Times of Shrewsbury

October 2011

HURRICANE IRENE

The rain started late Saturday night and by 9am Sunday, August 28, Julanne Sharrow reported that she had collected 2-1/4" in her rain gauge. By noon there was 4". Later the National Weather Service in Burlington reported that Hurricane Irene dumped an unofficial total of 5.88" rain on Shrewsbury by 6:27am August 29.

A sincere thanks to all those who have provided articles and photos to document the event in this month's issue of the Times.

The Brown (Covered) Bridge

FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Hello Neighbors,

The flood of the past month has eclipsed all else in the news from Town. Recently I passed on to Jamie Carrara, our Road Commissioner, messages of thanks and gratitude for the Road Crew that I have been receiving from town folks. He said simply "Everybody did a lot. Without the efforts of everyone who helped we would not be where we are so fast." Jamie was being modest of course, but there is truth in what he says. Many people stepped up to give what they could to neighbors and strangers in this time of need and crisis.

I would like to acknowledge the spirit of the people in this town. I think that spirit of cooperation, caring, neighborliness, whatever you'd care to call it carried the day. And continues to carry the day. As we speak various benefits are being planned for those that need help, or encouragement.

The return to "normal" has brought mountains of paperwork and bureaucracy. The State and Federal agencies have been through town and will come again. Everything we're doing in terms of repairs and construction has to be documented. It is going to take time to sort out the details. Honestly, it's confusing. And there is conflicting information given sometimes. It'll all come right in the end. There is information out there. Check the Town website for starters. If you don't see what you need, call the Town Office and we'll see if we can answer your question, help you identify the right agency for your question or the right person at the right agency.

For folks who suffered significant damage to land or property you can apply for a tax abatement. The board of abatement meets in December to consider the applications. We ask that you put your request in writing and get it to the Town Office made to the attention of Town Treasurer prior to December. Taxes are due October 7.

We really are fortunate to live in this place. One of natural beauty. A small, close community of caring, aware people. Your Road Crew (Jamie, Gilbert, and Steve) went above and beyond in this event. Jamie did not get back to his house for four days. Gil spent nights in the Town Garage. Herbie, who may be retired, but is never off the job, spent countless hours and

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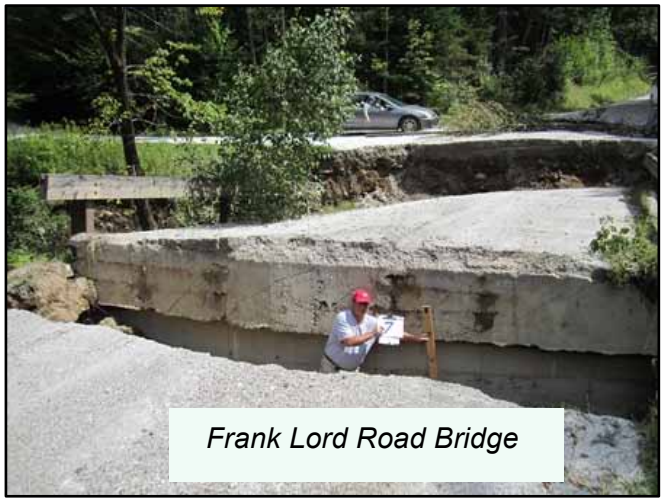
miles helping and supporting repair efforts. Steve took everything in stride and never lost his smile (OK, maybe once). We all owe them our thanks. Not just for this latest Herculean effort to get roads passable and people safe, but for the everyday dedication that they give to their work, and to us. THANK YOU!

With the Road Crew in mind: Jamie has told me that with the rainy summer and Irene, the crew has not been able to split all the firewood needed for the Town Garage for the winter. Jamie has asked me if I could organize some volunteers to get the wood done so that the crew can dedicate itself to the roads. I think it's a really reasonable request. Can you help? Call me at 492-3207 with your name and number and I will let you know the details as they develop.

The 250th celebrations were postponed from last month, although the bells were rung all over town on September 4th, the actual day of the signing of the charter. The Shrewsbury Mountain School will be hosting a get together at the school celebrating the town, the Road Crew, the volunteer effort, coming through Irene as a town and the 250th (*see page 18*). Due to time constraints and people's energy levels some things have had to drop out. As it stands we plan a dinner at the school with entertainment, fireworks, a general gathering and appreciation of living in Shrewsbury. Other events that have been postponed previously will be scheduled throughout the fall such as the historical interpreters, village tours, and hikes of local interest. Keep your eyes on the Times for more information!

John Wood, Selectboard



Frank Lord Road Bridge

The Times of Shrewsbury

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

All submissions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the submitting person. 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: (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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct 1	4:30pm	*Annual Ham Supper by Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary @ Meeting House
Oct 7	**Before 8pm**	***Taxes due at the Town Office**
Oct 9	1:00pm	Historic Walking Tour of Cuttingsville with George Richards and friends. Meet at Historical Society Museum. (*Rain date: Oct. 16*)
Oct 13	12:15pm	Prayer Shawl meeting @ home of Tess Williams. If you can attend, call Tess at 492-2187 and bring a bag lunch
Oct 18	12noon	Senior Luncheon at Ginger China. If you plan to attend, must call Bud Clark 492-3538 for reservations
Oct 20	10:30am	*Parent Recess, 2nd floor of Meeting House
Oct 22	**5:30pm**	***Shrewsbury community dinner** (Mountain School)
Oct 22	**7pm**	***250th Celebration Fireworks** at Shrewsbury Mountain School *Bring your own folding chair or blanket to sit on.*
Oct 30	1-3pm	Shrewsbury Historical Society closes for the winter at 3pm

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details

Deadline for submission to the next edition is October 20

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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	1st Tuesdays—7:00pm	
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open Sundays 1:00-3:00pm July thru Oct 30	
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

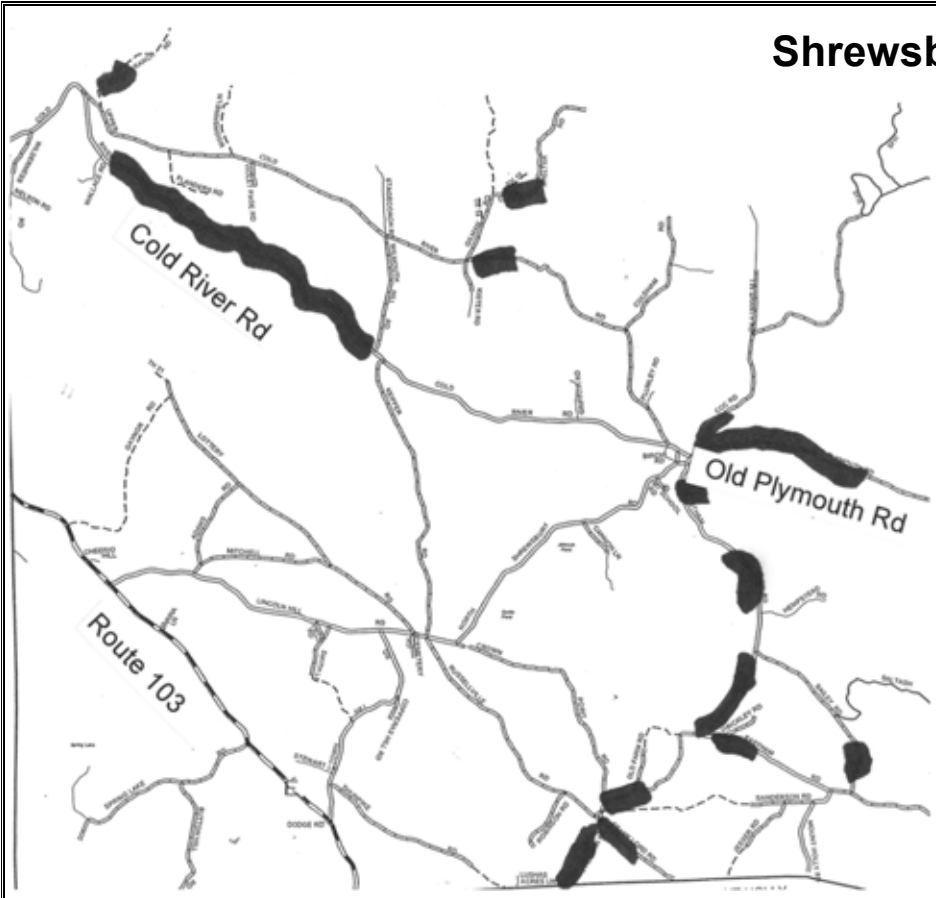
Shrewsbury Town Library 492-3410
Mon 10am-Noon Tues 7pm-9pm
Wed 10am-5pm AND 7pm-9pm
Thurs 7pm-9pm Fri 10am-Noon
Sat 10am-Noon

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

Meeting House 492-6050 (Reservations: 492-3649)
Dog Warden Matt Danaher, call 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

Shrewsbury Roads and Bridges



Highlighted areas were the hardest hit in Shrewsbury.

Our Road Commissioner Jamie Carrara and his crew (Gilbert Pitts, Jr., Steve Bruce, and Herb Carrara) clocked MANY hours after the devastating visit of Hurricane Irene to Vermont, and they also received valuable help from several contractors.

Jamie went out at 8am on Sunday morning to check roads around town, but the first call to duty wasn't until 11:45am from Joyce Wilson when the Old Plymouth Road bridge went out. There were many calls after that.

Before the snows begin to fall, Jamie says that the road crew hopes to have all roads open with two exceptions. The embankment by the Brown Bridge on Upper Cold River Road will have to be evaluated by engineers before work can proceed on it. And, the back side of the CCC Road is the responsibility of the State which will most likely make a decision next spring regarding that.

Message from the Road Commissioner

Now that things have settled down a little, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the town road crew for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank the contractors that worked night and day to get the roads open. Without you this would not have been possible. Thanks to Mark and Linda in the town office, selectmen, and emergency management who have helped tremendously.

Thanks to all the individuals and volunteers who: opened culverts, diverted water, cut trees, put out signs, hauled cones, fed us, and offered words of encouragement. Many more also offered their time, chainsaws, tractors, and other heavy equipment to help out the town. Thank you to the volunteer Fire department for their assistance during the height of the storm and after. A special thanks to Rich Biziak for doing the tedious paperwork involved for Hurricane Irene. Thank you for your patience, there is still a lot of work left to do.

I couldn't do all of this without all the help from everyone.

Thank You!
Jamie Carrara, Road Commissioner

Jamie and Bob Beardmore putting the rocks where they belong on Mountain School Road

News from the SVFD

Sunday, August 28, 2011 was a day which all of us who were here will long remember. Other memories appear elsewhere in this edition of the Times. For your neighbors who are members of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, it was a busy day. This is one perspective and report from one SVFD member.

Your SVFD volunteers convene every Thursday evening to prepare for emergency calls. On August 25, we were aware that Hurricane Irene was headed up the East Coast in our general direction. We knew that our Lieutenant Jamie Carrara and his fine town road crew were preparing for the worst. Likewise, your SVFD volunteers tested and readied our backup station generators, and otherwise made sure our equipment and vehicles were ready.

The rain started Saturday night. The predicted heavy winds did not materialize. However, the rain did not let up. Indeed, the rain seemed to intensify as Sunday morning went on. The initial alarm call came in before noon, to respond to Northam. Fueled by the heavy rain, the normally placid stream which runs behind Pierce's store had swollen to a level beyond memory. The culvert below, at the junction of Eastham Road, was blocked and overwhelmed. The raging waters threatened the dwellings and residents below and above as well. Your SVFD volunteers were summoned to come to their aid.

Chief Russ Carrara and Lieutenant Ray Dambrackas were the first to arrive at SVFD's Northam Fire Station. The power grid was down, and the auxiliary generator was activated. A family driven from their home by the rising waters arrived for shelter. When this reporter arrived, the Chief assigned me to man the base radio station to insure communications could be received and transmitted.

We heard that Duane Carrara saved the day in Northam by arriving with his excavator to remove the blocked culvert. Communications from our Northam crew verified that all threatened dwellings had been evacuated and that the inhabitants were safe.

Radio communications confirmed that what was going on in Northam was just a small piece of a much larger picture. Other members attempting to respond to the initial call in Northam reported that both the Cold River Road and Upper Cold River Road were flooded and impassible. SVFD volunteers were dispatched to go from door to door at houses along the Cold River Road to make sure that residents were out of danger.

Radio communications also informed that Cuttingsville was coping with flooding problems of its own. Al Ridlon Sr. staffed the Cuttingsville Station radio base station, reporting to the Chief about the labors of SVFD members in the village and responding to calls of trapped tenants and vehicle operators along Route 103. In Cuttingsville, as elsewhere, your SVFD volunteers checked and confirmed that all in the path of the rising waters were evacuated and safe.

When a routine emergency call comes in, SVFD can count on all of its members to respond to the scene, and can also rely on mutual aid backup assistance from our neighboring Fire Departments. Radio communications on August 28 made it clear that our neighboring departments were responding to their own emergencies, all engendered by Irene, and that we would have to deal with ours on our own. Adding to the isolation, the floodwaters cut off various parts of Shrewsbury from each other. Fortunately, we have trained SVFD members throughout the town. Temporarily separated from each other by the rising water, your SVFD volunteers were able to keep in radio communication and respond to evacuation and other calls for assistance throughout the emergency. That's what we are here for.

STAY FIRE SAFE !!!

Submitted by Barry Griffith

Emergency Management Report

Following Hurricane Irene the Town Office and Cuttingsville Fire House provided shelter to 35 people on Sunday night. Other people were provided overnight shelter in local homes. Several other people offered to provide shelter in their homes but were not needed.

Food donated by Pierce's Store and the Reinbow Riding Center was prepared and provided to the 35 relocated people.

Hot lunches, water, cookies, and more have been provided daily since the storm to town workers and has been taken over by Catherine Carrara and Sharon Winnicki.

Tree Stumps
Tree stumps are currently not being accepted at the dump. Please call or email the Volunteer Response group to have someone come to cut any trees into manageable pieces to be left on your property.

Reporting Property Damage
The town website has a link for the FEMA website to obtain documents which need to be completed to report property damage.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Day
Hazardous household waste disposal drop off locations for residents affected by flooding have been set up at NO CHARGE to help flood-affected towns properly dispose of waste that can be hazardous to health and the environment. Once dates are set for Shrewsbury they will be posted at the Transfer Station and elsewhere in town.

Household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste. Local transfer stations are working in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to collect household hazardous waste.

Examples of waste that cannot be disposed of with regular garbage or rubbish bins and will be accepted at these drop off locations:

- Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients.
- Car batteries & rechargeable batteries
- Hazardous waste
- Mercury products: fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, thermometers
- Oil, brake cleaner, other toxic car products
- Oil-based paint, stain, varnish, paint thinner/stripper
- Propane cylinders, other gas cylinders

NOTE: Electronic waste should be brought to an approved facility. Go to Vermont's E-Cycle locations on the Agency for Natural Resources website for details:
www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/index.htm

Thanks to everyone who has assisted in the recovery effort.

Irene Gordon, Emergency Management Director

Recovery Fund Established

At a recent Selectboard meeting a special fund was set up, the Shrewsbury Hurricane Recovery Fund. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation send a check made out to *Town of Shrewsbury* to:

Shrewsbury Hurricane Recovery Fund
c/o Irene Gordon
9823 Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

You can designate how the money is to be used in either of the following ways:
(1) To help offset town expenses on the many emergency infrastructure projects to restore roads, bridges, culverts, etc., or
(2) To help individuals impacted financially by the storm.

Free Metal Pick-up

Metal appliances or large items that do not contain freon (such as refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners) will be picked up by John Thompson of East Wallingford (802) 770-2795. This includes not only appliances such as washers & dryers, stoves, and water heaters, but it also includes furnaces, cars, tractors, and lawnmowers.

STORM REPORTS

From Pierce's Store:

The community that came together over the days of the storm and its aftermath has been wonderful to behold.

Pierce's was one of the central information hubs, and its role would make Marjorie Pierce proud. We opened for several hours on Monday, normally a closed day. At one point, there must have been a dozen people in the main section engaged in various conversations—"how did you come through?" "what's your road like?" "is that road open?" Or, to the selectmen who came in, "tell us what's going on." People stayed, talked, and then wandered off to let someone new take their place. The road crew and firemen, who have put in 20, if not 24-hour days, stopped in for coffee or a sandwich and sat out on the porch for a breather. Many folks were traveling on ATVs or 4-wheelers because that was the only way to get through in some parts of town.

On a personal note, Monday was my birthday, and what I received by being in Pierce's that day was just about the best present I could get. Thank you, Shrewsbury!

Sally Deinzer, Board President, Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store

From Northam:

During the night of Monday, August 22, a massive amount of rain fell in a short time causing the stream opposite our North Shrewsbury home to overflow. The next morning revealed a debris field larger than any I could remember in our 34 years of living in Northam. But everything was intact. There was no damage. I thought this was a once-in-many-decades event, and we should not have to worry about high water for a long time. I was wrong.

Six days later we saw flooding from our front porch that we could not have imagined. Rain kept falling, and the stream kept rising. We could hear rocks rolling down the stream and see trees and debris swiftly floating by. Then, with a startling suddenness, the stream overlapped the Old Plymouth Road bridge opposite the house and a flood of water began crossing the road, pouring into and out of our small pond on the other side of the road. Debris had jammed under the bridge turning it into a dam. The force of water through the pond knocked a hole in the embankment between pond and stream, and the pond was no more. Shortly after, the Old Plymouth Road bridge collapsed from the rushing water destroying its abutments.

What happened to the Old Plymouth Road bridge also happened to the bridge on the Eastham Road just beyond Pierce's Store and started to happen to the bridge to the house of our neighbors, Helen and Andy Richards-Peelle. The clogging of the Eastham Road bridge, before it was swept away, caused massive amounts of water to flow around the old Fee house (now owned by the Bedesems) taking out the front yard, undermining the garage foundation and totaling the two cars in the garage with water of two feet or more. The Richards-Peelle's home was saved from significant damage when their bridge, which was also acting as a dam, was pulled by Duane Carrara and his excavator. The water in front of their house swept away their parking area taking one of their cars with it and collapsed the CCC Road.

In North Shrewsbury, a normally quiet small stream, within a few hundred yards and in minutes, had destroyed two bridges, a pond, totaled three cars, damaged a barn and two houses. And here is something to think about—the houses had stood unscathed beside the stream for about 160 years.

Lee Wilson

Russellville Road

STORM REPORTS

Cold River Road

From Cold River Road:

Aug. 28 at 8am: I follow my Sunday morning routine of coffee, paper, and scone at Pierce's Store which is about 3 miles from where I live on Cold River Road. Raining very hard. The river is high but not alarming. By the time I come back the river is up another 1½ feet, and I realize this isn't just another stormy day.

As the day continues I'm in awe of the power of our small river which is now a raging torrent. I can hear a continuous rumble of boulders being tumbled down the river. People who couldn't go any farther on Cold River Rd are using my driveway as a parking lot.

Aug 29 at 7am: The sun is out, and our property has received no damage at all. One hundred yards from our driveway the damage has begun—roadways undercut, roadways gone, homes damaged, and possessions lost. "I am one of the lucky ones."

I have always had a great respect for nature, and after witnessing the power of nature first hand, I have an even greater respect.

Bill Dudley

From Cuttingsville:

Sunday morning it was raining and the wind was pretty significant on Lincoln Hill. I drove to the dealership at 8:30am; all seemed well. At 10:30, I pulled into the dealership as did Uncle Bernard, Mike and Chris. The water level was at the 8-foot mark. It was time to move and do so quickly. We started putting the vehicles up by Mark and Gina Stewart's sugar house. We still needed more room. So we invaded Al and Ann Ridlon's lawn and driveway. When we finished, the river was slapping the bottom of the bridge and you could hear massive boulders being moved down the river. We could not have done such a large task without the help of many friends and neighbors

Monday morning was beautiful. It was pretty difficult to see all of the damage around our pristine town. Again, with friends and neighbors, we started the task of emptying the basement of several feet of water. As hours passed, employees that could make it here, arrived. They were ready to do whatever was necessary to get us up and operating for Tuesday. Debris was everywhere, parking lots torn up and inches of mud everywhere. We knew that we were not the only ones having to deal with this.

We are very fortunate compared to many, many other folks in our state. We have danced the dance with the river in 1927, 1973 and again in 2011. Hopefully none of us will dance for some time to come.

Lauren Stewart, John C. Stewart & Son, Inc.

Jamie Carrara in the backhoe filling the trench by Jean Bryant's on the Russellville Road in order to get the stranded CVPS employees out. They were here to restore power to that area and slept in their truck Sunday night. Our great people of that area had offered rooms to the two fellas, but they declined.

Submitted by Catherine Carrara

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to friends, neighbors and town!
Though Tropical Storm Irene scattered much of our front yard, some cord wood, lupines, rose hips, lilies and the bonfire pile between our house and Lake Champlain, the damage would have been considerably worse if Duane Carrara at the height of the storm had not brought his excavator up to clear away the log jam of debris caught by our bridge. When we abandoned our house, water was inches from coming over the door. Thanks to Duane's action we were able to return to a fully intact house and were back in by Monday afternoon with all our utilities save the phone. Thank you, Duane. We'd also like to give our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors who stopped by to help with the jobs which allowed us to quickly get back into our house. Thank you to our great road crew who put our road back together on Monday and then worked tirelessly for many more days. And thank you to our friends who over the course of these weeks have given us wonderful support, meals and help. Shrewsbury is indeed a great town.

With great appreciation,
Helen and Andy Richards-Peelle

To the Shrewsbury Town Crew
Thank you for your prompt work on the Town roads after the devastating storm!! Your long hours & dedication to the Town are appreciated!!!

Nancy & Jim West

Town Birthday?
The postponement of most of the celebrations of Shrewsbury's 250th anniversary to Columbus Day holiday raises the question: why not have an annual celebration of Shrewsbury? We celebrate the nation on July 4, why not celebrate Shrewsbury on the weekend of September 21 or on Columbus Day?

Either date occurs at the end of the growing season. The bounty of garden, barn and land is fresh at hand to share and appreciate. And each year we have many to appreciate and thank for making the town an outstanding community—particularly this year as so many have worked so hard to help recover from the damage and trauma of hurricane Irene. This year's anniversary celebrations are as much a celebration of all these efforts as it is a commemoration of how many years the community has been one.

While we enjoy the diversity and many interests found among us with each particular event, there isn't a specific time where the whole town is given focus. Why shouldn't we celebrate the town's birthday just as we celebrate our own and those of our relatives, neighbors and friends—even if the date is an arbitrarily set time intended to facilitate sharing and getting together? It need not be only a public celebration but an opportunity for families or individuals to celebrate together in their own way on this day. Food could certainly be a component but so could walks, tours, rides, enactments, music, and dance of various kinds located in the several villages or hosted by the many organizations in town. The weather is usually comfortable, fall color is often on display and the brisk temperatures are a relief after sometimes hot or muggy days in August. In short, such a town birthday would augment an already delightful time.

John Davis

THE FLOOD RELIEF CONCERT
with music by our Shrewsbury bands will take place in November, we hope!

MORE INFORMATION
in next month's TIMES

Letters *continued*

To all of you who assisted in the aftermath of the storm, thank you so very much.

Special thanks to Matt Danaher and Adrienne Raymond for risking your toes and doing traffic duty on Route 103 on Monday after the storm.

Thank you to Weezie and Stash Duda for organizing your wonderful posse of volunteers.

And a BIG thanks to my husband, Bob, who chauffeured me, ran errands, answered phones, calmed nerves, counseled melt-downs and gave me the benefit of his sage advice...you're the BEST!!

Thanks,
Irene ("not the hurricane") Gordon

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people in our community for their extraordinary efforts during the recent storm.

We could list the names but are fearful we might overlook someone, however we all know who they are. They dug down deep, literally and figuratively, without hesitation to get done what was needed without being asked. Its amazing how many people instinctively knew what to do during the emergency in order to save lives and protect property.

Some may think this is the norm, however we experienced first hand how other regions treat such emergencies when we volunteered in New Orleans shortly after Hurricane Katrina. There was no "response" on a neighbors behalf or from the local community.

Now the emergency has passed and the restoration jobs begin. We would strongly urge everyone to consider those in our community first for these jobs, especially those who were there for us when we needed them. We would hope It is not always about the money and finding the least expensive bid.

We are sure this community will do the right thing as it always does.

Connie and John Cioffi

We would like to thank the Town officials, Bob Beardmore and Catherine Carrara for the repair of the bridge on Freeman Brook Road, in a timely manner to allow us access to the outside world after being stranded from flash flood "Irene."

We are extremely grateful.

Our thanks,

The residents of Freeman Brook Road & Lushus Acres Lane

At Pierce's Store—
Friday Night Dinners for October

Oct. 7— Guest Chef Rob McKain will prepare Roast Pork served with Cider Beans & a side of Cole Slaw Yum

Oct. 14— Guest Chef Donna Weir will prepare Meatless Lasagne served with a small tossed salad & a chunk of Rob's French Bread.

Oct. 21— Our friends form Spring Lake Ranch will wow us with another delicious meal, to be announced the week of the 21st.

Oct. 28— Guest Chef Sally Deinzer will prepare Chicken with Roasted Pears and wild rice served with a side of vegetables.

Meals will be available warm on 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.

View The Times of Shrewsbury on the town website at: www.shrewsburyvt.org

From Evening Song Farm

What a journey it's been these past few weeks for all of Vermont. In the midst of all the damage and loss our neighbors and towns have suffered from the storm, it is encouraging to see how neighbors are helping each other in this time of need.

On the morning after Tropical Storm Irene, we returned to our home to find our crops washed away and our farmland devastated beyond anything that we could have imagined. Immediately, we found ourselves held by the support of caring community, of friends and strangers whose kindness and generosity has helped carry us through the incomprehensible destruction of this cropland. This support has helped us to stay connected to the possibility of moving forward and beginning again at building our farm. We want to express our deep gratitude for the community that we're a part of, for the kindness that we've been blessed to receive in so many ways.

Our long-term goal when we began Evening Song Farm was to create a true community farm over time: to develop deep and meaningful connections with the people who are nourished by our food, to have our needs met by community and to give back generously with healthy and vibrant food, feeding friends and neighbors in times of need and difficulty. We had imagined that it would take years to slowly develop these connections, to develop the trust to deepen relationships and move towards that goal of interconnection and vibrant community. It turns out that resilient community is already in place and we feel lucky to have moved our farming operation here. Our goal in moving forward is to do whatever we can to make this community even stronger, more resilient, and more beautiful. We feel called to meet this goal by being vegetable farmers, and our deepest aspiration is to use the support that we're receiving to create a vegetable farm that can more fully and genuinely give back to this community. We're not sure exactly how that aspiration will take form, but one goal is to have vegetables available year round.

As we write this, we are still looking for land to grow on next year and beyond. Though we may be farming in temporary spots for next season, we hope to find land where we can more permanently move the operation to, so we are fully able to build the infrastructure that an effective farm needs. Let us know if you know of good agricultural land that would be available for sale or lease.

We don't know exactly what the farm will look like by next spring, but we can confidently say that we will be growing vegetables for a CSA, and we'll be back at farmers' markets as well. Stay in touch with the farm's recovery at our website: www.eveningsongcsa.com.

Many farms were hit hard in Vermont and suffered crop loss from flooding. We hope you'll buy from the farms in the area that still do have product available for sale—that kind of support is still vital for farmers.

Thank you, thank you for all the generosity, encouraging words, gifts, support, well wishes, volunteer work, and all the unique ways the farm has been supported. We look forward to a future of giving back through our work.

Kara Fitzgerald and Ryan Wood-Beauchamp

Parent Recess

Parent Recess will have its second gathering, Thursday, October 20th on the 2nd floor of the Meeting House at 10:30 until noon. The children will be cared for in the new Children's Playroom by a volunteer childcare team and parents will enjoy refreshments & a social time before having an informal program of interest to parents of babies and toddlers. There will also be a discussion suggesting future program topics. For more information, call Rene Pollock at 492-3559.

Submitted by Rene Pollock

Photo Credits

Thanks to those who have contributed photos for this issue: Catherine Carrara, Irene Gordon, Barb Griffith, Karen Lorentz, Ruth Winkler, and the Town of Shrewsbury website.

A New Shrewsberry

On the 27th, just as Hurricane Irene was getting started, we had a 6-lb, 13-oz baby girl named Minka Louise. After 3½ days of laboring at home (where we had planned to give birth), our midwives had us go to Porter Hospital in Middlebury. After checking baby and me, the doctor said, "well, you're the only ones here and everything looks great, so let's try and see if we can get this labor moving." Within the hour my labor was moving along more rapidly, and every bed in the birth center was full! (Apparently hurricanes bring on babies!) Davis caught our daughter that night along with our midwife who got to help because the hospital was so overrun with laboring women. All in all, the doctor assisted 5 births that night!

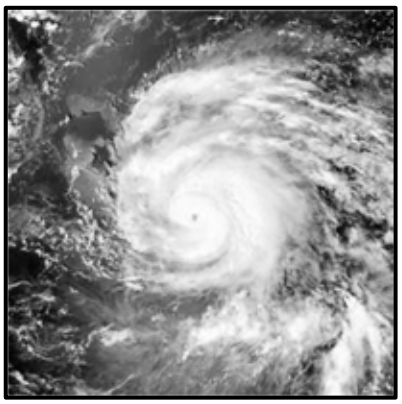
We spent the entirety of Hurricane Irene at Porter relaxing with our baby and were blissfully unaware of the destruction going on outside. Eventually friends and neighbors started calling to let us know we may not be able to get home or even retrieve our 3-year-old from his grandparents'. People fed our cats and updated us on roads and left us meals. In the end we got home a day after the storm and only an hour after our road was repaired. Even our son made it home that day.

For us the hurricane was not a time of losses but of gains. We gained a deeper knowledge of how amazing our community is (and our road crew), and we gained a beautiful (sleepy) daughter. Thanks everyone!

Gretchen Gould & Davis Terrell

The Roving Reporter asked:

What will you remember about Hurricane Irene?



- "I don't think I'll ever forget the river rising up so fast on Chris Clark's foundation; it was pretty dramatic." —*Cedelle Sirjane*
- "The power of water. The covered bridge and the trees falling into the river." —*Jo Fretz*
- "How everyone came together to check on each other. How Orville fixed the access road to Mt. Holly and Marsha brought milk to the kids across the road." —*Jan O'Hara*
- "The paralyzing feelings of isolation and confusion even though our home and road were spared." —*Anonymous*
- "Walking down and seeing the water over the bridge, but I was thankful that our pond didn't get flooded." —*Silas Hamilton*
- "All the machines in the basement floating in 3½ feet of water—the washer and dryer, the dehumidifier, and the freezer floating on its side." —*Lee Rohe*
- "Standing on our lawn and watching the big trees come barrelling toward me. The water took the pavement and everything." —*Judy Pitts*
- "Fright!....that's the word that comes to mind. Also, Duane Carrara removing the bridge with his excavator because it was acting as a dam. He saved 4 houses in Northam including mine. —*Andy Richards-Peelle*
- "The noise of the boulders churning in the river, the tree trunks shooting through the culverts, and the vegetables from Evening Song Farm bobbing down the river." —*Grace Brigham*
- "The wonderful people who without asking a lot of questions saw what needed to be done and did the right thing but I felt like I should change my name!" —*Irene Gordon*

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To perform her ugly act
Hauling wind in her pockets
And rain upon her back.

She planted seeds of fury
To sow a feral storm
The nascent seed began to grow
A hurricane was born.

But she wasn't quite a "lady"
Not compassionate or kind
Damage and destruction
Was foremost on her mind.

She spat upon our homes and land
And breathed with violent rage
Her wrath was overwhelming
Her course was hard to gauge.

In the year two thousand eleven
On August twenty eight
She destroyed our roads and rivers
And homes within our state.

She was violent, cruel and mean
She left us ruined and ravaged
Her name? They called her "Irene"
Not a woman but akin to a savage!

by Fran Patten

Morgan Wood, on right with rake, picked up boulders and then raked a path for vehicles to get down this section of CCC Road on Monday after the storm. It was tricky going but at least we could get out again, and of course, our dandy road guys have fixed this and many other washouts since. Kudos to all the volunteers and workers who have fixed our roads and helped neighbors.

Photo by Karen Lorentz

The Shrewsbury Community Church

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 AM

From the Pastor's Desk—

On Sunday, August 28th I got up about 5am, looked outside at the rain and turned on the TV to check the local and national weather. On my mind was our Sunday worship service and whether it should be cancelled due to the arrival of Hurricane Irene. By 9:30am it was obvious to me that I needed to cancel the service and since I live next to the Mill River, I, myself, needed to get to higher ground.

When I left my home on Route 103 and headed to my friend's place in Addison, little did I know how angry and ugly the river would get in my absence. I was amazed when I returned the next day to find that the driveway was totally gone. In addition it looked like a giant sky rake had raked the grass in the yard and underbrush in the woods towards the west. Debris was everywhere. I even found whole cabbages with the roots attached and tomato plants, which I believe came from the farm further up the river. Fortunately, my home didn't sustain any real damage. The satellite dish wasn't working and the driveway was gone but ultimately that was minor. I still had a place to live and I was extremely grateful.

Since that day several people have said to me that they just don't understand where God was and how a loving God could allow something like this to happen to us here in Vermont. That's a tough question and one that often comes up at times like these. There is no simple answer for these questions; there are only complex responses. None of which truly answers them adequately. Unfortunately, there are many forces in the world that cause such happenings. One of those forces involves natural disasters such has hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, etc. Even with natural disasters there are human elements that can have a hand in an event, think about changes to the ozone layer, building close to rivers and oceans, not cleaning out culverts, etc.

I believe that it doesn't serve us any purpose to dwell on these questions. I believe the important thing to note in such situations is that people are motivated by the goodness inside them to do heroic things to help their neighbors, friends, community members, even those they don't know. And that goodness has been in our midst each and every day as we work to put our community back together. That individual spirit of goodness has been motivating each and every one of us as we make our way through this disaster.

We can see that goodness present in each of the volunteers who have spent hours helping those in need. It was present in the people who came and volunteered to repair the driveway we lost where I live. It was present with each person who came around to check to see who in town needed what. It is still present in the preparations for fundraising as folks search for other ways to help and support their neighbors and friends. That spirit of love for neighbors and community has been with our town officials as they have worked tirelessly to open closed roads and bridges. It has been with our local contractors who dropped everything to respond to the needs of our community. That spirit of love for neighbor has been with us every step of the way. It continues to motivate us as a community as we find our way through this situation and other situations in our lives.

Hurricane Irene will have long lasting effects on our community. Our rivers will never be the same again. But there will also be a lasting fellowship of love and commitment among community members as we continue to support each other and seek ways to help one another. We may not realize it but helping at a time like this is one way we have of sharing the power of God's love. May each of you share that love each and every day.

Submitted by Rev. Pat Jackman

Pastor's Office Hours at the Church:
Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 p.m.

250th Anniversary Commemorative T-Shirts

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Shrewsbury Peak from Johnson's Pond

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Soccer Goals at SMS

Thank you to all our supporters! So far we have raised $725 towards our goal of $1300. Please consider making a donation to replace the soccer goals at the Shrewsbury Mountain School. Any donations may be sent to SMS-Soccer Goals, 300 Mountain School Rd., Shrewsbury, VT 05738. Help us reach our GOALS!

If you like soccer, this is a great time of year to catch some soccer games. There are over 30 Shrewsbury kids, boys and girls, playing soccer from grade school through high school. Thanks for your support.

Bankert Kennedy Family

Shrewsbury History Hike

with Barb & Barry Griffith

Stone Shelter off CCC Road
Saturday, October 22
Meet at the Town Office building at 10:30am
Bring water and a picnic lunch
Round trip hike is 6 miles

Well, we've explored Split Rock Cave in Russellville; climbed down the Gaynor Road to visit the Bullard Cemetery and house site of John Bullard (owner in 1854) then after his death his children sold the farm to George Bullard, then to Anthony Adams (he purchased it in 1861). We also discussed the Poor Farm while out on this expedition; we hiked up to visit Shrewsbury's largest glacial erratic known as Picnic Rock.

For our last history hike of the season we propose a visit to the newly refurbished Stone Shelter Building off the CCC road. We will explore the history of the old Military firing range and the 8- or 10-seater outhouse beside the old berm. From Lorentzes' it is 1.52 miles to the Picnic Pavilion and 1.28 miles from there to the firing range bunker site, a total of 6 miles round trip (more or less). This last hike is also partnered with the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Bring lunch, water and a thirst for more history. Plan on being out for the day.

Submitted by Barb & Barry Griffith

Men of Shrewsbury: Pierce's Store needs YOU so we can have a month of Friday Night Dinners cooked by the men of the community! We're hoping that three of you will say yes to this call—or if you want to buddy up and cook in pairs, that's fine with us! Friday night November 4, 11, or 18 could be yours to host! Just stop at the store and tell the person on duty that you want to join the roster of famous Shrewsbury chefs! We'll call with details.

THANKS to everyone who helped make the STREET DANCE a great success—all who set up, baked, made music, came, and danced; and cleaned up! It was good to get together after Irene and relax on a cool but clear evening.

The Library's WiFi had a lot of use after the storm, with people who were still out of power bringing their laptops, even accessing the internet from the parking lot when the Library wasn't open. The Library was very lucky to have had no flooding, even as the Mill River rose, and neighbors along the road had to evacuate. Many libraries in Vermont were not so fortunate.

PLEASE CONTACT VTel for computer classes, to be scheduled soon.

COMING EVENTS & RE-SCHEDULINGS:

NOVEMBER (date and time TBA):
THE TREASURES EXHIBIT will have a GRAND OPENING RECEPTION. Grace Brigham and Joan are still soliciting Treasures. We have some wonderful items so far. Please contact Grace at 492-3458 or Joan at 492-3550. Drawings, paintings, music CDs, poems and stories, photographs, pottery, baskets made by Shrewsberries are all welcome!

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 15 from 10:15-11:00am**:**
We're delighted to announce that DINO RICE will present "AUTUMN SONGS" for infants, toddlers, siblings, and their parents and caregivers for 8 weeks. DAVID RICE has kindly volunteered to staff during those hours when the Library isn't regularly open. The program is free, but we appreciate donations to the Library to defray our costs. Please call Dino at 492-3488 for more information.

SUNDAY, Oct. 16, 4pm
BOOK DISCUSSION: *Heart of Darkness,* part 2. (*Uncle Tom's Cabin* in November. Books avail. now.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
COOKIE SWAP & SILENT AUCTION—SAVE THE DATE!
THE RAFFLE DRAWING will take place at the Auction. Tickets are for sale from now until then: $5 for 1, 6 for $20. Lucille's quilt is on display at the Library: a beauty named "Comfort After the Storm" months before Irene, and even more meaningful now!

NEW BOOKS:
The Troubled Roar of the Waters: Vermont in Flood and Recovery, 1927-1929, by Vermont historians Nicholas and Deborah Clifford

Two biographies of Ethan Allen: the classic by Stewart H. Holbrook, and the new study by Willard Sterne Randall

The Audubon Guide to Mushrooms of the Eastern United States. A Guide to the Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms of New England and Eastern Canada by Jack Spahr

NEW DVDs:
Win Win, the comedy starring Paul Giamatti; *Doc Martin*, Series 1, the popular BBC comedy series. (More are coming!)

Shrewsbury Historical Society

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David Rice and Ann Ridlon,
Fund Raising Committee

Hello from the Kids Korner,

I wanted to first thank everyone for attending the Summer Reading programs that were held this summer. I hope you had fun and will continue to visit the library during the upcoming year.

With the start of the new school year, I would like to know if there are any students interested in attending the Jr. Librarian program. This program is for students in grades 3-6. We usually meet one afternoon a month for about 1-½ hours. During this time we might work on a project for the library, play games or make a craft. If this sounds like something you might want to be involved in, please contact me by leaving a message (492-3410) at the library.

Thank you to everyone who has donated books and/or DVDs to the library during the summer. There have been many new additions to the library collection so please come in and see what's new. As always, if you would like a particular item, please leave a note and we will see about getting the item for the library.

Gail H

Tax Payments due by October 7

Tax payments are due by October 7 before 8:00pm. Tax payments can be mailed to:
9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury VT 05738

Regular Treasurer's office hours are:
Wednesdays 5: 00-7:00pm at the town office

Additional days for tax collection are:

Saturday, October 1	**Noon-3:00pm**
Thursday, October 6	**1:00-4:00pm**
Friday, October 7	**1:00-8:00pm**

Questions regarding Homestead Declarations and Property Tax Assistance (Rebate) can be addressed to the State of Vermont at 1-866-828-2865 (Toll Free).

As always, I am available by leaving a message at the office (802) 492-3558, or call at home (802) 492-3487 with questions or concerns. The drop box at the town office is available at all times.

Thank you,

Linda McGuire

Town Treasurer
802-492-3558 Treasurer's Office
802-492-3487 Home

AUTUMN SONGS

with Dino Rice at the Library
Tuesdays
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SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS 7:30PM

CALL 492-6137 or 492-3458 FOR MORE INFO...

FROM THE MILL RIVER SCHOOL BOARD

The wonderful thing about school is that once a year there is a new beginning, and as Mill River starts to write its 36th chapter, there are many changes to fill its pages. In the middle school, Mrs. Karen Cochran and Mrs. Marion Abel retired, and we thank them for their years of service to our school. English teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Hooker, and social studies teacher, Mr. Peter See, have left their positions in the high school to teach on the eighth grade team, and Ms. Erin McCuin has been hired to teach 8th Grade Science. Mrs. Lynn Pecor is now a middle school special educator along with Ms. Kristen Garrow. Mrs. Jennifer Severence will be teaching English and reading part-time and keeping a few hours as a library assistant in the morning. Mr. Keith Williams joins the faculty as a special educator in the high school, and Mrs. Claire Austin has left her position in the middle school to be a special educator in the high school as well. Mrs. Laurel Gilman is now the registrar in the main office, and Mrs. Mary Bride is the administrative assistant for Mrs. Katherine Fogg, Mr. Craig Shappy, and attendance.

The 486 seats in the auditorium have been rebuilt and reupholstered! There is handicap accessibility, and the chairs in the front are removable so that they may be easily unbolted to create an orchestra pit. The theatre also has a fresh coat of paint! Many thanks to Margie Congdon for the 3½ years that she worked to make the renovation a reality. She thanks Scott Darling, Cathy Reynolds, and Wayne Young for "staying the course" with her. We hope that you will stop by and take a look! There are 35 chairs left at $100.00 each for dedication, and contributions may still be made to defray the cost of painting the walls and engraving the name plates. There will be a plaque designed to include the names of contributors in the latter category. If you are interested in donating a chair or making a contribution, contact Margie Congdon at 775-3451 (ext. 275) or email her at mcongdon@rssu.org.

Our community is currently in harvest mode. Despite a delayed start to the school year and a plethora of rain and sun that promoted an earlier than expected harvest time, numerous Mill River students and staff members brought delicious sweet corn home for domestic consumption. We are also looking ahead to harvesting a bountiful crop of potatoes that will be donated for use in the school's lunch program. None of this could have happened without the timely assistance of many people. Rob Congdon used his tractor to plow and disk the never before turned sod and rich topsoil beneath. Don Markie used his tractor drawn tiller to turn the soil into a fine tilth. Mark Hamilton delivered a truckload of seasoned cow manure donated by the Cimonetti family. Michael Gamache's students planted corn indoors and helped to transplant the seedlings into the garden, and Tim Parent's students constructed and installed a garden sign, planted corn seedlings outside, and put in three rows of potatoes. Groups of students, staff, and community members helped out on two community work days (June 4th and July 5th) by doing some weeding and mulching. They also transplanted the rest of the corn. In mid-July, Tim Parent and Michael Gamache fenced the garden, and a group of summer school students did some weeding. In addition, they planted flowers around the garden sign and began picking up the site for an eventual parking area.

The beginning of Mill River's orchard is located adjacent to the community garden. AP Environmental Science students planted ten pear and six apple trees and watered them every day for the first three weeks after planting. All of the trees are doing well!

The Mill River walking path is also com-

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pleted. It totally encircles the wetland to the south of the school and also extends the length of the wetland to the west of the building. This path network includes over 800 feet of plank walk, enabling walkers to view the wetlands without damaging fragile terrain. Unfortunately, excess runoff (not floodwater!) from Tropical Storm Irene used the laws of physics and flotation to relocate much of the planking, and a day of community service to put everything back in its intended location is being planned.

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MOUNTAIN MEMO

Oct. 21 – Staff Inservice – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 10 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – ½ Day
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 17 – Book Fair
Nov. 23-25 – Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL

Classroom News:

Pre-K:

After a slight delay due to weather, our class has gotten off to a wonderful start to our school year. We have been getting to know each other as well as the classroom and our daily routines. We will be starting to use themes as our academic base in a couple of weeks. In September, we will be learning about apples and autumn through songs, games, and projects. We are hoping to take a field trip to the apple orchard if there isn't too much damage to the apples. It is shaping up to be a fabulous year of fun and learning in the pre-K classroom!!

Ms. Amy and Ms. Julie

MAP:

We are off to a great start in the Multiage Primary class. Many materials have been introduced and are in use. Students have learned to play several games in math to practice important number skills. Students have also worked together to develop their classroom rules. Our rules are: Be safe, Treat people with respect, Be careful and gentle with yourself, Treat things nicely.

Students are enjoying are science classes on air and weather. They have used many common materials to investigate the question "How do you know air is there?" They worked on the idea of setting up a test and were excited to share their discoveries which included: Air pushes things, Air can take up a lot of space, Air can fill things up, You can feel air, Air can be strong.

2nd and 3rd Grade:

It is great to be back at school, and we would like to say thank you to the Shrewsbury road crew and all others that made the opening of school possible after the Hurricane Irene!

We have learned routines and procedures, as well as how to use school supplies safely, so far. We have started our daily schedule in full swing, and are finding that the day is very busy. Writing has started out with creating Hopes and Dreams for the

school year; you can find them on the wall outside of our classroom!

4th – 6th Grade:

Fruit & Veggies: We interviewed the wonderful lunch lady, Ms. Pam about the fresh fruit/ veggies program. We asked her a few questions. She said the idea for the program came from information from the state so that we could follow standards set for schools. She thought it was a program we should follow at school. She gets to decide which fruit or veggie we have each day. This month we are focusing on apples.

By Grace Gilman, Hannah Farrell, Olivia Bernstein

Young Writers Project

Students in 4th 5th and 6th grades are participating in the Young Writers Project (YWP). They will be writing stories using prompts created by YWP. Look for students' writing on the school website and in the Rutland Herald. Below is an interview with Mr. Morrison about YWP.

Q: Why do we get to do Young Writers Project?
A: It makes writing exciting.
Q: About how many students get published in the Young Writers Project each year?
A: Hopefully everyone.
Q: How do you get published?
A: After the last draft, we will submit to YWP online.
Q: How many years have you been doing YWP?
A: 4 years.
Q: Do you know what we're going to write about this year?
A: Not specifically, but there is a list of writing prompts that we use on the YWP website.

By Olivia Suker, Sandra Guyette, Nick Brown and Megan Chapin

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Recycling

SMS started recycling three years ago when Mrs. Thornton noticed that only the 5/6 classroom was recycling. She asked Mrs. McDonough if the 5/6 class would help the whole school to recycle. Last year because of our schedule, we had help from the Conservation Commission, bringing recycling to the transfer station. Currently, we recycle on Wednesday afternoons. Students collect bins from classrooms and kitchen. Then the 4/5/6/ class brings the bins back to the classroom to sort. Next we take the recyclables to the transfer station as a class. Afterwards we return the recycle bins to the classrooms. This is one way we help our community.

By Levi Tarbell, Talia Hutt Vater, & Gary Burnett

Shrewsbury Afterschool Program/Camp SMS

Shrewsbury Mountain School is excited to offer Camp SMS to its students and members of the community for the 2011-2012 school year. This afterschool program will join Clarendon, Wallingford, and Mill River in offering quality afterschool programming to students. Camp SMS will operate Monday – Friday from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m. on regularly scheduled school days. Students will be engaged in academic and non-academic workshops to promote learning and personal growth, as well as fun opportunities to discover the world around us.

If you would like to volunteer your time, or direct a workshop or class for students, please call Amy Blongy at 492-3435 for information. We look forward to community members being involved in this fantastic opportunity for students! Children who are home-schooled are welcome to sign up and attend.

Mrs. Fishwick's Message

Please call Mrs. Fishwick if you'd like to help out with Breakfast or lunch program, Book Fair, Library, or Classroom Volunteering. You can reach her at 492-3435.

The group that hiked to Picnic Rock on a recent Shrewsbury history hike measured the rock (with a tape measure) to be 100' around and ~25' high!

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TOLLING OF THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL BELLS

On Sunday morning, September 4th at 10am two members of the Shrewsbury Historical Society rang the old bell atop the museum church building in Cuttingsville to mark the official start of this historic day, the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Charter in 1761 designating the Town.

Sharing the bell rope were Life Member Al Ridlon, Sr., and Society President Con Winkler. At the Ridlons' house on Town Hill Road, Ann said she heard the bell strike 40 times and wondered if we were going for 250! The bells also tolled in Shrewsbury Center and Northam.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPE 250th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR TOWN

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is offering for sale a cachet envelope with a unique postmark and drawing created by Grace Brigham commemorating this very special occasion. Inside the envelope is a printed card with the history of the Shrewsbury Charter.

These collectable cachet envelopes may still be purchased for $3.50 each at the Historical Society museum on Sundays from 1-3pm until thru October 30. They can also be purchased by mail and will be sent inside a large business envelope for $4 each, which includes 50 cents for postage.

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

The Society is also celebrating its 40th Anniversary and giving visitors to the museum a special gift. All proceeds will go toward the maintenance of the historic Cuttingsville church building that is now home of the Shrewsbury Historical Society museum.

JOIN US ON A WALKING TOUR

George Richards will lead a historic walking tour of Cuttingsville on **Sunday, Oct. 9**.
Join friends and neighbors to learn something new!
Meet at the Historical Society Museum at **1:00pm**.
(The Museum is open 1:00-3:00pm.)
Rain date: Oct. 16

Thank You

We appreciate the support of all those who came to the Museum on September 3rd and 4th for the purchase of the cachet envelope with the special commemorative postmark.

Also, if you took photos of the Hurricane's fury, the Historical Society would appreciate your sharing them with us to be added to our files. Please e-mail a copy to ruthcon1@vermontel.net.

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It's been 25 years since a moose wandered into Larry Carrara's field and became enamored with Jessica the cow. That moose brought fame to Shrewsbury and insured its presence on Wikipedia, but the honeymoon only lasted for 76 days under the watchful eye of thousands of visitors. Maybe their relationship suffered the fate of so many celebrities and just couldn't stand up to all that attention!

Larry says he "doesn't know where the moose is, but Jessica is buried out in the field. She passed away when she was 22 years old maybe with a broken heart."

Be sure to look for the book *A Moose for Jessica,* by Pat A. Wakefield and Larry, which is now on sale at Pierce's.

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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

October is a month of transition in many senses. For Pierce's Store this year it means bidding Scott and Lindsay a fond farewell and saying hello to a new manager, KP Whaley. We will miss Scott and Lindsay though they have promised that they'll not be far.

In one former career, KP managed a section of a coop. He was also a board member. One of his strengths is marketing, something that we have not taken advantage of so far in our business. KP is also a friendly, outgoing person who will continue the welcoming atmosphere established by Scott and Lindsay. He currently lives in East Wallingford and will be moving into the house next to the store at the beginning of October.

"I'm excited to finally be in Vermont," said KP. "I belong in the mountains and all that it affords. I love hiking, swimming and taking my dog out to explore new areas. In talking with friends in the area, Shrewsbury is high among the list of villages that has a true sense of community. In the past, I've been a part of some historical community institutions and I can't wait to explore the history of the Pierce family, and doing so from inside the house and store will really be exciting. I look forward to meeting members and non-members alike in the store and around the village."

The SCPS board will host an Open House at the store on Sunday afternoon, October 23rd so anyone can stop in to say a formal "thank you" to Scott and Lindsay and a "welcome to Shrewsbury" to KP.

Finally, the store wants to do something to help the local farms that were affected by Hurricane Irene. We currently have a donation jar on the counter but want to do something more. Keep an eye on the sandwich board and notices in the store for a larger fundraiser to help out Evening Song Farm and Caravan Gardens.

Submitted by Sally Deinzer

Call for Volunteers at Pierce's Store

Pierce's Store needs you! Did you know that the success of Pierce's Store is the result of a few excellent paid employees and a large group of stellar working members? Volunteers make it possible for the store to be open 69 hours a week!

There are many ways to volunteer at Pierce's. Many volunteers are trained to staff the store and operate the cash register. Other volunteers prepare the ever popular Friday Night Take Out meals. Ingredients for the meal are provided by the store, and volunteers donate their time and talent. Do you have other talents or skills you could share? Host an event or workshop at the store or in the garage space. Help out behind the scenes with bookkeeping, maintaining the buildings and grounds, or helping price and shelve orders when they come in.

No matter what you choose, you can commit to a weekly or monthly shift, or you can choose to work only when the time is available to you. There is NO minimum requirement. Working members who commit to at least 4 hours a month receive a 10% discount off purchases at all times. If you work fewer hours, you will receive a 10% discount coupon toward a single purchase (no limit) each time that you work.

You could also consider becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Board members are eligible for a 20% discount off purchases at all times. The board meets once a month for about 2 hours, and there are committee tasks that take a little more time. Join us for a meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. to learn what a board position would be like.

Many hands make light work, so please take time to consider what you can contribute toward the continued success of Pierce's Store.

Maya Zelkin, Secretary of the SCPS Board of Directors

Results: PTO's 5K Run Back to School race on 8/27/11

	TIME
Bankert, Cole	20.03
Blaine, Josh	21.18
Mackintosh, David	22.29
Sadakierski, Devin	22.52
Page, Todd	23.02
Bankert, Ella	24.09
Schuck, Jaymie	24.52
Campagne, Andy	24.58
Bankert, Steve	25.01
Frank, Richard	25.30
Thornton, Aaron	25.52
Duersteler,Jacqueline	25.59
Pehm, Katha	26.25
Berger, David	27.02
Bushey, Elizabeth	27.41
Guggenberger, Christina	27.41
Gardner, Lisa	28.26
Page, Lana	28.26
Cohen, Jennifer	28.49
Tripp, Matt	29.03
McGown, Greg	29.03
Sabotka, Alyssa	29.23
Fay, Melissa	29.23
Shapiro, Jesse	30.27
Day, Karla	30.52
Fishwick, Debra	31.11
Sabotka, TJ	32.10
Sabotka, Kendra	32.10
Page, Gina	32.48
Page, Luke	32.48
Rocque, Roger	33.02
Starinskas, Christine	33.20
Fay, Linda	35.26
Mackintosh, Jonathon	35.35
McGown, Susanna	37.04
Tripp, Leisa	37.04
Romano, Lisa	38.14
Rondinone, Emerson	38.21
Patton, Aren	39.10
Patton, Doug	39.20
Suker, Olivia	40.11
Huttvater, Talia	40.20
Stewart, Grace	41.10
Stewart, Bert	41.11
Proulx, Jackie	41.46
Mitchell, Cynthia	49.40
Rice, Erin	49.40
Blongy, Amy	49.40
McDonough, Sabrina	49.40
Deinzer, Sally	49.40
Suker, Steve	50.58
Suker, Emma	50.58
Cottrell, Brandie	52.40
Cottrell, Taryne	52.40
Page, Randy	54.29
Page, Cole	54.29
Page, Deena	55.00
Morris, Millie	57.00
Morris, Claire	57.00
Morris, Charlotte	57.00
Morris, Meredith	57.00

Submitted by Deb Fishwick

Fletcher Farm Courses

The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts which is located at 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow, Vermont has begun its fall season of course offerings. The classes scheduled for November are:

Nov. 5 & 6—
Marbling Scarves
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Nov. 12—
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Felted Wool Flowers
Nov. 13—
Charming Memories Bracelet
Holiday Card Extravaganza
Nov. 19 & 20—
Sterling Silver Fabrication for the Holidays
Nov. 19—
Wreaths Galore
Nov. 20—
Felting a Peace Dove

Additional information on these classes may be obtained at info@fletcherfarm.org or by calling the school at 802-228-8770.

The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen Craft Shoppe will remain open daily October 1 through the 10th. The Holiday Shoppe will open after Thanks-giving in the Meadowview Room which is located adjacent the main office area.

Submitted by Elaine Corino

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A Shrewsbury Nature Journal

August 12, Friday— I have spent several hours pulling weeds from the vegetable garden which is now bursting with produce. For a late autumn crop, several varieties of lettuce, spinach and other greens were sown and broccoli starts were set out. The tomato plants all needed to be tied and sprayed with copper to help ward off the blights which seem to be around this summer. Still waiting for a ripe one!

While crawling around on hands and knees in the asparagus bed, I happened to notice a large catnip plant growing there, a volunteer that came on its own. It was all twisted and bent from being rolled on and the ground was compacted as well. Closer observation revealed several large cat tracks that belonged to a bobcat. I was fascinated by the thought that this big cat enjoyed a good roll in catnip just like our housecats do!

Even thought the summer birds are much quieter these days, there is still a lot of action in and out of the gardens. Feisty young Ruby Throated Hummingbirds visit the feeder while wing flipping and posturing aggressively. They chase each other away while trying to guard their food source. It's comical to watch. Meanwhile, both bluebird boxes have been vacated within the last week and now all is quiet as they raise the youngsters well hidden in the forest edge.

August 16, Tues.— It's overcast and breezy this morning. Rainstorms are slowly moving out of the area leaving the earth drenched and refreshed. The rain came at a time when the flowers and vegetables really needed it. The gardens are soaked. The seeds sown on the 12th have already sprouted. Baby Song Sparrows, one still without a tail, were seen pecking in the wet soil below the rose bushes for seeds or other bits of food. Later in the day, after it dried out a bit, I found the buddleia just loaded with nectaring butterflies. There are Yellow Sulphurs, Cabbage Whites, Monarchs, White Admirals, Wood Nymphs and those curious hummingbird moths that swarm around the butterfly bush.

August 22, Mon.— The very first tomato—a Jet Star—is ripe and ready for picking!

August 28, Sun.— Rain and wind. The lights have been blinking off and on at this early hour and the power won't last for long. The downpour intensifies as the wind rocks the treetops on the knoll. There are 2" of rain in the gauge at 10am, and by 4pm over 5". Corn stalks and sunflowers lie at crazy angles, all in a tangle. A drive down to Cuttingsville showed the awesome sight of the muddy brown Mill River raging through the village and washing under the bridge.

Sept. 13, Tues.— Up to Spring Lake with Eliza to haul the loon nesting platform out for the winter. I fell in backwards as the anchor let go from the mud, but we managed to get the thing dragged to shore. Eliza stepped from the water to find a 6" long leech on her leg. Leeches inject an anticoagulant when they attach and this caused her leg to bleed profusely for a while. We both had a good scream over it all! At any rate, the 3 loons, Mom, Dad, and the big baby, rested quietly while all this was going on. They have been seen lately doing a lot of wing flapping, stretching and exercising in preparation for leaving the lake. The young bird appears to run on water as it learns to fly. The male will leave the lake first, followed by the female and youngster.

Sept. 14, Wed.— With so much rain dumped by Tropical Storm Irene, mushrooms have sprung up all over the place in an amazing array of form and color. Today I found Brickcaps growing in a cluster on a rotten stump, some Poor Man's Slippery Jacks, and some Aspen Boletes.

Sept. 17, Sat— This is the last day that I saw the single female hummingbird. Fall is coming.

Connie Youngstrom
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