



Times of Shrewsbury



December 2012

Holiday Charm from Shrewsbury's Branches

Although the red sign on Town Hill Road this time of year looks simple enough—Wreaths, Kissing Balls, Garland, and Much More—until you step through the door of The Wreath Barn, it's hard to imagine the non-stop activity that's bustling inside.

The spicy pine-scented air is what hits you first. The workshop is piled with high mountains of evergreen branches, sparkling beads and velvety ribbon. Wire wreath frames are stacked near the foot-pedal-powered wire crimpers. Moving around quickly in this Christmasy wonderland are people expertly trimming, bending, wiring, and shaping pine branches. "From November 3rd until Christmas, we don't stop...there's so much to do!" says Irene Regimbald as she works on a growing stack of wreaths.

Each year from November 3 until Christmas eve, the business is open every day—yes, 7 days a week—for at least 10 hours a day, and nobody seems to stop moving.



Annie Lees busy creating a wreath

During "wreath season" other things just don't get done (like vacuuming her house, laughs Annie Lees). The team fills orders for several wholesalers across the U.S., and also ships to many Vermont businesses, from florists to garden clubs to real estate agents. And then of course there are the Shrewsbury residents who stop by for wreaths and more to enjoy at their homes.

The business began about 30 years ago in Annie Lees' barn across the road, and it hasn't slowed



down since. Seven years ago, Lisa Rumrill bought the business, and she and her husband carry on with the tradition, working with a team including Annie and several others who have been working together for years, and in some cases, decades. Lisa's daughter Sabrina, son-in-law Jason, and son Ryan all pitch in too. In fact, more than one Shrewsbury child has grown up breathing the smell of pine here. Classes from the Mountain School have visited, seeing how a branch goes from its pine tree to becoming a wreath, garland, or candy-cane-shaped decoration.

Balsam is the main ingredient for most of their creations, along with white pine, cedar, and others. The greenery comes from various wooded areas nearby—"everyone around calls us, when they have brush"—and it arrives by the ton, tied into forty 50-pound bundles. Last season, the Wreath Barn used about 7 tons.

The busy crafters at the Wreath Barn are also quick to remind you that Paxton Greens is right across the road from them, so why not visit Russell and Donna Reay's farm (492-3323) to find a Shrewsbury Christmas tree?



Lisa and the team invite everyone in town to stop by the Wreath Barn and choose your own perfect wreath. The choice might not be easy, because you can select from 10 different sizes, from the tiny, chubby 8" all the way up to a massive 48" wreath. Kissing balls bring charm to the air, garlands can be draped inside and out, and there are lots of other décor ideas that will get you into the winter spirit. Orders can be placed at The Wreath Barn or by calling the shop at 492-3813.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Meaningful Community Support

To the wonderful human beings that live in this remarkable community of Shrewsbury. I cannot thank you enough for the love and support that you have given to me during Don's illness and death. There are no words to really express what I feel in my heart. I know that I feel deep gratitude and joy that has helped ease the burden of my grief and sadness.

Much love, Annette Parrish

In Memoriam

The Shrewsbury Historical Society has learned, with a great deal of sadness, that one of its members, Don Butler, of Cuttingsville had passed away on Friday, Nov. 16. Don and his wife Lois were proprietors of The Shrewsbury Inn in Cuttingsville for six years. He served as a President, Vice President and Trustee of the Society until retiring recently. The Society sends their deepest condolences to his family. He will be missed by us and all who knew him.

Con and Ruth Winkler

Election Thank You

I thank the many people who took the time to vote in the recent election. We know that every vote counts, and I appreciate the support I received during my campaign to represent our new district that now includes the Town of Shrewsbury. I take your trust in

me seriously, and consider it a privilege to be your voice in Montpelier.

I know that Eldred French campaigned hard to introduce himself to many voters in our new district. I hope he stays engaged on the issues that are important to him.

This January we face concerns about the funding for the replacement of our State Hospital. There are still many questions about the FEMA money. The looming federal cuts will no doubt force us to take a hard look at many programs. It seems our discussion over health care will continue, but it is my understanding that a vote to implement our own system will not take place in this upcoming session.

I plan to provide periodic updates on our legislative work starting the end of January. Please forward me your contact information to be added to the distribution list. I hope you will message me at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us or 802-259-2460 with your questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Sincerely, Rep. Dennis Devereux

Cat Still Homeless

The kitty that I reported about a few months ago has moved from my neighborhood three weeks ago and is now roaming around the CCC Road area. It has been seen coming out from under a collapsed pool liner in the morning and slipping back under at night! Well, I just wanted to let you know that the cat is still out there.

Lavinia Seide

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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. The views and opinions expressed in articles are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the editors.

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. If Letters to the Editor exceed 350 words, they will be subject to editing for length. 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* by the 10th 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 have any questions, please email or call Sandra Korinchak at 773-8930 ext. 223 or Chryl Martin at 492-2244.

Best Formats: *Articles:* Word or in an email message with no formatting. *Photos:* JPG. *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. Payment is due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mondays		*Quilting Group (see Library news for details)
Wednesdays		Pizza specials at Pierce's Store (call for information)
Dec 1	7pm	*Cookie Swap and Silent Auction at the Shrewsbury Library
Dec 2	8am-2pm	*Snowmobile safety course sponsored by Shrewsbury Sno-Bird Club
Dec 11	12noon	Senior Lunch at The Doll House, Stafford Technical Center. Bring a \$5 value gift for secret Santa gift exchange (optional). Call Gerry Martin 492-2244 if you plan to attend.
Dec 13	7-9pm	*Western Square Dancing at Meeting House; \$3 per person; no experience necessary
Dec 14	5-7pm	*Wine and champagne tasting at Pierce's Store
Dec 23	7pm	*Shrewsbury Community Church Christmas service
Jan 8	12noon	Senior Lunch at Johnny Boy's Restaurant, Route 4 East (opposite Home Depot). Please RSVP to Irene Gordon at 492-8282.
Jan 9	12noon	Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Tess Williams 492-2187
Jan 15	7pm	Pierce's Store Board Meeting at Pierce's Store. Members welcome.
Jan 20	4pm	*Book Club discussion at the Library
Jan 24		*Last day to file petitions for articles to be included in Town Meeting warning
Jan 28		*Deadline at 5pm for filing nominating petitions for town offices with Town Clerk

* see elsewhere in the *Times* for details



Deadline for submission to the *Times* of Shrewsbury is the 20th of each month.

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House
Library Trustees' Meeting	2 nd Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals	Friday nights
Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd Mondays—7:30pm at Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays—10:00am at Shrewsbury Library, upstairs
Shrewsbury Community Church Worship	Sundays—see listings on church information
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open July thru October on Sundays 1:00-3:00pm
	Closed Nov-Jun; for appointments call 492-3324
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	2 nd & 4 th Mondays—6:30pm at Mountain School
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 nd Tuesdays—7:00pm at South Station Restaurant
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm at Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	(Feb-May: 1 st Monday—5pm) & (June-Jan 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, Fri & Sat 10am-Noon
Tues & Thurs 7pm-9pm
Wed 10am-5pm AND 7pm-9pm

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

Meeting House 492-6050 (Reservations: 492-3649)
Dog Warden Matt Danaher 492-3442

Shrewsbury Constables Matt Danaher 492-3442
and Pete Lajoie 492-3671

Emergency Management Irene Gordon 492-8282

Ambulance 773-1700

CVPS power outage 1-800-451-2877

Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911

Rutland Hospital 775-7111

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS *(Cont.)*

Thanks to Andy Richards-Peelle

In last month's Times, Andy Richards-Peelle announced he would not be running for a fourth three-year term as a Mill River School Board member. As Andy's neighbors and friends, we want to publicly thank him for his years of dedicated service to the Mill River school community. He has served conscientiously and with distinction bringing a calm and thoughtful demeanor to board deliberations. During his terms he led the board as chair and also served as chair of the board's finance committee. Throughout his years of service Andy's focus has been exclusively on providing our children with a quality education at a price taxpayers can afford. He is like many of our fellow Shrewsberries who accept responsibility to serve the town and do so with thoughtful diligence. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

Joyce and Lee Wilson

Campaign Finance Reports

With record amounts of money spent on the 2012 elections, Shrewsbury voters may want to know how local and statewide candidates raised and used their contributions. Go to the Secretary of State's webpage at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us/> Click on "View 2012 Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports" and find the candidate's name to view the latest report (not all candidates filed all reports; final reports are due December 15).

Submitted by Jonathan Gibson

What Would You Do with \$10,000?

This is a last reminder to townspeople! Help us decide how to spend \$10,000 on energy related project in our town! On November 15 NeighborWorks of Western Vermont presented the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission with a check for this amount because of Shrewsbury's great response to their H.E.A.T. Squad program the previous year. We won the award when twenty-two households in town completed energy improvements and saved an average of 37% every year on heating and electric costs.

If you would like to make a suggestion on how that money can be put to good use on a town building that needs help to become more energy efficient, now is the time.

Please let us know!
shrewsburyconservation@gmail.com

Submitted by Louise Duda

The Tropical Storm Irene Projects

As you are probably well aware, progress is being made on a few of the most important bridges destroyed by Irene. As reported earlier, Casella Construction was awarded the contract to rebuild the two bridges over Freeman Brook (Frank Lord Road and Freeman Brook Road) and the small bridge at the beginning of the Old Plymouth Road.

As of this writing, the new bridge is open on the Old Plymouth Road, with only some finish grading and other clean up items remaining to be done, probably during the spring. The large corrugated aluminum arches are in place at both the Frank Lord Road and Freeman Brook Road locations, with both concrete headwalls poured at Frank Lord Road. With luck, by the time you are reading this, this bridge will be open to traffic. The Freeman Brook Road Bridge will be complete about 2 weeks later. Clean up and final site work at these sites will be done in the spring.

Regarding the landslide on the Upper Cold River Road approach to the Brown Bridge, the Town has received the engineering report from Haley and Aldrich, the geotechnical engineering firm retained to evaluate alternative solutions. This report was done in order to prove to FEMA that the cost of even the simplest permanent repair will far exceed the funds currently offered by FEMA for this site. Hopefully, with detailed engineering documentation in hand, FEMA will reconsider the funding and provide the necessary funds to restore this important road.

The first bridge over Sergeant Brook near the Governor Clement Shelter will be replaced by the US Department of Transportation next year, at 100% funding, because it is on Federal property (the Appalachian Trail). However, the bridge immediately beyond the first bridge must be replaced by the Town using FEMA funding. Our firm will be working on that design during this winter so construction can be completed as soon as possible. Coordination is necessary with the first bridge's schedule.

Lastly, the large culvert on Eastham Road just downstream of Pierce's Store and the culvert at the Biddle Farm are still tied up in the litigation between FEMA and the State regarding the minimum width of culverts as it relates to stream width. This is holding up projects throughout the State and we hold there is resolution soon so these two sites can be completed before the temporary culverts are washed away in a storm.

Thanks to all townfolk for putting up with the long detours and inconvenience. You have been great. Soon the detour signs will be down.

Submitted by Mark Youngstrom

VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION

November 6, 2012

Shrewsbury

934 Voters on the Checklist

661 Votes Cast / 70.8%

Including 165 Early/Absentee / 17.7%

President	
Barack Obama & Joseph Bidden	383
Mitt Romney & Paul Ryan	248
US Senator	
John MacGovern	194
Bernie Sanders	389
Representative to Congress	
Mark Donka	188
Peter Welch	420
Governor	
Randy Brock	258
Peter Shumlin	357
Lieutenant Governor	
Cassandra "Cass" Gekas	250
Phil Scott	339
State Treasurer	
Beth Pearce	299
Wendy Wilton	309
Auditor of Accounts	
Doug Hoffer	311
Vincent Illuzzi	273
Attorney General	
Jack McMullen	251
William Sorrell	329
State Senator	
Bill Carris	398
Peg Flory	297
Kevin J Mullin	365
State Representative	
Dennis Devereux	269
Eldred French	368
High Bailiff	
	* Highest Write Ins
Barry Griffith	6
Roger Piom	2
Eldred French	2
Richmond Gongdon	2
Bennie Carrara	2

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	
John Berryhill	375
Barry Griffith	373
Larry Carrara	362
Betsy Jesser	349
Lee Wilson	321
Hull Maynard	295
Julanne Sharrow	289
Trish Norton	283
Marilyn "Sally" Jones	245
Lynn McDermott	236
Bob Ferguson	210
Larry Williams	126
Lavinia Seide	100

Editors' Note: Results printed as received.

FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

I would like to thank all the Poll Workers and Counters for their diligence in making a record election go extremely smoothly: Roxanne Ramah, Anne Ridlon, Chryl & Gerry Martin, Sharon Winnicki, Doris Perry, Theresa Williams, Eliza Mabry, Donna Swartz, Katherine Clancy, Connie Noiva, Sally Deinzer, Barbra & Barry Griffith, Marilyn Dalick, Joan Judge, Adrienne Raymond, Ann Vanneman, Linda Olney, Steven Nicholson, Mike Stewart, Bert Potter, Carol Goodwin, David & Jo Fretz, Andy Richards-Peelle, Joyce & Lee Wilson, Gary Salmon, Clara Krueger, Melissa Reichert, Julanne Sharrow, Trish Norton, John Berryhill, Hull Maynard and Betsy Jesser

Important Municipal Dates for January

January 24, 2013

Last Day to file petitions signed by at least five (5) percent of voters with the Town Clerk for articles to be included in Town Meeting warning 17 V.S. A. §2642(a)

January 28, 2013

Deadline at 5:00 PM for filing with the Town Clerk nominating petitions for Town Offices to be voted on by Australian Ballot 17 V.S. A. §2681(a)

Tuesday March 5, 2013 – Town Meeting

Early or Absentee Ballots will be available on or about February 1, 2013. Request forms are available at the Town Office, 492-3511, or at www.shrewsburyvt.org. Click on VOTE under *Town Office News* on the front page and follow the link at the bottom of the page. Remember: Absentee requests are only valid for one year.

Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Braced for the worst with all equipment and stations checked, trucks and generators fueled, and personnel prepared, the SVFD was prepared for Hurricane Sandy.

Fortunately, we were spared from the wrath suffered by those south of us. The only call that the department responded to was on the Old Crown Point Road where a power line had fallen and set leaves on fire. Luckily, Green Mountain Power was working nearby, and the SVFD was soon back in station and in service. This incident did, however, bring to mind once again that if people know of power lines being down, whether in the woods, fields, or across highways, they must be very careful. Do not, under any circumstances, get near to or attempt the removal of downed lines. High voltage lines are the job of Green Mountain Power. Even the SVFD will do no more than protect the site of downed lines until trained workers arrive with the appropriate equipment. The SVFD will not put out fires where live lines are involved because the ground, water, and other nearby material can be highly energized, and the electrical current could be instantly fatal to those who venture near. Do, however, call 9-1-1 should you know of downed lines.

Other calls during the past month involved a mutual aid call from Wallingford to assist with a structure fire on Church Street and another call later in the month to a carbon monoxide alarm at Spring Lake Ranch. In the latter case, residents of the building were awakened at about 3:15 AM to the sound of their detectors. The department arrived quickly, and after ensuring that all of the folks from the building were evacuated and checked out by Regional Ambulance, they located what was suspected as the cause of the alarm. The vent from a gas fired heater was exhausting out of the building, but the exhaust was reentering the building through a nearby window. Fortunately, residential buildings at the ranch all have carbon monoxide detectors which, in this case, certainly prevented any severe illness and the possibility of fatalities. The SVFD recommends that everyone install these detectors in their homes. They can certainly save lives.

Should you have any kind of emergency, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. We really do appreciate a call that turns out to be "nothing" over a full-fledged emergency situation.

With the holidays approaching, the SVFD would like to wish everyone a peaceful, happy, and safe season.

Submitted by Bob Snarski



The Roving Reporter asked:

What is that sparkling, glittery snow called?

- "Well, it's not 'virga' because that's rain that evaporates before it hits the ground." –D.S.
- "It's pogonip...guaranteed!" –R.F.
- "Oh, that's called hoarfrost" –R.B.
- "Is that what they call St. Elmo's fire?" –B.G.
- "Frozen frost?" –A.C.
- "They have something in the newspaper about that when it happens. It's either rime or hoarfrost. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it!" –another B.G.
- "It's just sparkling crystals being sprayed from an exploding garden hose." –D.B.
- "You've come to the right person. It's frost...it's not really snow!" –C.C.
- "There's a German word for it...fahrkenglitter or something like that." –A.P.
- "I don't know but you can see it on a full moon night." –N.S.
- "I don't know but there's a name for it!" S.

And now for the "more than you want to know" answer: According to "multiple sources," ice crystals that are visible mainly when they glitter in the sunshine are also known as diamond dust or ice needles. Diamond dust generally forms under clear or nearly clear skies and can occur anywhere with a temperature well below freezing...so watch for the diamond dust this winter!!

Report on Town Meeting Discussion

At the Community Forum last spring, some of us felt that Shrewsbury's annual Town Meeting needs revitalizing. During December and January a petition will be circulating in town to put some articles on the March 5, 2013 ballot, asking whether Shrewsbury residents wish to change our method of discussing and voting on town and/or school issues.

Many towns use a combination of methods, such as floor voting (which allows discussion) for issues like budgets, and use paper ballots for election of town officials. Of the 246 towns in Vermont, 159 use such a combination. 62 towns use only floor voting. Shrewsbury is one of only 25 towns which use only paper ballots, with no discussion or voting from the floor. Floor voting has been the traditional Vermont Town Meeting method, used in Shrewsbury from its beginning over 250 years ago until 1992.

Each system has its advantages and disadvantages. After 20 years with the Australian ballot (paper ballot only) system, a number of us think it would be worthwhile to look at whether it's working well for the town. The articles being petitioned will ask what method voters would prefer for each of the town/school business items: election of officers, adoption of budget, and other public issues. The petitions will also ask if voters want to shift the Town Meeting to the first Saturday in March in order to allow more people to gather for this important town function.

The committee will try to organize more opportunities for information and discussion on this prior to the next Town Meeting. We are seeking and would welcome anyone in town who is interested in joining in this effort.

Community Forum Town Meeting Committee

2013 Dog Licenses



Dog Licenses will be available after January 1, 2013 at the Town Office or by mail. A current rabies certificate must be on file prior to obtaining a license. Vermont Law indicates that all dogs or wolf-hybrids older than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 be registered. 20 V.S. A. §3581
Fees: \$8 spayed / neutered or \$12 female / male. After April 1 additional \$4 late fee.

Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

NATURE'S TURN, LLC

Woodturned Bowls
by Gerry Martin

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BOWLS
DECORATIVE BOWLS & TRAYS**

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998 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT**



Good Cents Store Adding Hours

BROC's Good Cents Store located In Rutland at 38 West Street is expanding its hours:

Monday through Friday 8:30am to 6:00pm
Saturday from 9am to 5pm

BROC will:

- Pick up donations
- Offer a 55 and Fabulous Senior Discount all day, every day
- Hold Bag Sales on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Small bag is \$5 and large is bag \$12.

For more information contact Connie at 786-2257

Community Church's Challenge!

We are currently engaging in mission work to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. The donations are going directly to efforts to feed, clothe and house victims. The church is making a donation of \$1000. At this time we are challenging the community to add to this contribution in any denomination large or small so that we may help fellow Americans in need. Please make donations payable to the Shrewsbury Community Church and mail them to Shrewsbury Community Church in care of Karen Lorentz Treasurer 130 C.C.C. Road Shrewsbury Vermont 05738.

Submitted by Sue Kelley



Thanks to the loyal crew members for a job well done helping at the Spaghetti Supper: Lynette Over, Crystal Kelley, Anissa Sharrow, Heather Rabin, Diana Smith and Laurie Lernihan.

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

- 12/4/12 - Holiday Concert
(Snow date 12/11/12)
- 12/21/12 - Winter Recess Begins
- 1/2/13 - In-Service—No school

Grades 2/3: Here we are in mid-November already, and happy to report that Shrewsbury Mountain School was able to collect and deliver 231 nonperishable items to the Stuff a Bus Program of Rutland County! The second and third grade classes collected, counted, tallied, and totaled the number of items accrued by different classrooms each day. The students then organized the data by putting it into a chart that they created, where it would be easier to figure out the grand total. A big thank you to everyone who participated; the students are proud of helping their community!

Camp SMS: Our afterschool crew has had an awesome autumn doing workshops with our staff of teachers! Our Fall Festival was a blast...thanks to all of the parents who came to help out that day (especially Mrs. Stewart!!!) November has been a busy month with students being engaged in various activities. Our spelling bee team is working hard and getting really excited to see who will be the school champion in February!



Students working on Food Drive are, *back row left to right:* Destiny, Liviana, Teedra, Emma, Kate, Liam, Cassidy;
Front row: Malorie, Murphy, Chris, Anthony, Jasper, Anthony B.

December is going to be a really great month to be involved at Camp SMS! Ms. Rice will be leading Santa's Workshop, where students will be making and wrapping gifts to take home to friends and family. Mrs. McCuin, Mrs. McDonough, Ms. Pam, Ms. Julie, Ms. Bonafine, Ms. Johnson, Ms. K, and I will all be offering holiday workshops for students to attend. And on Friday, December 21, we will be having our 2nd annual Holiday Party with pizza, cookie decorating, a dance party with games, and the ever-favorite present walk.

Happy Holidays to our families here at SMS!

Submitted by Marj Congdon

Bryan's Rum Cake



Each bundt-style, yellow cake is made from scratch with premium ingredients, at least 8 oz. of rum, with a crunchy walnut topping and soaked in a crystalline rum glaze. The result is a moist confection that weighs approximately 5 lbs!

Great at
Holiday Parties
or as a
Special Gift!



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SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

~~COMING EVENT~~

THE BIGGEST OF THE YEAR: Our HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION & COOKIE SWAP December 1

See our ad elsewhere in the Times.

CONGRATULATIONS to DONNA SWARTZ for completing all the credits needed to become a Vermont Certified Librarian! She now becomes our official Library Director, and steps down as co-president of the Board of Trustees. Joan Aleshire becomes president while the officers remain the same: LISA SHARROW, vice-president and assistant treasurer; DEBBIE BLECICH, treasurer; DIRK THOMAS (with JUDITH THOMAS) recording secretary; and TURIYA LEVY, corresponding secretary.

Stop in to congratulate Donna, and ask to see her tiara!

VOLUNTEERS: If you haven't learned to use the automated system, sign up to be trained by Donna or Lisa. It's simple, fast, and fun (said by a former skeptic!).

We welcome CHRYL and GERRY MARTIN back to the Board, as our Winter Trustees while LUCILLE FISKE spends her winter staying warm in Arizona. Have a good winter, Lucille!

We're now looking for a NEW TRUSTEE to take Donna's place on the Board (but not, of course,

Donna's place in the Library and at our meetings!). If you love small libraries, working with people in a dynamic and committed volunteer organization, and have time to staff during Library hours, serve on a committee, and help at events, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Gail Hartigan (492-3605); Lisa Sharrow (492-3732); or Dirk Thomas (492-3549).

Continuing Programs

- January 20 @ 4pm: Book Club will meet for the first discussion of *The Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James Books available after December 5.
- Quilting on Monday evenings at 7. Contact Donna (773-7403) or Gail (492-3605)
- Social Media Class: Instructor and dates TBA in February. Please contact the Library if you're interested in learning how to set up a Facebook account or use Twitter: 492-3410.



New Books include:

The Racketeers by John Grisham: his latest thriller

Lucy E by Cassie Horner: a novel about the author's Mt. Holly ancestor

The Dust Bowl by Duncan Dayton and Ken Burns: a photographic history

Live by Night by Dennis Lehane: his newest crime novel

The Round House by Louise Erdrich: a novel about contemporary Native Americans

NEW DVDs include:

"Mad Men: Season 5"

"Food Stamped," a documentary

Whistlestop Corner Restaurant



Rte. 103 Clarendon, VT

Breakfast and Lunch served

Winter Hours:

Tuesday 6:30am – 1:30pm

Wednesday thru Sunday 6:30am – 2:00pm

Closed Mondays

802-747-7070



Shrewsbury Library's

Holiday Celebration

Featuring our famous

Silent Auction

and

8th Annual Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 1st
starting at 7pm

In the Great Room

**enjoy wine, cheese and live music
by Shrewsbury's own Marcos Levy**

**Join us upstairs at the Silent
Auction**

for the fun filled bidding wars

**Bake a big batch of your favorite
cookie recipe to share.**

For More information please call

Donna at 773-7403

or e-mail the library at

slibrary@vermontel.net

Excerpts from the SHS Newsletter *Times Past*

The annual SHS Newsletter began in December of 1999. Compiled here for your reading pleasure are selections taken from each of the past issues.

Issue One, December 1999: Private Showing, On Aug. 7, 1999 a private showing of the new museum was held for all members. Honorary Trustee Marjorie Pierce and Senator and Mrs. Jim Jeffords also attended. Exhibits shown were the making of butter, the Shrewsbury Grange artifacts, the church building itself, and memorabilia of the Pierce family.

Issue Two, December 2000: In July, the SHS welcomed Jennifer Nicoll, a summer intern from Canada, through the auspices of the VMGA. Jennifer worked with the Museum Committee for two days a week until the end of August. She helped the committee inventory all artifacts in the museum and work on the storage area was begun.

Issue Three, December 2001: On September 11, the United States was attacked by acts of terrorism. On Friday, Sept. 14, the Day of Remembrance, member Fred Sargeant raised the American flag on the museum building and prepared a light in order that the flag could fly both day and night, while members Don and Lois Butler rang the bell in the tower at 12 noon.

Issue Four, December 2002: Vermont History Expo. The SHS joined 95 participating Historical Societies of Vt. in exhibiting "The Life and Loves of John P. Bowman." The almost life-sized photo of the statue of Bowman that stands in front of the mausoleum in Laurel Glen Cemetery was the focal point of the exhibit, which included four panels of photos of Bowman's family and summer home in Cuttingsville.

Issue Five, December 2003: On August 23, Program Committee Chair Fran Patten presented a One-Room Schoolhouse Reunion at the Community Center. President Al Ridlon Sr. opened the proceedings with the ringing of the teachers' bells. Moderator Eldred French invited groups of the 38 former students to share their memories. Exhibits of photo albums were shown and the video committee filmed the proceedings available at the museum for home viewing.

Issue Six, December 2004: Meeting House Bicentennial, On Nov. 21 the SHS co-chaired with the Community Church to present a program celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Shrewsbury Meeting House. Moderator Eldred French introduced Mark

Youngstrom, who spoke about the history of the Meeting House and Pastor Chris Heintz spoke about the history of the Community Church. Member Bill Smith related stories about the recently restored Johnson Opus 235 pipe organ and B-J Stewart told stories of the 1973 flood. Marcos Levy spoke on the beauty of music enjoyed in the Meeting House and SHS President Al Ridlon, Sr. spoke about the various ham suppers and events held for the Fire Dept. in the Meeting House. Don Butler, Chairman of the SHS committee spoke about the many exhibits being shown on both floors and invited all to visit the video station that member Con Winkler set up to record memories of the Meeting House to add to the museum's collection.

Issue Seven, December 2005: SHS Celebrates 35th Anniversary. On June 3, the Society had a party and the special guests were some of the original members and included Donna Smith, Nancy Spencer, Jim McCullough, Peggy Patten, George and Fran Brigham, Dorothy Turnbeau and Heidi Mitchell.

Issue Eight, December 2006: Shrewsbury Town welcomed home Jim and Liz Jeffords on the forthcoming retirement of Jim from Congress the end of this year. Chauffeured in a Vol. Fire Dept. truck, the Jeffords were greeted by many friends and neighbors. Presentations were made, a toast was lifted, delicious finger foods and cutting of the special Capitol Building cake were enjoyed and the music enticed all to join a circle dance. A video was taken for the museum's collection.

Issue Nine, December 2007: President Marguerite Ponton thanked the Expo Committee for displaying the exhibit on Spring Lake Ranch and its 75th anniversary, and to David Rice for his program on work in progress in the unofficial cemeteries in town.

Issue Ten, December 2008: President Marguerite Ponton thanked Nancy Bell for her interesting presentation and slide show on bears held on Sept. 2, which was videotaped by Con Winkler for the museum collection.

Issue Eleven, December 2009: The SHS is indebted to Edward J. Cook, Jr., George Wallace Foster Cook, Edith Cook Penney and Frederick Nelson Cook great-grandchildren of George Wellington Foster for donation of 64 handwritten letters from Foster to his wife, Leona in 1862-63 during his service in the Civil War. The letters were transcribed and the original letters preserved in the Town Clerk's vault.

Issue Twelve, December 2010: President Con Win-

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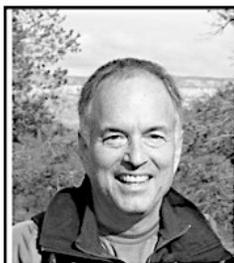
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kler expressed his pleasure that several young Shrewsbury boys and girls, Manolo Zelkin, Emmett and Cedelle Sirjane, were involved in preparing the "Back to the Land" dioramas, and thanked a young lady, Clara Krueger, for loaning her hand-made Civil War-era dress to complement the Civil War Letters to Home exhibit. Sally Jones's donation of a beautiful Civil War sword and a Golden Book for Children on the war completed the exhibit.

Issue Thirteen, December 2011: President Con Winkler was proud to produce a Special 250th Anniversary of Shrewsbury Pullout Section which was centered in the Newsletter that featured the story of the year: "The Wrath of Hurricane Irene."

The Shrewsbury Historical Society wishes all a very Merrie Christmas.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



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Funds raised will be donated to the VERMONT FARMERS FOOD CENTER in Rutland. The Farmers Food Center opened on November 3 in the old Mintzer Brothers warehouse on West Street as the new home of the Winter Farmers Market that formerly operated out of the back of the Rutland Food Coop. They are still in need of funds and are hoping to see a commercial kitchen in place in the future.

Order forms will be available online (after January 15) at www.seedsworthsowing.webs.com. You may also pick them up locally at Pierce's Store or the Shrewsbury Library. For more information you can contact us at Seedsworthsowing@gmail.com or call 492-3377 (Sirjane Family).

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Submitted by: Silas Hamilton, Avery and Seamus Martin, Emmett and Cedelle Sirjane, and Manolo Zelkin

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Shrewsbury Teacher/Caller: Joan Judge

The Shrewsbury Community Church



At the Shrewsbury Community Church we are celebrating the season of Advent. Each Sunday during the four weeks proceeding Christmas we will be reading liturgy and lighting a candle on the advent Wreath. On Christmas Eve we will light the final candle which is the Christ Candle. Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming," a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

On October 7 we celebrated the Baptism of Silas Austin Sharrow officiated by Reverend Robert Boutwell. Silas was alert and charming! Silas is the son of Chad and Angie Sharrow. Grandparents are Earl and Julianne Sharrow and Ronald and Kathryn Westney. What a joyous occasion!

Oh the weather outside is frightful, yet inside the church it is oh so delightful! The sanctuary will soon be adorned with beautiful poinsettias and fresh Shrewsbury balsam wreaths. Come and see them!

If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the holiday season, donations are \$10. Please make payment to the Shrewsbury Community Church and mail in care of Sue Kelley at P.O. Box 366 Shrewsbury Vermont 05738 Please indicate your preference for a wreath or poinsettia.

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We will be delivering Christmas Food baskets during the holiday season. If you or a neighbor would like a basket please call Rita Lane 775-2578.

We thank everyone who came to eat in or take out at our Annual Shrewsbury Youth Group Alumni Spaghetti Supper. We are using the proceeds to buy gift cards, fleece blankets and to fill Christmas Stockings with basic necessities for the families served by the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter.

Special thanks to Thomas Dairy, Hannafords and Price Chopper for supplies to assist us in delivering this wonderful spaghetti feast! Special thanks to all who made donations to help us with our mission.

We are hoping to continue to accept donations through Dec. 9. Items needed to fill the stockings include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, anti-perspirant, shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes, combs, soap, body wash, disposable razors, and cosmetics. In addition the shelter is in need of these additional items: toilet and tissue paper, 13-gallon trash bags, dish soap, household cleaners, baby diapers and wipes, baby monitors, snow shovels, salt/de-icer and non perishable food items.

The Church also continues to collect and deliver non-perishable food and toiletry items each month to the Rutland Community Cupboard. If you would like to help us with these mission activities we will gladly collect your donations for any of these causes. Items can be brought to the church, or call a church member for pick-up.

Submitted by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Community Church Calendar

- Dec. 2 @ 10:30am Worship Service
- Dec. 9 @ 10:30am Worship Circle
- Dec. 16 @ 10:30am Worship Service
- Dec. 23 Note no service on this date
- Dec. 24 @ 7:00pm Christmas Eve Community Candle Lite Service. If you would like to sing in the choir call Roxanne, 492-3675. If you would like to read or act call Sue, 779-5241 or 492-3738.
- Dec. 30 @ 10:30 Devotional Study followed by lunch provided by the church.
- Jan. 6 @ 10:30 am Service of Carols & Worship
- Jan. 9 @ 12noon Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Tess Williams 492-2187
- Jan.13 at @ 10:30am Worship Circle
- Jan. 20 @ 10:30 am Worship Service
- Jan. 27 @ 10:30am devotional Study followed by lunch provided by the church.

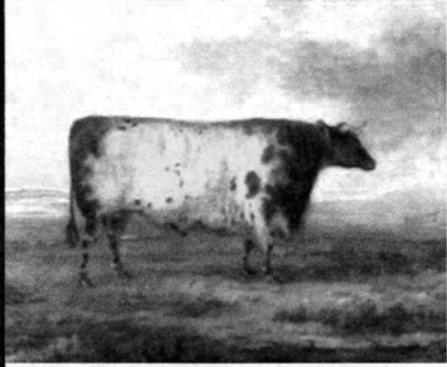
Community Needs

Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests:
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Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 492-3367 or Rita Lane 775-2578

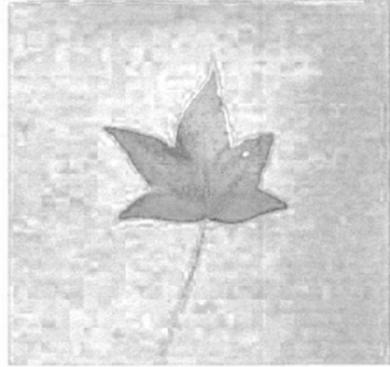
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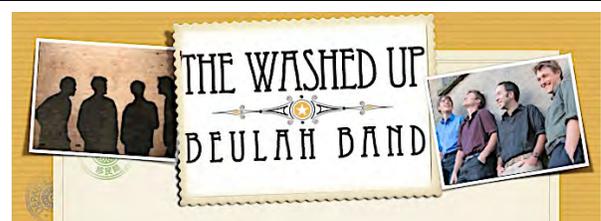


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MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

This year's fall sports awards were given on Tuesday evening, November 13, and we congratulate all of the students who were recognized. A particular source of pride is that Mill River Union High School athletes have a history of demonstrating good sportsmanship, and each year that is recognized by sportsmanship awards given in memory of Rod Se-dergren, who was known as Mill River's #1 fan from the opening of MRUHS in 1975 until his sudden passing in 1989. Rod was a member of the custodial staff and also a bus driver who drove varsity athletes on a bus known as Mill River #1 to away games. He was the embodiment of "School Spirit" and a man who was dearly loved and much respected by the players, coaches, and the community of Mill River fans.

This sportsmanship award is given to a senior on every varsity team, and the recipients are chosen by fellow athletes who have witnessed firsthand the player's dedication and generosity of spirit. Each year a scholarship committee selects a boy and girl from among the sportsmanship award winners to be presented with a scholarship. This year's fall sportsmanship winners are as follows: Football, Gage Greeno; Soccer, Darin May and Sarah Socia; Cross Country, Abigail Elliott and *David Mackintosh (Shrewsbury); and cheerleading, Leslie Hixon. The winter sports season is right around the corner, and we invite the citizens of Shrewsbury to visit the campus, watch a game, and support our student athletes.

Congratulations to the directors, cast, and crew of *Urinetown*, the Stage 40 Fall Production. The quality of the show was outstanding, and it reflected the many hours of rehearsal and preparation that are dedicated to producing a show of such high quality.

The Mill River Chapter of the National Honor Society sponsors a Holiday Food Basket Project every year, but it is an event in which the entire Mill River community participates. NHS members begin working on the fundraising aspects of the project for the next year almost as soon as deliveries are completed. When NHS Advisor Maureen Sullivan became the coordinator 17 years ago, the honor society was helping 40 families in the sending towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, Tinmouth, Middletown Springs, Ira, Danby, and Rutland Town. Now the goal is to serve 100 families because that is all the food they can fit into the auditorium! Last year 90+ families were served. Students in advisory groups (homerooms) at MRUHS bring in canned goods and other non-perishables. This covers the basics for about 40 to 45 families. The honor society takes care

of the rest. This includes non-perishables for another 55 families, plus a turkey, eggs, bread, milk, margarine, cheese, carrots, potatoes, apples and oranges for every basket!

A sum of \$10,000. is raised throughout the year from local businesses and individuals, bottle drives, car washes, raffles, breakfasts, dinners, bowl-a-thons, etc. to achieve that goal. Monetary donations are always gratefully received, and citizens in the community are also invited to sponsor a family (small, medium, or large) by providing the basics if they would like to do so.

Maureen would be happy to send out a list, and she can be reached at msullivan@rssu.org or 775-3451 ext. 260. NHS aims to provide a week's worth of grocery staples for each family. You could also choose to donate some "basics" like pasta, soup, tomato sauce, canned vegetables, or cereal. Even a donation of boxes is welcome as between 200 and 300 medium sized boxes are needed for completion of this project. All donations of money and food may be brought to the school's main office (attn. Maureen Sullivan). This year's deliveries will be on Friday, December 21.

*Submitted by Sally-Anne Snarski, 492-3505
Andy Richards-Peelle, 492-3648*

Completed Budget

As I write this just before Thanksgiving, the finance committee has a completed budget. Though we currently have held spending increases to just 0.39% this is offset by anticipated reductions in our various revenues. And so our hard work begins. Changes to date include level funding department spending, reducing building and grounds improvements by \$50,000 and special education is down by \$27,000 to name a few of the changes in the 19 pages of our budget. Further reductions will be considered when we get back to work after Thanksgiving. Staffing reductions as hard as they are, are still under consideration.

The supervisory union is moving forward with bringing together all of the special education staff under the the direct supervision of the union. While the state mandates this be done by July of 2014 we are working toward this change for July 2013 to give the union a year to work out the kinks of which there will be many as we have already begun to discover in our preliminary conversations.

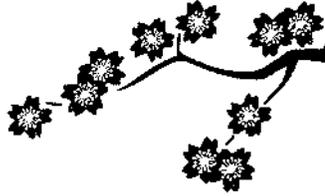
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Sunday 8am–5pm

Winter Nights.....Chili Mondays! We've begun offering another take-out meal on Monday nights. Rob is making Chili and Cornbread! Featuring Smith Maplecrest Farm Beef. Each Monday the soup of the day will be Chili, and we'll make sure Rob makes enough to last throughout the day so you can have dinner to go with your Monday Night Football! No need to call ahead, just stop in anytime on Monday and pick up a Quart to take home.

Wine of the Month: Each month we feature a wine on special discount and have a wine tasting to sample it. December's tasting and sale will include some of our favorites over the past year, and a Cham-pagne Tasting to get you in the mood for New Year's Eve! Join us on Friday, December 14, from 5–7pm. Stop in and try the wine that's available and take advantage of the sale price for the rest of the month. You may find the perfect wine for Christmas dinner! Case discounts available, and orders placed for cases can be filled in time for Christmas.

Seafood Wednesdays: Now that we're into the fall and winter months you can order clams, oysters, scallops, shrimp, mussels and other treats perfect for holiday meals. People continue to take advantage of fresh filets of Cod, Haddock and Pollack available. Additionally, we offer sustainably farmed Tilapia and Shrimp from Tropical Aquaculture and seasonal specials. Pre-orders must be completed by Mondays at 7pm. Please call the store for details and availability. Or join our email list to receive the weekly availability sheet.

Consignment and Holiday Gifts: We have some wonderful consignment items made by folks right here in Shrewsbury. These items are wonderful items for holiday gift giving and support our local economy by putting money into the hands of Shrewsbury and regional craftspeople. Money spent at locally owned businesses stays in the community. According to the Buy Local Rutland folks, if you spend \$100 in a box store, only \$15 will stay local. Compare that to the \$45 in local spending generated when you spend \$100 at a local business.

Here at Pierce's we have a bunch of pottery, wooden bowls, hand knitted hats, scarves, & mittens. Maybe the cook in your family would enjoy a hand-made apron with matching hot pads? We have unique one of a kind jewelry for that special someone who has everything. Is there a new baby in the family? We have baby booties, and children's hats.

Christmas ornaments, candles, soaps and salsa. Chocolate, Wine, Eggnog and Fudge! Please stop in, have a cup of coffee or cocoa and take a look around—we'd love to see you.

End of the Year Clearance Sale: Every January 1, we need to do inventory. A group of us count every item in the store—and it's tedious! This year, I'm going to mark down items and BIG discounts, just so we don't have to count them. You can help by coming in and taking advantage of the savings the full last week of the year. Get last minute Christmas gifts, stock up on candles, batteries, and baking spices. You'll have to come into the store to see where the savings are, but you can bet it's going to be good.

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Submitted by K. P. Whaley, Manager

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners for December & January

December 7: Chef Rob McKain will prepare beef curry on rice, with warm red cabbage salad and naan (Indian bread).

December 14: Guest chef Dianne Barclay will prepare Provencal beef stew with farro (a nutty grain) salad and glazed pumpkin chocolate bundt cake.

December 21: Guest chef Tracy Lazell will prepare vegetarian English Indian curry with sweet potatoes and seasonal root vegetables, and a small salad.

December 28: TBA

January 4: TBA

January 11: Chef Rob McKain will prepare chicken and andouille on rice with cornbread and coleslaw.

January 18: TBA

January 25: Guest Chef Carol Calotta will prepare a meal to be announced.

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

492-3326

Tree of Life Ceremony

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) will host their annual *Tree of Remembrance* Tree Lighting Ceremony and Memorial Service on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Conference Center in Rutland. The Tree of Remembrance is a time for community members to gather with others to remember and honor someone who has died.

The service includes music by Trillium, RAVNAH's Hospice chorus and harpist Florence Boutwell; reflections by RAVNAH staff, clergy and caregivers; and the reading of names of this year's hospice patients and other community members. If you plan to attend and would like to have a name read at the service, please call 802-770-1516.

Coping with Grief during the Holidays

RAVNAH Hospice is offering a grief workshop on Wednesday, December 12, from 12 to 1:30pm at Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Dr, Rutland. The workshop presents coping strategies and helpful suggestions on how to make it through the holidays and even enjoy them. Call Ann LaRocque at 770-1516 to register.

RAVNAH news submitted by Laura Vien

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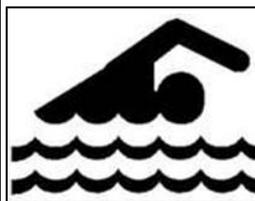
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Snow Mobile Safety Course



The Shrewsbury Sno-Bird Club is sponsoring a Snow Mobile Safety Course to meet the Vermont State Police re-quirement for persons born after July 1, 1983. The course will be given on Sunday, December 2, from 8am--2pm at the Cuttingsville Fire Department. There is no fee and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required; call Dave Blecich at 492-3782.

Way to go Django!



On November 11, 2012, Django Grace, age 6, jumped into Spring Lake and went swimming! Present for this event were his brother Desi, his father Zak and his grandfather Peter.

Submitted by his grandmother Pam Grace

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM



~Calling all ski and snowboard Volunteers~

Here we are again, planning another season of the ski and snowboard program at the Shrewsbury Mountain School. We hope that you all can join us this year. This year's dates for skiing are: **January 11, 18, 25, and February 1, & 8.**

There are many benefits to volunteering for the school ski program. For each day worked, a volunteer is entitled to one complimentary lift ticket good Sunday through Friday, and any Saturday from March 6 until the end of the season. If interested, please contact Deb Fishwick at dfishwick@rssu.org or Ted Panasci at tpanasci@rssu.org or call the school at 492-3435.

Unable to volunteer? Consider supporting the program with a monetary donation. Donations always accepted and greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

Submitted by Deb Fishwick

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