also responded to a few false alarms which were called in by automatic systems in Shrewsbury homes. In one case, there was a plumber working in the house, and the fumes from his torches activated the alarm. SVFD firefighters quickly responded to the situation and determined that there was no fire. It is much better to respond to such an alarm than to arrive at a fully involved structure fire at a house without an alarm system.

As the weather gets better, the SVFD has resumed its outdoor hands-on training with equipment, and maintenance issues are resolved on an ongoing basis.

Thanks go out to the members who represented the SVFD in the Loyalty Day Parade. The upgraded Northam tanker and the Pierce pumper in Northam were shown off in the annual parade.

SVFD plans for the summer months include participation in the annual Vermont State Firefighters Convention to be held in Middlebury during July as well as ongoing weekly training and maintenance.

Finally, if you would like to find out more about the SVFD, please talk to one of the firefighters, or come to the Cuttingsville or Northam Station on any Thursday evening at 7:00pm to visit. Until next month, stay "Fire Safe."

—Submitted by Bob Snarski

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Mill River Union High School

Thanks to the efforts of staff members Michael Gamache and Tim Parent, Mill River applied for and was awarded a \$1,000 grant to start a community garden. It will be located behind the site of the house that was torn down on MRU property late last fall. The garden will involve a variety of classes as we grow produce for the school's cafeteria. We'll have updates during the growing season.

For much of this year, a district wide (all four schools) committee has been meeting to examine technology in the schools. This includes hardware, software and instruction. Mill River has been in a catch up mode for the last several years in terms of keeping pace with the changes in technology. Realizing it was a race which appeared to have no end, the committee has been working hard to identify the various issues and propose solutions. A priority will be to examine bringing wireless internet service to the entire Mill River building. Currently, the school has limited wireless service. With the rapidly increasing use of laptops, netbooks (small laptops) and iPads, there will be an increasing need for greater wireless service.

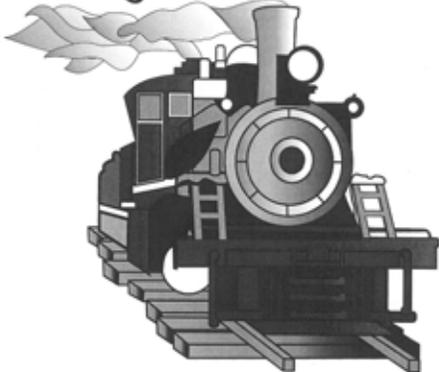
The biggest change for Mill River will be high speed fiber optics, which will come to the building in 2012. The installation of the lines will allow us to transfer significantly more data at a faster rate. The installation of the line will be done by Sovernet, which has received a federal grant to bring high speed lines to public buildings in this part of Vermont. The line installation will be just in time as our faculty and students are making increasing use of the Internet. We are well on our way to exhausting the existing capacity of our current service. With our anticipated addition of Distant Learning (instruction by the Internet), usage will steadily increase.

June 21 is the last day of final exams for underclassmen with make-ups scheduled for June 22.

This year's graduation will be held on the evening of June 8. We extend our congratulations to the following Shrewsbury students in the 2011 graduating class: Alicia Blecich, Alexander Bullock, Casey Dambrackas, Amber Hannan, Caitlyn Hartigan, Emily Patch, Breanna Potter, Rachel Reuter.

—Submitted by Andy Richards-Peelle 492-3648 and Sally Snarski 492-3505

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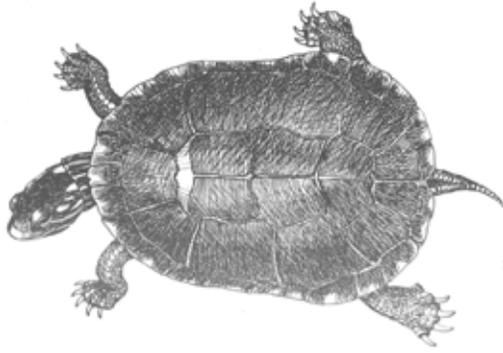
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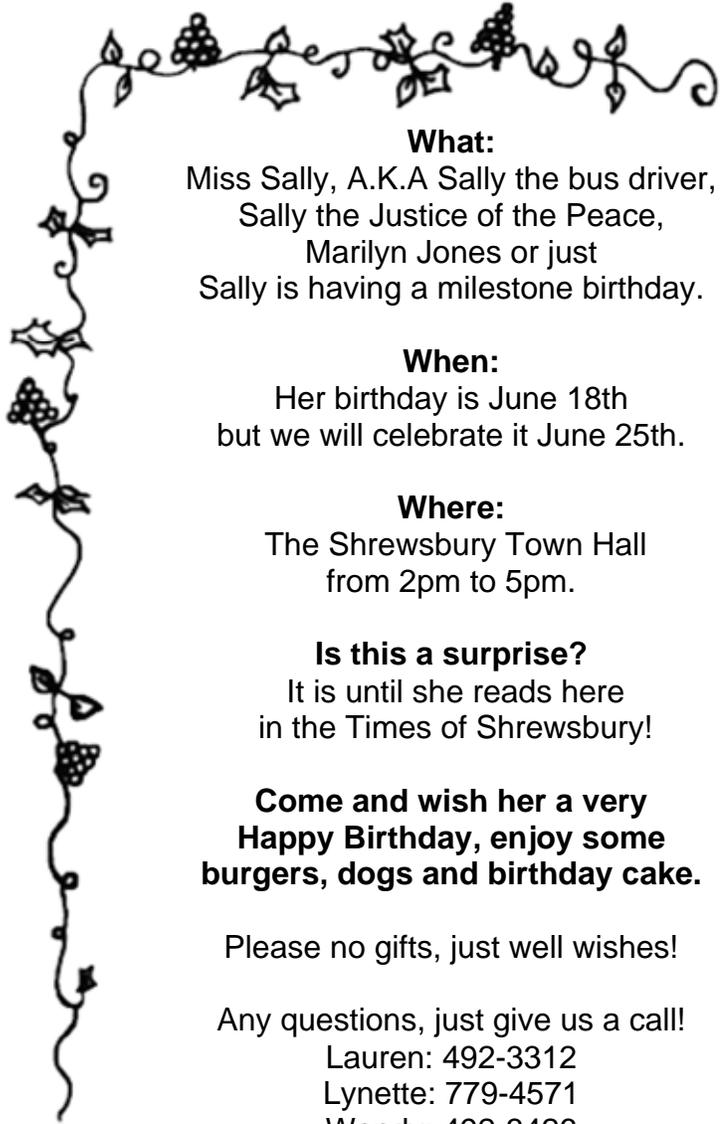


Shrewsbury Outing Club

Summer Greetings from the Shrewsbury Outing Club! Thrushes are singing and partridge are drumming. Come and hear them as you enjoy the hiking trails in North Shrewsbury created and maintained by SOC members. For more than half a century SOC has provided swimming lessons for kids at Spring Lake, bird walks, wildflower hikes, and other outdoor activities.

Shrewsbury residents and property owners are eligible to become SOC members. Information is available from Secretary Grace Brigham, 262 Shunpike, 492-3458. Watch the Times and bulletin boards at the Post Office, Library, and Pierce's Store for SOC activities including this summer's swimming lesson schedule.

—Submitted by Grace Brigham



What:

Miss Sally, A.K.A Sally the bus driver, Sally the Justice of the Peace, Marilyn Jones or just Sally is having a milestone birthday.

When:

Her birthday is June 18th but we will celebrate it June 25th.

Where:

The Shrewsbury Town Hall from 2pm to 5pm.

Is this a surprise?

It is until she reads here in the Times of Shrewsbury!

Come and wish her a very Happy Birthday, enjoy some burgers, dogs and birthday cake.

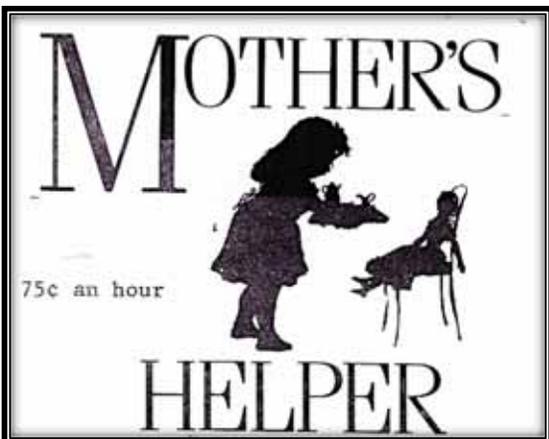
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Any questions, just give us a call!

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—An advertisement from the past—
Times of Shrewsbury, April 1989

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June 3 – Chicken Marbello, one of the finest dishes ever to come out of the *Silver Palate Cookbook*, prepared by mother & son team Ludy & Christopher Biddle. The chicken is first marinated in oil, vinegar, capers, olives & prunes. Although prunes, olives & capers may seem like an odd combo, when cooked together with chicken they create a delectable sweet & sour, savory flavor. Try it, you'll like it.

June 10 – guest Chef Trish Norton will prepare a meal. Anyone who has tasted Trish's cooking understands that this is sure to be real treat; menu to be announced Tuesday 6/7.

June 17 – Spring Lake Ranch will be treating us again with an offering this month to be announced Tuesday 6/14.

June 24 – not to be missed, a family affair by guest chefs Scott, Beverly & Ryan Darling, the first brave souls to use our somewhat limited grill space. They will be preparing Grilled Chicken Fingers served with pasta in a peanut sauce & a small green salad with cilantro vinaigrette. If anyone is upgrading their grill & looking for a good home for the old one please give me a call (Judith Thomas 492-3549) or bring it to the dump & let Dick Adams know; he'll alert us.

FREE

Need boxes?? Pierce's Store gets many boxes in the course of a week. If you want any stop at the store on Tuesday or Saturday to see if we have the size you need. They get cleaned out and taken to the Transfer Station on Wednesdays & Sundays.

FREE

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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE



New Food from Chef Rob McKain

Chef Rob has a long list of new food items he'll be preparing at Pierce's, including shredded beef burritos which are already available and totally delicious. We are working to get a new cooler and once we do, you'll find it stocked with Rob's potato salad,

baked beans, green salads, hummus, chicken salad, pesto, salsa, etc. If there are particular prepared food items you'd like to see, please let us know. Look for a bright pink survey in the store and tell us your thoughts!

Fresh Produce

When our new cooler arrives, we'd love to stock it with some fresh produce staples. Please tell us what fruit and veggies you'd like to see, and whether you prefer conventional, local or organic. We are excited at the possibility of selling not only bananas and avocados, but also local produce from Shrewsbury farms. Look for a bright pink survey in the store and tell us your thoughts!

Welcome New Staff Member Donna Marzilli

We are happy to announce an addition to the team at Pierce's: Donna Marzilli. Donna will be preparing our deli wraps and sandwiches and comes to SCPS with a wide range of food-related work experience and a personal love of making homemade breads and pastas. You'll also find her behind the register on the weekends. Thanks for joining us, Donna!

We have also hired Bernice Moses from town to do cleaning for us. You will probably not see her, as most of her work will be done when the store is closed. But we will all feel more comfortable knowing that this necessary function is covered on a regular basis!

-- *Lindsay Arbuckle & Scott Courcelle,*
Co-Managers

A few words from the SCPS Board

Along with the rest of the country, it seems, the pace at Pierce's Store has been slow to pick up after the winter. Through the early months of the year we've generally recorded a customer count in the 40's and 50's. Not terrible, but we sure hope it picks up as the weather finally warms up and dries out! At least we don't have any major flooding to contend with!!

Since I was away at deadline time for the May issue of the Times, I will give a brief overview of the annual meeting of the Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store that was held at the end of March. Theresa Clark, treasurer, gave a financial report on our first year. Overall sales were approximately \$173,000—an astounding figure that exceeded our budgeted expectations by more than \$40,000! Partly, this reflects the fact that we had only 4 months' operations on which to base our budget for 2010. But it also represents a higher level of support from the community than we anticipated.

We certainly have customers from out of town, whether they are hunters, snowmobilers, hikers or leaf peepers. But our primary customer is from Shrewsbury. We have quite a few who come in with their weekly shopping list and pick up many needed items that we carry before they head to the big stores in Rutland. If you've not thought of Pierce's in that way, why not give it a try? Prepare your list and stop at Pierce's first. You may be surprised at how many things you can get here.

Please stop in to see what's new at Pierce's!

—Submitted by Sally Deinzer

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LIBRARY NEWS

- **Welcome back Donna**—in person, not just via Skype, and now at work barcoding!—and **Lucille**, on her way home at press time!
- **And many thanks to Chryl and Gerry Martin**, for serving on the Board while Lucille is away! We appreciate your help; thanks to Chryl, our obsolete books-on-tape have been discarded and are ready for the summer book sale.
- **Officers Elected** at the Annual Meeting for the coming year:
Co-Presidents: JOAN ALESHIRE & DONNA SWARTZ; Vice-President, LISA SHARROW; Recording Secretary, DIRK THOMAS; Corresponding Secretary, TURIYA LEVY; Treasurer, DEBBIE BLECICH; Assistant Treasurer, LISA SHARROW.
- Shrewsbury Library card holders should be able to start downloading books and music onto home computers and electronic devices by early June. Stop in at the Library for printed directions for ListenUp! Vermont; thanks to everyone who attended the ListenUp! webinar last month.
- **Ask for your library card** if you've filled out an information slip; if you haven't filled out a slip, do so to receive a card!
- Spring is a great time to clear overdue library books, DVDs and videotapes, and music CDs off your shelves and return them to us! Tracking down overdue items is time-consuming for our staff; we read our check-out notebook, check-out cards, and our shelves to make sure something is missing before we call you. If you don't respond, we'll send a letter listing replacement costs, which have to be researched, etc.

We appreciate all those who have responded promptly to a call about overdues—and we all have them from time to time. REMEMBER, THERE ARE NO FINES; we just want things back so other patrons can enjoy them!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 19 @ 4pm Book Discussion: *Finn* by Jon Clinch (a novel by a Vermont writer that re-imagines the adventures of Huckleberry Finn). Copies at the library.

Sunday, June 12 @ 4pm Shrewsbury Treasures Project meets with Grace Brigham & Joan Aleshire; bring ideas!

Saturday, July 30 @ 7:30pm Mettawee Theatre with a new show!

NEW BOOKS include: *Bossypants* by Tina Fey; *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson (non-fiction about Americans in WWII Berlin); *A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother* by Janny Scott; *The Food Matters Cookbook* by Mark Bittman (cooking good-tasting, simple, healthy food).

NEW DVDs: *Blue Valentine*, starring Michelle Williams; *Treme*, the HBO series set in New Orleans; the 2011 *Upstairs Downstairs* from PBS; *Wasteland*, the documentary about art made from trash.

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From the Selectboard

Hello Neighbors,

Since it is recommended that all towns have a professional audit periodically, the Town is seeking bids for an independent professional audit of its financial records. The last audit was done in 2006. This will most likely occur in 2012 due to current budget limitations. If we do switch our fiscal year in the near future the timing of the audit would coincide with this and provide a fresh place to start. We are still researching the pros and cons of a switch and the actual mechanics of making such a switch and are talking with The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to obtain accurate information.

We have had various tree experts look at the big pine tree in the triangle up by Pierce's Store. The consensus appears to be to remove the tree. While I think all of us would prefer the tree to stay, it is showing signs of age and is becoming a safety hazard. No decision has been reached at this time. In the event that the tree comes down, we have had suggestions that we leave the trunk ten feet tall or so and have someone carve something out of it. The bear of Shrewsbury??? What do you think?

A big thank you to all who volunteered and picked up trash on Green Up Day. And thanks to Dick Adams, Dumpmaster, for having the dump open that day, and his continuing efforts to help us all reduce, reuse, and recycle.

By the time you read this we will have had our info sharing session on the 250th anniversary celebration. We encourage all groups and individuals to get in the spirit and think of ways to help yourself and your neighbors celebrate this historic event. We will report back with more on this next month. As always we encourage your participation and feedback.

—Submitted by John Wood

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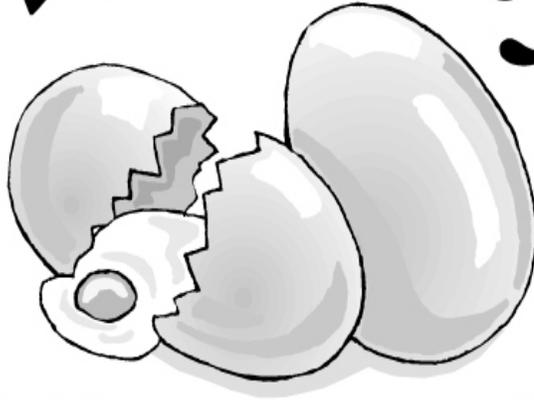
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Connie's Nature Journal

May 20, 2011: On this seventh consecutive day of clouds and rain I wonder if it will ever be dry enough to get the vegetable garden planted. Despite the gloom, spring advances and is most clearly observed as it marches up the hills and mountain slopes. The textures and colors of the newly unfolding leaves are so varied. Today I see that big toothed aspens are silver, red maples are the deepest shade of maroon, and sugar maples a vivid yellow green on the flank of Kinsman Hill.

The recent arrival of the many wood warblers and neo tropical migrants also bring new sounds to the morning bird chorus each day. This morning at my bird feeders, a dazzling group of birds congregated that included brilliant Goldfinches, Purple Finches, a male Cardinal, Baltimore Orioles, and Rose Breasted Grosbeaks. Heard today but not seen, is a Blackpoll Warbler. This tiny black capped bird, commonly found at or above 3500' elevation, is probably on its way to Shrewsbury or Killington Peak. A Northern Parula, another northern nesting warbler, can also be heard singing from its perch in a nearby maple.

I see that the peas I planted seven days ago are showing in the wet earth of the upper garden. The asparagus has been wonderful; the cool cloudy weather has kept it sweet and tender. It is certainly time to get the seeds in the ground of most everything except for the tender tomatoes, peppers, beans and squashes, which will wait until the first week of June.

If you haven't before, now is a great time to take a morning and spend it in West Rutland marsh where Rutland County Audubon maintains an information board and boardwalk that takes you right out in the middle of the marsh. With a bit of patience secretive American Bitterns, Least Bitterns, Virginia Rails, and Soras can be heard and sometimes observed among the cattails and reeds. Rutland Co. Audubon leads a monthly walk around the marsh and yesterday we had an impressive bird list by late morning. We also spotted Nodding Trillium and several clumps of Yellow Ladyslippers blooming at the roadside. Check their website for the date of the next walk in June.

I will be leading an evening Thrush walk for Audubon on June 16 at Shrewsbury Peak where I hope we will here at least five species of these beautiful songsters. Join us, won't you!
—Submitted by Connie Youngstrom



Rotary Club News

Many Shrewsbury residents have been members of the Wallingford Rotary Club over the years, and we welcome their participation in the many events our Rotary Club sponsors. The Rotary Club meets every Monday morning for breakfast in the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford village—where Rotary founder Paul Harris attended school as a boy. The Club also provides many services and opportunities for the youth and citizens of Shrewsbury.

Since 1981 the Rotary Club has participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Over the past three decades, scores of curious students from Shrewsbury and other member towns have had the opportunity to spend a year abroad through this Program. Counterparts from around the world have stayed here with host families learning about American culture and values. Mill River graduate Julia Huessy is presently staying in Chile through this Program while the Club has been hosting exchange student Grigor Dumbovic from Croatia. If you have children attending MRU, ask them if they have met Grigor. Last month Grigor's family came here from Croatia to visit us.

Our Annual Fishing Clinic and Derby will be held at Glendennings on Saturday morning, June 11, 2011. Shrewsbury children age 12 and under are encouraged to come and try their hand fishing in a beautiful stocked pond. Our Rotary Club will provide free instruction, hot dogs, drinks and prizes. If you have a child who would be interested in attending, call Barry Griffith (492-3573) for particulars.

—Submitted by Barry Griffith

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