



Times of Shrewsbury



March 2011



A lonely male cardinal has been visiting Ruth Winkler's feeder lately

Thank You, Sally!

For the 4 years of time and effort that you've given to all of us in Shrewsbury—

Thank you, Sally Deinzer, for your positive attitude, your careful work, and your enthusiasm in editing the *Times*. It has been so appreciated!

Thanks, Jan O'Hara, for your years of coordinating the printing and mailing.

Thanks, Nancy West, for your years of coordinating the bills, donations, and ads.

Shrewsbury Annual Town Meeting

The **Town Informational Meeting** will be held **Monday, February 28** starting at 5:30pm with the Mountain School Report. The Town segment will follow. Refreshments will be available between meetings courtesy of the Mountain School 6th grade. The Town Report has been mailed to all residents and is also available on the web at www.shrewsburyvt.org

Voting will take place on **Tuesday, March 1** at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd. Polls will be open 10:00am-7:00pm.

Early & Absentee Ballots are available now. Please call or e-mail the Town Clerk at shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net. You may vote early by visiting the Town Office during regular business hours. Early voting ends Feb. 28, 2011 at 3:00pm.

If you are interested in volunteering for working the polls and/or as a vote counter, please call the Town Clerk at 492-3511.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praise for the Road Crew

I'd like to thank the Shrewsbury road crew for taking such good care of our little maple trees that were planted around the Meeting House late last fall. We appreciate your hard work!

—*Shrewsbury Conservation Commission*

Hello Shrewsberries

As we turn over the Times to the new editors, Sandra & Chryl, I'd like to let you know I've enjoyed being on the staff of the paper, along with Sally Deinzer & Jan O'Hara!! We've received many votes of confidence, both personally & with notes attached to your checks. It's been a pleasure working with all.

—*Nancy West*

Times Financial Report 12/31/2010

Beginning Cash Balance	\$1,264
Receipts (donations & advertisements)	4,209
Expenses (printing & postage)	(4,854)
Year End Cash Balance:	\$619

Dear Neighbors,

According to legislation changes, **the homestead declaration (HS 122) is no longer required each year.** You may remember that we have been filing these forms every year.

The homestead declaration must be filed only when you have a change in use, such as a purchase or sale of property.

Wishing you a good spring!

Betsy Jesser, Steven Nicholson, Sharon Winnicki

HOW MUCH? Many people have asked how much they should donate to the *Times* so here's some information that might help you decide what is right for you. For a number of years our average expenses have surpassed the receipts. The cushion that had accumulated is nearly exhausted, but there are several ways to insure adequate funds in the future. We've reduced the size (to 8.5 x 11") which will be a cost savings, and we hope to increase the number of donors and advertisers. With your continued support, we look forward to a balanced financial status.

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 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 file or Word document.

Monthly Advertisement Fees: Full page \$40; 1/2 page \$20; 1/4 page \$10; Business card \$5; Classified ad (15 words) \$2. If the *Times* creates an ad for you, add \$20 to the costs. Payment must be received by the 20th or your ad cannot be printed.

Co-editors: Sandra Korinchak & Chryl Martin Printing & mailing help: Jan O'Hara

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 28 5:30pm *Shrewsbury Town School Meeting followed by Town Meeting
@ Meeting House (Food & beverages served between meetings)

March 1 10am-7pm *Voting at the Meeting House Polls open 10:00am-7:00pm

March 1 & 8 8:00-4:30pm *Bible Study @ Shrewsbury Community Church

March 8 11:45am Shrewsbury Seniors @ Swards Restaurant. Call Tess Williams 492-2187

March 17 SMS make-up half day for Dec. 7 (half day— 12:10 dismissal)
12:30-6pm: SMS Parent Teacher Conferences

March 17 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Group @ Edie Clark's 492-3638

March 18 No School—SMS Professional Development

March 25 3:30-5:30pm *Junior Librarians program

March 27 5pm *Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store Annual Meeting @ Meeting House

April 11-15 Spring Recess — No School

*see information elsewhere in newsletter for details



REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 rd 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 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	Annual Meeting— May 3, 2011	Museum
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open by appointment— 492-3324	
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	2 nd & 4 th 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 st Monday— 5pm) & (June— January: 1 st Tuesday— 5pm)	

GENERAL INFORMATION

Shrewsbury Town Website: 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; Lobby 7:30am-5:00pm
Sat counter 8:00am-10:30am
Sat 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

Shrewsbury School Board

We hope to see you at the Shrewsbury School District informational meeting on February 28, at 5:30 at the Town Meeting House. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about our school. The 6th grade class will be serving dinner after our meeting and before the Town informational meeting. Please do not forget to vote the next day on March 1.

In formulating the '11-'12 budget, The School Board was very conscious of the need to contain costs in these hard economic times while still meeting the educational needs of our students. I am pleased to say that Shrewsbury met the target the State had given Shrewsbury under their "Challenges for Change" program.

The Shrewsbury Town School District expenditure budget is down by over \$50,000 compared to the current year budgeted expenditures. We are projecting starting surplus of \$14,000. Even though we managed to significantly reduce expenditures the state reduced our count of "equalized pupils" by 8%. This reduction in equalized pupils has the effect of increasing our per pupil spending. The charts below illustrate how well Shrewsbury's per pupil spending compares:

Equalized Per Pupil Spending	2009	2010	2011	2011
Shrewsbury Elementary	\$10,478	\$11,290	\$11,220	\$11,650
Mill River	\$11,635	\$12,119	\$12,612	\$12,682
Shrewsbury and Mill River				
Vt State Average	\$11,599	\$12,034	\$12,171	\$12,293

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Shrewsbury Elementary Budgeted Expenditures	\$997,160	\$1,008,803	\$996,310	\$942,287
Shrewsbury Elementary Educational Spending	\$785,543	\$853,623	\$767,802	\$750,360
Mill River Educational Spending	\$5,944,267	\$6,000,720	\$6,187,247	\$6,074,160
Education Tax rate (per\$100) - including Mill River	1.645	1.798	1.349	1.324
Income sensitivity (% of total household income)	2.30%	2.38%	2.36%	2.50%

How much greater is the per Equalized Pupil Spending in each of these districts compared to Shrewsbury?

Mill River 7-12	8.86%
Clarendon Elementary	15.12%
Wallingford Elementary	30.38%



—Submitted by Ed Hemmer, Board Member

School Board Report

It is that time of year again. All we seem to think about is money—money being spent in fuel oil as the temperature drops and money being discussed down to the penny in our budget meetings in preparation for Town Meeting. We have almost finalized next year's budget and will vote on the final number on Jan. 24th. My portion of the Town Report has been tentatively completed showing a budget of \$942,687, a decrease of over \$53,000 and a sinking fund request of \$13,000. Our unadjusted tax rate will go up slightly in response to the number of equalized pupils that the State has allocated to the elementary school. The method that the State has been using in the past couple of years has resulted in a drop in our student numbers of close to 17% although our actual numbers have remained almost constant.

Luckily this year, in response to the reappraisal, the CLA has increased and the adjusted tax rate will show a decrease of approximately 3%. We hope that you will all read through the Town Report and come to listen and ask your questions at the Informational Meeting on February 28, school portion to start at 5:30.

Of course, don't forget to vote on March 1. Both the Informational Meeting and voting will be at the Town Hall.

—Submitted by Adrienne Raymond, Board Chair

(The School Board Report was submitted in a timely fashion for the February Times. We apologize for it not appearing in that issue.)

SVFD News

Thanks to the vigilance of our community, this has been a remarkably quiet winter for the SVFD thus far. There have been very few calls, and the department has been able to focus on maintaining equipment and training personnel for most of this season. Thank you, Shrewsbury residents, for taking appropriate care of chimneys, wood and pellet stoves, electric heaters, and other appliances which are the usual sources of winter fires.

The months of January and February have been utilized for air pack (SCBA) re-fitting and flow testing, some maintenance work on the stations, and finishing up interior renovations at the Northam Station. Vehicles and equipment have been maintained, and the old fuel in some of the small engines that run equipment such as generators, Jaws of Life, portable pumps, and chain saws has been replaced with fresh gas.

Due to the large amounts of snow and high snow banks, concerns were raised at the most recent business meeting regarding difficulties that might arise if there were to be a fire call in some of the more remote and difficult locations to access in town. For example, areas such as Button Hill, Cheerio Hill Road, Spring Lake Road, Upper Cold River Road going down towards the covered bridge, and individual homes at the end of very long driveways could be extremely difficult to access in case of an emergency. If you live in these areas, please clear a "pull off" near your home in order to allow for the passage of two fire trucks. This is because in a rural fire situation, it is necessary for trucks to pass by each other in order to supply water in a timely and expeditious manner.

In the area of training, the SVFD is looking for a working DVD player that could be used at the Cuttingsville Station to show training videos. Currently there is a TV and an older VCR machine, but nearly all videos are now in DVD format. If you have a DVD player that you would be willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact any firefighter or Safety Officer Bob Snarski at 492-3505 if you have one to donate.

In the meantime, continue to stay fire safe and vigilant. Should you have any kind of fire emergency, always call 9-1-1 for a quick response from your department.

—Submitted by Bob Snarski

Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department



Cuttingsville, Vermont



Shrewsbury Historical Society

Ruth Winkler, Secretary

Museum Telephone #492-2175

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

MID-WINTER LAUGH

Back a few months an article in the *Rutland Herald* caught my attention. It was a commentary written by Peter Gilbert. I must say I read it and enjoyed the greatest laugh of the century. No, I thought, it could not be. Is it true? Is it a joke?

Let me quote.

“Before railroads, the only way to get turkeys from Vermont to market in Boston was to walk them there. And that, throughout much of the 19th century, is exactly what Vermonters did, including Vermonters from the northernmost part of the state. Townspeople put their birds of a feather together, and, accompanied by wagons with camp supplies and tons of feed grain, they escorted as many as 7,000 birds at a time all the way to Boston. Drives of 3,000 to 4,000 birds were common in the 1820s and 1830s.

“Historian Charles Morrow Wilson says that about 1,000 birds were the minimum necessary to make the 159-to-350-mile trek worthwhile. It was a long haul. The flocks could make only 10 to 12 miles a day, and at least one drover was required for each 100 birds.

“Boys scattered shelled corn feed in front of the birds, so they would walk forward, while others herded from behind. Flocks might spread out for more than a mile, ranging in width from a few feet to 50 yards. To protect the birds’ feet on such a long hike over rough terrain and November’s frozen ground, Vermonters sometimes coated the birds’ feet with warm tar. They lost about 10 percent of the birds to forded rivers, foxes, hungry farm families they met en route, and other perils of the journey.

“Two key facts to keep in mind are big birds, little brains. Wherever they were when the sun set, that’s where they perched for the night. Their collective weight shattered trees. Occasionally, so many birds perched on a farmer’s shed or barn

even two birds on a leash, from Island Pond south all the way to Boston is charming in its absurdity.”

And so, this writer wrote to Peter Gilbert asking for its validity and Mr. Gilbert answered: “It IS true! It is very funny sounding, but true nonetheless.... and Paul Carnahan, Librarian of the Vermont Historical Society, assures me that such turkey drives did happen!”

And just today, while this chagrined writer was looking through the history book *Shrewsbury, Vermont: Our Town As It Was* I found on page 162 the following item: “For many years, Vermont was famous for turkeys. At times thousands of birds were driven over turnpikes to market in Boston, although some drovers complained bitterly about the birds’ habit of flying into trees and refusing to come down.” I still find it a really funny story.

We are so fortunate to have five wild turkeys visit our bird feeder each morning—we stand with



our noses pressed against the cold window with camera ready for a really good photo and I can’t help but wonder if they know how lucky they are!

—Submitted by Ruth Winkler

Library News

SORRY we were CLOSED several times last month, because of snow and a staffer's emergency. We appreciate your patience; please call ahead in bad weather to see if we're open (492-3410).

THANKS to our newest volunteers, GREG MILLER and LAURA KRUEGER! We welcome new staffers, especially in winter when our stalwarts Donna and Lucille are away.

THANKS TO LISA's dedicated effort, we're moving closer to providing all patrons with library cards. If you haven't received a card at the Library, or filled out a form, please stop in. Each family member will have his or her own card; during the transition, your old numbers will still apply! With the carding process well underway, we are joining the Green Mountain Library Consortium; our membership in GMLC will allow our patrons to download not only audiobooks and music CDs but also e-books using Shrewsbury Library cards.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW MUSIC DISPLAY! Thanks to Thomas for the selections and to Turiya for the sign!

COMING IN APRIL:

BOOK DISCUSSION: Sunday, April 17 @ 4pm
ANGLE OF REPOSE by Wallace Stegner
COFFEE TASTING with Vermont Coffee Co.
STORYTELLING: "Winter Tales": your own five-minute story

COMING IN MAY:

GARDENERS' ROUNDTABLE: Dates TBA;
check the library web site & next month's *Times*

NEW DVDs:

THE No. 1 LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY
GLEE: SEASON 2
THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST
GASLAND, the controversial documentary

Please handle DVDs with care; the shiny side will scratch!

Hello from the Kids Korner.

■ Just a reminder that the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, A.K.A. "Dr. Seuss," is on March 2. Please take a moment to read one or two of his great books to your child on this day. Come check out our display of his books in the kid's room at the library. Maybe you could serve Green Eggs and Ham for Dinner??

■ The next Jr. Librarian program will be held on Friday March 25, 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

NEW NON-FICTION:

I REMEMBER NOTHING
by Nora Ephron (more comic essays on age)
THE LAST BOY: MICKEY
MANTLE and the End of
America's Childhood by Jane Leavy
THE TIGER: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival
by John Vaillant
THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE TIGER MOTHER by
Amy Chua



NEW FICTION:

THE WEIRD SISTERS by Eleanor Brown
CROSS FIRE by James Patterson
THE GIRL IN THE GREEN RAINCOAT by Laura Lippman

let me know that you'll be attending and don't forget your bus note.

■ Still seeking any high school juniors and/or sophomores that would like help with preparing for your SATs and/or ACTs? Please call the library (492-3410) and leave your name and number. A former test prep coach has offered to hold classes at the library for any interested students. We are hoping to have the classes in time for the spring round of these tests. So please let us know if this is of interest to you.

■ 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 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 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!

Thanks for your support. *Gail H*



2011 Dog Licenses are now available.

2011 Dog Licenses are now available at the Town Office or by mail. Fee is \$8.00 for neutered/spayed, otherwise \$12.00. Current rabies vaccination documentation is required. To remove the name of a previously licensed animal please call 492-3511. If licensing by mail, please include a copy of your new rabies certificate (if needed).

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

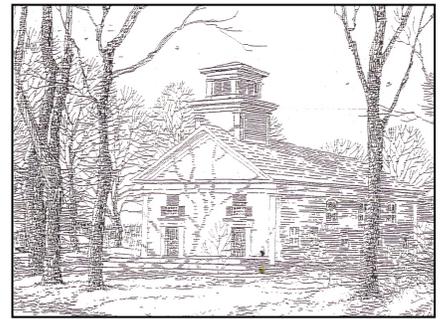
To my Shrewsbury Neighbors,

I am asking you to vote for me for another term as Shrewsbury Lister. As you may or may not remember I was appointed at the very end of last February by the Select Board to fill an unexpected opening. It was an interesting time to come on board as the town was in the middle of a Townwide Re-appraisal. As many of you know, this was a huge project for the town and one that required a lot of time and dedication. I took every opportunity that was available to take training courses by the state and thanks to Betsy Jesser, Steven Nicholson, Wright Appraisal Co. and our district advisor Teri Guildersleeve I learned a lot in a short period of time. That's not to say that I don't have more to learn; I certainly do! I would appreciate the opportunity to continue as your lister. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to give me a call at home at 492.3536. Thank you!

Sharon Winnicki

The Shrewsbury Community Church

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 AM



Thought for the Month

“Highlight my strengths and my weaknesses will disappear.”
—New Zealand Maori Saying

From the Pastor’s Desk—

The month of March, hopefully, will bring warmer weather and, if we are lucky, less snow to shovel. It will also bring the Christian tradition of Lent, a period of 40 days from Ash Wednesday, March 9th to Holy Saturday, April 23rd before Easter Sunday, April 24th. The traditional purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer—through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-evaluation—for the annual commemoration of the final week of the life of Jesus, the Christ, before His Death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Traditions vary on how Christian traditions view this time period and what customs they observe. Many Christians choose to give up something as a penance during this time. People often give up things like: chocolate, dessert or movies. Over the years, I have seen and heard many thoughts on this tradition and wondered if the giving up of something really made a difference.

Additionally, I have always loved the quote from the Maori people of New Zealand, “Highlight my strengths and my weaknesses will disappear.” I first heard it almost twenty years ago, from New Zealand educator Leanna Trill. What I loved about it was the positive approach to thinking about people. It always made sense to me to focus on the glass half-full vs. half-empty.

With this in mind, I would like to suggest a slightly different approach to this coming Lent. Instead of choosing something to give up for Lent, I would like to suggest that we use this time to begin a new habit. Two years ago I personally started to do this. I decided to send a card each day to someone I knew. It could be a thank you card, a thinking of you card, a get well card, etc. I have since modified this habit to sending a card once a week but the purpose was to focus on doing something positive allowing me to share the power of God’s love with others. You might choose to call or email someone different every day, or decide to not get upset when someone cuts in front of you in traffic. The options are many but in the end you will be focusing on your strengths and hopefully your weaknesses will begin to disappear as you daily work to develop a new, positive habit.

Research says it takes a minimum of 21 days to take on a new habit and this 40 day period of Lent is a great time to easily get that habit up and running and permanently in our daily schedules.

May you be a blessing to God in everything you say and do.

The Reverend Pat Jackman, Pastor
Phone: 802-770-4003
Email: pastorpatjack@gmail.com

Dates to Remember:

March 9 – Ash Wednesday
March 15, 22, & 29 – Book Study on the Parables of Jesus

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet at Edie Clark’s home on Thursday, **March 17** at 2pm. All are welcome. Come and have fun while you create something for someone. Call Edie at 492-3638 for “reservations.”

Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store News



Annual Meeting—Sunday, March 27th, 2011, at 5:00 pm the member/shareholders of the Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store will gather at the Shrewsbury Meeting House for the organization's third Annual Meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but only member/shareholders are allowed to vote.

So if you aren't sure if you are a member/shareholders or if you want to become one, stop at the store and learn more. Whoever is working at the cash register can check the list of the current members and tell you your status. A share costs only \$20 and entitles you and members of your household to a 2% discount on all purchases (except newspapers) and gives you a vote (only one vote per household) at the meeting. Shares can be purchased up until the time the meeting begins and enable the purchaser to vote at the meeting.

The meeting will include a summary of the financial condition of the coop as of the end of December 2010; a report on activities during 2010 and a look at 2011; and election of three members—two whose 2-year terms are expiring at the meeting, and one new member to fill a position that will be vacated because the current incumbent is not running again. Information is not yet available on the candidate(s) for the vacant position, but it will be mailed to members prior to the meeting. We might have a guest speaker who has experience in all phases of our business.

The meeting will be followed by a potluck supper. Hope to see you there!

Generator—

—Submitted by Sally Deinzer

Pierce's Store now has the ability to be open when the power is out in Town. In the late fall, we installed a 20-watt, propane fired generator with automatic switch behind the store. Funding came from the proceeds of the Jazz Cabaret that was held at Crisanver House last June, from individual donors who made tax deductible contributions and from customers who put pennies, dimes, quarters and bills into the "pickle jar" that we had by the register for several months. Finally, SCPS funded the balance of the cost from money we had set aside in our 2010 budget for that purpose. Unfortunately, we were unable to find grant monies to offset any of the costs, as the Federal funds for this type of project dried up in the latter part of the year.

While we have not yet had a significant "test" of the generator, we know that it will come. The unit is set up to run automatically once a week to ensure it is in working order. It is maintained and serviced by the same technician who maintains the other large generators at the town office and school. A big THANK YOU! to all who donated in any way toward our being able to purchase this "insurance."

Menu for Friday Night Dinners @ Pierce's Store for March 2011

March 4: Guest Chef Sally Deinzer will be making Garlic/Ginger Turkey Breast with Stir Fry Veggies served with Rob's French Bread.

March 11: Guest Chef Louise Duda will be making Dabie Sweet's Ham & Cheese Casserole featuring Wallingford Locker Ham & Grafton Village Cheddar Cheese served with a small tossed salad. This is simply heavenly—try it you'll like it.

March 18: Guest Chef Tracy Crelin & a crew from Spring Lake Ranch will be making Beef Stew served with a small tossed salad with balsamic vinaigrette & Rob's French Bread.

March 25: Guest Chef Susan Taggart will be making Chicken Enchiladas served with Mexican saffron rice, refried beans & a small tossed salad. A Bean & Cheese vegetarian version will also be available.

Don't forget to vote. The Town information meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, and voting will begin on Tuesday, March 1 from 10am to 7pm at the Shrewsbury Meeting House.

—The Board of Listers

PAID POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT

Please vote Sharon R. Winnicki for a Three Year Term on the Board of Listers.

Sharon was appointed by the Selectboard in the midst of our Town Wide Reappraisal. She immediately took many classes and worked with Wright Appraisal Team throughout the reappraisal process. Sharon has proved herself to be a valuable asset to the Board with her exposure to all aspects of the position of Lister. I worked with Sharon daily providing on the job training in Lister duties, which have become quite extensive. Sharon is hoping to continue her experience and knowledge to serve our community on the Board of Listers.

Respectfully,

Betsy Jesser

Classifieds

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom country apartment 3 miles from Rutland Hospital. All utilities included. \$675/month Call (802) 233-6358 or 233-6749.

YOGA CLASS: Shrewsbury's own Galen Miller will be teaching an ongoing yoga class Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Cobra Gymnastics in Rutland. This class is appropriate to all levels of experience and is a great way to unwind after a hard days work! Call Galen at 417-7631 for more information.

SEWING AND YOGA SPACE WANTED: Shrewsbury family looking for a space where we can teach yoga and do canvas work. The space should be empty and warm with a nice smooth floor and at least 20 foot square. Hoping for inexpensive rent and/or barter for services. Contact Galen or Greg at 417-7631.

Isn't it your time to Thrive?

**Celebrating our 11th Year
of Service to the Community.**

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- Subdivision Permits
- Structural Engineering

Arthur G. Krueger, P.E.
(802)492-3653



News from the Dump

"Where Friends Gather"

Hello! At the request of the new editors of the *Times*, I am back again. I have spent many minutes during the past year trying to figure out where the Dump fits into the Shrewsbury town picture. We are unique. We are the only group that measures our progress by **what we save**. If we are accounted for by what we spend we do not properly picture what we do. Most of the Town expenses are spent on the welfare of the people. We are devoted to saving the environment as well. This does not mean that we do nothing to help the people in Town.

Our biggest savings is in the Reading Room. Here we divert items that would otherwise go into the compactor and return them to the community where they will be again used, saving money for the user and at the same time saving our recourses. Thus here we have a double savings.

Let's take a moment and see just what we mean when we speak of **diversion** and **utilization**.

Diversion—Anything, be it tin cans, ski boots, plastic bottles or packing peanuts, that we do not put in the compactor is diverted. Here we are saving \$100.00/ton. That is the cost of tipping fees and transportation that makes up the cost to get our trash to the landfill. These savings are never accounted for. The Town bookkeeping system does not account for savings. Thus they are not shown. But they are still a savings to the taxpayers.

Utilization—This is what we do with what we divert. It goes in three directions. 1) *Glass and metal* are removed from the system at no cost. 2) *Paper and cardboard* are sold for recycling and are the only items that are shown as income. 3) Most of the rest of what we divert are returned to the Town Folks for reuse.

We have come up with a formula to help figure this out: **DIVERSION + UTILIZATION = SAVINGS**

Let's look at a couple of examples. We will start with glass.

Glass: We divert about 5 tons of glass a year. We grind it and the Road Crew takes it for fill. Thus we have saved **\$500.00** by diverting it from the compactor and have no other benefit from it.

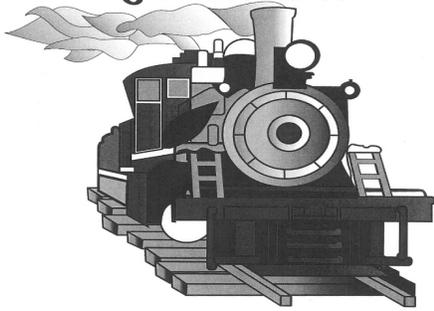
Cardboard: This is about the biggest income producer we have. We ship about 18 ton a year. Thus we divert about **\$1,800.00**. But it does not stop here. We sell it for about \$45.00/ton bringing in **\$787.00** for the year. The income **\$787.00** shows on the Town Books as income. But the total savings to the Town is **\$2,587.00**.

Reading Room: The biggest saving place is the Reading Room. I have dumped in all of the little things that we divert and return for use in the Town here: canning jars, egg boxes, phone books, and bubble wrap, packing peanuts, items off the fence and any other things that the Good Folks wish to carry off. While we have no good method to attach a monetary value to these items we believe that it is more than **\$300.00** a Dump day. We tried to estimate the value of these items at one-half retail value. A book was **\$5.00** and clothing at **\$10.00**. As the Reading Room is open over 100 days a year, this gives us a total value there of items returned to the community at **\$30,000.00/year**. Add to this the amount that we get from diversion of 10 tons, **\$1,000.00**, gives a total savings here of **\$31,000.00** a year.

It has been a good year and I have gathered the above information to show you what you have accomplished. I must say THANK YOU to the people that have been keeping the Reading Room organized, neat and clean. As one can see, it has paid off very nicely. When the idea of the Reading Room came up I agreed that I would build it but it had to be run by volunteers. There have times when it was COLD and windy, but you still did it. There were many times when I was busy and I saw that something needed doing in another area and you did it. The person was often long gone when I looked to thank them. I will do it here: THANK YOU. It is a good Dump and a good addition to the Shrewsbury society, the Shrewsbury way of life and your caring for your neighbor and the environment. I am flattered when folks bring friends to the Dump to show how we do it here. I must say that it is your hard work that it has made this show happen. I'm just here to help.

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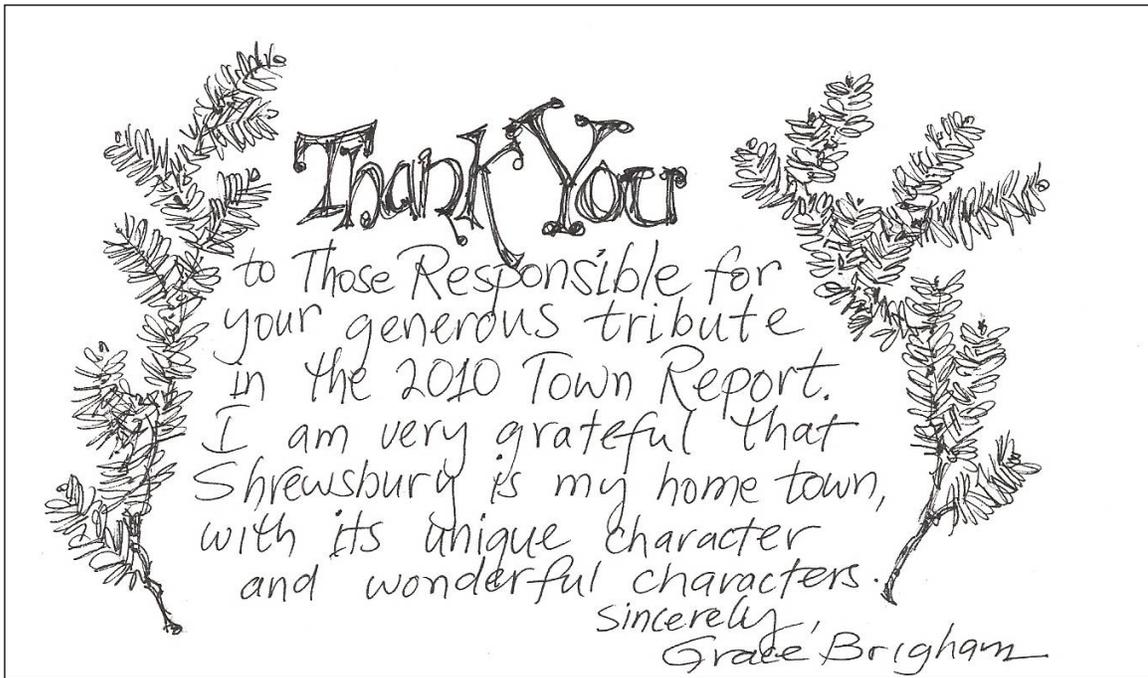
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	2010	2009	2008
	Avg Temp	Avg Temp	Avg Temp
Jan	20	19	27
Feb	21	23	23
Mar	35	30	25
Apr	44	41	39
May	51	55	52
Jun	63	61	62
Jul	71	64	70
Aug	68	69	67
Sep	62	59	63
Oct	51	46	51
Nov	40	42	42
Dec	32	30	27
AVGs:	47	45	46



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