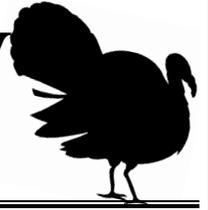


Times of Shrewsbury

November 2012



The Roving Reporter asked:

What's one of your earliest election memories?

- ✓ "I remember going into the voting booth with my mother and feeling very important." –*J.O.*
- ✓ "When I was 6 all the kids would go down to the (Tinmouth) town meeting after school. We would find something to eat, listen to the parents talk and then urge them to take us home." –*L.F.*
- ✓ "When I was a kid the adults would get into fights at (Shrewsbury) town meetings, but when they got outdoors they went right back to working together in the fields." –*O.W.*
- ✓ "In 5th grade I lost a class election by 1 vote. I had voted for the other person who won by 1 vote....but I never did that again!" –*C.M.*
- ✓ "In 1952 I was a volunteer for Stevenson. We had buttons that said "Madly for Adlai." I remember that at his concession speech Adlai said "I'm too old to cry, and it hurts too much to laugh." –*L.R.*
- ✓ "I remember watching one of the conventions on TV when I was 6 years old and seeing people wearing hats and throwing balloons around. I couldn't figure out what they were doing." –*R.B.*
- ✓ "The first time I ever worked the polls I was overwhelmed by the counting process, and I didn't realize how we could make the write-in process better....and I still can't! –*B.J.*
- ✓ "In 1956 I went door-to-door with my sister handing out "I Like Ike" buttons because we liked the way it sounded." –*J.G.*
- ✓ "I campaigned for Kennedy by setting up a little table with buttons in my 8th grade class." –*S.W.*
- ✓ "My father was a decorated World War II veteran, so he was chosen to drive the car for one of the presidential candidates who came to Maine for a campaign visit. It was in the 1950s when I was just a little kid, but I remember that." –*K.L.*
- ✓ "When I was 5 I went into the voting booth with my mother, and it felt like a magical robot machine. I thought it was really cool." –*S.K.*
- ✓ "The first time I was able to vote in a presidential election, I voted for the person that I thought my parents would vote for because I didn't know who to vote for." –*R.P.*
- ✓ "I took my 5-year-old daughter into the voting booth with me, and when we came out, she announced to the whole room "He voted for Ross Perot." –*S.B.*
- ✓ "When I was 12 years old there was a mayoral election that ended in a tie, so they flipped a coin to determine the winner! He was also the butcher and the barber!" –*G.M.*
- ✓ "When I was a child I remember all the parents and grandparents not wanting to talk about political issues with the family." –*B.G.*
- ✓ "When I was 13 I lived in New York City's lower east side. There was a reformer running for Ward Chief against Carmine DeSapio, head of the Tammany Hall political machine. My brother and I volunteered to work for the young political reformer who won by 13 points, and I just know that he owes his entire career to us! His name was Ed Koch, and he later became the mayor of New York City!" –*S.G.*



General Election
Tuesday, November 6
Polls Open 10:00am to 7:00pm
Shrewsbury Meeting House on Lottery Road



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Friends and neighbors,

Recently Vermont's conservative super PAC has been sending negative, fear inducing flyers claiming that I and other democrats have a secret agenda to promote an historic tax hike. There is no truth whatsoever to this. I'm just a small business owner and a taxpayer, no different from most of you. The suggestion that I have an agenda to promote policies that would be bad for me and you is absurd.

My agenda, if you call it that, is the same one I've had the past four years: to work hard developing policies that improve our lives and give us all better opportunities to succeed.

There are two promises I will make, ones I know I can keep. I promise to bring the same work ethic I've needed to climb trees and run a successful business with me to Montpelier. I'm involved and energetic in my advocacy for our townspeople. My second promise is to get back to anyone who contacts me with a concern or question. I can't promise you'll always like the answer but I'll be straight with you and won't blow you off.



Your support for me is an enormous source of pride and humility. I'm asking for it again on November 6th. I would be honored to represent you again.

Thanks, Eldred French

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

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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

Mondays	7pm	*Quilting Group – Call Donna Swartz for information 773-7403
Wednesdays		Take-Out Pizza Night, Pierce's Store
Oct 31		Last day to register to vote in General Election
Nov 6	10am-7pm	*Polls open for Presidential General Election at Meeting House
Nov 8	7-9pm	*Western Square Dancing at Meeting House; \$3 per person; no experience necessary
Nov 9	5-7pm	*Spaghetti Supper by Youth Group Alumni at Meeting House
Nov 10	7:30pm	*Archer Mayor program sponsored by Library, at the Meeting House
Nov 13	12noon	Senior luncheon at Sweet Caroline's, next to Price Chopper in West Rutland. Please call Gerry Martin at 492-2244 if you can attend.
Nov 14	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets at Fran Patten's house 492-3706
Nov 14	10am-2pm	*Cheesemaking class with Connie Youngstrom. Fee & registration with Rural Vermont
Nov 15	5pm	*Celebration of H.E.A.T. squad win sponsored by the Conservation Commission, held at Pierce's Store
Nov 16	5-7pm	*Wine tasting at Pierce's Store
Nov 18	4pm	*Book Club discussion at Shrewsbury Library
Dec 1	7pm	*Cookie Swap and Silent Auction at Shrewsbury Library

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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

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Mon-Fri Counter 8am-11am & 12:30pm-4:30pm,
Lobby 7:30am-5:00pm

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

Saturday Counter 8am-10:30am; Lobby 7:30am-10:30am

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

Meeting House 492-6050 (Reservations: 492-3649)

Dog Warden Matt Danaher 492-3442

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

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Mon, Fri & Sat 10am-Noon
Tues & Thurs 7pm-9pm
Wed 10am-5pm AND 7pm-9pm

Emergency Management Irene Gordon 492-8282

Ambulance 773-1700

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Rutland Hospital 775-7111



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fall brings many things to be grateful for in Shrewsbury. The colorful and majestic views, cooler nights and the SVFD Ham Supper! The weather tried to put a damper on the evening with rain and cool temperatures. The local support was abundant, as was the Wallingford Locker ham, and scrumptious homemade dishes. As usual the desserts were plentiful. We served 272 dinners and sold many packages of ham and the ham bones. Thanks to all the townspeople that continually support us. Donations of food, money and attending this community event make it a delightful night to remember each year. A special thanks to the SVFD Auxiliary for their work organizing this event.

We held the 60th Annual meeting on Thursday, October 11th. All the SVFD members were in attendance as well as numerous family members. The Election of Officers is one of the main objectives of the meeting. Here are the Officers for the upcoming year: Russ Carrara – Chief; Jack Perry – President; Al Ridlon Sr. – Vice President; Barry Griffith – Secretary/Treasurer; Trustees: Mark Stewart, Jaime Carrara, Kevin Brown, and Ray Dambrackas – County Rep.

The SVFD held a Fall Fuel Raffle again this year. We received donations of 100 gallons of home heating oil from Johnson Energy, 1 ton of pellets from VT Wood Pellet Company, and Richard Stork provides a cord of wood. We raised \$900 this year. Thanks to the local companies for supporting us and to people that purchased tickets. Congratulations to the winners: Ron Welch of Rutland Town won the fuel oil; B.J. Stewart of Cuttingsville won the pellets; and Paul Bogucki of Poultney won the firewood.

At the Annual Meeting we review the year behind us, talk about the year ahead, and recognize members for achievements and contributions. **Mark Stewart** received “The Peter Cosgrove Award for Outstanding Service.” Mark has been a member for 27 years! He has served in rank from Firefighter to Chief, and everything in between. Mark applies for all the grants for dry hydrants and supervises the installation. He and his wife Gina organize the SVFD Race Pool each year. Mark has also been the team captain of the muster games. This touches on just a few of the many contributions to the department. **Barry Griffith** received the “Chief Snarski Award.” Barry has been a member for 34 years! Barry has held several positions within the department ranging from Firefighter to Secretary/Treasurer. Barry researches and provides grant information and keeps our financial records up to date. His tireless dedication to the department is invaluable. He works diligently on the department’s behalf in so many areas behind the scenes we value his dedication greatly. **Al Ridlon Sr.** received a “Special Recognition Award.” This year, on the 60th Anniversary of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, we had the opportunity to recognize him as one of the founding (and still participating) members of the original SVFD. Al sat at the original meeting when a few townspeople decided there was a need for a fire department. Sixty years later, Al is still attending meetings, has served from Firefighter to Chief. Al served as President of the VT State Firefighter Association. He also served for years the Clarendon Fire Department, this mentions just a few of his contributions to our community and surrounding communities as well. **Thank You and Congratulations to these members of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department.**

Remember to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries, clean the chimney before the winter wood burning season and

STAY FIRE SAFE !!!

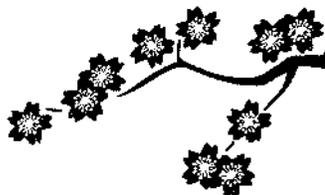
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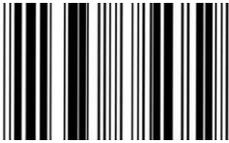


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SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

BAR-CODING is 99% complete; Automation is about to begin! THANKS to DONNA, LISA, HEATHER SHAY, and 2011 MRUHS Honor Society seniors ALICIA BLECICH, ALEX BULLOCK, and CAITLYN HARTIGAN for helping to put the entire collection into the Library's computer system.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING has begun, using the computerized check-out and check-in. Please call Donna (773-7403) or Lisa (492-3732) to set up a time to learn the simple (really!) steps.

OVERDUES: Please return any overdue books, DVDs, etc. before we have to call you! The on-line system will keep track of overdues much better than we human do, and will send you an e-mail reminder request for returns.

CARDS: If you have a Shrewsbury Library card, please bring it with you, but if you forget or have lost yours, you are still entered in the system, and we can still check out materials to you.

NEW PATRONS: If you haven't signed up for a card, we can take your name and contact information, and give you a borrower's number.

Coming Attractions

Writers' Group: Please e-mail or call MARTHA IZZI (mhizzi@yahoo.com or 492-3346) for starting time. All are invited!

Saturday, November 10 @ 7:30pm in the Meeting House, ARCHER MAYOR, author of crime novels set in Brattleboro, will read from his newest book, PARADISE CITY, and talk about his work as an EMT, medical examiner, and former volunteer firefighter in Newfane. Admission is free; all are welcome! Call 492-3550 for info.

Sunday, November 18 @ 4pm in the Library, Book Club will discuss THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE by Stephen Crane, the classic novel about a young soldier in the Civil War: the VT Humanities Council VT Reads selection for 2012. Copies of the book are available at the Library; thanks to Chryl Martin for writing the grant to the Council.

NEW BOOKS include:

- *Waging Heavy Peace*, a memoir by Neil Young
- *A Wanted Man* by Lee Child
- *Winter of the World* by Ken Follett
- *500 Days* by Kurt Eichenwald



NEW DVDs:

- *The Grapes of Wrath* with Henry Fonda
- *The Red Badge of Courage* with Audie Murphy
- *Moonrise Kingdom*
- *Genetic Roulette*



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Shrewsbury Town Hall**

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**From the Library—
Shrewsbury’s REVIEW OF BOOKS**

This is a selection of reviews from our “Readers’ Pick” journal kept at the Library.

Thanks to all the contributors!

★★★★★	Fantastic!
★★★★	Compelling, page-turner
★★★	Enjoyable
★★	Just O.K.
★	Not recommended

***The Distant Hours*
by Kate Morton**

★★★

This book was recommended to me by a friend who described it as “a creepy Jane Austen-like tale set in a castle.” That was enough for me! This is a haunting tale about three strange sisters and their egomaniacal father—full of long-buried family secrets, unrequited love and heartache...and, yes, set in a decaying castle. Towards the end, it dragged on a bit, but I enjoyed this book.

Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

***The Garden of Evening Mists*
by Tan Twan Eng**

★★★★★

A beautiful book, well written. Initially, the alternating chapters of “today” and the past was confusing. Eventually—and not too far into the book—I realized that’s how we live—in both worlds of past and present. The setting of post-WWII Malaya and lingering animosities add beauty and tension. I didn’t want the book to end. I also highly recommend Eng’s earlier book, *The Gift of Rain*, which takes place in the same location but spans the war years.

Reviewed by Sally Deinzer

***Silence on the Mountain*
by Daniel Wilkinson**

★★★★★

An historical portrayal of terrorism in Guatemala and how the indigenous people are controlled by terror and how the civilian population (i.e., *not* members of the military elite that controls government issues) responds to terror...A great look at how terrorism works and an easy-to-follow historical story that follows the events of La Patria Plantation. History buffs and mystery buffs will enjoy the twists and turns of this book...A clear, concise view of Guatemala with an excellent 1980s interpretation of the role of U.S. military aid to Guatemala and CIA involvement.

Reviewed by an Anonymous Reviewer

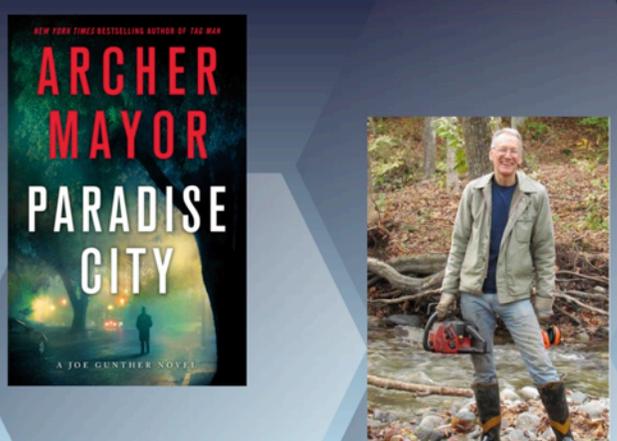
***Four Wings and a Prayer*
by Sue Halpern**

★★★

A book depicting the author’s various encounters with monarch butterfly field experts. It is kind of a guide to Who’s Who in the research world. I didn’t know they could tag butterflies—but they do. The primary research theme in the book relates to the monarch migration, the significance of certain species of milkweed, and the interplay of butterfly coloration, and bird feeding.

Reviewed by an Anonymous Reviewer

Book Reviews compiled by Martha Dalick



Sat. Nov. 10
7:30 at the Shrewsbury Meeting House

Author ARCHER MAYOR will read from his newest mystery novel and talk about his work as an EMT and medical examiner in Newfane.

Admission is free!

Sponsored by the Shrewsbury Library
A reception will follow. For more information, please call 492-3550.

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at the town website at
www.shrewsburyvt.org

“Cheesemaking & More with Raw Milk”

Rural Vermont partners with RAFFL to bring the following programs to Rutland County:

Saturday, November 3 from 11am-3pm at Trevin Farms: Learn to Make Paneer, Ricotta, and Chevre from Raw Goats' Milk! Class presented by Rural Vermont and taught by Troy Peabody at Trevin Farms in Sudbury.

Wednesday, November 14 from 10am-2pm at Red Wing Farm: Learn to Make Butter, Mozzarella, and Camembert from Raw cows' Milk! Class presented by Rural Vermont, taught by Connie Youngstrom and hosted by Red Wing Farm in Shrewsbury.

There is a \$50 fee for each program which includes a complimentary lunch, pre-registration required. All proceeds benefit Rural Vermont's work to strong, community-based food systems. To sign up or for more info, call Rural Vermont at (802) 223-7222 or email shelby@ruralvermont.org.



A dairy goat at Trevin Farms peers out of the barn

Trevin Farms is a unique farm stay in Sudbury, Vermont that teaches guests how to make cheese at home. The farm's herdsman Troy Peabody is very passionate about cheesemaking and their Nubian goats, taking great care for the well-being of them and other animals on the farm. Opened in 2008 as a Farm Stay, Trevin Farms welcomes guests

from all over the world who want to learn how to make cheese in their own homes.

Connie Youngstrom has been making cheese for over a year. When a friend asked if she was interested in becoming a cheesemaker, she mulled it over, said yes, and in typical fashion dove right in and started a batch of mozzarella. There were some flops and some successes. Rural Vermont cheese classes were really helpful. A year later, she's enjoying what she does—making several different products and having become quite attached to Jersey cows. Red Wing Farm will host the class and is home to John Pollard and his herd of happy, healthy Jersey cows. They are grass-fed and organically managed.

*Submitted by Shelby Girard, Rural Vermont
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Thursday, Nov 8, 2012

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Shrewsbury Teacher/Caller: Joan Judge



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Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

The museum closed on October 28 at 3pm for the winter and spring months. If, however, you would like to research our collection, appointments to see the museum can be made by calling 492-3324. The 250th anniversary of our town was exhibited for two seasons in the museum due to the unexpected presence of Hurricane Irene.

the store with Glendon Pierce as proprietor, standing near the pot bellied stove and rocking chair. On the shelves are many individual cans and boxes of various foods, wooden barrels for crackers and pickles, and an old fashioned cash register and coffee grinder. The front windows are not part of the replica, but if they were, you would remember that Marjorie kept the black and white photo of Senator Jim Jeffords on display there. The store's replica has been part of the museum for many years and is a fun treasure.



Thanksgiving 2012

The Society gives thanks to the residents of our town, friends and members, near and far, who so graciously answered the mailed request for donations in lieu of the fact that it would be our only fund raiser this year. And so, with an abiding respect for Shrewsbury's past, you answered the call. We give you our thanks. Some of these funds will be allocated towards the future building of a storage shed behind the museum which will hold the larger artifacts that are donated.

It is the Society's fervent wish that our Shrewsbury's youth will be interested enough one day to take up the call for help as we, who are the few who do the work, can retire knowing the Society and museum are in good hands.

The Pierce Family Collection

In August, several members of the Historical Society acquisition committee had permission from the Preservation Trust of Vermont to peruse the artifacts stored in the Pierce's attic. The museum committee will have an ongoing project in cataloguing the collection this winter and spring. Plans are to exhibit these artifacts in the museum next summer. Among the various items is a Diploma Certificate from the University of Paris issued to Marjorie, and a rare "mammy's rocker/bench."

Thanks go to the Preservation Trust of Vermont and to Historical Society members Nancy Spencer, Catherine Carrara, and Kim Ridlon for climbing up into the hot, dusty attic searching for meaningful objects and photographs that would be preserved by the Historical Society.

And speaking of the Pierce's Country Store, shown on this page is a cardboard replica of the store designed and manufactured in the 1970s by Doris and George Erb, former members and residents of Cuttingsville, who are now both deceased. The museum exhibits this piece with great pride as it shows

The Historical Society and museum is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization.

We happen to be blessed at the moment with dedicated members who give of their time and willingness to work to ensure that the history of Shrewsbury will be preserved for the future. For this we are grateful.

The SHS wishes all good health and a very Happy Thanksgiving

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



Notes from The Transfer Station



Brown Paper Bags

Brown paper bags should go into the cardboard baler. They should not be put into the newspaper container.

Motor Oil Containers:

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Bob Perry

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NEWS FROM MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL

As we prepare to send this article "to press," budget writing season is just weeks away. Sections of the budget have been looked at since early October, but it is in November that we bring the pieces together to get our first look at the full budget. Then the hard work begins. The health insurance costs for next year (2013-2014) are predicted to go up by 10%-12%. Heating fuel costs are always a guess; however, for this current year, we were able to lock in our price when the heating oil prices took a large dip in early summer. We should be so lucky next year! In addition, the arrangement of faculty and staff to meet anticipated enrollment must be carefully examined. The list of maintenance improvements to the physical plant must also be reviewed and prioritized.

This school year marks the start of the school buses being operated by the supervisory union and not by individual schools. Though there were a few glitches at the start of the school year with the consolidated bus routes, these issues were resolved, and the busing has been running smoothly since. The change over to the supervisory union has resulted in a savings of 32 driver hours per week.

On the night of 10/4, someone using a BB gun shot at six bus windshields resulting in \$3,000. worth of damage. We had been considering the installation of outside security cameras for next year, but the vandalism has propelled that decision to this year.

This fall, Mill River is starting a new program for its high school students. The **Tangent Studies Program** is designed as an external learning opportunity for students who have an interest and would like to pursue it through a means other than the traditional classroom. To participate, students must develop a plan that matches the goals of the Vermont Learning Standards, and it must have a measurable outcome. The plan will have benchmarks with a timeline to guide progress throughout the semester. Students will have a support team made up of a faculty member, a mentor, and the Tangent coordinator. They will also maintain a website to document their learning and communicate with their team. Projects will conclude with a final presentation. We are excited about this addition to the MRUHS curriculum.

Peter Bruno reports that this year's Stage 40 fall production will be *Urinetown*, a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage caused by a 20-year

drought has led to a government enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and he plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom! This satirical comedy features a five-piece band and 30 student actors including Shrewsbury students Ryan Darling and Kayla Weeden. The production will be November 16 and 17 in the school's theatre at 7:30pm. All seats are \$10.

Andy Richards-Pelle 492-3648

Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505

Shrewsbury Mountain School Calendar



Nov 19 Book Fair begins
Dec 4 Holiday Concert at 6:30pm

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Stepping Down

Shrewsbury voters, on Town Meeting Day 2013 I will have completed 3 terms as one of Shrewsbury's two representatives on the Mill River school board. After nine years I am ready to step down and let another "Shrewsburyrian" serve our community. It is an important position as the board oversees a budget of \$9.5 million. Mill River is a quality school which is working hard to continually improve itself. If you want to contribute to educating our children and serve Shrewsbury please step forward. Feel free to give me a call with questions about participating on the MR board.

Andy Richards-Pelle 492-3648

An Invitation from your Conservation Commission

What: Celebration for our H.E.A.T. Squad win

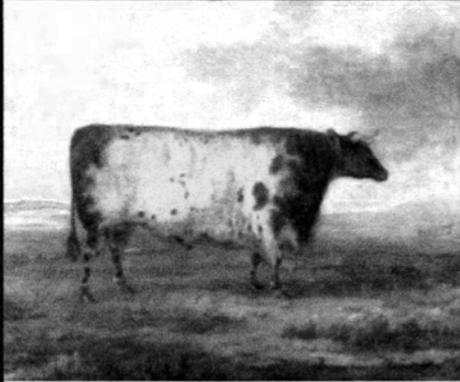
Where: Pierce's Store

When: Thursday, November 15 at 5 pm

Come join the Conservation Commission and Neighborworks of Western Vermont as we celebrate our "highest average energy savings" title and \$10,000 for a Town efficiency project. Please come share a few tasty nibbles and your ideas as to how this money might best be spent.

Questions? shrewsburyconservation@gmail.com

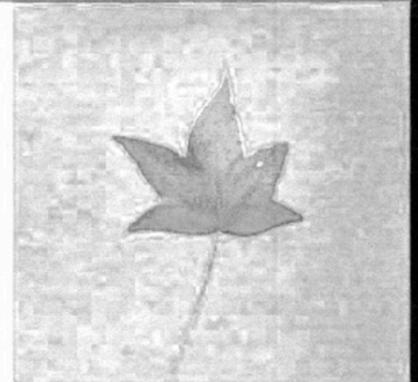
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Submitted by Cathy Reynolds 446-2928



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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Many people trace the origins of Thanksgiving Day to 1621, when the Pilgrims held a harvest celebration in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Some believe that the first Thanksgiving was in 1623, when the Pilgrims gave thanks for rain that ended a drought. These early Thanksgivings took the form of special church services, rather than feasts. George Washington proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789. Let us take a moment to ponder what some pretty smart folks had to say about Thanksgiving:

Our rural ancestors, with little blest,
Patient of labour when the end was rest,
Indulged the day that housed their annual grain,
With feasts, and offerings, and a thankful strain.

~Alexander Pope

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?

~Erma Bombeck, "No One Diets on Thanksgiving"

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.

~Erma Bombeck

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

~Theodore Roosevelt

Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life... a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year - and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God.

~Ray Stannard Baker

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

~W.T. Purkiser

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Community Church Calendar

Nov 4 @ 10am Worship Service Led by Reverend Bob Boutwell.

Nov 9 @ 5-7pm Spaghetti Supper Youth Group Alumni Eat in or Take Out. Adults \$8 Children \$5 Support Families Rutland Co Women's Network & Shelter.

Nov 10 @ 7:30pm Archer Mayor to speak in the church sanctuary. See Library news.

Nov 11 @ 10am Worship Circle Led by Pastor Rita Lane (thought-provoking discussion in place of sermon), followed by Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon.

Nov 14 @ 12noon Prayer Shawl Meeting @ the home of Fran Patten. Bring a bag lunch & enjoy the fellowship & the mission. All are welcome! Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you. Call Fran 492-3706 or Roxanne 492-3675.

Nov 18 @ 10am Worship Service Led by Reverend Cindy Yee. Service of Thanksgiving.

Nov 25 @ 5:30pm Sup & Sing Vespers Service— Pot luck dinner, followed by Service & Gospel Sing in the Sanctuary (note no morning service this day).

Exciting Happenings! We are preparing for Community Candle Lite Christmas Eve Service 7pm. All are Invited to Attend and Participate. If you would like to sing in the choir call Roxanne 492-3675. If you would like to read or act call Sue 779-5241 or 492-3738.

Community Needs

Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests:

Contact Sue Ransom-Kelley 492-3738, 779-5241 or Donna Smith 492-3367

Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 492-3367 or Rita Lane 775-2578

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Church news submitted by Sue Ransom-Kelley

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Answer to last month's puzzler

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Submitted by Joan Judge

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I am asking for your vote in November.

Thank you, Betsy Jesser

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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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Sunday 8am-5pm



CHILI MONDAYS! We've begun offering another take-out meal on Monday nights. Rob is making Chili and Cornbread! Featuring Smith Maplecrest Farm Beef. Each Monday the soup of the day will be Chili, and we'll make sure Rob makes enough to last throughout the day so you can have dinner to

go with your Monday Night Football! No need to call ahead for this meal, just stop in anytime on Monday and pickup a Quart to take home.

MONTHLY SALE: Did you know that Pierce's Store has a great sale that runs each month? We feature about 4-6 items at great prices so that you can stock up or take advantage of a special seasonal offer. Stop in to see what's on sale this month. Additionally, we continue to clearance out the summer stock. We've slashed prices on all the Bug Sprays, Sun-blocks, and grilling supplies. Help us clear out this inventory and take advantage of the savings!

WINE OF THE MONTH: Each month we feature a wine on special discount and have a wine tasting to sample it. This month's tasting will be on Friday, November 16 from 5-7pm. Stop in and try the wine that's available and take advantage of the sale price for the rest of the month. Maybe you'll find the perfect wine for Thanksgiving Dinner!

SEAFOOD WEDNESDAYS: People continue to take advantage of fresh seafood that we offer. Each week we've had filets of Cod, Haddock and Pollack available as well as scallops, shrimp, and mussels. Additionally, we offer sustainably farmed Tilapia and Shrimp from Tropical Aquaculture and seasonal specials. Now that we're into the fall and winter months you can expect to see clams, oysters and other treats perfect for Holiday meals. Pre-orders must be completed by Monday at 7:00pm, call the store for details and availability. Or join our email list to receive the weekly availability sheet.

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 or follow us on Twitter and get updates that way!

Submitted by K.P. Whaley

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners for November

Nov 2 Guest Chef Val Fusco will prepare Chicken Broccoli Casserole served with small tossed salad.

Nov 9 Spaghetti Supper @ the Meeting House (no Friday night dinner at Pierce's)

Nov 16 TBA

If you are interested in helping do a Friday night dinner on this date please call Judith @ 492-3549

Nov 23 The day after Thanksgiving is for leftovers—hope your turkey was as good as ours!

Nov 30 Guest Chef Connie Youngstrom will prepare individual Chicken Pies with lots of mushrooms & gravy with mixed seasonal vegetables. Served with Broccoli Salad & a baked apple for dessert.

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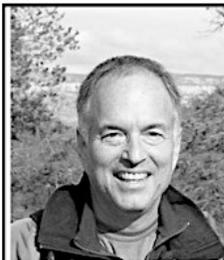
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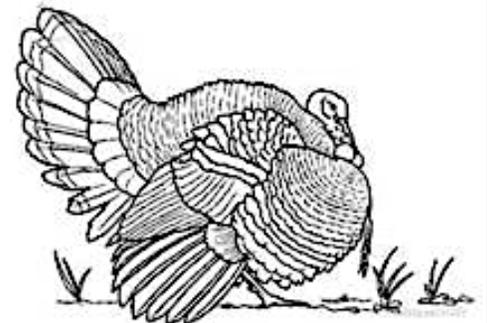
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