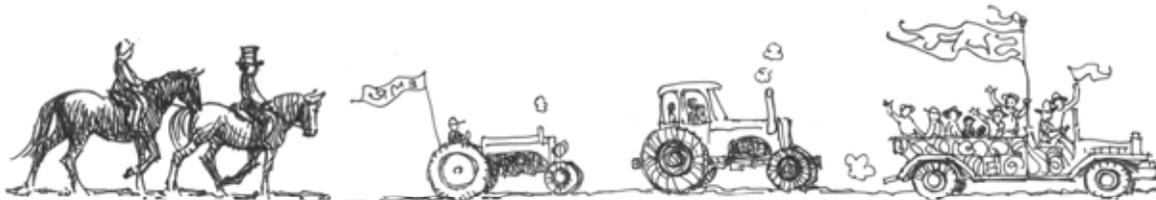




Times of Shrewsbury



September 2011



★ 250th Anniversary Schedule of Events★

FRIDAY, September 2

- 5pm Open House at Pierce's Garage
- 6pm Brief tour & discussion of North Shrewsbury with David Rice at Northam Church
- 6:30pm Period music with Dorothy Rice at Northam Church

SATURDAY, September 3

- 9am Walking tour of Cuttingsville led by George Richards; meet at Cuttingsville Fire House (previously the Old Train Depot) and walk to Laurel Glen Cemetery
- 8-11:30am *Historical Society Museum Open; Commemorative envelopes will be available for purchase
- 8-10:30am *Commemorative stamp available at Cuttingsville Post Office
- 10am-2pm *Shrewsbury Treasures Exhibit at Shrewsbury Library

SUNDAY, September 4

- 10am Ringing of the bells @ Historical Society, Meeting House, Northam Church, and at YOUR front door!
- 1-3pm *Historical Society Museum open
- 1:30pm Line Up for Parade at Crown Point Road intersection
- 2pm **Parade** from Crown Point Road intersection to Meeting House
- 4pm **Community Photo**
- 4:30pm **Community Potluck Picnic @ Meeting House**
Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert dish to share. The 250th Celebration Fund will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, punch, and coffee.
- ~4:40pm Presentation of Charter to Town Selectboard @ Meeting House
- ~8:45pm **Fireworks** at Shrewsbury Mountain School. Bring your own folding chair or blanket to sit on!

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details.

★ To find 250 Anniversary events look for the stars in the Times ★

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Pleasant Surprise

Dear Shrewsberries,

I want to give my thanks to all of those who attended my "Surprise" birthday party. I had such a wonderful time visiting with everyone. I would also like to thank everyone who could not attend but sent cards.

A special thanks to my family for pulling this together. Morgan, your cake was wonderful. Lynette, thank you for the beautiful flowers and decorations. Thanks to Mike, Chris, Wendy, Ashley, Jason, and Lauren for working the grills and all else that you did.

I am grateful for having such wonderful friends—thanks again for making this birthday so special!

A special thanks to the Fire Department for loaning the tent—there was a possibility of rain.

Sally Jones

Support Our Post Office!

HEAR YE and TAKE HEED: Historically speaking, what would we Shrewsberries do without our little post office in the hamlet of Cuttingsville? Should we just take it for granted that it will always be there? Lately there has been an issue of closing small post offices in Vermont. To avoid this, we should all



make sure to buy our stamps and necessary envelopes at our own post office, or if you have a carrier, you can order same by placing an order in your mailbox.

Ruth Winkler

About the Front Cover Art

Thanks to Grace Brigham for drawing some of the potential Parade participants, including the Mill River High School Jazz Band, an antique car with honored senior citizens, Edgar Merritt Ridlon's restored tractor, Spring Lake Ranch's Navy truck, Dick and Holly Keane with their horses, the Shrewsbury Mountain School brandishing historic flags, and the Shrewsbury BoneBuilders!

The Editors

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

★ Sept 2, 3, 4		*See front cover for 250 th Celebration Events! ★
Sept 10	10am	*History hike to Picnic Rock
Sept 10	7pm	*Street Dance with Muddy Rhodes Blues Band at the Library
Sept 12		*Beginning Sept 12 bring books for Annual Book Sale to library
Sept 12, 15, 26	3-4pm	Bible Study @ Community Church
Sept 18	4pm	*Book Discussion @ Shrewsbury Library
Sept 20	12 noon	Senior Luncheon @ Café Provence in Brandon. Call Edie Clark at 492-3638 if you plan to join the group.
Sept 22	10:30am-12	*Parent Recess, Meeting House
Sept 22	12 noon	Prayer Shawl group; meet at home of Fran Patten 492-3706. Bring a bag lunch.
Sept 24	9am-2pm	*Annual Book & Bake Sale at Shrewsbury Library
Oct 1	4:30pm	*Annual Ham Supper by Volunteer Fire Dept Auxiliary @ Meeting House

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



Deadline for submission to the next edition is September 20

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm	Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am	Meeting House
Library Trustees' Meeting	2 nd Tuesday—7:00pm	Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm	Mill River Union High School
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals	Friday nights	
Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd Mondays—7:30pm	Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays—10:00am	Library, upstairs
Shrewsbury Community Church Worship	Sundays—10:00am	Center Church
Shrewsbury Historical Society	1 st Tuesdays—7:00pm	
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open Sundays 1:00-3:00pm July thru Oct	
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	2 nd & 4 th Mondays—6:30pm	Mountain School
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	1 st Tuesdays—7:00pm	South Station Restaurant
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm	Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	(February-May: 1 st Monday—5pm) & (June-January: 1 st Tuesday—5pm)	

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

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

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

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

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

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

Ambulance 773-1700
CVPS power outage 1-800-451-2877
Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911
Rutland Hospital 775-7111

★ HISTORY HIKE IN SHREWSBURY ★

with Barb & Barry Griffith

PICNIC ROCK

Saturday, September 10

Meet at the Town Office Building (school No 7 in Northam) at 10:00am

Bring water and a picnic lunch

About 2.5 miles round trip with a bit of a climb



In the mid-1980s Glendon/Gordon Pierce told us about a large glacial erratic called Picnic Rock up off the CCC road or off the road past the “tin shanty.” They said that the “old timers” would take their sweethearts there by buggy after church and have a picnic. Mr. Pierce drew us a map and I sure wish I had it today. When we first went there in the '80s there was the remnant of a ladder that we used to climb up. In the late '80s or early '90s I took Grace Brigham's class up to see it. Hunters used/use the rock for a “stand.” There is no ladder today.

Barry and I are going to expand on this history trip. First we will venture on and peek into the 12 seater privy, berm and remnants of the firing range building. We have information provided by Shrewsburyite Bob Snarski that gives insight into the contraptions we will encounter. This is only a 5-minute walk off the CCC road on a very wet muddy roadway. We decided to do this first in case there are people who only want to see the firing range and don't want to hike. We will then climb up Russell Hill (it is the 223rd highest Peak in Vermont for those who love trivia) past the Russell Hill shelter and snag a small part of the side trail to Shrewsbury Peak and on to Picnic Rock. Upon returning, we will walk through the CCC-built Northam picnic area.

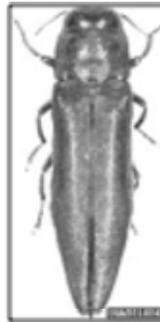
Submitted by Barb & Barry Griffith



Barry Griffith, Lavinia Seide, and Barb Griffith paying a visit to the Bullard Cemetery on a recent History Hike.

BUG UPDATE

As of August 8 there was no confirmed presence of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle in the state of Vermont according to Tim Schmalz of the Agency of Agriculture. At the beginning of summer the U.S. Department of Agriculture placed purple traps throughout the state to monitor potential infestation of the beetle which is devastating to ash trees. All suspected cases in Vermont have proved to be negative.



BACK ISSUES ONLINE

Back issues of the 2011 editions of the TIMES can now be found on the Town of Shrewsbury website at www.shrewsburyvt.org



FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Hello Neighbors,

Summer is coming to an end, and time is accelerating! At least it certainly seems that way with all the 250th celebration preparations. Please check the *Times* and the Town web site for the schedule of event information, as some things have changed.

I wonder to myself if anybody reads the *Times* (I hope so), but at our last meeting we only had 20 people who had called to RSVP with a head count and food contributions. It makes it hard to plan accurately but we are planning for a good-sized turnout. Please come join us!! Please remember that **the Picnic on the 4th is a potluck**. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks are being provided; we need your desserts and side dishes. Please contact Catherine Carrara at **492-6137** to let her know what you can contribute.

In response to a recent Letter to the Editor regarding herbicide application: I do not have all the history, nor do I have all the answers. The question of herbicide use to maintain power line Rights of Way (ROW) is a complex and charged one. To my certain knowledge CVPS has shifted the burden of responsibility to spray or not to spray to the landowner or resident. This happened back in 2003. Anne Haley wrote an explanation in the *Times* at that time. You have the right to have nothing sprayed on your property or in sensitive areas. Every February CVPS puts a notice in with your bill. You must respond in writing by the 15th of the month. This request is good for five years. I personally send in a note every year.

In direct response to the letter as to what has happened to our "collective motivation" and that "little has been said or done on behalf of the entire town"...I suggest this: YOU, all of you, are the collective motivation, and can work to change it. Since I have been on the Selectboard, we haven't had anyone at our meetings presenting any concerns around this.

It is possible to have an herbicide free town. The burden is on the populace. If you see brown vegetation due to spraying it's because people don't know, don't care, or support spraying as a cost effective means of ROW maintenance. Perhaps it is time to revisit this issue. Finally, as far as I know there is a Town Policy on herbicide application—Policy 57-4. A lot has happened since Anne wrote her words in the *Times*. As I stated I am not current with all of it. These contact numbers were in my February bill:

Agency of Agriculture	Consumer Affairs & Public Info.
James Leland	Dept. of Public Service
116 State St.	112 State St.
Montpelier, VT 05602	Montpelier, VT 05602
802-828-2431	800-622-4496 or 802-828-2811

CVPS	CVPS
Jared Wilcox	77 Grove St.
Utility Arborist	Rutland, Vt 05701
Distribution Forestry Dept.	800-547-2877

The tax bills went out recently. Taxes are due October 7th.

We are experiencing some communication glitches in regards to the Dump. We ask for your patience as we iron things out regarding Dick's ability to return to work. Please, if the Dump is closed for any reason during stated operational hours, do not dump your trash at the gate. This has happened in the past and is a pain to deal with.

A reminder: Dump stickers are required to use the Transfer Station—available for free at the Town Office. Proof of residency is required. Also, if you don't know where to put something or if it can be recycled, ASK. And the dumpmaster has the last word. If he tells you the item cannot be dealt with at the dump and needs to be taken elsewhere, don't leave it. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Two hundred and fifty years. Wow. What does one say on such an occasion? I'm not sure, but

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it makes me reflect on the past. How many Town clerks have there been? How many people on the Selectboard? How many unrecorded hours given over to Town and Community business? How many kids have gone through the schools? Did you know that at one time there were nine schools in Shrewsbury? The graduating classes of eighth graders didn't necessarily know each other when they came together at the Town Hall for their graduation ceremony.

The landscape has changed vastly. Just recently I saw a photograph of the center taken from the Tip Top Inn on Crown Point Road. Nary a tree in sight. You could see all the houses and barns and fields. It was a different world. And that wasn't too long ago, in living memory anyway.

I would like to pause and thank all of the people in Town who have given of their time and talents to make this place where we live a vibrant, functioning, dynamic home. Cheers! To all those people past, present, and future.

It was no small moment for me to be elected to the Selectboard. The first order of business for a new board member is to swear an oath to uphold the constitution of the State of Vermont. It may seem like small potatoes now in 2011, but can you imagine what a newly elected official might feel swearing his allegiance to a recently minted state, in a town that was just beginning? My mind boggles. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve my community in this public capacity. It is a departure for me that is outside my usual comfort zone. But one well worth the effort.

Happy Birthday Shrewsbury!

—Submitted by John Wood



The Selectboard wishes to thank the following businesses that have generously contributed to the fireworks for our 250th Anniversary Celebration

Al Ridlon Builders
John C. Stewart & Son, Inc.
Master Plumbing & Heating
Nutmeg Manufacturing
Over Easy's
Red Barn Designs
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds

Any additional contributors will be recognized in the next issue of the TIMES



PIERCE'S STORE MEALS

There will be Friday dinners in September. Please call Pierce's for the menus at 492-3326.



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



QUESTION:

Do you recognize where this home is and who lives in it today?

**FROM *The Vermont Tribune*, Ludlow,
March 22, 1889**

"AMONG THE ANTIQUE 3/22/1889 — We have always cherished great love for the old 'home farm,' when it has become the ancestral and is tilled by the descendants of the hardy pioneer who converted the once primeval forest into broad, productive fields, over which their children and grandchildren gambol in childhood and gather the fruits of their peaceful labors in manhood, as the seasons make their wonted revolutions. Happy and content should be the man, and safe and fortunate the child, blessed with such a rural home! There is, doubtless, less diversity of events to feed the mind and excite the imagination, than met with in town or city life; many of which are tainted with vice, often followed by vain repentance and lasting sorrow. While the joys and comforts, childish levity, and rustic amusements of the old home, in the country, leave no pain or remorse, but will always remain a sunny spot on which memory will ever delight to dwell.

We recently visited one of these ancestral homes, now owned by Hon. H. C. Gleason, where we took more real solid comfort than we have in the same allotted time in many years. This valuable old farm is in the center of the town, at the junction of four roads, bordered on both sides with maples set by the present owner, extending half or three-fourths of a mile each way, in addition to a park or common of some three or four acres in front.

The farm proper contains 500 acres, with some outlying lots as tributaries or feeders. The house is of brick, large and commodious, richly furnished and equipped with all modern improvements, and is doubtless the best farmhouse in the state. There are also three tenement-houses on the place, in addition to a large cheese factory, blacksmith and repair shops, and six cattle-horse-and hay-barns, varying from 30 to 120 feet in length, with three large reservoirs in yards and cellar fed from springs on the neighboring hillsides. The farm keeps, on an average, 100 head of stock.

Stephen Gleason, the father of the present owner, was one of the early settlers in town, and established himself on this farm. For many years kept a public house; and was also engaged in the mercantile business, and accumulated a fortune. It has been greatly improved and additions made thereto, under its present management, until it ranks among the first farms in the state. Mr. Gleason, knowing our love of antiquity and Puritanic simplicity in food and fashions, ordered an old-fashion farmers' boiled-dish, composed of all the variety of vegetables raised on the farm, corned beef and pork, and an Indian pudding sewed up tight in a bag, all boiled in one pot together (and the older the pot the richer the dish), thus blending their nutritive and savory qualities, obviating any seasoning or dressing. We had supposed that the skill in preparing this substantial repast was one of the 'lost arts,' but we found it had been handed down as a rich legacy to the third generation.

After ample repletion we made a tour of the house and were shown many relics of olden times. The first to attract our attention was the pay-roll of the third United States infantry under Capt. Zebulon Pike, in 1798-9; then a large bundle of promissory notes amounting to thousands of dollars, dating from 1800 to 1840, on which nothing was realized, being cancelled by the unseen hand that makes no reckoning. In another apartment our attention was called to several articles of antique furniture made by old-time cabinet-makers in Athol, Mass., over a century ago. In the attic we inspected many interesting heirlooms laid aside for preservation. Here we laid our hand on the crude little faded red cradle that rocked in gentle slumber the founder of the old home, away back in 1777; and his children and grandchildren have all enjoyed a rock in the old cradle for its novelty.

But the object that enlisted our greatest admiration and veneration was the old iron pot brought from the old Bay State, one hundred and four years ago, from which we had just partaken of such a bountiful relish. It was brought forth from obscurity and made

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use of at our special request. When we thought of the vast herds of cattle, sheep, swine, fish and fowl, and vegetables beyond computation, it had transformed into relishable, savory food, and the bean porridge, hulled corn, soups, hominy, samp, and hot hasty puddings, that had been disgorged from the iron mouth of the old centenarian, we considered it a greater benefactor of the human race than all the kings, priests and potentates of olden or modern times.

On bidding adieu to these antiquated treasures, we returned to the parlor and were seated in a high-back basket-seat chair that had been sent down from the attic to gratify our love of the ancient; said to have been made before the Revolutionary War. In this we could sit in any position at ease, or tilt back without fear of dislocating joints or breaking legs.

After enjoying a few games of whist, and being favored with both vocal and instrumental music, we wished our genial host and hostess long lives, and hoping the old ancestral home would remain in the Gleason family at least one thousand years, we returned to our less inviting abode. L.D. Cuttingsville, Vt., March 12th, 1889." *(Transcribed by Ruth Barton)*

DID YOU GUESS?

The Gleason home is now known as Maple Crest Farm, Bill and Donna Smith, Proprietors.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler with many thanks to Julanne Smith Sharrow for sending this interesting article written by one of my favorite authors of 19th century Shrewsbury history, Lawson Dawley.

Fletcher Farm School Classes

Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts courses offered for September and October include:

Sept 10 & 11:

- Water Soluble Oil Painting (2 days)
- Primitive Stenciling-Open Studio (2 days)
- Viking Knit (2 days)

Sept 17 & 18:

- Lapidary (2 days)
- Zentangle & Painted Scarves
- Creating Up-cycled Art Journals (1 day)

Sept 24 & 25:

- One Stroke Painting
- Wood Carving for Beginners and Beyond

Oct 8 & 9:

- Copper & Bronze PMC
- Birch Bark Containers

Oct 15 & 16:

- Punch Needle Rug Hooking
- Painted Bird Houses (1 day)
- Holiday Card Extravaganza (1 day)

Oct 22 & 23:

- Ribbon Work Pins (1 day)
- Pen & Ink Mixed Media (2 days)
- Make a Basket (1 day)

Oct 29 & 30:

- Stained Glass workshop (2 days)
- Fall Landscapes in Watercolor (2 days)

For additional information or to register for classes call Fletcher Farm School at 802-228-8770. November courses will be listed in next month's issue of the Shrewsbury Times.

Submitted by Elaine Corino



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The Changes in 250 Years

With the commemoration of the founding of Shrewsbury 250 years ago we confront just what has changed—and what has not changed—over these years. Clearly there have been many generations of residents, but the shape of the land remains the same even if the populations of plants and animals on the land has shifted over these years.

To know more about those past residents is a challenge and instructive and likely to yield insight into how we face similar challenges in Shrewsbury today. But the context for living here has undergone many seminal events: the arrival of rail, of telegraph, of electricity and telephone, road networks with cars and trucks, air travel, not to mention radio, television, cable (internet) and vast supply systems providing foods, materials and fuels from around the world. Just how was life here like—and for how long of Shrewsbury's existence—before each of these changes? And is Shrewsbury all that different or do we just think so?

There has been a loss of farming and agriculture, but a resurgence of market gardening and a willingness to eat and buy local products in the face of foods and supplies from afar. Indeed, some of the products now available are so-called legacy or heirloom species that were common in times past, giving a regional diversity to the flavors found here and not elsewhere in the U.S. or even in New

England. Local animals and vegetables are not produced using highly automated factory methods which also makes for better flavor, greater maturity and ripeness and flavor—if not better nutrition as well. Are these results similar to how things were in the past in Shrewsbury? And are they similar to how things were in one portion versus another portion of our past?

Today people often wear jeans—and there are fewer events where we dress up. Denim, originally from Nimes, France, was a cloth used for tents at the time of the California Gold Rush. About that time it was used to sew hard-wearing blue-jeans which are now popular around the world. I wonder what folks wore in Shrewsbury while working and relaxing before blue-jeans. Could it be we still wear similar fabrics and garments and that today we are not that distinguishable from folks living earlier in Shrewsbury even though we work very differently? Without dressing up, might we be mistaken for earlier generations?

Questions such as these arise when we focus on our origins and how we live now on the same land and use tools and resources carefully put into place by former generations. Understanding the heritage and legacy from community and family is always wise. Sometimes it assists us in keeping perspective as we go forward in our watch as a community.

Submitted by John Davis



★ COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPE ★

The Shrewsbury Historical Society will be selling a cachet envelope designed by Grace Brigham with a special single day issue commemorative postmark and Liberty Bell postage stamp affixed. Inside the envelope will be a printed card with the history of Shrewsbury's Charter.

Sept 3: Envelopes may be purchased for \$3.50 each at the Shrewsbury Museum located on Route 103 on Saturday between 8:00-11:30am. They may be addressed and mailed at the post office that day only.

Sept 4: Envelopes may also be purchased as a collectible item on Sunday from 1:00-3:00pm at the Museum. They will also be on sale at the Town's celebration at the Meeting House that afternoon.

All proceeds will go to the maintenance of the historic Cuttingsville church building that is the home of the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum.

Please note: Shrewsbury Historical Society members will be receiving in the mail a free gift of the cachet envelope.

Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept wins BIG

The Vt State Firefighters Association 122nd Annual Meeting and Conference was held July 22-24 in Middlebury and was hosted by the Addison County Firefighter Association at Middlebury College. Volunteer firefighters from around Vermont were invited to 3 days of activities for firefighters and their families.

Friday is reserved to set up the facility for the muster games that take place on Saturday. Several fire equipment vendors arrive with fire trucks and personal protective equipment on display to show the latest technology. There was a VSFA executive board meeting held, a fireworks display, and a kickoff dance.

Saturday begins with the vendor display openings. Departments that are participating in the muster games arrive and stake their claim to the area surrounding the games. This year there were eleven participating men's teams and two women's teams for the games. The competition was strong with local volunteer departments from Addison, New Haven, Bristol, Vergennes, Middlebury, Weybridge, Ludlow, Shrewsbury, Underhill-Jericho, Rutland Town and Ferrisburg.

The five timed competitions were SCBA endurance, midnight alarm, wet hose coupling, portable pump, and bucket brigade. Teams of firefighters race against the clock in these events, and the fastest time wins! The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department commandeered first place in SCBA endurance, midnight alarm, wet hose coupling and second in portable pump. Shrewsbury also took first place in the water polo event! The SVFD also received the Koltonski Award for the most points won in the competitions!

Saturday night is the annual banquet and presentation of several firefighter awards. The SVFD has had great success in the past receiving these awards. Letters are drafted by the nominating department documenting the individuals' accomplishments and are reviewed by a panel of judges who then select the recipient. This year Firefighter Tom Ryan was awarded Support Specialist of the Year! Congratulations Tom!

Sunday was equipment judging for several classes of fire apparatus and a brief parade of equipment and marching units followed by awards presentation and closing ceremonies.

Congratulations to Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department for a job well done!!

The SVFD has responded to a few local calls of wires down, trees on the lines, and mutual aid response to Clarendon, East Wallingford and Ludlow. Our monthly drills and maintenance are on schedule as we prepare for the end of summer. This is a great time to clean and inspect your wood burning stoves, chimneys and exhaust piping. Check your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for proper operation. Age along with dirt and moisture may affect the proper operation of these devices. Check your manufacturers' recommendations for replacement or instructions. Enjoy the rest of the summer and remember: **STAY FIRE SAFE!!!**

Submitted by Jack Perry



Left to Right:
Adam Severy, Jon
Lees, Jarett
Sanderson, Paul
Stewart, Jamie
Carrara, Mark
Stewart, Jack Perry,
Russ Carrara, Jesse
Dambrackas, Ray
Dambrackas, Elliott
Stewart



Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department

Annual Ham Supper

Featuring delicious Wallingford Locker ham
and Jones' Donuts dinner rolls.

Plus potato salad, coleslaw, desserts, pickles, baked beans and
more—made by our neighbors!



Saturday, October 1st

Continuous seating 4:30 till ?

At Shrewsbury Town Meeting Hall

Adults (12+): \$9 Kids 5-11 \$4

Bring the whole family!

Take home some ham for breakfast—sold in pound packages.

Dessert auction (depending on availability).

Auxiliary members will call for donations of side dishes and
desserts. If you don't receive a call by the last week in

September, please call Catherine at 492-6137.

Farms! Homesteads! Businesses! Enterprisers!
★ Make a banner and join the Parade on Sunday, Sept. 4! ★

Shrewsbury Parent Recess for Moms, Babies & Toddlers

“Recess” is a time for moms and their little ones to meet once a month, with child care for the children, coffee/tea, snacks, a social and getting acquainted time and a topic of interest program for the moms. Shrewsbury’s first gathering will be:

**Thursday, September 22nd, 10:30am to noon
Shrewsbury Meeting House, 2nd Floor**

A group of people have been working all summer to make over the Children's Room into a welcoming & stimulating and attractive play room. The walls are painted, soon a new bamboo floor will be installed, Bob Reuter is installing full spectrum lighting, Grace Brigham is painting a 4-by-8-foot mural of Noah's Ark for one wall, Fran Patten has sewed new curtain ruffles and bright children's-patterned covers for many pillows.

Angie Sharrow & son, Mason, 1 yr, and Liesl Reuter & son Westley, 2 yrs, Pastor Pat Jackman and Rene Pollock are the group that has organized this project.

Some toys and children's equipment have been purchased, including a foam floor carpet which is a 26-block alphabet puzzle. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A TOY FOR OUR SHREWSBURY CHILDREN'S ROOM BY COMPUTER: ToysRUs.com Click Wish List; click Shrewsbury Parent Recess (Angie Sharrow, 31027824, if needed). There is a list of suggested toys that would make the playroom even more complete! AND THANK YOU!

Suggested topics are: child development, first aid & child safety, child nutrition, child behavior issues, scrapbooking. Parent Recess is designed to be a self management group which chooses its own topics, shares snack responsibilities and does its own planning. The abovenamed group has undertaken planning for the first three meetings, Sept. 22, Oct. 20 & Nov. 17 in hopes that moms will see this as something that will enrich their life as moms, while a team of child care volunteers have fun with their child. For more info, contact Rene Pollock.

—Submitted by Rene Pollock

Triangle Tree Removed

The white pine tree that stood in the triangle up by Pierce's Store was removed August 8 because the tree warden had determined it to be in decline and a safety hazard. Lee Wilson counted 97 rings on the stump although it was hard to be sure because of the rough saw cut. After the clean up all that's left now are the stump and the memories of the tree that it once supported.

*—Photos by Hanna
Wilson D'Erchia*

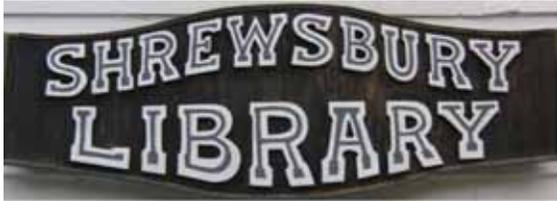




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*** THANKS to DONNA SWARTZ and GRACE BRIGHAM for helping make the “Stone Age Technology” program with CHARLIE PAQUIN a great success, and thanks to all who participated, making and throwing atlats, and more.

*** THANKS to everyone who contributed paintings, drawings, poems, bowls, baskets, and more to our “Shrewsbury Treasures” Exhibit, and helped set it up! The opening reception will be held in the Meeting Room on Saturday, September 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are invited to stop in, after visiting the Historical Society, getting Commemorative Stamps cancelled at the Post Office, and touring Cuttingsville with George Richards.



*** THANKS TO DINO for her wonderful “Summer Songs” class for the very young, which ran through August. We’re lucky to have such talent in our town!



COMING ATTRACTIONS:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 10-2:
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7 p.m. on:
STREET DANCE w/ MUDDY RHODES BLUES BAND. Adults: \$5; under 16: free.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 4 p.m. BOOK DISCUSSION: *Heart of Darkness* and *The Secret Sharer*, two short novels by Joseph Conrad.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. BOOK & BAKE SALE. Donations after September 12, during library hours only please! [Books in good (not moldy) condition; no textbooks or encyclopedias, thanks!]

RAFFLE TICKETS for Lucille’s beautiful quilt are for sale until the drawing at the COOKIE SWAP & SILENT AUCTION in DECEMBER. COST: 1 ticket for \$5; 5 for \$20.

COMPUTER COURSE: Vermontel is offering a computer course to all residents in the next few months. Classes will be held in the Library; details TBA. PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY at 492-3410 if you’re interested.

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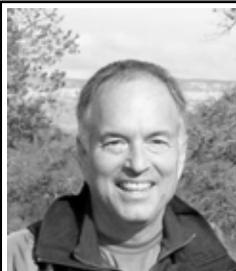
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Greetings from the Shrewsbury Library Music Department!



It has been awhile since I have connected with you. We have 4 new additions to the library connection. The first is an older donation from the Gibson family: **Wilco A.M** put out in 1995. These guys have been one of my favorites for years. Take a listen to this fine band of folk rockers performing well-written songs for all tastes.

The second album is the newest release from Eddie Vedder from the band Pearl Jam. His newest is called **Ukelele Songs** and as the title suggests, all songs are performed with ukulele accompaniment. There are 15 cuts on this album and some of my favorites are Without You, Goodbye, Satellite, and Tonight You Belong to Me. For real music aficionados there is even a cover from long ago that some of you may recognize.

The next album is from Steve Earle entitled **I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive**. Mr Earle has been one of my favorites for years now. Struggles with drugs and imprisonment have only enhanced his writing. I'll opine that the best cuts include; Waitin' On the Sky with its great shuffle rhythm, and This City which describes the fortitude of the people of New Orleans. While I think all the cuts on this are strong, the last one I'll mention is Little Emperor which has that country sound that is akin to the last selection for this writing, the album **Ramble at the Ryman** by Levon Helm.

I love this guy! A singer and drummer and one of the founding members of The Band, Mr. Helm has a voice that has been made more intriguing from treatment for throat cancer. My first listens to this disc had me thinking I would not submit this for the general listening pleasure of our Shrewsbury residents. I am glad I gave it a few more tries. There are cuts from The Band as well

as from Levon's more recent collaborations. Muddy Rhodes fans check out Fannie Mae and Baby Scratch My Back. Fans of music from Louisiana should check out Evangeline. Anna Lee and A Train Robbery are two of my favorites.

In these four discs there is likely something for everyone. Please feel free to drop me a line with suggestions or comments.

—Thomas Hartigan



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To get the maximum amount of qualified heating assistance, it's best to apply by August 31, and no later than November 30. February 28 is the last date to apply.

If you are a Senior (age 60+) in Rutland or Bennington county, the Senior HelpLine can assist you with information and the form needed to apply for Vermont Home Heating Assistance; call 802-786-5991, 1-800-642-5119.

Submitted by Ellen Secord, Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging



Omphalotus oearius! That's the scientific name for the Jack-O-Lantern mushroom which grows on the lawn of Spring Lake Ranch in late August to early September. It's a brilliant orange, glows in the dark, and is **poisonous!** Its bioluminescence (the ability to glow in the dark) is only observable in low light conditions when the eye becomes dark adapted so don't pick a full moon night to view it! The whole mushroom doesn't glow but the gills glow a blue-green color.

—The Roving Reporter

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