# Times of Shrewsbury

November 2011

## "Comfort After the Storm"

Handmade quilts are a treasure, and the patterns all have a name. Lucille Fiske has been "seriously" making quilts since about 1997, and she thinks she's made over 80 quilts since then. About three to four a year have been big quilts and then there have been many smaller quilts including those for babies.

This is the second year that Lucille has generously made a quilt to be raffled as a fund raising project at the Shrewsbury Library. Two years ago her quilt "Ozark Maple Leaf" earned $1,200 for the library and was won by Edward Gilmore who was a student at Mill River when Lucille was a teacher there. He says it's a very nice quilt and is on his bed now! This year's quilt will again yield much admiration for Lucille's talent in addition to a much appreciated gift to the Library.

Lucille says that before she and Donna Swartz bought the fabric of blues and greens for this year's quilt, they were looking for a pattern. They decided on the "Storm" pattern. Lucille made four blocks and says, "I put them together, and it was a pain! It had points and corners, and I didn't think I would like putting together the 80 blocks called for in the pattern." So it was a real comfort to her to then find another pattern that she could enjoy making. "Let's face it, making a quilt is a comfort to me, and the stress of deciding what to make is the storm." That's why they decided last winter—before Hurricane Irene was even a breeze—to name the quilt pattern "Comfort After the Storm."

The drawing for "Comfort After the Storm" will be held at the Library's Annual Silent Auction and Cookie Swap to be held Saturday, December 3. Until then the quilt will be on display at the Library where raffle tickets can be purchased. Tickets will also be available at Pierce's Store. One ticket is $5 or a set of 5 tickets is $20. It's a good way to support the library, and after the weather we experienced this Fall it will surely have added meaning to the lucky person who receives it this year.

*by CMartin; photo by Donna Swartz*

# Donations to the TIMES

Even though 25% of the current donors are new and expenses have decreased in 2011, the total donations offered by Shrewsbury residents have been showing a downward trend for a number of years. The *Times* cannot continue to be published unless donations are received to cover expenses. Excluding donations from organizations and a few large individual gifts, most donations range between $25 and $35.

In the February issue we will publish the financial statement for 2011 for your review. We enjoy working on the *Times* and providing an avenue for us all to know what's going on in Shrewsbury. Please consider a contribution so that the *Times of Shrewsbury* can continue to be in your mailbox in the coming year.

*—The Editors*

P.S. Returning to and in keeping with the long tradition of recognizing donors, the names of donors will be listed for the remainder of the calendar year in which their donations are received. Because current donors have given with the understanding that their name will be listed for 11 months, those names will be listed until that period of time has expired in 2012 with the exception of donations received in November and December this year which will be listed for the full year in 2012.

## FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

**Reminders**

January 30 at 5:00pm is the deadline for filing with the Town Clerk nominating petitions for town offices to be voted on by Australian Ballot. V.S.A. 17 § 2681(a). In Shrewsbury petitions require 1% of the legal voters or nine (9) signatures.

Friday, November 11 is Veterans Day. Honor a Vet by flying the Flag. If you have an old or worn U.S. Flag that you are considering replacing, you can bring your old or worn flag to the Town Office so that it can be disposed of properly.

*Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk*

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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. 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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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| Nov 10 | 12:15pm | Prayer Shawl Group at Tess Williams' home. Bring bag lunch and your knitting or crocheting. Call Tess at 492-2187 regarding attendance |
| Nov 10 | | *Deadline to order your Shrewsbury T-shirt. *See page 4.* |
| Nov 12 | 2-4pm | *Shrewsbury Treasures Exhibit at Shrewsbury Library |
| Nov 12 | 5-7pm | *Sing Along at Pierce's Garage |
| Nov 15 | 12 noon | Senior Luncheon at The Doll House. For reservations call Tess Williams at 492-2187 |
| Nov 17 | 10:30am | *Parent Recess on 2nd floor of Shrewsbury Meeting House |
| Nov 18 | | *Deadline to order fruit from Shrewsbury Mountain School |
| Nov 20 | 4pm | *Book Discussion at Shrewsbury Library |
| Nov 22 | 12:30pm | *Book Fair & Community Read-a-thon at Shrewsbury Mountain School |
| Dec 3 | 7pm | Silent Auction, Raffle Drawing, and Cookie Swap at Shrewsbury Library |
| Dec 9 | 5-7pm | *Spaghetti Supper at Town Hall hosted by youth group alumni |

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details

Deadline for submission to the next edition is November 20

## 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 | 2nd Tuesday—7:00pm | Library |
| Mill River Union School Board Mtg | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays—7:00pm | Mill River Union High School |
| Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals | Friday nights | |
| Planning Commission | 1st & 3rd 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 July thru October on Sundays 1:00-3:00pm | |
| Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg | 2nd & 4th Mondays—6:30pm | Mountain School |
| Shrewsbury Sno-Birds | 1st Tuesdays—7:00pm | South Station Restaurant |
| Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept. | Thursdays—7:00pm | Cuttingsville Station |
| Conservation Commission | (February-May: 1st Monday—5pm) & (June-January: 1st 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, Fri & Sat 10am-Noon
Tues & Thurs 7pm-9pm
Wed 10am-5pm AND 7pm-9pm

**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

**Meeting House** 492-6050 (Reservations: 492-3649)
**Dog Warden** Matt Danaher 492-3442
**Shrewsbury Constables** Matt Danaher 492-3442
and Pete Lajoie 492-3671
**Emergency Management Irene Gordon** 492-8282
**Ambulance** 773-1700
**CVPS power outage** 1-800-451-2877
**Medical—Fire—Police Emergency** Dial 911
**Rutland Hospital** 775-7111

## In Memoriam

**Dorothy Goguen** of Meriden, CT & Shrewsbury, VT, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, after a brief illness. She was born on Jan. 31, 1926 in Meriden, CT where she lived until her retirement, when she moved with her husband, Gerald Goguen, to Shrewsbury, VT. There, for nearly 25 years, the two resided in a house nestled in the mountains where they tended their apple orchard and appreciated the many wonders of nature surrounding them. Dorothy's business, Dot's Crab Apple Cottage, specialized in dried floral arrangements and herbal wreaths, herbal blends, jellies, and numerous handcrafts. She will be long remembered by family and friends as a talented baker and seamstress. Dorothy was predeceased by Gerry in 2005. A Mass was held on Saturday, Sept. 3 at Saint Joseph's Church in Meriden, followed by a private burial service in Shrewsbury on Sept. 24, 2011. Complete obituary available online at: The Record Journal, Meriden CT.

*Submitted by Nancy West*

**Dorothy Mary (Coburn) Walker,** age 94, of Rutland died Sept 17, 2011. She was born Aug 17, 1917 in Shrewsbury and was the daughter of Fred Henry Walker and Mary Louise (Kelley) Coburn. Maternal grandparents were J. Griggs Kelley and A. Ella Kelley of Shrewsbury. Dorothy attended grammar school in Shrewsbury and graduated from Rutland High School in 1932. She subsequently graduated from the Castleton Normal School. On Oct 6, 1947, she married James Walker, Jr. in Rutland. They enjoyed traveling, often taking trips to the coast in Maine. Dorothy taught school in Manchester, VT for several year and later became the District Director of the Vermont Dept of Social Rehabilitation Services in Rutland where she worked for 35 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Grace Congregational United Church of Christ in Rutland and a past secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was predeceased by her husband on July 10, 2002 and her brother, Carroll Coburn of Shrewsbury on May 3, 1991. A Celebration of Life was held at Grace Congregational Church on Sept 21, 2011 officiated by the Reverend John C. Weatherhogg. Burial was in the Dellwood Cemetary in Manchester, VT. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Congregational United Church of Christ Music Fund, 8 Court St. Rutland VT 05701 or the Rutland County Humane Society, 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, VT 05763.

*Submitted by Susan Ransom-Kelley*

## Letter to the Editor

We want to thank Sharon Winnicki for her letter in the August *Times* about powerline herbicide spraying and to comment on Selectman John Woods' response in the September *Times*. Sharon is exactly right: first, any use of biocides has potential environmental and health affects, and second, Policy 62-4 in our Town Plan on Energy Transmission states that it is Town policy to "Prohibit the use of herbicides on all utility rights-of-way." So we do not agree with Woody that "The burden (of having an herbicide free town) is on the populace" but we do agree with him that "perhaps it is time to revisit this issue."

In our opinion, it is the Selectboard's responsibility to take the initiative to ensure that the Town Plan is a meaningful and respected document, not just a collection of paper platitudes. The Board could, for example, negotiate with CVPS on behalf of town residents to broaden the spraying notification requirement to the whole town, not just to those who file a written notice by February 15. Another option is to petition for changes in the Public Service Board rule regulating utility right of way maintenance. A third is to ask our elected State representatives to seek legislation to empower a Town to prohibit commercial herbicides within its boundaries if this policy is included in a duly-adopted Town Plan.

If you share Sharon's and our concerns, please make your voice heard.

*Jonathan Gibson and Eliza Mabry*

## Town Democrats Elect Officers

The biennial re-organization of the Shrewsbury Town Democratic Committee took place on September 29. Officers for the next two years are Francis Wyatt, Chairman; Lee Wilson, Vice-Chairman; Melissa Reichert, Secretary; Steven Nicholson, Treasurer; and Jonathan Gibson, Assistant Treasurer. Ludy Biddle and Jonathan Gibson were elected as representatives to the Rutland County Democratic Committee.

The major political parties in Vermont reorganize every two years. Town committees offer the most local level of participation in the electoral process that will lead up to the General Election on November 6, 2012. Anyone wishing to become involved with Democratic Party activities in Shrewsbury should contact one of the above people.

*Submitted by Jonathan Gibson*

## FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

**Abatement**

*What is tax abatement? Abatement is a statutory process for relieving taxpayers from the burden of property taxes, penalty (collection fees) and interest when the law authorizes abatement and when the board, in its discretion, agrees that the request is reasonable and proper. It exists to permit the board to prevent an injustice or to help a taxpayer who faces extraordinary circumstances that make it difficult for the taxpayer to meet his or her tax obligations. Abatements are cautiously granted insofar as they reduce the income to the town and require the town to either spend less or increase the taxes on the rest of the taxpayers to make up the difference.*

The preceding is a summary from a 2007 publication of the Office of the Vermont Secretary of State, which outlines the process of Abatement for both the taxpayer and the Board of Abatement.

Shrewsbury Tax Payers who would like to request an Abatement of their Shrewsbury Property taxes because of property loss or destruction suffered as a result of Tropical Storm Irene should try to make their requests by November 30, 2011.

Although there is no specific time limit as to when requests for Tax Abatements can be made, it is helpful to have adequate time for the posting of Abatement Hearings and for the Board of Abatement to have scheduling options so that an appropriate quorum can be assembled. It is also helpful from the Town's perspective to understand its financial liability regarding abatements by the end of the calendar fiscal year December 31, 2011.

Please contact the Town Clerk if you would like to schedule an Abatement hearing or have questions about making an Abatement request. It will be helpful in understanding your request if you can be as detailed as possible as to what property was lost or destroyed. The Board of Abatement may ask for additional information pertaining to insurance and or FEMA claims, photographs or other material in order to make a fair and just decision.

You can find more information regarding Abatement on the web at:
http://www.sec.state.vt.us/municipal/pubs/ABOUT_ABATEMENT_rev_April_2007.pdf or follow the links on the Shrewsbury website www.shrewsburyvt.org.

*Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk*

## PARENT RECESS

Third Gathering, Thursday, November 17 at 10:30am, 2nd floor, Meeting House: A group of Moms and Babies are meeting once a month, having playtime in the new Children's Meeting Room for the babies and a social time for the Moms. The group is deciding the future gatherings, discussing dates, times, and content. The purpose of creating such a group is that Moms will have a time to share their parenting experiences, support each other and have a nice place for their babies to play together cared for by a volunteer Childcare Team.. The Community Church has sponsored the first three gatherings in hopes that the group will become an independent ongoing group.

*Submitted by Rene Pollock*


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## SVFD CHEERS AND MOURNS

October has been a month to remember for the SVFD, beginning with the 59th Annual Ham Supper. The SVFD Auxiliary and department members gathered on Saturday evening, October 1st, to conduct the annual event, which has become famous for being the "best ham supper" in the Rutland region. By the time the evening was over, 326 meals had been served in the finest of Shrewsbury style. This was thought to be the largest turnout ever for the event, and there was very little food left over at its conclusion. Thanks to all those who donated food and desserts, worked to make it a success, and especially the people who came from near and far to partake, including some folks from storm damaged Rochester.

The success of the supper was followed on the next Thursday at the SVFD's annual meeting with the election of officers and presentation of department awards. This year's officers will be the same as last with Russ Carrara, Chief; Jack Perry, President; Al Ridlon Sr., Vice President; Barry Griffith, Secretary Treasurer; and trustees Mark Stewart, Jamie Carrara, and Kevin Brown. The Shrewsbury representative to the county association is Adam Severy. All other officers are appointed by the fire chief each year. Reports summarizing the highlights of the past year were given by Chief Carrara and President Perry.

This year, awards were presented to **Tom Puma**, who received the *Chief Snarski Annual Award* for exemplary service to the department despite serious personal illness. **Barry Griffith** was presented with the *Peter Cosgrove Annual Award* to honor his exemplary dedication and commitment through his many years of service to the department. The meeting was followed by a scrumptious potluck offering, brought by members for sharing, which is an annual meeting tradition with the SVFD.

On a more somber note, the SVFD mourned the passing of long time member **Dick Adams**, who served the department in almost every capacity from shortly after the department's founding in 1952 through June of 1992. Dick had served as firefighter, training officer, president, and trustee. He also was the department's chief from 1963 to 1965. Dick was well known in the area for his detailed knowledge of fire science and small department operations. The SVFD honored him at his calling hours, and his remains were transported from the Cuttingsville Station to the meeting house by Tanker 1, the award winning truck which Dick helped to design and purchase in 1991. SVFD members stood as honor guard and escorted his remains into the Community Church for his memorial service. Dick will also be remembered, along with other state firefighters who have passed away in 2011, at the *Last Alarm Ceremony* to be conducted at the Vermont State Firefighters annual convention in Bennington during the summer of 2012.

Finally, as the winter months in Shrewsbury approach us, take time to check your chimneys and furnaces and change the batteries in smoke and CO detectors to ensure that you and yours have a fire safe season.

*Submitted by Bob Snarski*


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## THANKS, PATRICK!

The biggest and the best ever! That was Patrick Angstadt's goal when he started thinking about the techno display he wanted to put on for his town. And aren't we lucky he resides here in Shrewsbury!

Patrick says that the fireworks on Saturday night after the 250th Celebration community dinner was a 25-30 minute running display. There were over 29 commercial boxes of fireworks that produced between 3,500-4,000 shots into the air! A tee shirt that fell out of one of those boxes was emblazoned with the words "Pyro to the People!" The largest fireworks reached a height of 350 feet and were 80 feet across. Patrick thought of everything and had even ordered waterproof fuses just in case it rained! His enthusiasm for the artistry as well as the thrill of producing such a show was evident in the work and thought he put into planning the splash of dancing lights over Shrewsbury. With the help of Peter Gile, Matt Angstadt, Nadia Tsouroufli, Chris Henwood, Craig Angstadt, and Evan Pilachowski. Patrick spent a great deal of time choreographing not only the display but also organizing, placing, and lighting the fireworks on the ground. Thanks also to Al Ridlon Builders, John C. Stewart & Son, Inc., Master Plumbing & Heating, Nutmeg Manufacturing, Over Easy's, Red Barn Designs, Shrewsbury Sno-Birds, and Two Bad Cats, LLC, and to Patrick for contributing the funds which made the "night to remember" possible.

The course he took in New Hampshire that prepared Patrick for producing such an event is only the beginning. Some day he would like to be a part of the fireworks displays that light up the night skies in Boston or Washington, D.C. In the meantime, he's hoping that Shrewsbury will start an annual event! But no matter whether that happens, he has definitely achieved "the biggest and the best ever" fireworks seen from Shrewsbury Mountain School's baseball field! Thanks, Patrick! *by CMartin*

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY GIFTS**
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"Shrewsbury, Vermont – Our Town As It Was" by Dawn D. Hance. A 320 page soft cover book dressed in holiday red. $15 plus $5 for mailing costs until January 2, 2012.

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The "2012 Memories Calendar" filled with vintage Shrewsbury photos. $14 plus $2 for mailing costs until January 2, 2012.

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Shrewsbury 250th Anniversary Commemorative envelope. This collectible envelope with a drawing by Grace Brigham and a special unique postmark will be mailed inside a #10 business envelope for only $4 (includes postage) until January 10, 2012.

Send your check, name and address to:
Shrewsbury Historical Society
5419 Route 103
Cuttingsville, Vermont 05738

## Dictionaries to Students

The Wallingford Rotary Club participates in Project Dictionary, each autumn providing personal dictionaries to area third graders to encourage literacy. I made this year's presentation at the Shrewsbury Mountain School on October 4.

*Submitted by Barry Griffith*

Top row, (L-R): Teacher Erin Rice, Val Giesey, Lyla Tarbell, Aren Patton, Grace Stewart.
Bottom row: Codie Cross, Lana Page

# NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

Thanks to everyone who has welcomed me to the Store in my first month as the new manager. Scott and Lindsay have done a great job of helping me transition, and the board members, volunteers and members have really been a big help in filling in any gaps I have in my training. I know this is going to be fun!

So far, I've been focused on keeping things in stock and priced correctly, so please don't hesitate to let us know if your favorite item cannot be found. It doesn't necessarily mean that we no longer offer it, but more likely that I didn't know we were carrying it.

I have picked a couple of new things to carry on the shelves—and our beer, wine, and cheese selections are changing with the season. Pick up a new bottle of something to go with your Friday Night Take-Out dinner! I'm also working with some of our vendors to establish a wine and cheese tasting sometime before the holiday season, so stop in the store this month as the date for that event is to be determined.

Speaking of the Holiday Season—check out our consignment area as several new artists are featured. Also many new items are on display including some wool hats just in time for the cold weather. This is a great spot for holiday shopping and gift giving for all those holiday parties you'll be attending.

If I haven't met you yet, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself. Stop in and say Hi. I look forward to meeting you.

See you in the store,
K.P.

*Submitted by K.P. Whaley, Store Manager, Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store*

**Pierce's Store—**
**Friday Night Dinners for November**

**Nov. 4th** Guest Chef Judith Thomas will make Chili con Carne served with corn bread & a small tossed salad.

**Nov. 11th** Guest Chef Connie Youngstrom will prepare Applesauce Meatloaf served with German Red Cabbage, mashed potatoes & green vegetable.

**Nov. 18th** Guest Chef Val Fusco will prepare Beef Stew served with a chunk of Rob's French Bread & a small tossed salad.

**Nov. 25th** We will not be serving a dinner on the day after Thanksgiving—Happy Turkey Bird everyone.

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

**Pierce's Store needs some firewood** to help the place stay warm this winter and provide that wonderful woodstove warmth that invites lingering and story telling. If you have any extra wood or could spare even just a log or two from your own pile, the whole community would appreciate it! If we each brought a few pieces in we should have enough for the whole winter! Call the store at 492-3326 and let whoever answers know what you have to offer. Thanks!

*Sally Deinzer on behalf of the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store Board of Directors*

Everyone is Invited to
Sing Along
at
* Pierce's Garage * → cozy, heated!
5-7 pm, Saturday, November 12th

Piano accompaniment, words, and music to more than 50 songs including: Mother Goose Rhymes, Work, Love, and Play Songs, Sea Shanties, Traditional American, Irish, and Scottish Songs! Bring your voice and other instruments!

**DESSERT POTLUCK**

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Shrewsbury Historical Society, Inc.

Shrewsbury's Semiquincentennial

Charter signed September 4, 1761

The following poem submitted by Ruth Winkler also appeared in the Shrewsbury Historical Society Memories Calendar of 2008.

## SHREWSBURY, OUR TOWN

by Clint Fiske
Cuttingsville, VT (Summer 1996)

Shrewsbury, Vermont, is a small country town.
It was formed by a Wentworth Grant.
The area's encompassed by mountains and streams
And forested with beautiful plants.

The folks who once lived in this idyllic spot
Were the most pleasant people to be found.
They were farmers by trade, and businessmen, too,
With enough land to go all around.

The mountains were smoothed down by glaciers one time,
This created our scenic green hills.
A lake then was formed by a glacial crevasse.
The town boasted of more than one mill.

A stagecoach ran through the center of town,
There were several stage stops at that time.
There were ballrooms and more and wonderful hosts.
This was Shrewsbury when she was in prime.

The village had a church and the Center did, too,
And Northam boasted a church and the Rock.
There were blacksmith shops and grocery stores
And many farms with their cattle well stocked.

Hundreds of sheep were seen grazing the hills,
And the shepherds tended their flocks.
The dogs that they used were specially trained,
They seemed to have eyes like the hawk.

If a lamb should stray too far from the flock,
The dog then would hustle it back.
With a yip and a bark and a snap at the heels,
They put them right back on the track.

There were schools in our town, a dozen or more,
Each had one room to teach all the grades.
There was reading and writing and ciphering, too,
And some very good students were made.

The town boasted sawmills, more than a score,
And a tin mill and blacksmith shops, too.
A hotel in the village and a place where Fords sold
Made it a place to be seen when driving through.

A granite quarry started up near Hateful Hill.
They said it was the best granite to be found,
But they planted a charge too great for the cap,
And it shattered the ledge all around.

There were stills, so they say, in this quaint country town,
But who knows if there's truth to this tale.
Many made their own cider that was good to the taste,
So such stories get around without fail.

The Long Trail runs through a part of our town,
As it passes the whole length of our state.
The Crown Point Road also went through here,
They've been charting its course as of late.

Fred Foster had a store in the village one time,
Etta Ridlon had a grocery store, too.
John Stewart had groceries, a grain store and more,
And the Rutland Railroad ran through.

Times now have changed with the farms mostly gone,
And the old timers have most all passed away.
But Shrewsbury now stays as quaint as it was
In the times of those fond yesterdays.

*** THANKS to everyone who helped with the BOOK & BAKE SALE. We had an unusual number of good book donations this year and are offering the REMAINDER FREE until we clear out the tent—so stop by!

*** HAPPY WINTER to LUCILLE FISKE, who is on her way to Arizona, and WELCOME BACK to GERRY & CHRYL MARTIN who serve as alternate trustees in Lucille's place until she comes home.

*** We welcome Mill River students LAURA BROWN and JOSH BANKERT who each are staffing the Library on a regular basis. Thank you, Laura and Josh!

*** The Library has lost one of our—and Shrewsbury's—most faithful friends: DICK ADAMS who died on October 13. We thank him for his knowledge, kindness and helpful interest, and send sympathy to his family.

**FALL EVENTS:**
Continuing through Tuesday, November 1—DINO RICE'S "AUTUMN SONGS".

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 12** from 2-4pm— ALL ARE INVITED to the Opening Reception of the SHREWSBURY TREASURES EXHIBIT. Art work and artifacts, poems and stories made or loaned by townspeople will be on display in the Meeting Room until the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 20** at 4pm— BOOK DISCUSSION: UNCLE TOM'S CABIN by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Books available at the Library.

SATURDAY, **DECEMBER 3** at 7pm— COOKIE SWAP & SILENT AUCTION Trustees will be calling for cookie donations this month.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** for Lucille's latest quilt are still for sale at the Library; the drawing will take place at the Cookie Swap & Silent Auction.

**NEW BOOKS include:**
CONFIDENCE MEN by Ron Suskind: inside the Obama White House

A TRICK OF THE LIGHT by Louise Penny: a mystery set in Quebec

TAG MAN by Archer Mayor: his latest Vermont mystery

BOOMERANG by Michael Lewis: reports from economies around the world

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Wed, November 23, closed after 12pm
Thanksgiving Day 7-9pm
Fri, November 25, 10am-12pm

## Music News from Shrewsbury Library

When I was a kid, all the way through my 20s, I had a guilty pleasure. I loved the music of my parents' generation. In my car late at night on the way home, I would listen to the *Make Believe Ballroom* with William B. Williams. That leads to the first selection of this music update.

I have a soft spot for the great singers of any generation, so I am adding *Duets II* by Tony Bennett to the library collection. Mr. Bennett has one of the all time great singing voices still! Each song on this selection is a duet with a current singer from various genres of today. Pay particular attention to the cuts sung with Lady Gaga, John Mayer, Michael Buble, Willie Nelson, Faith Hill, Queen Latifah and Carrie Underwood. All the singers have unique voices, but these songs stand out for me.

*Submitted by Thomas Hartigan*

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## Young Writers Project

The Shrewsbury Mountain School students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades have been participating in the Young Writers Project. Each week, students respond to prompts provided by the Young Writers Project in the hope of being published in the *Rutland Herald* on Mondays. Sixth grader Tess Beauchain was recently published for the following writing piece.

### Lost

by Tess Beauchain

"Ouch!" I shriek and then wake up from must have been a dream. Suddenly, I realize I am in a field of tall, waving gold. The maze looks endless. How will I get home? I gaze around the field and observe a blonde bird chirping. I must be imagining this, but I can feel the moist air on my skin and the damp grass on my bare feet.

Where am I? Maybe this is an opportunity; maybe there is a world of gold underneath my feet.

I will become rich and powerful! If only I weren't lost …

## HAIKU

Poetry by Shrewsbury Mountain School students

**Leaf Piles**
by Madison Parker

*Kids leap in leaf piles*
*Leaves, cracking under bodies*
*Wow, kids scream of joy*

**The Haunted House**
by Kiera Loomis

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# SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL MEMO

**Nov. 10 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – ½ Day**
**Nov. 11 – Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL**
**Nov. 17 – Book Fair Opens**
**Nov. 23 – 25 – Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL**

**Book Fair/Community read-a-thon:** Tuesday, November 22nd at 12:30pm. All community members welcomed. Come read with a child. Let's see how many books we can read in 30 minutes. Refreshments provided. Book purchases welcomed but not required.

**Shrewsbury Afterschool Program/Camp SMS** Our first few weeks of camp started off with a bang!! The students enjoy the format of camp and come every day with big appetites and lots of stories to share about their days! Workshops have been a huge success and everyone seems so happy to be going to choices that they have been able to make for themselves. The teachers have been really creative in guiding workshops that are engaging and fun for students. We are in the process of planning more great offerings for November and December. **If any parents would like to make a donation to the program, it would be greatly appreciated. Or if anyone would like to guide a workshop in a specific field of interest, we would love that as well!** Some of our highlights for October were: sights and sounds of October with Ms. Rice, cooking with Ms. Julie, the corn maze trip with Ms. Bonafine, making Christmas cards for the troops, basketball with Mr. Morrison, art classes with Ms. K, computer and iPad games with Mrs. Fishwick, and Zumba, (plus many more)! We have a couple of fun workshops planned in December around the holidays....can't wait!!!

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**Silent Auction (Holiday Season: December)** The sixth grade holds an annual silent auction during the holiday season to benefit their end of the year trip to New York City. We have established partnerships with several area businesses but we are looking to expand. Do you know of a business that might be willing to donate an item or service for this event? If so please email Mr. Morrison at dmorrison@rssu.org or see Marj in the school office.

We are also expanding this year to include baked goods such as pies and cookies. If you would like to offer a certificate to be redeemed for a baked good please let us know. We can provide you with the template or create one for you. The silent auction will take place in December and conclude at the Holiday Concert located at the school.

## Firewood Brigade!

On Saturday October 8th a group of volunteers responded to emails and phone calls and showed up at the Shrewsbury Town Garage to help the Road Crew cut, split and stack firewood for the winter...they hadn't had the time to do it. There was a phenomenal number of people who showed up to pitch in. The camaraderie was in such spirit...anyway, we eventually ran out of wood and had to go home...darn (!) (?)

*Submitted by Barbara Griffith*

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## The Shrewsbury Community Church

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 AM

*From the Pastor's Desk—*

Last fall before hunting season started, I visited a friend at their cabin on a mountain here in Vermont. My friends decided to do some shooting practice on their property while I was there. I stayed nearby and watched. While the others were taking turns shooting, I heard them say that on one of the firearms they were using the sight was set too low. This meant if they aimed using that sight, they hit the bottom of the target. In order to hit anywhere near the bull's eye, they had to aim high.

It got me thinking that life is a little like that. If we set our sights too low, we really don't accomplish all that we can. Sometimes we have to aim high in order to reach a desired goal.

Have you ever wondered what our aim in life should be? How high should we point our ambitions? For those of us who are Christians, scripture is our true guide and we should aim for nothing but spiritual maturity. In fact, in Paul's farewell to the people of Corinth, he said, "Aim for perfection" (2 Cor. 13:11).

For many of us though, perfection is a lofty target, and we won't attain it in this life. But to honor the purposes of our lives we do need to aim high, or we will never get close to that high goal. As we near the two biggest secular holidays of our calendar year, it's a good time to think about whether we are aiming high enough in our lives.

*Submitted by Rev. Pat Jackman*

Dates to Remember:

- **November 6th** Annual Church Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch after Worship
- **November 17th** Parent's Recess, 10:30 am
- **November 20th** Thanksgiving Worship Service at 10:00 AM
- **December 15th** Parent's Recess, 10:30 am
- **December 24th** Candlelight Service, 7:00pm
- **December 25th** No Worship Service

We will be assembling a holiday choir for our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. All are welcome to participate. Please contact Roxanne Ramah for information.

**Pastor's Office Hours at the Church:**
Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 pm

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# Shrewsbury Nature and Gardening Tidbits

I've been asked several times since the big storm if and how our songbirds were affected. One observer in town has seen only a few birds at her feeder and is wondering what is going on. I spoke with Sue Elliott of the Rutland County Audubon Society and this is what she had to say: songbirds were certainly less impacted by the storm than mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish simply because they had the ability to get away by flight. However, they may have been relocated somewhat. For instance, a Northern Gannet, a bird of the open ocean and normally found off the northeast coast, was found in the Town of Hartland. Taken to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, it had to be euthanized unfortunately. The reason why we have had few birds around at the bird feeders could be due to the fact that we haven't had a real cold snap yet (at the time of this writing) and there has been nothing, so far, to drive them to our offered seed. There is a tremendous natural seed crop on conifers and deciduous trees alike. You may have noticed White Ash trees loaded with seeds now that the leaves are down. The conifer seeds will probably keep chickadees, nuthatches and finches busy until there's a good spell of nasty weather.

Gloria Benson called to say that she observed a mature Bald Eagle in flight over the Mill River on Oct. 1. It is wonderful that eagles have made such a comeback and are no longer a rare sight.

From my journal:

*9/21 Wed.*— I found the Fringed Gentians that grow at the edge of the farm pond in glorious full bloom today. The intense cobalt of their petals was stunning in golden autumn light. Red maples show their colors at the top of the meadow and there's a faint wash of color on the slope of Kinsman Hill. A big Red Tail Hawk took flight when it sensed my approach.

*9/23 Fri.* — It has been a summery day of clouds and hazy sunshine. I have brought in more slowly ripening tomatoes, a few cucumbers and a whole basket full of cauliflower and broccoli heads. It was a good day for transplanting so a new bed of lettuce starts was planted, in addition to the beds of spinach and mixed salad greens already going. If they are covered with plastic sheeting, they will provide fresh salads until thanksgiving and beyond. It is time to plow the cover crop under that was started in early summer and has been mowed at least twice. The oats, hairy vetch and field peas will break down over the winter and provide enrichment to the soil.

*9/29 Thurs.* — Leaves are dropping early from the two big maples in the front yard. They skipped fall colors entirely and went right to brown and shriveled. I've seen this also on apple trees and crabapples, and was told that it is anthracnose, a fungal disease, that has affected many trees this autumn.

*10/5 Wed.* — So, I guess this will be the night when we get our first hard frost. Several hours spent in the gardens picking all of the peppers, both green and red, the winter squashes, the last of the cucumbers and summer squash, the late green beans, tomatillos and a huge bouquet of zinnias, cosmos, scabiosa, and larkspur for the kitchen table. It is always sad to see the flowers go.

*10/6 Thurs.* — Cool, crisp 36 degrees. Only a light frost! The persistent NW wind saved us this time.

Until next month enjoy these autumn days, hopefully in your garden!

*Connie Youngstrom*
*Email: marky@vermontel.net*

The Rutland County Audubon Society's annual Bird Seed Sale will take place at Garland''s Agway on **Saturday, Nov. 5** from 8am to 1:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to stock up on good quality bird seed for the winter, while benefiting Rutland County Audubon.

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*Submitted by Ruth Winkler*
*Photo by Fran Patten*


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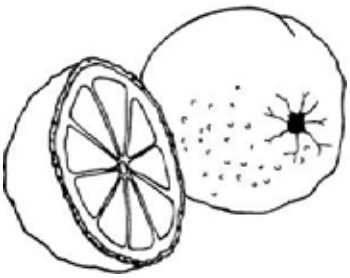

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