

# Times of Shrewsbury

March 2012



**Enthusiastic participants in the Parent/Child Yoga class**

The Children's Room at the Shrewsbury Community Church has been an active place in recent weeks. Stephanie Jones, a Rutland yoga instructor, has been leading a Parent/Child Yoga group where babies and toddlers especially enjoyed animal poses. The lion pose was popular with the children when they would get into a position ready to pounce and then stick their tongues way out! Iris Brigham liked the cobra pose the best when she got to make a "szzzz" sound like a snake! The first sessions

recently ended, and if five or more parents commit to attending, the class might continue (call Stephanie at 773-6419 if you are interested). Another group that has been utilizing the space has been the "Music and Movement" group led by Maya Zelkin. It's a much noisier and active group with lots of singing, dancing, and drumming. The Children's Room received a "face lift" last year, and it's nice to see it being used in such creative ways!

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## **SHREWSBURY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **Informational Meeting: Monday March 5**

5:30pm School District Meeting followed by Town portion

The Mountain School 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be serving/selling dinner and dessert items between the School and Town portions of the Informational Meeting

### **Voting by Australian Ballot: Tuesday March 6**

Polls open at 10:00am and close at 7:00pm at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road

**Ballot Counters Needed:** Please consider helping to count ballots after the polls close at 7pm on Tuesday, March 6. It's easy and fun! Contact the Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk at 492-3511 to sign up.

## Letters to and from the Editors

### Our Apologies!

The printer's gremlin appeared in the February issue causing ads to be misprinted:

- **Linda McGuire:** Political ad for Shrewsbury Treasurer
- **Gene Felder:** Real Estate ad

We value and appreciate our advertisers and regret these ads not being printed as presented.

*The Editors*

### "The National Parks, America's Best Idea"

Dear neighbors,

Among the many fine documentary videos at the Shrewsbury Library is one we think everyone should see, "The National Parks, America's Best Idea" by Ken Burns. It is a fascinating and inspiring account of how the uniquely American idea of democracy and public land protection are intertwined in the creation of our national park system. The video is a boxed set of six disks, each with four or five episodes, so allow plenty of time to view it and you will be well rewarded.

*Eliza Mabry*

### Recovery Update from Evening Song Farm

Hello neighbors! We're writing with a brief update on our plans to grow for this coming summer. We're going to continue our vegetable business on a neighbor's land, and we'll continue selling at the Rutland and Ludlow farmer's markets. We will also be offering pre-ordered vegetable starts in the spring for home gardeners, and we'll keep doing our Community Supported Agriculture program, where members sign up for a season's supply of vegetables at a discounted price. We'll plow in most of that land this spring, so it will be a later start to the season, but with some good weather we hope to have another productive year. As for our current location, we plan to clean up the debris on what's left of our land and to return it to a meadow over time. For the long term, we're still looking for the right piece of land to move our business to. It's our hope that we can rebuild in the neighborhood with enough growing space to have vegetables available through the winter, when we need fresh food most in Vermont. We look forward to the opportunity to grow food again this season! Thank you so much to the community for your support over the past 6 months.

*Kara Fitzgerald and Ryan Wood-Beauchamp*

*www.EveningSongCSA.com*



## The Times of Shrewsbury

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

All submissions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the submitting person. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters to the Editor should not exceed 350 words. Any opinion piece will be deemed to be a Letter to the Editor subject to this policy. All items including letters are printed at the editors' discretion. A letter writer of any letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to that resident or organization and to the *Times* at least a week before the 20th of the month prior to publication or it will not run. If the named individual or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the *Times* that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

**There is no charge for:** jokes, poems, essays, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are non-political and non-commercial.

**Articles and Advertisements:** Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's *Times*. If you send something electronically and don't get an acknowledgment within 2 to 3 days, please email, or call Sandra Korinchak at 773-8930 ext. 223 or Chryl Martin at 492-2244. Advertisements include runs for political office, political endorsements, and any money-making venture for an individual or business.

**Best Formats:** *Articles:* Word or in an email message with no formatting. *Photos:* JPG. *Ads:* PDF file or Word document.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar 5	5:30pm	*School informational meeting with Town portion to follow at Meeting House *Food will be provided between the meetings by SMS families.
Mar 6	10am-7pm	*Voting for Town and Presidential primary at Meeting House
Mar 8	12noon	Prayer Shawl group at Edie Clark's home on Lincoln Hill Road. Bring a bag lunch and call Edie at 492-3638 if you can come. All are welcome!
Mar 9	7:30pm	*Howard Coffin speaks on Vermont in the Civil War at the Shrewsbury Library
Mar 13	12noon	Senior Lunch at East Asian Cuisine Restaurant (Rt. 4 East in front of Home Depot). Please call Roxanne Ramah at 492-3675 by March 6 if you can join the group.
Mar 18	4pm	*Book Club discussion at Shrewsbury Library
Mar 23	7:30pm	*Stan and Louise Duda presentation on Kenya at the Shrewsbury Library
Mar 24-25		Vermont Maple Open House Weekend
Mar 25	5:00pm	*Pierce's Annual Owner's Meeting at the Meeting House

\* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



Deadline for submission to the *Times of Shrewsbury* is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

## REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm	Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am	Meeting House
Library Trustees' Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—7:00pm	at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm	at Mill River Union High School
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals	Friday nights	
Planning Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays—6:30pm	at Mountain School
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays—7:00pm	at South Station Restaurant
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm	at Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	(February-May: 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday—5pm) & (June-January: 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday—5pm)	

### Shrewsbury Town Website: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://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

### Thanks to the Library

I would like to thank the library for giving me the opportunity to share whatever I have found out about the original settlers in Shrewsbury town.

Each of these families was pivotal in the formation of Vermont and in its place in forming the United States of America. I am convinced the Revolution would not have happened without the fierce independence of the early settlers who surrounded General Burgoyne at Saratoga and caused him to capitulate. Can you imagine that 4000 soldiers gave up their weapons, promised not to fight us again, and walked by themselves back to their boats in Boston?

Meanwhile the families were opening up forests to raise food to feed themselves and growing a new country. They were fascinating, hard-working, and formed a true democracy unlike any other. My father Boniface, also an immigrant, got me started on this project; he also would say, "Hats off to the early and first settlers". Thanks also to Grace Brigham, Joan Aleshire and Lisa Sharrow for their help in making this presentation happen.

*Leonard Korzun*

### \$\$ in Elections: Full Disclosure!

Article 30 on the Town Meeting ballot asks voters to support a Constitutional amendment to overturn a 2010 Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. FCC that removed limitations on corporate spending in elections. If you are one of the 80 people who signed the petition to put this article on the Warning - or if you share their outrage at the excessive amounts of money that are being poured into the 2012 elections by so-called Super PACs - then here's something we can do to address the problem in a more immediate and effective way than by amending our Constitution: become part of a grassroots campaign to enact the "Disclose 2012 Act" (H.R. 4010). This bill - introduced in Congress on Feb. 17, 2012 with 117 sponsors (including Rep. Peter Welch) - will enable citizens to know who is giving money to whom and will counter the hidden influence of big money on our elections. Ask your friends and family members in other states to urge their Congressional representatives to sponsor and support this legislation. For more information, read the bill at [www.Thomas.gov](http://www.Thomas.gov) (click on bill number and type in HR 4010), or sign a petition endorsed by Senator Leahy at [www.discloseact.com](http://www.discloseact.com), or see a letter by groups supporting this reform at [www.democracy21.org](http://www.democracy21.org).

*Thanks, Jonathan Gibson*

## Report from the Legislature

The big issue we worked on in early February was reapportionment. The State is required to reevaluate and reapportion its legislative districts every 10 years to keep up with population shifts. This requirement satisfies the Constitutional right of citizens to be represented equally. Since our last reapportionment in 2002, Chittenden County grew and Rutland and Windsor lost population. In order to comply with the Constitutional requirement of equal representation, Chittenden needed one more Representative and Rutland/Windsor should lose one. Districts have to be manipulated as well to keep each district within a deviation of 417 (plus or minus) from the ideal single member size of 4,172 people. In our case, the two-member district to our north—Clarendon, West Rutland, and Proctor—had too few people.

This process is incredibly difficult. Any change you make has a ripple effect in adjacent districts. Making the fluid puzzle of the whole state work out is a tough job. As it sugared off, my district was rearranged, as passed on the floor of the House. This was hard for me personally and hard for the towns. This is how I explained it, as journalized in my vote explanation on February 1st. "Mr. Speaker: Voting on this plan created a dilemma for me. By voting yes am I telling my hometown that I'm in favor of a change they might not like? Am I telling my many friends in Wallingford and Tinmouth that I'm okay with leaving them? On the other hand, by voting no am I sending a message to my possible new towns of Mt. Holly and Ludlow that I'm not happy about the prospect of serving them? My yes vote reflects the reality that it's not about me. It's about the citizens of Vermont getting the opportunity for fair and equal representation. The system works, and the manner in which it was conducted should make Vermonters proud."

The proposed new districts have Shrewsbury, Mt. Holly, and Ludlow in a single-seat district named Rutland-Windsor 2. Wallingford joins Clarendon, West Rutland, and Proctor in a two-seat district named Rutland 3. Tinmouth joins Middletown, Pawlet, part of Wells, and part of Ruppert in a district named Rutland 1.

As always please feel free to contact me to answer any questions or voice concerns. Thanks.

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*Submitted by Eldred French*



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The month of February has been a relatively quiet one for the SVFD with only two chimney fire calls. The first was a mutual aid call to a chimney fire in Wallingford. Ordinarily, a department can handle a chimney fire; however, the fact that Wallingford was already out at another call necessitated a request for assistance from Clarendon. Clarendon was also unable to respond, and the call was referred to Shrewsbury. A quick response from the SVFD brought the situation there under control, and two neighboring towns were appreciative of our help. Should we ever be in need of assistance, it is reassuring to know that other departments would certainly act quickly on our behalf as well. That is what "mutual aid" in small towns is all about. A second call was for another chimney fire at a home in Cuttingsville. This was responded to quickly and extinguished. Just a reminder to folks: should you have a chimney fire, call 9-1-1 right away as a swift response can prevent a lot of damage to your home. As SVFD President Jack Perry reported in last month's *Times*, the department received an overwhelming response to the November mailing that requested contributions for updating the department's "Jaws of Life". A Homaltrio representative was contacted, and he evaluated our tools and made recommendations. After much discussion amongst the officers, trustees, and membership, it was decided to refurbish some previously owned equipment and purchase some of the representative's demonstration tools that were offered at a considerable discount yet carried the

same warranty as those that were brand new. The older twin hydraulic hoses were replaced by a faster, more efficient "Core" technology single hose arrangement which is much safer for first responders to use. Upgraded cutters and spreaders were acquired in order that both SVFD engines would carry the same equipment. At the same time, the hydraulic pumps which run the jaws' tools were overhauled and tuned up for peak efficiency.

The representative gave all department members a two hour power point lesson in the operation of the tools and explained the dangers present when working with the construction of newer cars, including the hazards of air bags and hybrid vehicle technologies. He then provided some "hands-on" work with the hoses, tools, and pumps necessary to operate the Jaws. Later in the spring, he will return to provide some practical training. This will give the SVFD responders a chance to actually operate the tools on a junk vehicle in a non-emergency situation.

The SVFD would like to thank everyone who contributed to the annual mailer. These contributions allowed us to purchase and upgrade life-saving tools that we seem to be utilizing more and more each year. Without the support of our wonderful community, this acquisition would not have been possible.

Until next month, please remember to use care with your wood fires, and keep your chimneys clean. Should you need help, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.

*Submitted by Bob Snarks*



### 2012 Dog Licenses

You can now obtain a 2012 Dog License at the Town Office or by mail. The fee is \$8.00 for neutered / spayed, otherwise \$12.00. Current rabies vaccination documentation is required.

### 20 V.S.A. § 3581. DOMESTIC PET OR WOLF-HYBRID CONTROL

#### § 3581. General Requirements

- (a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed on a form approved by the secretary for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept.

*Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk*

### SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday - April 24, 2012 from 6-9pm**

*You are invited to join a town-wide conversation about Shrewsbury: what's important to you, what the community means to you and what your vision is for its future.*

The gathering will take place at the Meeting House. Pizza and Beverages will be served. Everyone is encouraged to attend and there is no charge the event.

HOSTED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
See the Shrewsbury Times in April for additional information!

# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

SPECIAL THANKS to JESSICA GUYETTE, for keeping the Library so clean and neat -- a hard job this dusty winter -- and to BOAZ COHEN for taking our trash and recycling to the Dump on Wednesdays! \*\*\*

MANY THANKS to LEONARD KORZUN for sharing a wealth of knowledge about Shrewsbury's early settlers with an appreciative audience on Sunday afternoon, February 12. Leonard gave a vivid sense of what it must have been like to establish homesteads and farms in the wilderness that was Vermont in the 18th century. We hope he'll return to share his research into the town's many neighborhood schools. THANKS too to GRACE BRIGHAM for her evocative poster!

## COMING EVENTS:

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9 at 7:30pm

HOWARD COFFIN will speak on "Lincoln, Vermont and Gettysburg" in a program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. Howard, who once lived in Shrewsbury, has written several books on Vermont and the Civil War.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18 at 4pm

Book Club discussion of Middlemarch by George Elliot; 2nd of 3 sessions.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23 at 7:30pm

STAN and LOUISE DUDA will talk about their work in Kenya with Habitat for Humanity. If you came to the Dudas' presentations on Habitat in Southeast Asia, you know how well they discuss the cultures and places they travel to, as well as the achievements of this fine organization.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21 at 7:30pm

PENELOPE WEISS will read from her story collection, STORIANA, and JOAN ALESHIRE will read from her new book of poems, HAPPILY.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27 at 7:30pm

GARDENERS' ROUNDTABLE

### SATURDAY, MAY 19 at 7:30pm

YVONNE DALEY will read from A MIGHTY STORM, her new book about Tropical Storm Irene.



## NEW BOOKS include:

1491 and 1493 by Charles C. Mann  
The New World before and after Columbus Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly and Martin C. Dugard  
What It Was by George Pelecanos: his new crime novel  
An Available Man by Hilma Wolitzer: comic fiction

## NEW DVDs:

"American Teacher," a new documentary  
"Downton Abbey, Season 2"  
"Middlemarch," the BBC production  
"The Tuskegee Airmen," the PBS documentary  
"The Silence," a drama from Iran



## Sign of the times

Library Board Member Larry Williams attending the Board meetings in person and Donna Swartz attending by Skype from Arizona!



# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## Shrewsbury's First Town Meeting

As written in our town's history book, according to a state law enacted February 17, 1781, each town in Vermont was to hold a town meeting the following March for the purpose of electing county officers. Shrewsbury's first town meeting, warned by Nebediah Angel, a justice of the peace from Clarendon, was held at Lemuel White's (now Smith/Sharrow Valley Farm) on March 20, 1781. White was chosen moderator; Aaron Estey, town clerk; Lemuel White, Samuel Benton, and Nehemiah Smith, selectmen; Benedict Webber, treasurer, Zebediah Green, constable; Samuel Benton, Joseph Randall, and William Smith, listers; and Samuel Benton, grand juror.

During the first few years that the residents were having their town meetings, the proprietors were holding their own meetings at Lemuel White's Tavern to discuss surveying the town boundaries, lot boundaries, public lands, and the pine timber lots. As a result each landowner was taxed at three pounds and twelve shillings per lot to cover expenses.

The surveying was done by Joseph Crary and the records kept by William Gilchress, the proprietary clerk. These records indicate that committees were formed to check on the actions of other committees. Since surveys did not always come out even, there are gores of land between the original lots that never were numbered but were still inhabited.

Prior to 1806 when the Meeting House was completed, the town meetings were held in private homes and only men were allowed to vote. (It was not until 1917 that the Vermont Legislature, the first

in New England to do so, gave women voting rights in municipal elections.)

The majority of the early town meetings were held at Lemuel White's or at John Kilburn's at the Center. Sessions held at the Meeting House were often adjourned to other nearby locations such as Stephen Gleason's "west room" (now Maple Crest Farm) because the Meeting House was unheated.

The history book, "Shrewsbury, Vermont – Our Town As It Was" brings the early days of Shrewsbury to life and is a valuable reference book. Did you know that some of the early meetings must have dealt with the problem of a lost charter for on January 26, 1782, the following men petitioned the Vermont General Assembly for a new one: Nehemiah Smith, Aaron Esty, Lemuel White, Amos Cass, Thomas Eddy, David Niles, Jeremiah Colvin, Joseph Congdon, John Thompson, Ekihu Grant, Zebediah Green, William Smith, Benedict Webber, Ezra Freeman, Ziba Aldrich, Ichabod Robinson and Jabez Weaver.

Apparently their quest was fulfilled. The original copy of Shrewsbury's Charter is now safely ensconced in the Town Clerk's office. A framed copy is now hanging in the Community Room of the Community Center which was presented to the people of Shrewsbury by the Historical Society in commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our town in 2011. And when the museum is open during the summer, a framed copy is on exhibit there.

The Society also offers the aforementioned history book for \$20. The books can be ordered and mailed with an additional \$5 to cover postage.

*Submitted by Ruth Winkler, Secretary*

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## The Shrewsbury Community Church

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 AM

From the Pastor's Desk:

One of the best things we can do for ourselves and one another is to get up each day and ask ourselves: "What good thing can I do today to help make someone else's life a little bit easier?" It might be as simple as a phone call or it could be as time consuming as sitting at the hospital with the family of a friend who has had a heart attack. I believe we are all called to do good for each other in any way we can.

Someone once said,

*"The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.  
Do good anyway."*

I like that; it's a great reminder for us. There are a number of scriptures verses that show us that Jesus did good by teaching, healing, feeding, and comforting people. As followers, we are to do good as well. We are not to let persecution, selfishness, and busyness cause us to forget to do good and to share what we have with others (Hebrews 13:16). I think this poem is helpful in thinking about the importance of this idea:

### Deeds of Love

Think not a smile can warm a heart  
And leave an afterglow?

A word of kindness fosters hope  
Where dreams no longer grow?

Think not a helping hand inspires  
A soul to try anew,

Or words of love rekindle joy  
Where love no longer grew?

Think so! Think so! Be still and know  
Life's purpose - and God's plan:

To do for others, day by day,  
To be the best we can.

For selfless deeds done from the heart  
Are blessed by God above,

And those who care and truly share  
Shall know eternal love.

*By Vi B. Chevalier*

I write this truly appreciating all of the kind people I have met here in Shrewsbury over the past eighteen months. As the month of February comes to a close, I will be leaving this community to begin a call to another Vermont church. The time I have spent here has been rewarding and challenging and I am grateful for all of the wonderful people I have shared this time with. I wish you all well and may you always share the power of Divine love with everyone you meet.

*Rev. Pat Jackman*

## Town of Shrewsbury 2011 Annual Report

*Town of  
Shrewsbury, Vermont*



*2011  
Annual Report*

The Annual Report has been delivered to all Shrewsbury residents and is also available online at the Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org). In addition to the Town and School financial information, you will find reports from Town organizations and officers and photographs from 2011.

Bring your Report to the Town Informational meeting on

Monday, March 5, and use it to become familiar with Warned items on the Ballot to be voted on Tuesday, March 6.

*Shrewsbury Board of Auditors*



### Great job, ladies!!

The ladies in the Shrewsbury Prayer Shawl Group have knitted or crocheted at least 25 lap blankets for veterans in White River Junction and 40+ prayer shawls to comfort or congratulate the recipients.

*Submitted by Fran Patten*

Please come with your questions and concerns to the **INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 5, 5:30pm**  
and don't forget to  
**VOTE ON MARCH 6**

### House Swap Opportunity

Family living in Bavaria with ties to Shrewsbury community desiring a house swap sometime in August. You may call the Sirjanes at 492-3377 for more information.

### Hello From the Kids Korner,

There have been some new arrivals to the kid's section of the library. We have acquired two new books on CD for our collection:

Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster and performed by David Hyde Pierce

Dogs in the Dead of Night—The Magic Tree House Book #46 read by Mary Pope Osborne

We also have acquired both of the latest Magic Tree House books #46 – Dogs in the Dead of Night and book #47 – Abe Lincoln at Last!

Three movies have arrived for the older kids:

The Twilight Saga--breaking dawn Part 1 rated PG-13

Dirty Dancing with Patrick Swayze rated PG-13

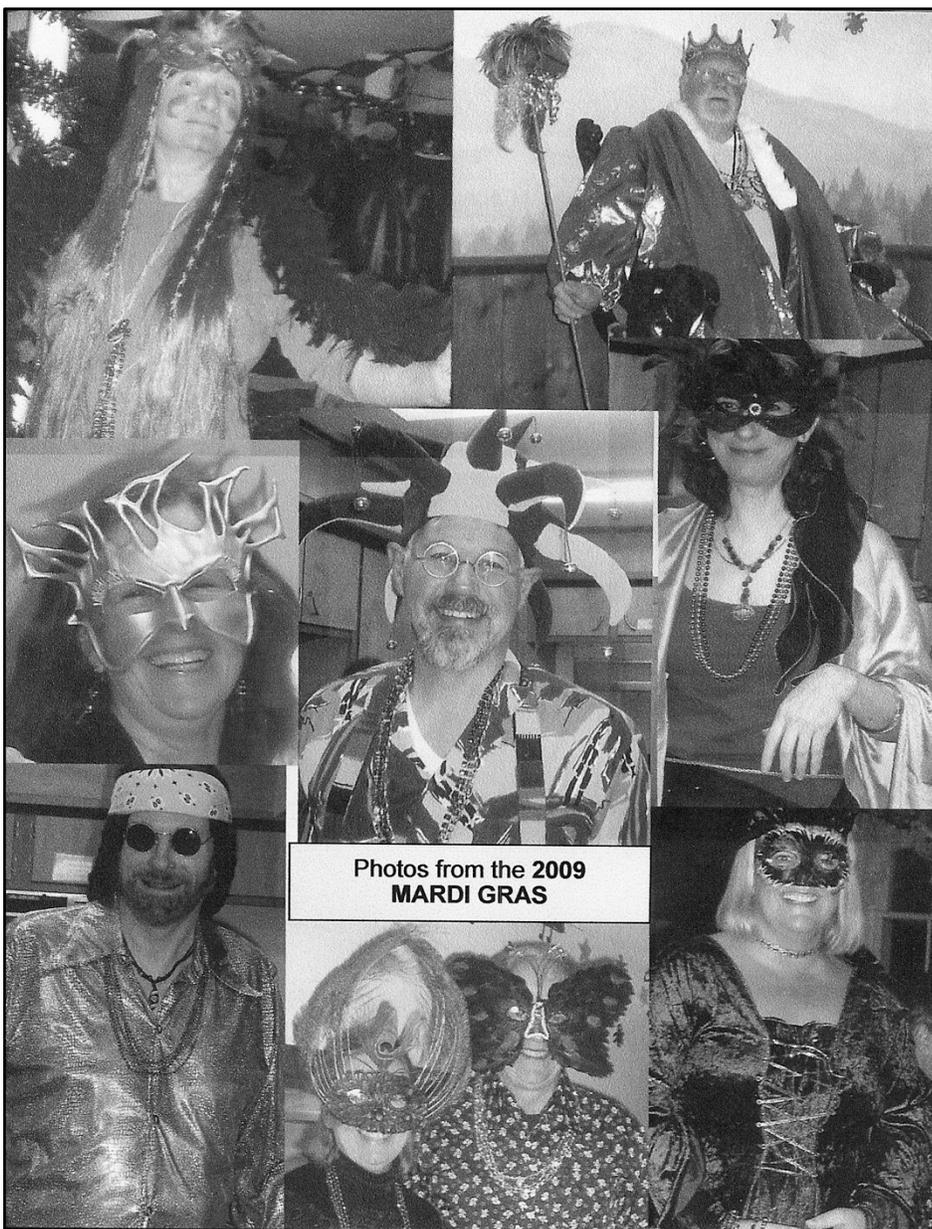
Footloose with Kevin Bacon rated PG.

It's that time of year again when I'm looking for anyone interested in helping with the summer reading programs. This year's themes are "Dream Big" and for the teens "Night". If anyone is interested in presenting a program or has an idea for a one, please contact me by leaving a message at the front desk.

Save the Date: Saturday June 30, 2012 – the library will be hosting a program presented by VINS! More information will be announce in the upcoming months.

Thanks for reading and hope to see you at the library!

Gail H



Photos from the 2009  
MARDI GRAS

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April 28, 2012  
at the Town Meeting House



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# SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

## Important Dates to Remember:

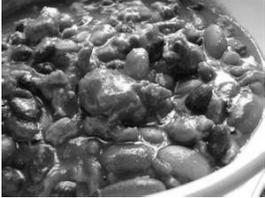
Mar. 15 Parent/Teacher Conf. – ½ Day  
Mar. 16 RSSU In-Service – NO SCHOOL  
Apr. 16 - 20 Spring Recess – NO SCHOOL

IF the snow comes back, the dates for the Ski Program are:

March 2  
March 9th as the make-up date

## TOWN INFORMATIONAL NIGHT – FOOD TO BE PROVIDED BY S.M.S. FAMILIES

By Nick Brown, Grade 6



Shrewsbury residents attending the Town Informational Night on Monday, March 5th will be in for a sweet treat! Mr. Morrison's and Mrs. McDonough's classes will be providing items like cookies, brownies, soups, chilies, and more! Beverages like coffee, soda and water will also be available. All proceeds will benefit student's New York City field trip.



## VERMONT WRITES DAY

On February 7<sup>th</sup> Students, staff and community members participated in the third annual Vermont Writes Day. The objective was to write for seven minutes on one of the following prompts...

Start with this sentence... "If I could go anywhere in the world I would go....."

You've just remembered that a homework assignment is due in an hour. Create the wildest excuse ever that someone would believe.

Imagine you get to meet someone famous for lunch...what would you talk about?

Share a story that reminds you of the impact or change of Tropical Storm Irene.

Walking to school yesterday, I discovered the most amazing thing...

Students truly enjoyed this writing experience and produce some outstanding work!

## STUDENT TO BE HONORED ON V.P.R.



Kiera Loomis, Grade 5, will have her writing piece featured on Vermont Public Radio the week of March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Shrewsbury's town crew is the most outstanding crew I've ever seen. Ever since Hurricane Irene, our town crew has been trying their hardest to repair places, like Brown's Covered Bridge and the Cold River. Right after Irene, our road crew worked day and night to make sure everyone was safe and could travel to Rutland. They even rebuilt the road so we could go to school.

These dedicated workers do their best to make Shrewsbury safe even when there isn't an emergency. Most people say in the winter season, Shrewsbury's roads are the driest roads around.

The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department is also a huge benefit to our town. During the hurricane, when people were stuck in their cars under water, or were trapped in their houses, the volunteers received calls on their radios. These courageous people helped save the citizens in the floodwaters. I was there when my friend Grace's dad got a call on his radio during the first day of Hurricane Irene. He quickly rushed out to his truck and drove to the fire department.

I would like to thank these people for all that they have done and all that they do. I'm especially thankful for two of my friend's dads and all they've done for our town, Shrewsbury.

**LOOK FOR MORE TOWN WRITING TO BE FEATURED  
AT THE TOWN INFORMATIONAL NIGHT ON MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **From the Mountain School:**

I know that some of you will have read this information in the Town Report already, but since not everyone gets all the way to the back of the book...

Another year has passed and my fellow Board Members and I thank the Shrewsbury community for their ongoing support of the Shrewsbury Mountain School (SMS)- we greatly appreciate it. Local schools hold such a valuable place in our communities, but they must stay effective in their prime role, educating our children and the Mountain School does just that. Our children are learning reading, writing, arithmetic, as well as the sciences, art, music, lifetime sports, how to work cooperatively and respectfully with each other, and so much more. I invite you all to come to the school for concerts, to ski with the kids on Fridays, join the 4 Winds environmental education program or any of the many ways you can be a part of the school and see what goes on there. I am proud of our school and I hope you are, too.

Of course there are programs and equipment that we would like to provide, but money is always an issue. Which brings up one of the most important tasks that this Board faces- preparation of the budget. This year, again, money is incredibly tight. The pressure from the State and you, the local taxpayer, to hold down costs is heard by this Board loud and clear. We have reviewed our District's expenditures line by line and have asked our Administrators what we need and what we can do without during our many budget meetings. The budget that we are presenting to you is \$1,004,392. This total reflects increases in salary and benefits and increases in our special education spending. The salary increases are the result of our recently signed Master Agreement with the Teachers' Association. I want to stress that in the current school year our staff agreed to a 0% increase in recognition of the tough economic times. We also have a contribution of \$10,000 to the Building Sinking Fund on the warning for ongoing building maintenance. Overall we are showing slightly more than a 2% increase in spending, but with the CLA adjustment- that is in our favor this year- our tax rate should remain essentially level and we are still well below the statewide average.

In this current year all 4 RSSU districts (Shrewsbury, Clarendon, Wallingford, and Mill River) started the process of consolidating transportation into one operation run by the

Supervisory Union. In past years, Shrewsbury has kept a Bus Sinking Fund for the purchase of new buses. Now all future bus purchases or leases will be done by the Supervisory Union as part of our consolidated transport operations. Each of the four districts is placing its buses into the consolidated operation, however as all the buses are of different value and age and each district has a different ratio of bus value per size of district an agreement was reached to try and equalize the values with cash contributions. Shrewsbury's contribution was set at \$14,348, Wallingford's \$26,877, Clarendon's \$43,775, and Mill River \$0. These contributions will go toward the purchase of a new bus next year. In subsequent years the acquisition of new buses will come directly from the operating budget. To fund our contribution we have an article on the ballot to pay RSSU the \$14,348 from our Bus Sinking Fund. Since we will no longer need a fund for bus purchase, we are asking to move the remainder of the Bus Fund to the Building Sinking Fund. The Building Fund can make good use of this infusion. Now that we have insulated and tightened up the building we are in the process of providing a more energy efficient circulation of air in the building and this summer we plan to start improvements to the roof.

We hope that you will support these plans and we look forward to answering any questions you may have at the Informational Meeting on March 5 at 5:30pm.

*Submitted by Adrienne Raymond*

## **Students getting ready for Green-Up Day**

On any given Wednesday, you might see line of blue bins marching down the hill as students bring the school's recycled materials to the transfer station. Fourth, fifth, sixth graders know the importance of recycling to our school and town communities, but they also understand that more is needed to keep our environment healthy. The children are already thinking forward to the first Saturday in May and this year's Green-Up Day. They have each created a poster for the annual Green-Up Vermont contest, hoping to inspire others to join in this essential community event.





## Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store

### Third Annual Meeting of Owners

Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 5:00pm  
Shrewsbury Meeting House  
Pot Luck Supper will follow

Open to all members. If you are not a member but want to participate in the meeting, please purchase a share (\$20) no later than March 23, 2012. Shares are available at the store.

### Message from KP

Is it Spring yet? The Spring Equinox comes March 20, and the Vermont Maple Open House Weekend is March 24-25<sup>th</sup>, so I'm going to say Spring has Sprung! Although, I know that doesn't always mean that the snow has stopped falling – so I'm not exactly putting away the winter coat just yet. Spring also brings our annual coop meeting, so I'm looking forward to seeing all the members I've not yet met, as well as those I have. If you're not a member, but a regular shopper at Pierce's Store, you should really consider becoming a member. Ask anyone at the register for details.

Last month we had a great sale going on and I've decided to continue the trend. Come check out the store in March to see what we have on sale. Some things I'm considering at the time of this writing include chips, salsa, specialty oils and nut butters to name a few. You might also notice that we're adjusting many of our prices. Although some things have gone up, you should notice the majority of grocery items are coming down. Although we can't compete with the big stores on **all** items, you might be surprised at how many of our items compare.

If you've not been in the store lately, you might not be aware of some of the products we do carry. The freezer section is an often forgotten spot in the back of the store by the beer cooler. In here we have a variety of frozen meats, meals, fruits and veggies. We carry local ground beef, steaks and roasts. Misty Knoll naturally raised chicken cuts, and local whole organic chicken. You can find breakfast sausage and bacon from Vermont Smoke and Cure, as well organic bacon from Applegate Organics. We have ground turkey and turkey sausage, kielbasa, and chorizo, meatballs, lasagna, Putney Pastas, and hotdogs (organic, conventional and even tofu). So next time you're in the store – explore. Take a look in the back.

Also around the store you can find some of the new items we added this month, including; Annie's Homegrown Fruity Bunnies & Enviro-kids Gorilla Munch Crunch breakfast cereals, Applegate Organic pre-sliced Deli meats – Ham and Turkey, a new 16oz soup size for our fresh made soups, Pineland Farms frozen Sloppy Joe meals, and Jacob's Creek Chardonnay.

We have a variety of fresh produce in the store including;

Vegetables: Organic Romaine, Green Leaf and Mesclun Greens; Mushrooms, Leeks, Carrots, Tomatoes, Green and Red Peppers, Ginger, Organic Avocados, Organic Green and Purple Cabbage, Red and Yellow Onions, Shallots, Local Garlic, Organic Red Potatoes, Organic Yams, Organic Celery and Butternut Squash. Fruit: Fresh Pineapple, Organic and Conventional Lemons & Limes, Clementine crates, Organic Pink Lady Apples, Organic Bananas, and Organic Anjou Pears.

**We're also working on something specials for Vermont Maple Producer's Open House weekend March 24-25<sup>th</sup>, keep an eye in the store for news or follow us on Facebook!**

I hope to see you in the store.

*KP, Pierce's Store Manager*

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## FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Hello Neighbors,

Town Meeting is just around the corner. I encourage you to read your report, and come to the informational meeting. And of course to VOTE. I had the privilege of going to The State House last week for local Government day. It was interesting and inspiring. Vermont's State system of government is not too dissimilar to the Town System of government. If you have a comment, a question or a concern, you simply show up and be heard. I am oversimplifying, but that is essentially true. The accessibility of our Representatives and Senators is truly amazing. The State House itself is a treat, both architecturally and historically, as well as the feel of the place. I met our own representative Eldred French, and some of his colleagues. The hot topic of the moment is Irene, and recovery.

It seems that most towns are waiting on FEMA. The process is in full swing, but there does not seem to be any concrete time line for getting projects approved or denied, or for seeing any reimbursement funds. This of course has an impact on towns, as they have to borrow money to meet expenses. This is our case in Shrewsbury. I felt heard and understood, by these folks. While no one has all the answers, I felt that our elected officials in Montpelier are really working to make things happen, as best as they can given the circumstances. It was great for me to see and visit with Eldred in that setting. He is a presence in the House and we are fortunate that he is working for us so diligently.

I can't express in a few lines what a charge it was to visit the State House. The accessibility has to be experienced to be believed. Every room is open to you, closed door or not. This is really "local" government. Standing in the Cedar Creek room looking at the paintings of past officials and the stained glass seal of the State, one feels that Vermont has remained in essence, true to the intentions of 200 years ago. Vermont is a unique place, not least of all for its public servants. It is a privilege to be a small part of the process. Please participate with me. See you at Town Meeting.

*John Wood, Selectman*



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## Pierce's Store

### Friday Night Dinners for March

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Guest Chefs Judith Thomas & Penelope Weiss will prepare Greek Braised Beef with onions & red wine (Stifatho) on a bed of rice served with a small mixed green salad with a tangy tomato dressing & a chunk of Rob's French bread. This dish will be made with Maple Crest local grass fed beef.

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Guest Chef Rob McKain will prepare Roast Pork with maple onion confit (caramelized onions, maple syrup, vinegar & spices – similar to a barbeque sauce) served with cheddar cheese corn bread & cole slaw.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Guest Chef Taffy Maynard will prepare Chicken Eggplant Parmesan with linguini served with a small Ceasar salad & a chunk of Rob's French bread.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Spring Lake Ranch Guest Chefs: Cole Whitaker, Susie Schultz & Elizabeth Theriault will prepare a meal for us to be announced the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Guest Chef Travis Rossi will prepare Fish Tacos consisting of white fish, corn & bean salsa, lettuce & tomato with roasted red pepper coulis served with remoulade (homemade tartar sauce) & tortilla 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!*

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### Hello to my fellow Townspeople,

On Town Meeting Day, I am running again for the Shrewsbury Mountain School Board on which I have served since the fall of 2002. I am proud of the Mountain School and of the work of this Board and our commitment to providing a quality preK-6th grade education to our Town's children (as well as at the lowest cost in the District). I ask for your support.

Sincerely yours, **Adrienne Raymond**

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## Yoga Classes

The Thrive Center in Wallingford is sponsoring "Sunday Sampler: Yoga Workshops & Classes" which will be offered with five different yoga instructors on the following Sundays: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 & 4/1. "The Sampler" classes are open to those who are new to yoga, as well as those who are looking to grow an experienced practice.

The time for each session is 12:00-2:00pm (unless otherwise noted), and will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School Gym. Participants should dress warmly for movement; bring a mat, blanket, and water. There is a fee. To register and for further detailed information email [uthrive@vermontel.net](mailto:uthrive@vermontel.net) or call 802-446-2499.

*Submitted by Lisa Donohue*

## Everyone Welcome!

"Kosher Wine Around the World Tasting Party" on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30pm at the Rutland Jewish Center including cheeses, chocolate and Hamentaschen. Suggested \$10 donation. RSVP before March 7 to [HarveyZara@gmail.com](mailto:HarveyZara@gmail.com)

"Ma'ariv, followed by Community Seder for First Night of Pesach" on Friday, April 6 at 6:30pm. Adults \$28; Children Under 13 \$13 Children if reservations made early. Prices increase weekly to \$72 Adults, \$36 Children for those who reserve at the last minute.

*Submitted by Kathy Felder*

## Benefit for Shaun Young Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the Tinmouth Community Center

- BRUNCH 11:00am to 1:00pm \$10.00 per person
- Basket Raffle at 2:00 pm
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle

Shaun has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer. All proceeds from this event will go toward medical expenses and travel to DHMC for treatments. Shaun's wife is Kim Olney, Bill & Linda Olney's daughter. To donate a basket or item for the silent auction, or if you have questions please contact: Liz Frederick @ 446-2106; Carleen Eaton @ 446-3101; or Karla Day @ 492-3613

*Submitted by Karla Day*

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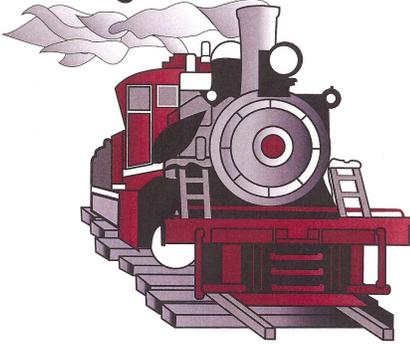
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Once again I am running for **Town Treasurer**. It has been a pleasure to serve all of you for the past fifteen years and to do the work that I enjoy doing. I would appreciate your support at the polls in March. If you have any questions or concerns, please call.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Linda McGuire**

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**Mill River Union High School  
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**March 30-31**

Under the direction of Shrewsbury's Kristin Cimonetti, this amazing annual musical event allows MRU's small ensemble singers to experience the highest musical excellence while performing in a professional setting. Many talented Shrewsbury students will participate in this event at the Brandon Inn March 30-31 during 3 performances. Contact Mrs. Cimonetti at MRU (775-3451) or Beverly Darling (492-3538) for reservations.

**Maple Syrup Production Figures**

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## Shrewsbury Nature and Gardening Tidbits

**Sat. Jan 21** The Red-bellied Woodpecker has come and gone this morning, her place taken by a pair of Downy Woodpeckers and a male Hairy Woodpecker. They take turns at the suet and peanut butter mixture which is stuffed into the cedar log feeder. There is a flock of at least 20 Goldfinches that come each day. One male stands out in the drab olive flock. He wears a bright coat of yellow and still has a black patch on his head and is quite distinctive. Today I am also watching a pair of Tufted Titmice, a single Tree Sparrow, a small flock of 8 Dark-eyed Juncos, the ever present cheerful Black-capped Chickadees and resident gang of Blue Jays.

**Sat. Jan 28** Chipmunks are seldom seen out and about during the normally snowy winter months, but today one was greedily stuffing its pouches with sunflower seed. It will hoard up seed in its underground larder before returning to its winter slumber.

**Mon. Jan 30** Today there were 5 American Robins in the yard trees. There are reports of Robins all over the state. These may be birds that never left their summer area or perhaps moved a bit south until they found abundant fruit crop and went no farther. Hull and Taffy Maynard reported that they had 6 Snow Buntings at their home on Cold River Road. These are birds of wide open fields, gleaning weed stems of their tiny seeds for their main food source.

**Wed. Feb. 1** There is action at Smith's sugarhouse today. I hear that some sugarbushes have been tapped already and was that steam I saw coming from the stainless steel chimney? Is this the earliest date ever for boiling in Shrewsbury??? This weather is baffling and so strange.

**Sat. Feb. 4** Snow fleas like black pepper are sprinkled on the snow crust. At Shrewsbury Center a flock of 50 or so Cedar Waxwings have gone through the dry hard fruits on the tangles of multiflora rose growing in Smith's pasture. Few of the rosehips remain on the plants and now their red skins and seeds can be seen scattered about on the gravel of the road, deposited by the waxwings sitting high above in the maple branches,

**Mon. Feb 6** What a sight, one that I can hardly believe! In one very small crabapple tree, barely 4 feet tall, growing alone in front of the rock wall, I counted 8 Cedar Waxwings and 6 Eastern Bluebirds, crowded onto that tiny tree, gorging themselves on the small red fruits that remained. This remarkable winter has certainly held its surprises. I heard that ice cutting is underway on Spring Lake with 14 inches of ice, while here at home, I am regularly driving Adams Hill, a road that is always closed and unplowed during the winter months.

**Wed. Feb 8** On this clear and seasonably, but snowless, day I visited the beaver pond that hugs the Long Trail behind the house. Peering down through clear ice, a foot or more thick, I saw nothing but black with silver air bubbles. The beaver lodge, standing about 5 feet tall, was well tended and mounded with peeled sticks, mud and plant material. Coyote tracks circled its broad base. While standing quietly, I heard a distinct soft splash as a beaver slipped into the water below the lodge.

**Tues. Feb. 14** The upper slopes of Killington Peak have been a magnet for American Robins this winter. Today I saw a hundred or more feeding on Mountain Ash berries just below the summit. Chairlift ride entertainment!

**Sat. Feb. 18** The landscape remains snowless, a drab scene of tans, browns and grey. How I long for a good snowstorm! Titmice and Black-capped Chickadees are heard singing their spring songs. The garden seed order just arrived, so there's hope!

Till next month. Please let me know your sightings and other thoughts.

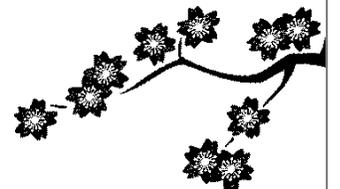
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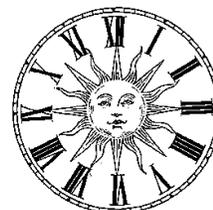
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