



Times of Shrewsbury



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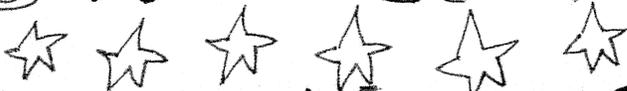
GREEN UP DAY!

*SAT. MAY 7, 2011

BREAKFAST & BAGS 8AM~10AM

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TOWN HALL



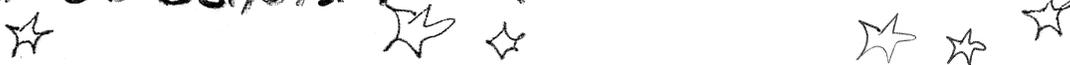
GREEN UP SHREWSBURY!

10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM

*THE USUAL JOLLY COMPANY *
AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING "FINDS" *

*WHO WILL DISCOVER THE *
*GOLDEN FRISBIE? *

HELP US BEAUTIFY SHREWSBURY'S ROADS!



LETTERS TO and FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for submission to
the next issue is May 20

Clarification

The picture designated as Orville's Sugarhouse in the April issue is actually Donald & Patricia Oresman's Sugarhouse.

—*The editors*

There will be peas!

I pass on to you the work in my garden. THE FIRST CROP OF PEAS ARE IN!!!!!! I was surprised how warm the soil was. It seemed warm to the touch. Of course I have a good south location and not windy. Likewise I picked my first flowers. The snowdrops are just starting to blossom.

—*Submitted by Dick Adams on April 7*

IN MEMORIAM

Former Historical Society founding member James McCullough passed away at age 93 on March 26, 2011. Jim lived in Cuttingsville in the historical Huntoon brick house, now owned by Life Members John Van Hoesen and Fred Sargeant, and was a well known antique dealer and appraiser. He was most gracious and

hosted a tour of this beautiful home and donated many artifacts to the Historical Society including a set of old china which is on display in the museum along with a book of vintage post cards of Shrewsbury. Jim moved in his later years and was able to attend the Society's 25th Anniversary Party, along with other founding members who started the Historical Society in 1971, forty years ago.

—*Submitted by Ruth Winkler,
Shrewsbury Historical Society*

The Shrewsbury Community Church is in immediate need of nice housing for our new full-time pastor. If you have an apartment or house for rent, please notify Pat Jackman at 770-4003 or Roxanne Ramah at 492-3675.

If you have a home to sell (3 bedroom, 1 to 2 bath) or lot on which we might build a parsonage, please contact any of the church officers: Karen Lorentz (492-3576), Roxanne Ramah (492-3675) or John Lorentz (775-6811 office).

—*Submitted by Karen Lorentz*

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.

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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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| May 3 | 7pm | *Historical Society Annual Meeting @ the Museum |
| May 6 | 8:30-11:30am | *Preschool & Kindergarten Registration, Shrewsbury Mountain School |
| May 6-8 | | *Geraniums at Pierce's Store |
| May 7 | 8am-2pm | *Green Up Day |
| May 10 | 12 noon | *Senior Luncheon @ The Doll House |
| May 10 | 7pm | *Shrewsbury Library Annual Meeting @ Shrewsbury Library |
| May 12 | 5-7pm | *Stone Soup Community Supper @ Pierce's Store |
| May 15 | 4pm | *Book Discussion Group @ Shrewsbury Library |
| May 17 | 5-7pm | *Wine tasting @ Pierce's Store |
| May 19 | 12:15pm | Prayer Shawl Group @ Edie Clark's home 492-3638 (Bring a bag lunch) |
| May 20 | 7:30pm | *Gardeners' Roundtable @ Shrewsbury Library |
| May 22 | 4pm | *Shrewsbury Treasures workshop @ Shrewsbury Library |
| May 22 | 3-5pm | *Garage open house @ Pierce's Store |
| May 27 | 3:30-5pm | *Junior Librarian Program @ Shrewsbury Library |
| May 28 | 12 noon | *Cow Chip Bingo for Mill River Class of 2011 |
| June 18 | | Household Hazardous Waste Collection @ transfer station |



*see information elsewhere in newsletter for details

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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| Board of Selectmen Meeting | 1st & 3rd 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 Museum | Open by appointment—492-3324 | |
| 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 9:00am-3:00pm; Closed Friday

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

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

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 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 Mountain School PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Friday, May 6, 2011
8:30 – 11:30 AM
at the Shrewsbury Mountain School

For admission into Preschool, a child must be at least three (3) years on or before Aug. 31st of the year of entrance.

For admission into Kindergarten, a child must be at least five (5) years on or before Aug. 31st of the year of entrance. Children who are currently in our Pre-K program will automatically be registered into our Kindergarten.

Please call the school at 492-3435 to schedule an appointment time. If you can't make it on this day, please call the school to make other arrangements.

A parent and the child need to be present at the appointment. The parent should bring the child's immunization record, official birth certificate, and be prepared to fill out registration forms.

Notes from Evening Song Farm

Plenty of us love the spring because it means we can start our gardens. Although many of the plants we love to grow must wait until the threat of frost passes, there's an abundance of cold-hardy plants that can withstand freezing and thrive in the cool, wet weather of spring. As soon as the ground is uncovered and dry enough to plant, gardeners can seed things like lettuce, spinach, peas, arugula, mustard greens, broccoli raab, radishes, and bok choi. At Evening Song Farm we are also transplanting many other hardy plants outdoors this time of the year, like kale, cabbage, broccoli, onions, leeks, and swiss chard. Starting a garden with cold-hardy vegetables is a great way to get an earlier harvest and to enjoy the satisfying work of tending to a garden this time of year.

Another place to find spring's cold-hardy bounty is in wild edible plants, which are a wonderful way to eat fresh and delicious greens before the garden starts yielding. Our favorites of this season are wild leeks (also called ramps), fiddleheads, and stinging nettle. Wild leeks grow in patches in the woods, and are easy to find in sugar bushes from late April to

mid-May. (We've read that wild leeks prefer the same soil conditions as sugar maples.) They have a small white bulb in the ground and green oval-shaped leaves, all of which is edible, and tastes like a strong, garlicky green onion.

Fiddleheads are the tightly rolled tender leaves of an unfurled ostrich fern. They look just like their name: the top of a violin. They tend to grow in wetter areas and you can often see them along the side of the road in early May. They're crispy and fresh, and we cook them like green beans: it's excellent sautéed with wild leeks and soy sauce, served over rice.

Stinging nettle is difficult to pick—you need gloves to avoid the sting—but it's very nutritious, and perfectly edible after cooking it, which removes its stinging qualities. You can use it just like spinach!

As with any wild edible, it's always a good idea to head out with a friend or neighbor who knows how to properly identify wild plants. Enjoy the spring!

—Kara Fitzgerald

Library News

- THANKS TO THE DUDAS for the wonderful presentation on HABITAT for HUMANITY IN SRI LANKA on April 15. We hope they'll keep us up-to-date on their travels!
- **THE LIBRARY'S ANNUAL MEETING** for the election of trustees and board members will take place on **Tuesday, May 10** at 7pm, **NOT** May 17 as previously announced! Donna will attend via Skype. All are welcome!
- Anyone interested in serving as a trustee (for a 3-year term) should contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Gail Hartigan (492-3605); Lisa Sharrow (492-3720); or Dirk Thomas (492-3549) to learn about trustee responsibilities and expectations.
- We also welcome **VOLUNTEER STAFFERS**; if you have time during Library hours to check books in and out, answer questions, and meet your neighbors, please call the Library at 492-3410, and a trustee or other volunteer will show you what to do.
- When we are fully **automated**—when all our materials are bar-coded, which is a painstaking process!—we will have another training for all trustees and volunteers. While we're in transition, we'll stick to the old manual methods; we appreciate your patience.
- TRAINING for ListenUpVT by webinar: **Tuesday, May 10** at 10am in the Library. All staffers are encouraged to attend! The class should last an hour and a half.

COMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY:

- Tuesday, May 10: Webinar on ListenUpVT! 10am • Annual Meeting 7pm
Sunday, May 15: Book discussion: ZEN AND THE ART OF MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE by Robert Pirsig. 4pm Books available.
Friday, May 20: Gardeners' Roundtable 7:30pm Come with questions & stories!
Sunday, May 22: Shrewsbury Treasures workshop, 4pm with Grace Brigham. Bring ideas!

Readers' Pick: OLIVE KITTERIDGE, a book of linked stories by Elizabeth Strout

NEW BOOKS:

- THE TIGER'S WIFE by Tea Obreht: a new novel set in the former Yugoslavia
THE TROUBLED MAN by Henning Mankell: the last Wallendar crime novel
TWIN by Allen Shawn: a memoir about the author's autistic twin sister
THE LAND OF PAINTED CAVES by Jean M. Auel: more in the "Cave Bear" series
WOMEN OF INFLUENCE IN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC by Michael K. Slayton: a survey that includes Shrewsbury summer resident Marga Skelly (Richter)

NEW DVDs: FAIR GAME, with Naomi Watts & Sean Penn; BLACK SWAN, with Natalie Portman; THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA: DANIEL ELLSBERG AND THE PENTAGON PAPERS, a prize-winning documentary; FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS, SEASONS 4 & 5, the last of the popular TV series; and HOWARD ZINN: YOU CAN'T BE NEUTRAL ON A MOVING TRAIN, a documentary.

Hello from the Kids' Korner!

The next Jr. Librarian program will be held on Friday May 27, 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 & don't forget your bus note.

A couple of new DVDs will be arriving as this article goes to print! Here are the titles that you can look for during your next visit:

- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**, Part I (PG-13)
- **Tangled** (Rated PG)

The 2011-2012 DCF List is out! Many of these books will also be arriving at the library within the

next few weeks.

As always, if you have something in particular that you would like to see the library get, please leave a note for me with the person staffing during your visit.

Remember to keep a lookout for any overdue books, movies or music that might be in your house. 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. Remember, there are no late fees!!

Thanks for your support.

—Gail H

Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store News



Geraniums from Marjorie Pierce & Ann Haley, for sale at Pierce's

From Friday May 6th through Sunday May 8th, Pierce's Store will be selling geraniums grown from clippings of Marjorie's and Ann's flowers. Thanks to Mark Goodwin for his diligent care with these beautiful and colorful flowers. They will be \$4 each and proceeds will go toward the beautification of the front yard and surrounding areas at Pierce's.

May 17th Wine Tasting

Come join us Tuesday May 17th, from 5-7pm, for another wine tasting with G. Housen Distributing. If we're lucky, we'll have samples of Grafton Cheddar as well!

May 22nd Garage Open House

Sunday May 22nd, from 3-5pm, stop by to see Shrewsbury's next community gathering space: the garage at Pierce's Store. What events would you like to see? Do you have skills that you can share? Offer your input while enjoying light refreshments.

PIERCE'S STORE MENUS

Friday Night Dinners for May

In keeping with celebrating Mother's & Father's Day in May & June several parent/child guest chefs will be presenting meals the next two months. *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.*

May 6th Pork Loin with Mole Pablano Sauce served with rice presented by guest Chef Rob McKain. Mole Pablano contains about 20 ingredients including chilies & chocolate which helps to tame the heat. It is not a chocolate sauce per se as chocolate is one of many ingredients & does not dominate. It does, however, help to create the rich dark color of this famous sauce originating in Puebla, Mexico.

May 13th Choice of Chicken Enchiladas or Black Bean Enchiladas served with a salad of mixed greens, feta cheese & Calamata olives garnished with salsa, guacamole & sour cream. Created by the dynamic mother-daughter duo of Lynette & Cortney Over.

May 20th A crew from Spring Lake Ranch will delight us with another fabulous meal to be announced the week it is being served. This meal is Top Secret, so secret that at this point even the Ranchers are not sure of what will be served.

May 27th Choice of Meat or Meatless Quiche with sweet peppers, onions, artichoke hearts & Gruyere cheese with or without bacon served with a chunk of Rob's French bread & a mixed salad with choice of bleu cheese or balsamic vinaigrette dressing. By guest chef Becca Rice.

Stone Soup Free Supper #2

Thursday May 12th, from 5-7pm, there will be a community supported supper, prepared and distributed, (by free will donation), at the store, using as many local and organic ingredients as we can. It is our intention to make wholesome delicious food affordable for as many area families as possible.

How does it work? When you come to buy your eggs, cheese, coffee and scones... Check in at the register where there will be a list of needed ingredients. As you feel called, feel free to donate a few dollars to the general cause or specify that you would like your donation to go towards onions for soup, flour for bread, containers for distribution...

What next? On May 12th, we cook up an amazing meal and you come to the store to enjoy it, **by free will donation.** You can pay \$1? Excellent. You can pay \$20? That's great too. Any contribution adds to the whole. If each of us tosses a carrot, an onion, some rice or some broth, a few dollars or a stone into the pot, together, we make stone soup.

More details to follow. Be on the lookout for updates at Pierce's. Or, please feel free to call Galen Miller (volunteer/Stone Soup coordinator) at 417-7631 if you are interested or have questions. *This program offers a community meal, open to all area residents. All food will be offered on a first come first served basis.*

—Submitted by Lindsay Arbuckle & Scott Courcelle,
Co-Managers

Mill River Union High School

By now many of you know that Mill River did not make AYP or Annual Yearly Progress as stipulated by NCLB (No Child Left Behind). The VT Dept of Ed. released the AYP Determinations on 3/31. As I noted in previous articles, the NCLB Act stipulates the AYP standards will increase every three years. This year the "passing scores" increased as follows: Math went from 427 to 463 and Reading increased from 435 to 468. As anticipated by many, the rise in standards resulted in a substantial number of schools not making AYP. In fact one hundred twenty-two more schools than last year did not make AYP. Seventy-two percent or 216 of VT's 300 schools are not making AYP. While at first look this number appears to be somewhat grim, to put this in perspective nationally 82% of the schools in the country are expected not to make AYP.

Many argue that by 2014 when we are expected to achieve 100% AYP for all our students (and standards increase one more time) we will in fact see close to 100% of our schools not making AYP. As I noted in my April article, this "Pass / Fail" approach to measuring a school's progress gives no recognition to a school's actual progress. I can tell you at Mill River the NCLB Act has our full attention, many positive changes have occurred and the faculty is working very hard. While the intent of the law is sound, the measurement of progress is showing its shortcomings.

But enough said about NCLB. Congratulations to Mill River's Odyssey of the Mind team who took first place at the state championships in early April. Not only did they win the right to go onto the World competition but took home the award for most creative approach. This year's challenge was Extreme Mouse Mobility; to build a mousetrap powered vehicle.

Our Stage 40 theater crew hosted the regional One Act competition in March coming away with first place. The state competition was held at Springfield on April 9th. Although Mill River did not advance to the New England finals, four of our students were recognized for their excellence in acting.

And speaking of theater, the campaign to replace the auditorium seats has met its goal; we will have new and comfortable seats in our auditorium this fall! Thank you to everyone who contributed and made this possible.

Finally I welcome Sally Snarski as Shrewsbury's second representative to the Mill River board. The Mountain School school board appointed her to the position on April 4th.

—Submitted by Andy Richards-Peelle
492-3648

MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2011 Project Graduation Fundraiser

Cow Chip Bingo

May 28, 2011 Starting at Noon • MRUHS Student Parking Lot

Ticket Cost **\$2.00** Buy as many as you like! If all 3600 plots are sold:

Grand Prize \$1,980 • 2nd Place \$1,050 • 3rd Place \$550 You do not need to be present to win.

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Shrewsbury Mountain School

I think spring may have finally arrived. I would like to invite you to visit our newly updated web page, <http://www.rssu.org/Shrewsbury%20Site/index.html>.

It has come to my attention that there are several rumors circulating about the Shrewsbury Mountain School. I would like to try and set the record straight:

Asbestos: While there are some floor tiles in the back hall and closets that do contain small amounts of asbestos, these tiles are sealed and are inspected annually so there are no other concerns with asbestos in the building.

Roof Caved In: This past winter was challenging. The roof on the school formed ice jams, which caused water to leak into the ceiling area above the kitchen and closet area in the multi-purpose room. As a result of the water damage, the spray foam insulation and the fiberglass insulation above those spaces needed to be removed. In some areas, the sheetrock ceiling was also removed. The area was reinsulated with fiberglass insulation. The ceiling areas which have been removed have been covered with plastic and will be repaired sometime over the summer.

Pre-School Program: Our annual license was issued in on June 30, 2010. At that time the capacity was for 18 students. In October we had an additional family register their child for our preschool program at which time we re-applied to increase our capacity. A new license was issued on 10/20/10. This increased our capacity to 19 students. Our Certificate # is 1662 and it is displayed in the front office.

Pre-School Screening/Kindergarten Registration: Preschool screening and kindergarten registration will be held on May 6, 2011. Children entering preschool must be 3 on or before 8/31/11 and children entering kindergarten must be 5 on or before 8/31/11. If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 492-3435.

—Submitted by Deb Fishwick

Thaddeus Day Exterminator

Rates:

Mice \$1

Chipmunks \$3

Squirrels \$5

Woodchucks \$10

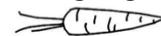
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May 6: Staff In Service - 1/2 Day for Students
 May 18: K-3 - Castleton Arts Performance: Jigsaw Jones
 May 31-June 2: 6th Grade End of Year Trip to NYC
 June 6, 13-16: 4-6 Gr -Starbase
 June 9: 2/3 Grade to Hildene
 June 10: Band/Chorus Trip to Great Escape
 June 11: Girls on the Run 5K
 June 17: K-1 to Montshire
 June 20: Move-Up Night
 June 21: Last Day of School

Looking for a summer babysitter?



I'm a 20-year-old college student from Shrewsbury with tons of babysitting experience and two younger brothers of my own. I have lots of energy and am great with kids. I have a driver's license, my own car, and a clean driving record. Available May 20th through August 20th. Full time or part time.

**Call Annie Mitchell at (518) 618-7044 (cell)
 (802) 492-2255 (after May 18)**

Shrewsbury Mountain School is pleased to announce their participation in Vermont's STep Ahead Recognition System (STARS) for Child Care, Early Education and Afterschool Programs. STARS recognizes the accomplishments of registered and licensed programs for achievements above and beyond what is required by state regulations for licensed and registered child care programs.

STARS is based on five "arenas of action" that have standards for compliance with regulations, education, family services, program practices and administration. Each arena has 1, 2 or 3 points for achievements of increasing difficulty. Programs can earn from 1 to 15 points and receive from one to five stars according to the number of points obtained. Regardless of the number of points or stars, all programs that participate in STARS are showing their strengths.

Our program has reviewed its practices and shown that it meets a variety of standards in STARS and that it is involved in recognizing and promoting its own growth. Parents can see the certificate and point profile for this program. This program achieved 9 points and 3 stars.

What do the stars mean?

- * One star programs are examining their programs and practices to enhance the services they provide. These programs may show strength in one arena over another, be relatively new, or beginning a path of program improvement and growth. (These programs earned from 1 to 4 points.)
- ** Two star programs are making a commitment to strengthening the program and practices they provide. These programs may show an investment in one or two arenas or achievements in many arenas. (earning 5 to 8 points)
- *** Three star programs offer a solid program while working on accomplishing specific goals. These programs have made substantial achievements either with multiple accomplishments in two or three arenas or showing several strong markers across all arenas. (earning 9 to 11 points)
- **** Four star programs are established programs that have met several standards of quality in all five arenas. These programs promote the well being of parents, children and colleagues with commendable practices in one or more arenas and are building on strong practices that they already have. (earning 12 to 14 points)
- ***** Five star programs have demonstrated numerous markers of quality in all five arenas. These programs are dedicated to operating at high standards, offering parents, children and colleagues a respectful, yet professional environment. These programs have shown a commitment to the profession and a willingness to stand as a model of that profession. (earning 15 to 17 points)

STARS is a quality initiative of the Child Development Division of the Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families.

—Submitted by Marj Congdon

From the Selectboard

Greetings Neighbors,

It is the middle of April and it is trying to snow. As things thaw out and the roads get soft I feel very appreciative for our gallant road crew. All their work and preventive maintenance shows. As the snows recede, all the flotsam and jetsam of the winter becomes visible along the roadsides. Green Up Day is coming: the first Saturday in May. Join with your neighbors and help keep Shrewsbury green. A reminder: The Transfer Station is not open for household goods on that day. The Station will be open the following day, Sunday, as usual.

Two Public hearings on the new Flood Hazard Area Regulations have been held. The Selectboard is set to adopt these new regulations in May to comply with the new Federal Regulations.

The Board of Auditors issued their report this month, with recommendations to the select-

board. The proposed recommendations are about the continuing efforts to make financial issues clearer and more self-explanatory to voters. One item of note that we are discussing is considering a change in the fiscal year. Changing the fiscal year from a calendar year to a year beginning July 1 and ending June 30th would: allow more time for the budget construction process, eliminate the uncertain 3-month period of expenditures prior to the budget being approved, and put the fiscal year on the same sequence as the Town School District. As always, we encourage your input.

The Town's 250th Anniversary is coming up this Fall. We, the selectboard, are encouraging all interested individuals and organizations to participate in the planning of the celebration. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 23rd at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, for a brainstorming session and sharing of ideas.

—Submitted by John Wood

From the SVFD

April was an active month for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept. We are loading our trucks with the equipment needed to respond to brush fires. Sooner or later, spring will arrive, finally, and our snow banks will disappear.

Then the forest floor will dry out and the possibility of brush fires increases greatly this time of year before the green vegetation starts to take over. Many fires are started when we fail to recognize the dangers. Cutting torches, outdoor campfires, cigarettes, fireworks and lightning are just a few examples of the ignition sources that have started some pretty massive fires.

If you are going to burn brush or waste trees, stay a safe distance from any structure. Clear away debris that can burn on the ground so the fire stays contained to one area. Never use an accelerant to start a fire. Burning tires, building materials or garbage is illegal. There

should be enough people with you to contain the fire, with hand tools and water available. Always call for a burning permit. You can call Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 775-6194 or Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon Jr. 492-3722 for a permit. It is always best to call a couple of days in advance if possible. In the event that your fire gets away from you—call 911 immediately for assistance!

We have installed fire detection systems with remote monitoring in Northam and Cuttingsville fire houses. These systems are monitored 24 hours a day. In the event of an alarm activation the SVFD will be notified immediately. Many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their support to make this installation possible. It is a great addition to our stations.

Thanks again for your support and remember:
STAY FIRE SAFE !!!

—Submitted by Jack Perry





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Shrewsbury's Semiquincentennial

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FIRST SETTLER: According to our history book, *Shrewsbury, Vermont: Our Town As It Was* by Dawn D. Hance, significant migration to Shrewsbury began about 1780 when settlers began arriving from Barre, Massachusetts; Richmond, New Hampshire; and Rhode Island. The early settlers usually bought one or more hundred-acre lots, thus their houses were often far apart.

Lemuel White was Shrewsbury's first permanent settler. White was born in the year 1750 in Rockingham, Vermont. He came to Shrewsbury in 1776, at age 26, and located on lot 1 (now the Smith/Sharrow Pine Valley Farm). White married widow Zilpha Bowdish on July 23, 1778 and their first child, Anna, born August 15, 1779, was the first child born in Shrewsbury. As noted in diaries kept by travelers on the Crown Point Road, which was built in 1759–1760 during the French and Indian War, White was operating a tavern there by 1776. In later years, White operated Shrewsbury's first store at that location.



According to state law enacted in 1781, each town was to hold a town meeting the following March for the purpose of electing county officers. Shrewsbury's first town meeting was held at Lemuel White's on March 20, 1781. White was chosen moderator and selectman, along with Samuel Benton and Nehemiah Smith. In 1780, Nehemiah Smith and family had settled on lot 4, across from Lemuel White's home and tavern.

During the first years of the Revolutionary War, White was the only known resident of Shrewsbury. By the middle of 1780 there were just three families in town, but within two years more followed. Shrewsbury formed its own militia in 1781. Probably the early training days were held near White's Tavern as he was the first



commanding officer of the militia. As written in the Shrewsbury history book, during the Revolutionary War, Lt. Lemuel White and eleven others, including Nehemiah Smith, served from June 10th to the 22nd in 1781 and marched 32 miles, "maybe to Fort Vengeance in Pittsford or on scouting duty."

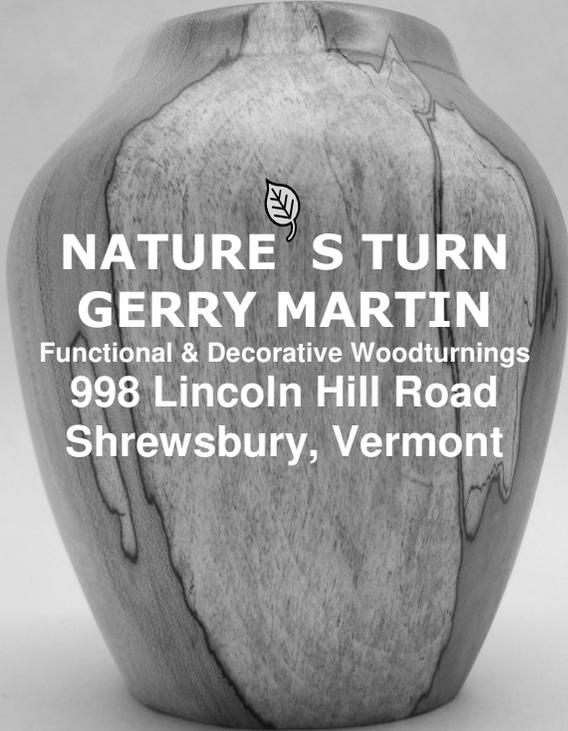
In 1813, White, in his 63rd year, died from the lung fever epidemic that swept Vermont. It was thought that tavern and store owners caught the disease from travelers. He and his wife, who passed away in 1836, are buried in the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery.

In 2006, Bill and Joyce Wopat of Wisconsin visited Shrewsbury on a special quest. The Wopats contacted the Historical Society and we obliged by taking the Wopats to visit his six times great-grandfather's former home site and grave sites, that of Captain Lemuel White and wife, Zilpha.

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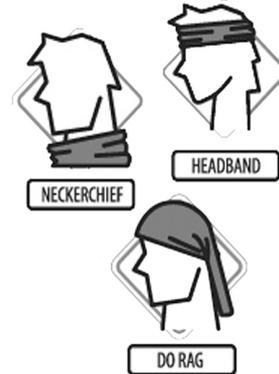
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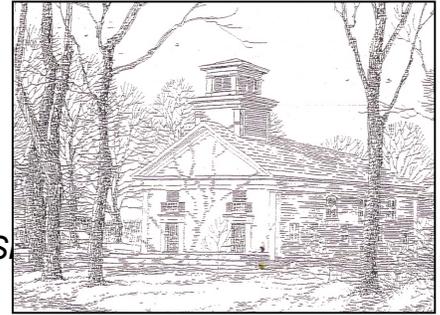
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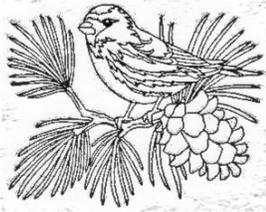
When the earthquake struck in Haiti last year 8,950 blankets were provided to victims. Thousands of health kits, tents and medical supplies were sent. Church World Service remains today in Haiti to continue work in helping the victims regain their lives by providing, among other things, sources for safe water as the communities rebuild. Closer to home blankets were distributed in Colorado, Iowa, and Kentucky to name a few states that sustained heavy storm damage in the past year. In addition, blankets are also provided as part of the support to homeless shelters throughout the United States.

The need is great and Church World Service prides itself in being able to mobilize and provide resources when disaster strikes, usually within twenty-four to forty-eight hours. Join us and sponsor blankets for the needy in the memory of your mother or father for Mother's Day and/or Father's Day. Help a child or adult who needs the warmth of knowing someone cares by providing blankets in the name of your loved one. Each blanket costs just \$5.00. It's the perfect gift for a parent or other special someone at this time of year. All remembrances will be listed in our Sunday bulletins on Mother's Day and Father's Day as well as in a future edition of the Shrewsbury Times.

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Connie's Nature Journal



April 19th: I went out on a long ramble today, half in and half out of the old wet corn snow still deep in the woods. On those open patches of ground, with dead leaves still matted

flat and soggy, the tightly rolled leaves of Trout Lilies and the tiniest bits of green Spring Beauty have just appeared. No blossoms so far but it won't be long. The next warm day will force them out and the forest will be fragrant with their sweet scent. A careful look also revealed the showy scarlet cup fungus, growing out from a rotten tree branch nestled in the damp leaf litter. All I heard, aside from the breeze in the treetops, was the distant faint roar of the Cold River, full of spring melt water. The Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers have just returned to these woods. Their irregular tapping on dead snags is unique and tells them from the other woodpeckers. Back down on the large hayfield literally hundreds of American Robins were hunting for worms in the wet earth, while overhead, three newly arrived Tree Swallows rode the wind. So many things to listen and look for; here are just a few: Wood frogs down in the

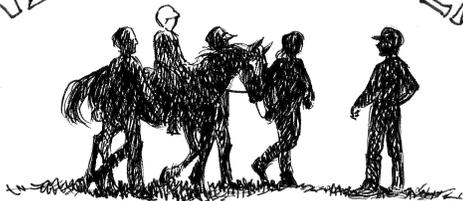
The **Shrewsbury Senior Luncheon** will take place at The Doll House farm pond, their calls sounding just like ducks quacking, then followed by the Spring peepers' sleigh bells. Wild Turkey's gobbling and Ruffed Grouse's drumming that sounds like a distant tractor. Listen, also, for the peeping calls of Woodcock. The best place to see and hear them are in wet meadows at dusk on a calm evening. It is an extraordinary display to watch and hear.

Tuesday, May 10 at 12 noon
Please call Jan O'Hara at 492-8687 or e-mail her at janis@vermontel.net

Please note: The person organizing the luncheon will no longer call the attendees for reservations. At the moment, the organizers at the center pretty much have the perennial charge of constant snowdrifts. It is the appropriate time to begin with a number of tasks. On the other hand, it's certainly not too soon to start an early bed of spinach, lettuce and other spring greens. If you are in a warm spot, the peas can go in the ground. The roses need to be pruned back of their dead canes. Indoors, it's time to start tomatoes, the cole crops and the last of the flowering annuals, if you haven't already. And...don't forget to clean out your bluebird boxes! Those brilliant bits of sky with wings are already scouting out their preferred nest boxes. See you at Green Up Day on May 7th.

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