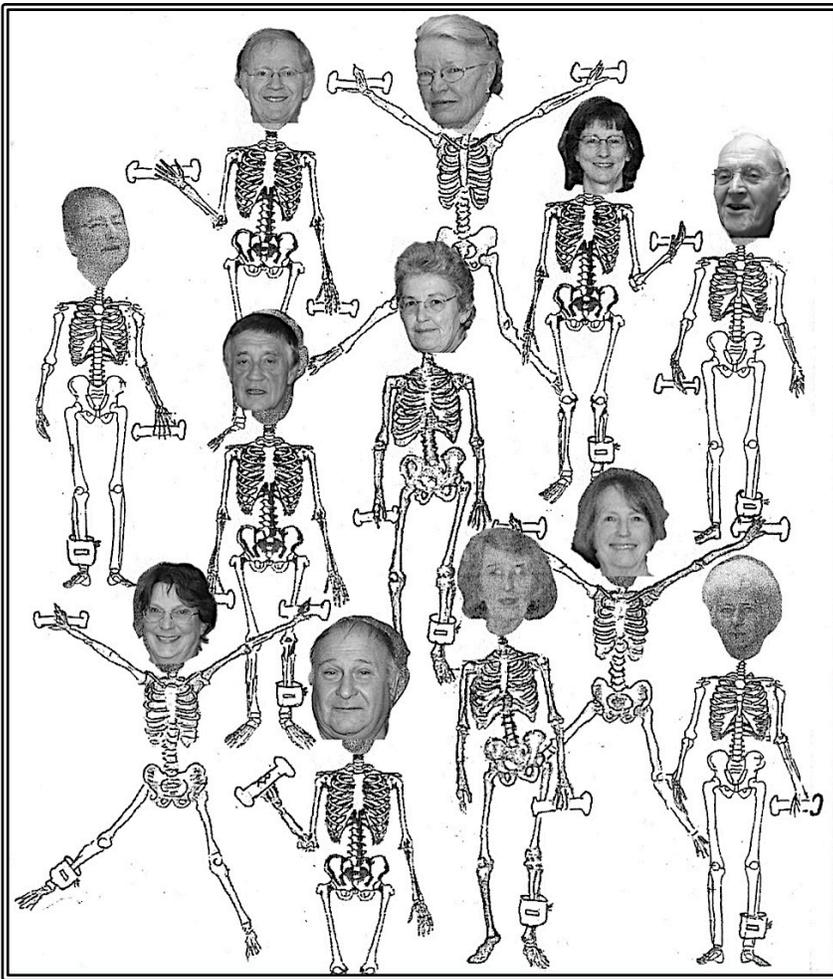




Times of Shrewsbury



June 2012



Bone Builders Celebrate Five Years

Each Tuesday and Thursday up to 25 dedicated women and men representing five generations of birthdates come together for low impact exercise and a high degree of socialization. They are the Bone Builders and have been coming together two days a week for the last five years. RSVP (part of the National Senior Service Corps) started Bone Builder programs for the purpose of increasing balance and bone density in the maturing population. The coordinator for RSVP Bone Builders, Pat Lacey, says that statewide there are now 110 groups with 65 of them in Rutland and Addison County...and, Shrewsbury's group is one of the largest! They gather for "chatter time" downstairs in the Meeting House and then launch into a series of leg and upper body movements using weights provided free to the group by RSVP. There's no need for a mat because all exercises are done standing or sitting.

Bone Builders was developed in Vermont in July 2000 by Nan Hart, Director of RSVP. She says the initial emphasis was on

physical activity, and socialization became an added bonus. The program is based on one that Nan had seen in New York which she further developed. Since then she has had requests from all over the U.S., Ireland, and Australia to start similar programs. It is dependent on grants for funding and on donated sites in the communities. The key to participation is the commitment to attend classes twice weekly for a minimum of six months in order to see positive results. Studies have shown an average of 1% growth in bone density when this is followed although Nan says that local figures are higher. The normal trend is a bone density loss of about 2% in the aging population.

Jan O'Hara has been the caring, encouraging leader and coach of Shrewsbury's diverse group since its beginning in June 2007. She opens up, arranges the room, sets up chairs, turns on the heat, and greets everybody with a smile! She has created a loose, tolerant atmosphere where people feel comfortable to perform the drills in myriad fashions with various levels of attention. She also pays close attention to whether someone needs to modify an exercise to avoid injury. Jan even found a red Flyer wagon at a garage sale a few years ago for some members to haul their barbells and leg weights into the "work-out" room. When she occasionally takes a break, Liesbeth van der Heijden or Sally Deinzer steps in to lead the count.

The size of the group depends on the season because several members travel to warmer climates in the winter, but they're like swallows—they always return in the spring! New people are always welcome too, so come try it out! With continued support from RSVP and with a leader like Jan, the Shrewsbury Bone Builders will continue to strengthen their bones...and have a good time doing it!

*Article by Chryl Martin
Collage by Liesbeth van der Heijden*

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Shrewsbury Transfer Station

Saturday, June 23

1:00pm—3:30pm

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the District's Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be delivered to the HHW Depot at the Gleason Road Transfer Station, or dropped off at Shrewsbury's Transfer Station on Saturday, June 23, from 1:00-3:30pm. Please note that latex paint is non-hazardous and will not be accepted. Waste Oil will only be taken if there is no oil tank on site.

Kitchen/Bathroom

- Aerosol Cans
- Bug Spray
- Floor Care Products
- Metal Polish
- Furniture Polish
- Oven Cleaners
- Drain Cleaners
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Tile Cleaners
- Disinfectants
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- Nail Polish Remover

Garage/Workshop

- Waste Oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Roofing Tar
- Break Fluid
- Auto Body Repair Pro.
- Automatic Trans. Fluid
- Other Oils / Cleaners
- Paint (Lead & Oil Based)
- Paint Thinner
- Paint Stripper
- Varnish
- Florescent Light Bulbs

Garden/Miscellaneous

- Chemical Fertilizer
- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides / Pesticides
- Rat Poison
- Artists' Paints, Mediums
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Fiberglass Epoxy
- Gun Cleaning Solvents
- Moth Balls
- Household Batteries
- Photographic Chemicals
- Swimming Pool Chemicals

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

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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.

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- June 5 7pm Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at the Museum
 June 7-July 27 *Summer Songs for infants, toddlers, & parents at the Library
 June 8 5:30pm *Kids Korner movie and pizza night at the Library (call before June 7)
 June 10 6:30pm *Ice Cream Social at Shrewsbury Community Church
 June 12 12noon Senior luncheon at Fair Haven Inn. Call Edie Clark at 492-3638 if you can come
 June 12 7-8:30pm *Community Forum at the Meeting House
 June 15 *Last Day of Classes at Shrewsbury Mountain School
 June 15 *Membership dues payable to Shrewsbury Outing Club
 June 16-17 *Vermont History Expo 2012 at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds
 June 17 4pm *Book Discussion group at the Library
 June 21 10:30am Parent Recess will meet at the Shrewsbury Meeting House
 June 21 12noon *Prayer Shawl Group meets at home of Roxanne Ramah
 June 22-23 *Stuffed animal "sleepover" at the Library
 June 23 1-3:30pm *Hazardous Waste Collection at the Transfer Station
 June 27 7pm Northam Cemetery Association Annual Meeting & Election of Officers will meet at the Town Office. If any questions, please contact Catherine Carrara 492-6137.
 June 30 1pm *VINS program at the Library
- Wed nights 6:30pm *Men's Basketball at SMS Gym

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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| 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—10:00am at Center Church |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum | Open July thru October on Sundays 1:00-3:00pm |
| 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 | (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, 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

Plans for CCC Road Repairs

Response to the article about the CCC Road by Barbara Griffith in the May 2012 edition of the Shrewsbury Times.

The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation understands the importance of the CCC Road to the Town of Shrewsbury and its residents, and it is our intention to re-open the road as soon as possible. To that end, the department has been working with both FEMA and the engineering firm of Dubois and King. We would like to re-open the road this year; however we are currently working with Dubois and King to reconcile a considerable difference in estimated costs for repair of the most damaged sections of the CCC Road between the first switchback after the Black Swamp Road to Route 100 in Plymouth. This will involve replacing the lost cribbing with concrete blocks, replacing/repairing all of the culverts that were destroyed and backfilling washed out areas. Once funding is resolved, the project to rebuild this section will be put out to bid (by the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services).

The project will be divided into two contracts. In addition to the above project, we are currently preparing a contract for the section of road from the North Shrewsbury gate to the Black Swamp Road. This section received less damage and is therefore easier to repair and we hope to start this work in early summer. This will allow access to both Shrewsbury Peak trailheads and a large portion of the forest. For safety purposes, the road will be barricaded at the Black Swamp Road until the remainder of the road is repaired.

We will keep the residents of Shrewsbury and Plymouth informed as this project road repair project proceeds and as new information is available. Thank you.

*Lisa Thornton, State Lands Stewardship Forester
Vermont Dept of Forests, Parks & Recreation
(802) 786-3858*



Aaron Mitchell will graduate from Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, NH, and will head to the University of Vermont next year. His mom, Cynthia Thornton, is very proud of him!



Clara Norton Krueger graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, on May 24th with an Associate Degree in Baking and Pastry Arts. She will be employed this summer at the Spruce Point Inn Resort in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.



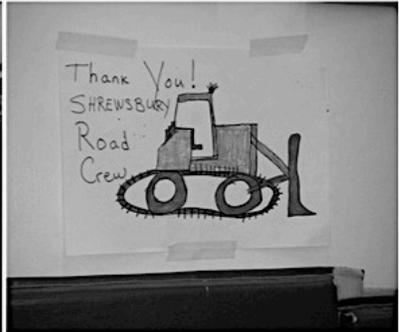
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COMMUNITY FORUM on THE FUTURE of SHREWSBURY
~ FOLLOW-UP GATHERING ~
"Continuing the Conversation: What's Next?"

Tuesday ~ June 12 ~ 7:00-8:30 at the Meeting House

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Shrewsbury,

Thanks to you, our town has about 10 fewer truckfuls and approximately 50 fewer bags of garbage on its roadsides. 87 of you took time on a lovely Saturday to volunteer your time on behalf on Shrewsbury. This outpouring of community spirit is wonderful. Thank You.

Your Conservation Commission

The following two letters were sent by graduate students from the University of Vermont who recently assisted taking notes at the Community Forum on the Future of Shrewsbury on April 24.

Good Morning, Shrewsbury,

I'm still smiling thinking about our visit to Shrewsbury last week. It was a breath of fresh air (literally and figuratively!). As we drove off into the morning, we wrote down our take away thoughts and feelings. Here they are:

Participatory - Optimistic - Hopeful - Re-energized - Warmth - Feeling Welcomed - Inspiration - Reflective (the process makes me feel reflective) - Heart warming

Looking forward to crossing paths sometime soon!
Cheers,

*Elizabeth "Liz" Brownlee
Master's Candidate, Field Naturalist Program*

Message from a Visitor-Scribe's Perspective

You know that feeling when you arrive somewhere new at night and you can't wait to wake up and see it in the morning light? The morning after the Shrewsbury Community Forum, I couldn't take it any longer and got up before dawn. I tiptoed around my fellow classmates, sleeping in every room of Nancy Bell's house, and had to get a peek at Shrewsbury. After hearing about the many treasures of Shrewsbury the night before, I had an enormous list in my mind of places and things to check out—Spring Lake, Pierce's Store, the upcoming Mardi Gras celebration, Grace's artwork. How was I going to see it all before we had to get on the road for our morning classes in Burlington?

I am a graduate student at UVM and just returned from a mere 18 hours in Shrewsbury. I knew I wanted to attend the community forum when, on a recent visit to a class of mine, Nancy Bell told us, "When you ask people what they think, they give politics and

positions. When you ask people what they love, you get a conversation about passion." I was curious to see how a large group of people gets their hands around what they love about their town and jumped at the opportunity to be a listener and a scribe. My table's conversations ranged from their desire for multiple generations to be able to make a living in Shrewsbury to appreciation of the view from Lottery Road and the diversity of the collection at the library. Our entire group of 9 graduate students/scribes returned to Nancy's house that evening inspired by our tables' discussions, how welcomed we felt, and the strong love and commitment to place conveyed by residents throughout the evening.

We couldn't resist stopping at Pierce's Store on our way out of town for baked treats, greeting cards, and a look around. Secretly, I was hoping to run into the members of my table from the forum, but we were on the road pretty early. I looked intently at the landscape as we drove through, feeling a sense of familiarity from the stories and ideas I had heard the night before and a yearning to know it more deeply, from the perspective of a resident. I wanted to go by Freeman's Meadows, hear the Muddy Rhodes band, jump in on the library cookie exchange, and meet the well-appreciated road crew. Alas, we had to return to Burlington. I will have to come back—perhaps for a Friday night dinner at Pierce's Store followed by the Picker's Party in June.

Thank you to the Conservation Commission, Nancy Bell, and the Town of Shrewsbury for a wonderful evening and for welcoming a bunch of out-of-towners into your Town Hall.

*Leah Mital-Skiff
leahmitalskiff@gmail.com*

Notice to Poets

Call for poets who are willing to meet and critique their poems. For more information please contact Linda at 259-2226 or email linrae11@yahoo.com



Men's Basketball

6:30 Wednesday nights at the Shrewsbury Mountain School
All skill levels welcome!
Contact: 802-558-2707 or daniel.sgalia@gmail.com

FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Hello Neighbors,

What an interesting couple of months it's been. First, there appears to be a bit of friction at the transfer station in regards to people taking stuff out of the reading room. That of course is the whole point—to reuse items. The friction appears to occur when individuals remove large quantities of items before the community gets a chance to peruse the donations. The selectboard has fielded many phone calls in the past little while. As I see it, the intent of the reading room is for the benefit of everyone in town. And I would ask that people treat each other as they would like to be treated. Lots of words have been flying around. Many rumors. Folks, can we all get along? I think we all appreciate the dump; as a place to take our recyclables and refuse. A place to meet and talk. A place to find some useful items.... Everyone has a dump story. And the best part of the transfer station: it is still free and we don't have to drive to Rutland. Let's all help to keep it that way.

I'm not sure what to relate to you about FEMA. My interactions with this agency continue to bewilder and frustrate me. I honestly don't know what to say. We will see some money for projects sometime.... The Brown Bridge approach road to the west has slumped significantly in one

place. There was a site visit with many of the various agencies involved. More paperwork is in the works. Potential, geotechnical engineering to come up with some idea as to the stability of the slope, and possible fixes. See Mark Youngstrom's article elsewhere in the *Times*.

The huge debris pile on the Cold River Road is in the process of being removed. Probably gone by the time of printing.

The Town Forum on the future of Shrewsbury organized by the Conservation Commission was well attended, over 100, and very inspiring. I, personally, look forward to seeing the tabulated data. What a lot of passion in the room that night. People have some wonderful ideas. Areas of concern. Community spirit. Thanks to the Conservation Commission for hosting, and to Everyone for Showing Up!

In response to my unofficial, unscientific Town Meeting poll: I had two phone calls, Zero emails (!) and many, many people stop and buttonhole me with their opinions. There appears to be significant interest and support to reconsider traditional Town Meeting.

Submitted by John Wood

June

*It's beautiful the Summer month of June
When all of God's own wildflowers are in bloom
And sun shines brightly most part of the day
And butterflies o'er lush green meadows play.*

*Light hearted skylark songster of the wing
High o'er the quiet and lonely moorland sing
Above her nest cloaked by the tangled heath
Her charming song so exquisitely sweet.*

*So mellow the gentle breath of June day breeze
The birds rejoicing on the leafy trees
And dappled trout in pool bed of the stream
Bask in the sun their spotted skins a gleam.*

Francis Duggan



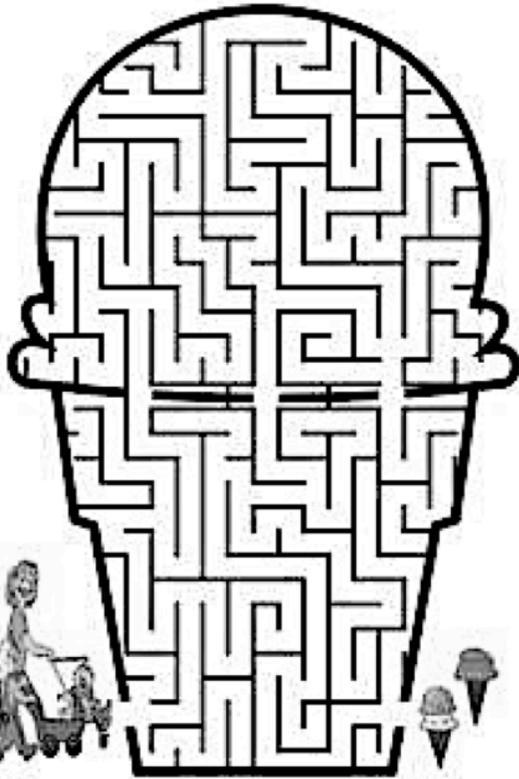
Flag Day
Thursday June 14



Flag Day signals the beginning of another summer flag season. Please bring your worn, torn or faded flag to the Town Office so that it can be disposed of properly. Thanks!

Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Maze of the Month



2nd Annual
Pickin' Party
You're Invited

When: Sunday, June 10th
Time: 11:00am
Location: Rick & Annie Lees
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(802) 492-3693

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Update on Irene-Damaged Bridges

My firm, Otter Creek Engineering, is assisting the Town with the evaluation, permitting, design and funding of the many bridges and culverts damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. While Shrewsbury did not make the news headlines, the total damage to Town-owned facilities is certainly very high compared to other communities. In fact, the estimated cost to repair Shrewsbury's bridges, culverts and the Upper Cold River Road landslide could exceed \$4 million, not including the road rebuilding already completed by the road crew and local contractors.

Even though it has been 9 months since the storm, the process of obtaining funding to repair these bridges and culverts is long and frustrating at times, especially as the construction season is already here and we do not have contractors busy making the necessary repairs. Aside from the funding issues, there are many complicated permits to receive for each location. But, we have to take a deep breath and accept the situation, since it is likely 90% of these costs will be paid for by Federal and State sources and the Town certainly could not afford these costs on its own.

Here is a quick summary of the areas we are assisting with:

1. Frank Lord Road Bridge – As you all know, the temporary Mabey Bridge was installed last fall by Casella Construction, following the total collapse of the original bridge. The temporary bridge is being rented, on a monthly basis, by the Town. All work to date and the rental cost is eligible for FEMA and VTrans funding. The Town has received enough of an approval from FEMA to authorize our firm to design a new precast structure for this location. Construction is anticipated this year.

2. Freeman Brook Road Bridge – Similar to the Frank Lord Road Bridge, this bridge was undermined by the flood and is being temporarily supported by some concrete blocks. We are confident enough with funding that design of the replacement is proceeding at the same time as the Frank Lord Road Bridge, anticipating that both new structures should be built by the same contractor, this year, since they are so close to each other.

3. Sargent Brook Bridges – At the end of Gilman Road, towards the Governor Clement Shelter, there are (were) two bridges over Sargent Brook. The first bridge was totally washed away. The second is un-

dermined and damaged. The Town is waiting for FEMA's final determination of these losses and the definition of the eligible replacement structures. The brook channel has significantly changed and widened in this area and these structures will be very costly due in part to the general lack of a work area for a crane and large equipment and the narrow, one lane roadway to the sites. We are also pursuing additional funding from The National Park Service since the first bridge also served as the Appalachian Trail. It is doubtful either of these bridges will be replaced this year, the hope being that work is completed by next fall.

4. Old Plymouth Road Bridge – The bridge at the beginning of the Old Plymouth Road in Northam was completely washed out during the storm. The Town has installed a temporary culvert to keep this road passable until a permanent structure is installed. It is anticipated that a precast concrete box culvert will be designed and installed, once the Town receives funding approval from FEMA. We are hopeful this construction can take place this year.

5. Eastham Road – The large culvert at the beginning of Eastham Road, just below Pierce's Store, was lost during Irene. The Town has installed a temporary culvert and it is anticipated that a new precast concrete box culvert will be installed once FEMA issues funding approval. The goal would be to have the same contractor construct this structure as the Old Plymouth Road structure since they are located so close. Hopefully, this will happen this year.

6. Eastham Road near Biddle Farm – Following the storm, the Town dragged the washed out culvert back from the horse pasture and reinstalled it under the road. This culvert is too small for current hydraulic standards but FEMA may not find replacement of this culvert eligible for funding, partly because the road crew did such a great job repairing this site. This location is still under discussion with FEMA.

7. Coldham Road, Bridge #1 – A stone abutment on a small concrete deck bridge, located a short distance up Coldham Road, washed out during the storm, leaving the bridge deck unsafe for heavy vehicles. Last fall, FEMA emergency funds were used to pour a new concrete abutment, thinking, at the time, that the bridge may be replaced at a later date. The repair was determined by FEMA to be so secure

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Update on Irene-Damaged Bridges

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that this bridge will not be eligible for further funding. From the Town's perspective, the repair improved the bridge from its pre-Irene condition and FEMA's position is acceptable.

8. Coldham Road, Bridge #2 – At the end of Coldham Road there is a severely damaged concrete bridge over Gould Brook. The bridge is Town owned but used by only one house. At the landowner's request, the Town may not seek funding to replace this bridge but, instead, use the FEMA funding for this bridge to help defer costs associated with the other Town bridge repairs. We are assisting the Town with working this arrangement out with FEMA.

9. Upper Cold River Road leading to the Brown Bridge – During Irene, the water in the Cold River was so high it ripped siding from the Brown Bridge. If the west roadway approach had not washed out, allowing the river to pass around the bridge, the Town could have lost its only covered bridge, constructed in 1880. Last fall, we designed and filed permits for extensive stream stabilization above the bridge and repair of the roadway wash out at the bridge. That work was then constructed in November by Casella Construction.

However, this was just the tip of the iceberg for this location. The river, downstream of the bridge, washed away a large section of the slope below the Upper Cold River Road, creating a nearly vertical 80-foot embankment to the roadway. Immediately after Irene the road exhibited cracking and the beginnings of slope failure. The Town closed the road and, as expected, this spring the road started to slide down to the river. The steep embankment from the road to the river has been in a slow continuous landslide for months. The soils are mixed sand, silts and gravel, with water, all over sloping bedrock. We have retained a specialized geotechnical engineering firm to assist with this complicated site.

Before beginning further investigations and design of a solution at this location, the Town needs FEMA to agree to the course of action. This will be Shrewsbury's most expensive repair, by far. FEMA has sent its own landslide engineering consultant to the site and the Town awaits a written determination and direction from FEMA before proceeding too far. Federal funding of landslide repairs falls under a separate set of rules and it seems landslides receive very close scrutiny from FEMA before funding is commit-

ted. Permitting any solution will be extensive since it will involve moving the river back to where it was so the embankment can be stabilized, requiring site specific permits from both the State and Army Corps of Engineers. However, without moving the river back and reinforcing the toe of the slope, it is likely this section of road will be completely lost to the river and there would never again be through traffic across the bridge. With all the work associated at this site, we are sure this road will not be open this year and it will probably not open until next summer.

10. CCC Road – This is not a Town project. The CCC Road is largely a state owned road and the washed out section is in the Town of Plymouth. However, Shrewsbury residents are asking when that road will be reopened and/or if it will be reopened. I have asked several State folks I know and I do not have an answer. The State has had an engineering firm look at the damage and estimate the repair costs. But, I have no word on when the road may be repaired. If you walk to the damaged section (just above the very sharp corner) you will see the old CCC-placed timber cribbing which was holding up the road (another steep embankment situation). The Selectboard has expressed its opinion to the State, in writing, that this road is very important to Town residents and that Shrewsbury supports all efforts to repair and reopen the CCC Road as soon as possible.

That's all I have to report. I wish there were a lot of contractors busy replacing these damaged areas but the Town is moving as fast as it possibly can, without risking costs that could be ruled ineligible for reimbursement. I asked a FEMA representative why everything took so long to process and so long for a decision to be made. I told him we could get all this done incredibly quickly if they just let us get it done, and it would cost a lot less. His response surprised me. He said Vermont is so much different than most places FEMA works. Here, he indicated, folks just want to get it done, efficiently and permanently, and then get back to what they were doing before the storm. In many other places FEMA is guarding against Towns trying to get something for nothing, kickbacks, graft, etc. He said he sees none of that in Vermont. He apologized that he still has to go through the same processes as for the rest of the country. So, I guess I understand, and I sure am glad I live here.

If you have questions, please contact the Selectboard and they will pass anything they can't answer to Jamie or me.

Mark Youngstrom

A Successful Mardi Gras Party!

Again, our Mardi Gras fund raiser for the Shrewsbury Community Church Helping Hand Fund was a huge success! We were able to raise \$1,117.25!!! I'd like to thank everyone who made the event possible: (I won't mention names as the list is long): my dependable committee (you're the best!); the folks who decorated the Town Hall—it looked so cheerful and festive; the kitchen crew—they worked hard serving food all evening and cleaned up; people who helped before the event and helped clean up afterward; people who made phone calls asking for food; people who brought delicious foods and baked goods as well as a nonperishable item for the food shelf; the artwork for advertising (beautiful posters) and face painting; our faithful money collector; attendees who danced the night away to: yes, here I will name THE MUDDY RHODES BLUES BAND who donated their time and talent to those of us who enjoyed their musical skill. Also, thanks to our fortune tellers (hope your fortune was good). Several stores including our local store donated food or a gift certificate—thank you!

So a good time was had by all, and money was raised for those in need. Now it's time to think about another Mardi Gras. A yearly event would be great as we had several "out-of-towners" who would come again. ANYONE INTERESTED IN RUNNING ANOTHER MARDI GRAS NEXT YEAR? (Let's make it bigger and better!) Call Fran Patten, 492-3706

Submitted by Fran Patten

Got Bats?



The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (VFWD) is seeking information on summer bat colonies in your area. Vermont's cave-bat species continue to struggle due to the deadly effects of White-Nose Syndrome. As a result, the little brown bat is now endangered in Vermont. The VFWD is studying the survival of little brown bats that hibernate in Plymouth and is trying to locate nearby summer maternity colonies of bats. Little brown bats prefer to raise their young in warm attic and barn spaces over the summer. If you live in Shrewsbury, Plymouth, or surrounding towns and have bats roosting at your residence, please contact Alyssa Bennett at the Rutland regional office at 802-786-0098, or alyssa.bennett@state.vt.us. This information will be very helpful to the Department as it studies ways to save the little brown bat.

Alyssa Bennett (802)786-0098 or Scott Darling (802)786-3862, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Dept.

Survey for Invasive EAB



Ash tree and leaves

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture are partnering to survey for the EAB, a non-native, wood boring beetle that has attacked and destroyed tens of millions of ash trees in 15 states. This metallic-green beetle is native to Asia and is thought to have entered the United States via wood packing material. As of 2011, EAB has NOT been detected in Vermont but has been detected south of Montreal, Canada and west of Bennington in Albany County, New York.

The purple traps will be hung in ash trees in all 14 Vermont counties. The traps don't attract the EAB into an area but are used as detection tools to determine if they are lurking in our trees. Early detection is critical in the management and control of invasive pests.

The traps are made of corrugated plastic and coated with very sticky, non-toxic glue that captures all sorts of insects. The trap attracts EABs through two different lures that hang inside the prism; one smells like ash leaves, the other smells like ash bark and the EABs are

also attracted to the purple color of the trap. The traps will be monitored throughout the summer and will be removed in the fall. The purple traps do not pose a threat to humans, pets, or wildlife; however, the glue is extremely sticky. If you find a fallen trap, record the trap number from the tag and call 802-828-4546. After regular business hours, leave your name and number along with the trap number and someone will return your call the next business day. For more information contact Rhonda Mace at the above number or your local forester.



Adult beetle on a penny

COMMUNITY FORUM on THE FUTURE of SHREWSBURY
☞ FOLLOW-UP GATHERING ☞
“Continuing the Conversation: What’s Next?”
Tuesday ~ June 12 ~ 7:00-8:30 at the Meeting House

On April 24th the Community Forum on the Future of Shrewsbury was attended by over a 100 residents. Folks sat together and shared what is important about Shrewsbury, their concerns and hopes for the community. This included everything from appreciating the community’s response to Hurricane Irene, Pierce’s Store pastries, and privacy, that translated into not having to have curtains on the windows (...really!). People are concerned about property taxes, aging and living independently, and excited about envisioning a Town in which young people could afford to live and make a living, and supports a diversity of people that makes it what it is, old-timers and newcomers.

June 12th is the Forum Follow-up: “Continuing the Conversation: What’s Next?” to share the responses from the Forum, and to consider the community’s collective thoughts and next steps in addressing concerns and new possibilities. What’s next for the town and community in the aftermath of the flood? What have we learned? What is missing that can be created to have this be a vibrant community and place to live for everyone? Where do we need to focus our collective attention? Who is left out of this conversation and how do we include them? What can we offer each other now?

COOKIES AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED

**Even if you didn’t come to the last gathering,
be sure to come to this one, and bring a friend!!!**

Hosted by

The Conservation Commission, the Shrewsbury Selectboard, the Shrewsbury Planning Commission, and the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department

Everyone is invited and young people are encouraged to participate.

Need more info? Go to: shrewsburyconservation@gmail.com or call Cynthia Thornton at 492-2255. Thank you and see you there!



**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

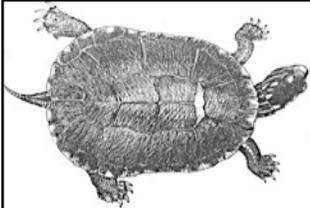
When your business is responding to emergencies, no news is good news. As we submit this article on May 20, we are happy to report that in general: all is well. In recent weeks we have responded to the typical spring mix of chimney fires and brush fires, as well as an automobile accident with entrapment on Route 103. Fortunately, none of these was serious. Your responders did their jobs well.

In May, Fire Chief Russ Carrara had our members busy inspecting our hydrants and water sources in town—another spring ritual. Irene's ravages notwithstanding, our traditional water sources seem serviceable and ready. Once again in May we partici-

pated in Rutland's Loyalty Day Parade, receiving favorable feedback about our appearance. We will also have a presence at the Regional Fire School at Mill River U.H.S. this month.

In May SVFD also welcomed its newest member: MATTHEW BROWN of Wilderness Road. Matt is eighteen years old, the son of Laurie and Kevin Brown. Kevin is our former Fire Chief and current Deputy Chief, as well as Town Forest Fire Warden. Welcome, Matt! Kevin and Matt are SVFD's third current father-son duo, along with Mark and Elliott Stewart and Al Ridlon Sr. and Jr. As this suggests, there is something about the fire service which is contagious. Stop by our Cuttingsville Fire Station any Thursday at 7 PM if you would like to find out more. Even if you can't join us—STAY FIRE SAFE!

Submitted by Barry Griffith



SHREWSBURY OUTING CLUB

Summer Greetings! It looks like a glorious summer for enjoying Shrewsbury's outdoor opportunities. Shrewsbury Peak beckons us all with its splendid view, and the forest trails abound with wildflowers—and not too many blackflies.

During cleanup of the waterfront Roberta Hemmer dove into Spring Lake on May 18 and actually swam a while in the icy water. The loons' nesting platform is happily occupied. With luck, there will be baby loons to see this summer.

Shrewsbury families (residents and landowners) are invited to join SOC. The annual newsletter, membership form, and liability waiver are available from Grace Brigham, secretary, at 492-3458. Annual dues of \$45 per family are payable by June 15 to SOC, c/o Joyce Wilson, Treasurer, 75 CCC Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738. Be sure your Membership Form and signed Liability Waiver are included.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons for Shrewsbury residents will be held from Monday, July 9, through Friday, July 20, at the Shrewsbury Outing Club dock. The lessons are held in partnership with the New Learning Project with checks made out to them. Please call 492-3208 to register. All ages and experience levels welcome. Advanced class starts at 10am. The fee per calendar week (five days) is \$15 for Shrewsbury residents and \$10 for SOC members.

Member Involvement

We are looking for more member involvement to help the club with clean-up days, maintenance of the Outing Club space as well as potentially expanding what is offered by the club. Again anyone with interest, contact Thomas Hartigan at 492-3605. And watch for "the sign of the turtle" posters announcing outings in the *Times* and around Town.

Submitted by Grace Brigham and Thomas Hartigan

Recycle for a Cause

Julanne Sharrow knows all kinds of ways to help organizations just by saving throw-away items. She says "there's a use for everything!" Lots of items can be recycled to benefit special causes, so we're passing on her knowledge and tips about how you can help.



Pop top tabs from beverage cans:

Benefits Shriner's Hospital for Children. Leave in collection box at Transfer Station.



Campbell soup labels and Box Tops for Education:

Benefits educational programs for schools. Leave label with UPC code or Box Top emblem in collection box at Transfer Station.



Shredded paper:

Benefits the Pine Valley Farm calves! Place shredded paper only in the container at the Transfer Station.



National Geographic Magazines: Old and new benefit the Veteran's Home in Bennington.

Serrano Cleaning

(Anna Arthur-Sgalia and Tabita Souza)

Home cleaning services provided:

*Weekly *Monthly
*Spring clean-outs *To meet your needs

-Experience in homes and inns
-\$18/hr or quoted jobs for repeat service
-Equipment and supplies provided
-References available

802-558-8089

serranocleaning@gmail.com

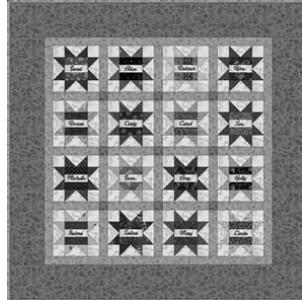
SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

COMING EVENTS

MANY THANKS to GRACE BRIGHAM for her wonderful signs advertising Library events! And for serving on the Library Board for the past year. Grace is resigning her official Trustee position (to become co-president of the Historical Society, among other things) but will continue to help the Library with posters, signs and events.

With Grace's resignation, we have an opening on the Board of Trustees for the next two years. If you love libraries and want to be involved in a dynamic part of the community, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Gail Hartigan (492-3605); Lisa Sharrow (492-3732); or Dirk Thomas (492-3549).

At the ANNUAL MEETING on May 8, the following officers were re-elected to one-year terms: Co-Presidents: Joan Aleshire & Donna Swartz; Vice-President: Lisa Sharrow; Recording Secretary: Dirk Thomas; Corresponding Secretary: Turiya Levy; Treasurer: Debbie Blecich; Assistant Treasurer: Lisa Sharrow. Trustees whose terms expired—Turiya Levy, Lee Rohe, and John (Woody) Wood—were re-elected to three-year terms, and Debbie Blecich was appointed to our Board by the Select Board. THANKS TO ALL for continuing to serve!



Dates TBA: QUILTING WORKSHOP with Lucille Fiske & Donna Swartz. Please call Lucille (492-3337) or Donna (773-7403) if interested. All are welcome from beginning sewers to experienced quilters!

Thursdays (June 7 through July 27) @ 10:15-11:00am: DINO RICE's "SUMMER SONGS," for Infants, Toddlers, Siblings, Parents & Caregivers, will take place in the Meeting Room. Please call Dino at 492-3488 to sign up.

Sunday, June 17 @ 4:00pm: BOOK DISCUSSION: *The Turn of the Screw* (Part 2)

Saturday, July 21 @ 10:00am-4:00pm: CHARLIE PAQUIN demonstrates pre-historic claywork, atlatl-making, cooking with stones, and more!

Sunday, August 5 @ 7:30pm: METTAWEE THEATRE COMPANY presents "Archy & Mehitabel, II" at Shrewsbury Mountain School.

Saturday, August 18: Street Dance with the MUDDY RHODES BLUES BAND

Saturday, September 8: BOOK & BAKE SALE (Please hold donations until September 1)



NEW BOOKS include:

- *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*, a memoir by Anna Quindlen
- *Private Empire: Exxon Mobil and Private Power* by Steve Coll
- *The Innocent*, the latest thriller by David Baldacci
- *Hitlerland: Americans Witness Hitler's Rise to Power* by Andrew Nagourney
- *A Natural Woman*, a memoir by Carole King

NEW DVDs include:

Slings and Arrows, Season 2
Treme: Season 2
Wallender: Series 1 & 2

Hello from the Kids Korner,

- Friday, June 8, 5:30pm: ***Around the World in 80 Days* movie night!** If you are interested in viewing the film based on the book by Jules Verne, please leave your name at the library desk **before June 7** to allow me to purchase enough pizza for everyone planning to attend the movie on Friday, June 8. Since the movie is 180 minutes, we will start at 5:30. • **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE** •
- As a kick-off to our Summer Reading Programs, we are asking the children of Shrewsbury to **name the library bear**. There is a brown bear sitting in the children's area that needs a name. Please fill out an entry form on your next visit to the library. His name will be chosen from all entries received during the months of June and July.

Our first Summer Reading Program this year is:

June 22–23: We will host our first Stuffed Animal Sleepover. On the 22nd from 5:30pm-8:00pm you will be able to drop off a stuffed animal at the library for its very own sleepover with other stuffed animals. This is a locked-in program so no animal will be able to leave before their owner comes to pick them up on the 23rd at 10:00am. So talk with your friends and see which of your animals would like to have a sleepover at the library.



June 30 @ 1:00pm: VINS will be at the library for a presentation.

July 7 @ 1:00pm: Come to the library to make Dream Catchers!

June 20–August 29: To help us keep track of all the books read during the summertime, there will be “clouds” at the library for you to write your initials on for each book you read during the summer. These books can be ones that you read by yourself or books that have been read to you. So, starting on June 20th through August 29th look for the clouds. Please fill out your “clouds” each time you are in the library and leave them at the desk. We will hang these up in the children's area as we get them. Hope to see many clouds by the end of the summer! Thanks for reading and hope to see you at the library!



Gail H



NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

OPEN ON MONDAYS: Pierce's Store is now open on Mondays! That's right, Pierce's is now open 7 days a week. Hours of operation are 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday with Sunday hours 8am-5pm.

WINE TASTING: Did you know Pierce's Store has a free wine tasting each month. June's wine tasting will be on Friday, June 15th. We'll be tasting through each of the store's "Wine of the Month." Each month we pick one winery and feature their varietals on a deep discount (\$2-\$3 off). Join us on Friday June 15th to taste through our wine and maybe find a new favorite!

PIZZA TAKE OUT NIGHT: We're trying something new in June: a Wednesday Night Pizza Take Out. Each week Rob will be making a featured specialty pizza that you can reserve to take home hot and ready to eat. You can also order the regular Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni too. Just be sure to reserve one ahead of time because we will only have a limited supply. Reserve ahead of time at 492-3326 and pick up between 5-7pm.

FRESH AND LOCAL PRODUCE: As the local farmers and gardeners begin summer, Pierce's will be featuring their fresh produce. We're already carrying local mesclun greens, local rhubarb, and local head lettuce. Come see what else will be appearing as the summer harvest continues!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday July 10th at 7:00pm. Any member in good standing is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the store.

STAY CONNECTED: If you're a member, you're already receiving our updates and announcements of take out meals, sales, and specials. If you're not, you should join our email list. Sign up at the store. You can also "Like Us" on Facebook and get updates that way!

Submitted by K.P. Whaley



Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

Welcome to new members Herbie and Karen Carra-ra. Karen came to the Annual Meeting, as well as Julanne Smith Sharrow. So nice to see fresh new faces at the meetings. Won't you join us? We will have meetings the first Tuesday of the month in June, August, September and next year, the annual meeting and election of officers in May. Would you like to co-host a Sunday at the museum from 1 to 3 pm? Please call me at 492-3324. Opening day of museum: July 1st.

Old Town Reports

The Society has duplicate old town reports for sale at the museum. Recently I received a request from a man in Ohio seeking such reports. We were able to gather together a tidy amount, bolstering the Society's assets. When you come to the museum this summer, we have in the Ye Olde Gift Shoppe, many items of interest besides duplicate town reports, such as postcards showing scenes of Shrewsbury back when, cachet envelopes celebrating the 250th, copies of the Charter, post cards of Pierce's Country Store, our history book, "Shrewsbury, Vermont - Our Town As It Was" and more.

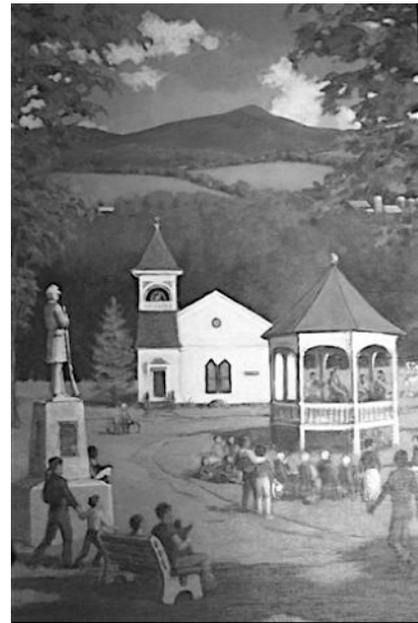
Speaking of old Town Reports, in perusing the Town Report for the year ending December 31, 1941, I noted the School Superintendent's Report, which said in part: "To the School Directors of Shrewsbury: The long-term line of defense provided by education for American democracy, so necessary in peace time, becomes acutely vital in times of stress and strain like these through which we are passing. To provide a program of Education worthy of Vermont traditions the state is striving to improve several factors which enter into the product of Vermont public school education. In terms of immediate and pressing needs, a supply of competent, well prepared teachers is the number one factor. 1. Enrollment in our teacher preparation and training institutions has decreased 20% in the last year. 2. Teachers cannot be recruited from other states which are suffering a shortage of teachers. 3. Many young women are unable to attend teacher preparation institutions or are forced to drop out through lack of funds. 4. Teacher's salaries are too low in the face of the rising cost of living and higher wages paid in Defense work. The \$678.78 average salary paid 1100 rural and grade teachers last year (more than one-third of the total teachers in Vermont Public schools) at the present rate of increase in cost of living scales down to about \$500. Many teachers are leaving to accept higher salaries in Defense work.

"Vermont ranks 33rd among the forty-eight states in average salary paid teachers – only a few southern states pay their teachers less than Vermont. Vermont ranks 17th in its ability measured by its per capita wealth and income. Shrewsbury pays an average salary of \$693. Respectfully submitted, C.L. Erwin, Supt."

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

Vermont History Expo 2012

The Shrewsbury Historical Society will again partici-



History Expo 2012 poster
by Grace Brigham

ate in this interesting event which the weekend of June 16-17, 2012, at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. If you happen to see a poster all about History Expo 2012, feel proud! Our own co-president Grace Brigham is the artist!

The title of our exhibit will be "Letters to Home." Letters were written by George Wellington Foster, age 22, to his 19-year old wife, Leona Adams Foster. He was a resident of Cuttingsville and was a drummer in the 14th Vermont Infantry, Company B. He volunteered to serve nine months answering President Lincoln's call for additional troops. The sixty-four original letters were donated by Edward J. Cook, Jr., George Wallace Foster Cook, Edith Cook Penney, and Frederick Nelson Cook, great-grandchildren of George Wellington Foster. Our historical society will exhibit the letters, a Civil War sword and Civil War flag among other artifacts representing the Civil War.

Vermont History Expo is a wonderful learning experience for children and adults with places to eat, rest, and participate. Call Fran Patten at 492-3706 for more information.

PLEASE JOIN US ~ YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID

Submitted by Fran Patten

The Shrewsbury Community Church



I am very pleased to announce that the Shrewsbury Community Church has joined in covenant with Rita Lane. Rita is a graduate of the Vermont Academy for Spiritual Training, a member of the Shrewsbury Community Church and a former resident of Shrewsbury. Rita will serve as our Pastoral Care and Outreach Pastor for the congregation and the community, including home and hospital visiting.

We will not be moving our Summer Sunday Services to Northam Church two weeks early this year as previously announced, due to the center church renovations moving at a faster pace than anticipated.

During the month of May the church continued our food mission by donating nonperishable food to the Rutland Community Cupboard. We donated Clothing to the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter. We also donated two food and gift baskets for a silent auction in support of Rutland Dismas House. Thank you to the following who also donated items for the Dismas Auction: Mark and Licia Hamilton, Lisa Sharrow Cuttings in the Ville, Jeff Smith Maple Crest Farm, Ron Ferro Over Easy's Restaurant, our home town jazz musician Jonathan Lorentz and neighbor Wayne Jones Metal Works.

Submitted by Sue Kelley

A message from Pastor Rita Lane:

Shrewsbury is a very special town to me. My children grew up here with the loving support of this community. It is with great joy and humility that I accept this call as Pastoral Care and Outreach Minister, serving the church and community.

*There is a town in old Vermont
Where the deer and the coon roam free
I love that town in old Vermont
And its name is Shrewsbury*

I wrote this song in 1976, the sentiments still apply. I am so pleased to serve you as Pastoral Care and Outreach Pastor. Please call me at 802-775-2578 at any time during the hours of 9:00am to 9:00 pm and feel free to leave a message if I don't answer. I look forward to reconnecting with many Shrewsbury friends.

Sincerely, Rita Lane

Community Church Calendar

June 1, 8, 15, & 22 @ 1:30 pm: Bible Study Book of John at Meeting House
June 3 @ 10:00am: Worship Service at Center Church
June 10 @ 6:30pm: Ice Cream Social Celebration at Meeting House
June 10 @ 7:00pm: Reverend Holly Noble will lead Vesper Service at the Center Church (there will not be a 10:00am service this day)
June 17 @ 10:00am: Worship Service at Center Church
June 21 at 12:00noon: Prayer Shawl meeting at Roxanne Ramah. Please bring a bag lunch. Call Roxanne 492-3675 for details.
June 24 @ 10:00am: Reverend Cindy Yee will lead Worship Service at Center Church



The Community is invited to an Ice Cream Social and Celebration!

Sunday June 10 @ 6:30pm at the Shrewsbury Meeting House. Come One, Come All! Let's eat ice cream and visit with our neighbors. See our new Mural painted by Grace Brigham in the Carlos Bailey Children's Room and our new paint and carpeting in the sanctuary. Child care will be available. There will be a brief Vespers Service with music @ 7:00 pm

Summer Bible Study

Have you ever wished you had lived in Jesus's day and seen him in person and listened to his teachings? The Gospel of John was written by someone who had that experience and wrote about it in his final years. He was an 'every man', not a scholar or an elitist. N.T. Wright in *John for Everyone* takes the learner step by step through the writer's text, putting it in everyday language, explains the historical setting, then tells us what the writer wanted us to learn. The author, Tom Wright has been named one of the world's top theologians, has published many books and is the Bishop of Durham, Church of England.

The study format will be short daily readings with a once a week discussion of the text. The study course is sponsored by the Shrewsbury Community Church who will provide the study guides. Rene Pollock will lead the discussions. Call her at 492-3559 for questions or to sign up for the course.

Past study participants have been a diverse group that brought their viewpoints enriching all. We warmly invite you to join us on Fridays, June 1-August 17 at 1:30pm at the Shrewsbury Meeting House.

P.S. If you miss a class, just do your homework and you can be up to speed!

Submitted by Rene Pollock

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Open registration:

We continue to have open registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten children. If you call the school, we will schedule an appointment that is convenient for you and your child to come and meet the staff and register for the 2012-2013 year. Pre-K children need to be 3 and Kindergarten children need to be 5 by the end of August. Call Marj Congdon at 492-3435 to get an appointment.

Pre-K:

With the school year coming to a close, we will be doing some fun themes to end out the year. Pirates will be our fun theme for the last of May, and we will be doing a Skippyjon Jones theme to coordinate with our trip to Castleton State College to see a live Skippyjon Jones play on June 6. Our End of the Year concert/celebration will be on Thursday, June 7, from 6:00-6:30pm. We will have cookies and milk to follow.

It has been such an honor to watch this group of students grow into little learners over the year. We are excited to see what the future holds for each and every one!

Physical Education -- Mr. Cupoli

The students of Shrewsbury Mountain School have been working extremely hard during physical education class over the past few weeks. Jump Rope For Heart was a great success thank to all of the students in the 2nd through 6th grade classes who participated and raised nearly \$900 for the American Heart Association. After successfully completing Jump Rope for Heart, all of the classes began and recently completed a unit in golf. The students learned how to putt, chip, and pitch golf balls successfully. As a part of the golf unit, and as a participating school of the The First Tee Program, the 3rd through 6th grade students will soon be visiting the Okemo Golf Course for a short clinic from a golf professional. The students will be able to hit golf balls at the driving range and enjoy 3 to 4 short holes on the course. It should be a great time for everyone!



Maeve passes chick to Noah



Claire holds a chick

MAP:

We incubated chicken eggs. Our incubation project was fascinating and we learned a lot.

- We learned to be patient waiting for the chicks to get hatched.
- We learned to be quiet around the chicks and careful with the eggs.
- We learned that the little dot in the egg was the first day of life for the embryo.
- Chicks have some food in the egg. The yolk is the food.
- We put the eggs in the incubator because chicks need warmth.
- The temperature stayed between 99-102°F.
- We learned that on the end of the chick's beak is the egg tooth.
- It was fascinating to see the feathers start to puff up and dry.

We also learned that chickens aren't the only ones.

Turtles lay eggs and other birds too!
Sharks lay eggs and octopus do too.
Stingrays lay eggs. They're called mermaid's purses!

Blue jays lay eggs and swordfish do.
Spiny anteaters lay eggs and duck-bill platypus too.

(Thank you Ruth Heller, author of Chickens Aren't the Only Ones.)

Camp SMS/Afterschool Program

Our last day of camp will be on Thursday, June 14. We will have a pizza party, watch a video slideshow of the year at camp and have recess. Next Fall Camp SMS will begin on Tuesday, September 4. Happy Summer to All and thank you for your support this year!

SMS News Submitted by Marj Congdon

SMS Calendar:

- June 5-6: 6th Grade End of Year Trip
- June 6: PK – 3rd Grades-- Skippyjon Jones at Castleton Arts Center
- June 13: Field Day & Award Assembly
- June 14: Move UP Night – 6:30pm
- June 15: LAST DAY – 12:45 Dismissal

MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Earlier this year, Mill River Union High School was awarded a three year grant from the Bowse Community Health Foundation to focus on what we have called the "Forgotten Middle." We've done a good job of offering our best students a wide variety of honors and advanced placement courses, and our struggling students receive support through a variety of remedial efforts. However, in the last several years, we have realized there is a group of students in the middle for whom we have not adequately provided. These are students who aren't particularly inspired by school and have not given a great deal of thought to what they will do upon leaving Mill River. The Bowse Grant has allowed us to set up a program that pulls together resources from throughout the Rutland community including Stafford Technical School, Community College of Vermont, Rutland Area Prevention Coalition, Visiting Nurses, and Brown and Associates (a human resource service). In our first year, we have 23 seniors who are receiving a range of career readiness and remedial academic programs. Twelve of the students are currently participating in internships this spring.

As part of the Bowse Grant, Mill River will convene a Regional Transitions Summit in the fall, bringing together the education community and business partners to discuss taking the program from its pilot stage to implementation throughout the area. We are very excited to have been awarded the opportunity to lead this regional wide initiative and develop a program which will assist our forgotten middle students in becoming productive graduates.

The Mill River Chamber Singers presented a stellar choral concert for 71 members of The Rutland County Retired Teachers Assoc. on May 1. It was very special to hear students singing in a madrigal choir. The 16 members of this auditioned ensemble perform in school concerts, the American Choral Directors Association Annual Madrigal Festival in Burlington, present singing Valentines in the community, and entertain at the Annual Mill River Bistro held at the Brandon Inn.

We congratulate the 11 Shrewsbury students who will graduate from MRUHS and wish them well as they enter the next chapter of their lives. We also thank faculty members Liz Carvey, Bruce Egan, Kathy Jacob, and Carolyn Raiford who will retire after many years of teaching our students at Mill River. Their dedication to the education of our young people is greatly appreciated.

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

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners for June

June 1: Guest chef Louise Duda will make grilled pork tenderloin with olive oil roasted tomatoes and fennel with white beans, plus a green salad and dinner rolls. Dessert will be Great Aunt Ida's carrot cake with cream cheese frosting.

June 8: Guest chef Lynette Over will make ziti with fresh tomatoes and roasted eggplant, red bell pepper, carrots and garlic, plus a Caesar salad with Kalamata olives.

June 15: Guest chef Jolly Wyatt will make Spanish potato pie with a green vegetable, a serving of pecan soup, and a green salad. There will be a wine tasting at Pierce's Store on that night, featuring this month's sale wines.

June 22: Guest Chef Sally Deinzer will prepare a meal to be announced.

June 29: Guest chef Trish Norton will make two quiches: the vegetarian quiche will be spinach and tomato and the other will be a chicken quiche, served with a green salad.

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

Very Vermont Clothing & Accessories



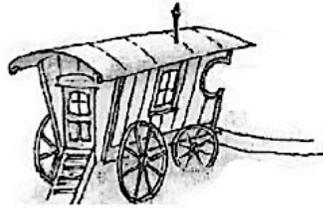
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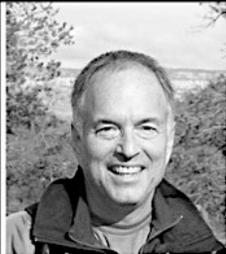
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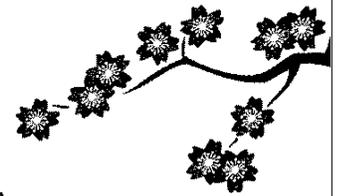
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Nature Happenings and Garden Notes

In and Around Shrewsbury

April 19 - The daffodils are so lovely this morning, untouched by wind or rain. A yellow green mist is starting to appear on some of the sugar maples as their buds burst into tiny flowers and tender new leaves. The grass on the meadow is greening slowly, held back by the extended dry weather. I watched a Blue Jay sip water from a leaky hose, and a pair of Phoebe's have begun to construct their nest of mud and mosses. This evening the Woodcock's spring ritual begins far out in the big meadow. The male's "peenting" can be heard over and over until it takes off and makes great circles in the evening sky, finally dropping back down to the ground with loud chirping sounds made by its tail feathers. On this moonless night, spring peepers are now in full swing, their jingle bells sound filling the soft evening air.

April 22 - Thick fog drapes the knoll and Kinsman Hill completely. It rained hard last evening leaving the ground blessedly drenched this morning. It is windy, cold and raw—no day to be in the garden. The grass on the knoll is a shade greener this morning.

April 24 - My dog friends, Josh and Phoebe, race through the woods while I poke about in search of early wildflowers. The hollow just above the beaver pond is protected and sunny. In no time I've spotted Blue Cohosh a foot tall, Red Trillium in flower, and Toothwort in bud. The understory plants, hobblebush, skunk currant, and pin cherry sport tiny new leaves. Much too windy for birdsongs; all that is heard is the single call notes of a Hermit Thrush and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

April 26 - The bird bath is frozen solid this morning. A Goldfinch circles the rim as it pecks at the ice.

April 27 - A single asparagus spear has appeared in the otherwise sleeping patch that I quickly mulched before the freeze. This is the earliest appearance that I can remember. On the steep slopes of Kinsman Hill I found blue-green leafy patches of Squirrel Corn, with their heart shaped sweet scented flowers, tucked into the hollows where the largest boulders rest. Below, the slope is thickly carpeted with Trout Lily leaves and their nodding pale yellow trumpets, Canada Mayflower and Spring Beauty. Near the stream which feeds the beaver pond, where the soil is deep and rich, I find Red Trillium, more Blue Cohosh, Wild Leeks, and Wild Ginger, lush and green.

May 2 - As if by magic, newly returning songbirds are in full voice this morning. A Black-throated Green

Warbler, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and a Carolina Wren head the list.

May 3 - A full week early, the first tips of asparagus poke through the earth and the first opening apple blossoms along the road.

May 5 - A special thanks for all the hard work cleaning up our roads today on Green Up Day. An amazing sight in the lilac bush nearby, four male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks together. They knew just where to come for sunflower seed.

May 6 - On a hike up Burnt Mountain we were rewarded with huge drifts of sweet smelling Spring Beauty on this beauty of a day. Trout Lilies carpeted the slope with hundreds of blossoms. It was a day for newly returning wood warblers, too. We listed Black-throated Blue, Magnolia, Nashville, Blackburnian, Black-throated Green, Ovenbird and Yellow-rumped Warblers, singing from hidden treetops, as well as the rollicking song of a Winter Wren.



May 7 - Red Admiral butterflies, the first asparagus cutting, time to pick fiddleheads, and the first Ruby throated Hummingbird appears in the lilac bush.

May 12 - A gorgeous and perfect Black Swallowtail butterfly clung to a blade of grass in the hay meadow. It must have just emerged from its cocoon and was resting while waiting for its wings to stiffen.

May 16 - At Spring Lake the pair of Common Loons have started their month long incubation on the nest platform. At the other end of town, Larry Carrara had an exciting report today. At close range, he watched, from his car window, a mature Bald Eagle, as it held a goose gosling in its large beak near the Perrys' house. It waddled across the paved road on its large talons and then lifted off with its great wings.

May 18 - A pair of robins have built a mud nest within 12 inches of the Phoebe's nest, on the opposite side of the porch overhang. I wonder how this will all work out? The first Swallowtail butterfly was seen today drifting over the flower garden.

Please let me know what your nature observations are. I'd be glad to write them up!

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