

Times of Shrewsbury

October 2012

60th Anniversary! Congratulations, Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department



Proud members of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, left to right: Bob Snarski, Barry Griffith, Tom Ryan, Jon Lees, Jack Perry, Paul Stewart, Kevin Brown, Elliot Stewart, Russ Carrara, Mark Stewart, Al Ridlon Jr., Jamie Carrara, Ray Dambrackas, Mark Gilman and Al Ridlon Sr. Members not pictured are Jesse Dambrackas, Tom Puma, Adam Severy, Matt Brown, and Nate Elwert who took this picture.

Awards received at the 2012 Annual Vermont State Firefighters' Convention in Bennington

First Place: Midnight Alarm
First Place: Dry Hose
First Place: Bucket Brigade
First Place: SCBA Endurance
First Place: Water Polo
Second Place: Wet Hose Coupling
Ray Davison Firefighter Sports Award
Senior Firefighter of the Year: Bob Snarski
Best Tanker, Department Built (in the state of Vermont) Award



October is Fire Prevention Month...

Please check your alarms, replace batteries where needed,
& clean out the wood stove and chimney if needed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Appreciation Extended

One bright Sunday afternoon towards the end of this past July the two of us, Joey and John, were backpacking on the Appalachian Trail with our good friend Steve Reed. Not far north of the Minerva Hinchey shelter, Steve, a fit, lifelong backpacker who had been section-hiking the AT since the 1960s, suddenly and unexpectedly suffered a heart attack and passed from his beloved path to a place even more beautiful than Vermont. He was still carrying his pack, wearing his boots, and was facing north in the middle of the Appalachian Trail.

Steve's passing has been difficult for everyone, in particular his wife and family. The care and professionalism of the members of the Shrewsbury community we met that day on the Trail and during the following time have been greatly appreciated.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone including the first responders from the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue, and other units who were too numerous to name, Gerry and Chryl Martin who took the two of us in that night and provided support and solace, Sgt. Perkins, Det. Elliott, Assistant Medical Examiner Slocum, the staff of Aldous Funeral Home, the thru-hikers who stopped their trips to help us, and everyone else who provided thoughts, prayers, and other aid.

The two of us left Vermont the day following Steve's passing knowing that we had been in an incredible community that can be very, very proud of its public

servants and other citizens. We look forward to returning someday soon for a happier trip from our native North Carolina and invite y'all to come south any time we can return your hospitality.

As Steve frequently said, we'll "see you on up the Trail."

John Derrick and Joey Grissom

Condolences

Our town is diminished once again by the untimely passing of a special young man . . . Don Parrish. Our deepest condolences to Annette and family.

Ruth and Con Winkler

Town Meeting

To the Editor and Town Voters,

In the past few issues you may have read letters suggesting that Shrewsbury's voters think about returning to a traditional Town Meeting format and what that might look like. I support a return to voting in a way that we can discuss, amend, and vote from the floor our Mountain School and Town budgets and other Town business.

My reasons for supporting this change come from attending both past floor meetings and the Informational Meeting/Australian ballot system that we have now. As a school board member, I see our current system causing frustration. Every year Townspeople come to the Informational Meeting with questions,

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The Times of Shrewsbury

The *Times of Shrewsbury* is published monthly February through December. It is compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal being to keep townspeople informed of what is happening in Shrewsbury. The views and opinions expressed in articles are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the editors.

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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.

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mondays	7pm	*Quilting with Lucille & Donna (see Library page)
Wednesdays		Take-Out Pizza Night, Pierce's Store
Sep 30	1pm	*Memorial Celebration for Don Parrish at Meeting House
Oct 3	7-9pm	*First meeting of Mill River Area Community Band, at MRUHS
Oct 5 & 6		*Mill River Union High School Homecoming celebration
Oct 6	4:30pm	Annual Ham Supper by SVFD Auxiliary at Meeting House
Oct 9	12noon	Senior luncheon at The Doll House, Stafford Technical Center. Reservations required. Please call Fran Patten (492-3705) if you can attend.
Oct 10	12noon	Prayer Shawl Group, at the home of Judy Pitts (775-0678). Please bring a bag lunch.
Oct 10	7pm	*Annual Fall Showcase Concert, Mill River Union High School
Oct 11	7-9pm	Western Square Dancing at Meeting House; \$3 per person; no experience necessary
Oct 11	7pm	60th Annual Meeting of SVFD at Cuttingsville Fire Station
Oct 12	by 8pm	*Tax payments due
Oct 16	4pm	*Book discussion group, Library
Oct 28	1-3pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum open 1-3; closes for the season at 3pm
Oct 12	5-7pm	Free Wine Tasting, Pierce's Store
Oct 31		*Last day to register to vote in General Election

*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
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

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Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911

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COME CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

DON PARRISH

A PARTY HE PERSONALLY REQUESTED IS PLANNED FOR

September 30th, 2012

Sunday, 1pm at the Town Hall

Potluck meal with his Friends & Family

Live Music and Remembrances

PLEASE JOIN US ALL

Bring a dish and your own drinks

If there are any questions about what to bring call Lynette 775-0853



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

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suggestions and complaints about the articles to be voted on only to be reminded that nothing can be done to use their suggestions or address their complaints for this vote. No changes or improvements can be made. While the meeting may be informative, it just doesn't matter. There is a lack of voter participation in the running of our Town. Budget preparation is one of the main responsibilities of your Select and School Boards. Budgets are developed starting in November and finalized sometime in mid-January in time to print the Town Report. During this preparation all of the town and school's operations are reviewed. Staffing and equipment purchases are discussed and building projects are planned for. All of these activities could be improved by voter participation.

In the last 10 years of my school board membership, I can think of perhaps 2 members of the public attending a planning meeting. You are trusting 3 people to ask you the right questions or you must vote

no while not giving any indication of which piece you disapproved of. Vermont is one of the few states where voters have the honor and right to participate not only by simply saying yes or no to questions presented to them, but to actually adjust and change the questions before they vote.

I agree that it takes a little more work and time to participate, but nothing comes free. This is your town. This fall a petition will be circulated to allow a vote on returning to some form of traditional Town Meeting; please consider signing so that we can continue this conversation. We can make Town Meeting work for us.

Sincerely, Adrienne Raymond

Thanks, SVFD

Thank you very much to our wonderful Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, who came to our rescue on 8/30/12 & saved our house. We had a chimney fire & it was taken care of in a very professional manner by the volunteers!! We are very grateful!!!! You're the best. *Nancy & Jim West*



Remembering Lorna MacDougall Cohen

When I first saw Lorna and Boaz Cohen at a Variety Show or a Library-sponsored concert, I was eager to get to know them, and sensed that they would contribute to life in our town in important ways. I soon experienced Lorna's warmth, her care for the people she met, her radiant smile, and her insights, which I can truly call her wisdom.

Lorna's interest in the Library soon led to her being invited to become a trustee, and to her staffing every Wednesday from 12 to 2. Almost always when I came to relieve her at 2, I would find that someone had pulled up a chair to talk with her. A mother in her 20s might be discussing yoga or asking Lorna's advice; a man in his 80s might be warmed by her attention. She said to me once that she missed her former work as a psychotherapist, because of the way she came to know her client's inner lives, but I think she was practicing her profession, her art, in her retirement—informally, with her careful listening, helping everyone she met.

Lorna belonged to a book club of other therapists, and often asked me to find books for her: uncommon and thought-provoking works of fiction that gave me a sense of her tastes and enthusiasms. Hers was a book club I would have liked to be in, to have the benefit of her original, thoughtful perspectives.

Lorna was also a passionate advocate of human rights, and stirred our local group of Amnesty International to renewed activity after a hiatus. Her concern for each unjustly held prisoner, and her enthusiasm for Amnesty's patient method of writing letters to officials on a prisoner's behalf, kept our group energized while she participated.

When Lorna's illness made it hard for her to attend Library meetings, and eventually, to staff, we all felt the loss of her presence, but knew that she continued to be involved in the Library's work, through her interest and her requests for books, up to her very last weeks. And although Lorna was no longer serving as she had been, Boaz, her true and remarkable partner, helped in the most essential ways, by picking up the trash and recycling; and supporting our concerts and fund-raisers.

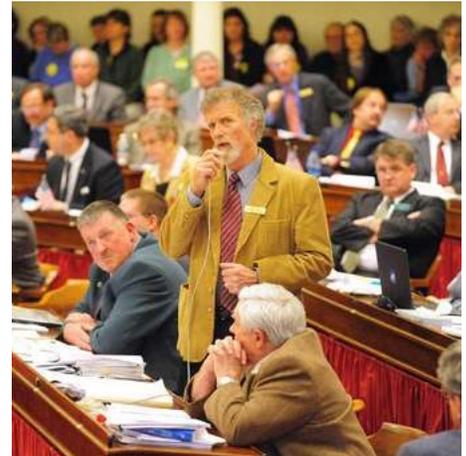
Most of all, I was touched by Lorna's optimism, her belief in the good in all people, and the beauty of her spirit. We have been lucky, and been changed in knowing her.

—Joan Aleshire

Friends and neighbors,
 I've worked hard for us for the past four years and I'm ready and energized to continue. I've become a much more effective advocate for my constituents and have taken several leadership roles, particularly in the area of public safety. The past two years I've served as vice chairman of the Judicial Retention Committee, reviewing the performance of our State's judges and recommending whether or not to retain them for another six years.

I am honored and humbled by the support you have given me in the past. I'm asking for your support again in our new district. I promise to continue to work hard and listen to your concerns. Thanks again.

Eldred French



Mill River Musical Event!

On **Wednesday October 10 at 7:00 pm**, the Mill River Union High School Auditorium will be filled with the musical talents and abilities of Mill River instrumental and vocal music students. The Annual Fall Showcase Concert features selections performed by every instrumental group at MRU including the 7/8 band, the Senior Band, Jazz Lab and the Jazz Band. Vocal ensembles performing will include the Junior Chorus, the Senior Chorus, Vivace, the Men's and Women's Ensembles and the Chambers Singers.

Join the Mill River community for an evening of spirited music performed by local student musicians. Free admission; refreshments available. For information contact Bear Irwin at birwin@rssu.org.



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A Community Band

...is forming for Citizen Musicians of All Ages in the greater Mill River Area. Bear Irwin, Director of Bands at Mill River Union High School, has volunteered to be the first Music Director of this group, although it is anticipated that there may be other conductors as well. The first meeting/rehearsal will be at Mill River Union High School, on **Wednesday October 3, from 7pm-9pm** in the Band Room at Mill River Union High School. Musicians of all ages are welcome as long as they come with a desire to work collaboratively in an ensemble setting.

The Mill River Area Community Band will rehearse from 7pm-9pm every other Wednesday starting October 3. Nan Dubin and Janine Rodgers have accepted appointments as Organization Co-Presidents. It is expected that participants will enjoy regular and routine opportunities to rehearse Band Repertoire, although it is possible that public performances may also be scheduled in the future.

For more information contact Nan Dubin at nan@vermontel.net or 259-3490 or Bear Irwin at birwin@rssu.org.

FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

2012 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012



Polls at the Shrewsbury Meeting House / 88 Lottery Rd. will be open from 10am to 7pm

Absentee Ballots should be available September 22. You may vote early by coming to the Town Office. You may request an Absentee Ballot by contacting the Town Clerk at 492-3511 or by e-mail at shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net

The Last Day to Register to vote in the General Election is Wednesday October 31. The Town Office will be open till 5 pm on that day to receive requests to be added to the Checklist.

Volunteers needed to work the polls and count ballots on Tuesday November 6; please contact the Town Office.

Note: Thanks!!!! to all the Poll Workers and Counters for their support in making the election go smoothly on August 28: Rich Bettelli and Fran Patten, Sally Deinzer, Donna and Richard Swartz, Doris Perry, Barb and Barry Griffith, Anne Ridlon, David and Jo Fretz, Donna Smith, Joyce Wilson, Adrienne Raymond, John Berryhill, John Wood, Carol Goodwin, Julianne Sharrow, Sally Jones, Sharron Winnicki, Hull Maynard, Jolly Wyatt.

Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

REMINDER: TAXES DUE



Tax payments are due by October 12, before 8:00 pm.

Payments can be mailed to: 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Treasurer's office hours are **Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm** at the town office. Additional days for tax collection will be:

October 6	Saturday	Noon to 3:00 pm
October 11	Thursday	Noon to 6:00 pm
October 12	Friday	Noon to 8:00 pm

As usual, cash payments to be accepted by the Town Treasurer only. **Credit Card** payments will be accepted this year through Official Payments with the deadline of October 9. There is a processing fee for this convenience payable to Official Payments. The website is <https://www.officialpayments.com> which is listed on the treasurer's page of the town website, www.shrewsburyvt.org/treasurer.php



News from The Transfer Station



Parking Inside the Fenced Area

Parking inside the fence is for unloading only. If you plan to "shop" in the Reading Room, please move your car outside the gates.

Thanks,
Bob Perry

The drop box to the left of the town office front door is available at all times for tax payments. Please call if you have questions or concerns.

*Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer
Office 802-492-3558; Home 802-492-3487*

TIME TO BRING BACK TOWN MEETING?

There are certainly many opinions regarding the form that we, as a Town, decide to make decisions which effect who we elect as leaders and how we spend our taxes. Vermont and Shrewsbury have a long history of making these decisions in an open Town Meeting, where issues are presented, discussed, even argued, before a decision is made. Often, the decision is different than that originally presented because "a better plan" was developed during the discussion. In this form of decision-making, the people have the power to make the best decision.

Many years ago Shrewsbury switched from this form of decision making to a strict Australian Ballot vote, which is what we currently do now. In my view, we have given up the opportunity to make the best choices for our Town and turned that authority to the Selectboard. This is not a criticism of our dedicated and hard working Selectboard. However, few people attend Selectboard meetings when budgets or policies are discussed. Instead, we leave all that responsibility and power to the Board, who do their best to make decisions for us all, develop a budget, decide on new Town equipment, etc., then present it to us, so we can walk into a voting booth and mark YES or NO in 5 minutes and drive home. In my opinion, that is not fair to either the Board or the voters. There is no way to modify an article, there is little community discussion and, if we are honest, we have little background information on what we are really voting on or the ability to ask questions. The current Informational Meeting before the vote is poorly attended largely, as people have expressed to me, "because we can't change anything." Just look at the struggles and the decisions the Board has had over rebuilding our roads and bridges from Tropical Storm Irene. Where is the opportunity for us to give them direction on how to commit large sums of money. I am sure they would appreciate the "voice of the people."

The vast majority of Vermont communities (large and small) make some or all Town decisions in an open Town Meeting. There are pros and cons to any form of voting and any form is not perfect. Looking back at some of the reasons we dropped Town Meeting, I suggest we consider a few changes to the old way which will make a change back to Town Meeting easier and more effective, such as: 1) moving the meeting to the Saturday before the first Tuesday in March (this is allowed by statute) with lunch; 2) deciding all questions except election of office holders by Town Meeting vote; 3) maintain Australian Ballot

for election of officers (the voting could either take place during the Saturday meeting or the following Tuesday); 4) provide child care/activities in another room during the meeting.

We would not be the first community to have switched to Australian Ballot and then switched back to a form of open Town Meeting that works better for the community. It would be my hope that Shrewsbury at least try this for a while, provide more voice to our elected officials and participate more in the decisions that effect our community and our wallets. If it doesn't work, a simple majority vote can change it again.

Please give this some thought. I believe a community is better when its citizens actively participate in the decisions which affect all of us.

Mark Youngstrom

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IRENE BRIDGE AND ROAD UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that, by the time this paper arrives, you will see progress on replacing at least some of the bridges and culverts destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene. It has been a frustrating year for the Selectboard and our firm dealing with the confusion, indecision and contradiction of the funding agencies which are meant to provide emergency assistance to towns during times like this. However, construction of three new bridges is beginning and will be complete by winter. Here is a summary of these important projects:



1. Construction of the **Freeman Brook Road Bridge**, **Frank Lord Road Bridge** and the **Old Plymouth Road Bridge** have been publicly bid and Casella Construction was the low bidder at \$890,000 for the three locations (just a bit below our estimate). Construction will begin immediately, with the temporary Frank Lord bridge removed and the bulk of the work at these three locations taking place over the next 8 weeks, followed by a few weeks of clean-up and demobilization. An announcement of bridge closure has been made to the Russellville neighbors, detour routing will be well marked and emergency services have been notified. The Old Plymouth Road, a dead end, cannot be detoured so a temporary bypass lane will be constructed around that smaller site. We expect the Town's cost liability will be 5% for these projects, but a bit of that is still a moving target.
2. The **Upper Cold River Road landslide** repair cost is in dispute with FEMA. We are using the limited committed funding to retain an experienced geotechnical engineering firm to perform a series of borings, analyze the soil conditions and recommend alternative methods of reconstructing the road. The Town will then use this information to go back to FEMA with the basis for the necessary funding to rebuild the road properly. At this point I cannot predict what will happen when FEMA gets that information since they seem to look at the eligibility of damage from landslides completely differently. Construction will be next year at the earliest and we hope the river does not erode the slope more between now and then.
3. The good news is the **first Sergeant Brook Bridge** (Gilman Road going out to the Governor Clement Shelter) will be designed and replaced by the Federal Highway Administration at no cost to

the Town, since that bridge is in the Federal Appalachian Trail Corridor. Construction is planned for the summer/fall of next year. However, the **second Sergeant Brook Bridge**, just beyond the first bridge, will be replaced by the Town with FEMA and VTrans funding (and 5% Town). Construction of the second bridge cannot begin until the first bridge is completed, but we are proceeding with design so it is ready when that time comes.

4. The large box culverts which need to be installed to replace the temporary undersized culverts just below **Pierce's Store** and at the **Biddle Farm** are on hold because of litigation between FEMA and the State regarding the necessary width of in stream culverts. Similar projects are on hold all over the State. The State requires that culverts to be 1.2 times the width of the stream so there is no restriction and FEMA will only allow the width of the culvert which was destroyed. To install the FEMA eligible culvert breaks Vermont regulations and to install the State approved culvert jeopardizes FEMA funding. Hopefully this gets straightened out soon. Assuming it does, construction will be next year.

I hope this helps folks understand where these projects presently stand. In the end, the Town will have several new structures at just a fraction of the cost that it would have to spend when these old structures needed replacing (and some of them needed replacing soon). The Selectboard, Jamie and several volunteers have been working hard to move these projects ahead without risking funds. Please feel free ask questions.

Mark Youngstrom

MEETING HOUSE UPDATE

Perhaps you have noticed the construction activity at the Meeting House over the past month or so. The Meeting House was very fortunate in being remembered by Russell Smith (Bill Smith's brother) in his will, allowing the Committee to complete some much needed projects to protect and improve this important and well used building.

This summer and fall the following improvements have been or will be made:

- 1) Completely restored entrances (both church and town hall entrances). New stone thresholds, plaster repair, new coat pegs, and painting. This was completed by Jeremiah Parker Restoration of Shoreham.
- 2) Electrical improvements in front entrances. Completed by our own Jim Wetherby.
- 3) New standing seam metal roof on main building and steeple (eliminating ice dam and leaking problems). This will be done by Iron Horse Standing Seam Roofing of Tunbridge.

- 4) Replacement of all rotting exterior clapboards, weatherboards and trim. Install flashing where missing. Also done by Jeremiah Parker.
- 5) Complete scraping, priming and finish painting of building exterior. Being completed by Paul Gallo (Magic Brush Painting) of Rutland.
- 6) New handrail on front porch, new back steps from Main Hall and improvements to the back bridge leading into the second floor.

We also thank Sue Kelly who has taken over the important job of custodian, a big thank you to Greg McGown who has done a wonderful job keeping the grounds mowed, trimmed and looking nice and a thank you to Connie Youngstrom for tending to the gardens.

This is a great building and these improvements will assure its good condition well into the future.

*Mark Youngstrom,
for the Meeting House Committee*

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SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We begin this month by noting the passing of **Don Parrish**, and acknowledging his many contributions to our Town. Don served our community in many ways. Those new to Shrewsbury may not be aware of Don's early years of service with our Fire Department. We remember, salute Don, and extend our condolences to Annette and all of Don's family and friends.

If you read last month's *Times*, you know about the accomplishments of your dedicated local SVFD volunteers, as recognized at the Vermont State Firefighters' Association (VSFA) Annual Convention in Bennington in August. We do not think it is bragging to say that other fire departments throughout Vermont respect and hope to achieve the skills and dedication shown by your friends and neighbors who serve as SVFD members. We are proud of our skills and dedication.

Bob Snarski authored last month's *Times* article. In typical humble fashion, Bob barely mentioned therein a significant achievement—the Award Bob received as **VSFA's Senior Firefighter of the Year**. This prestigious award recognizes Bob's many accomplishments in the fire service, over a span of more

than 40 years. There is not enough space here to even summarize all that Bob has done over that time. When you see Bob, congratulate him for his service and for this Award!

Concerned citizens organized your Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department in 1952. One of the charter members—still serving with us!—was 15-year-old Al Ridlon. On Thursday evening, October 11 we will convene at Cuttingsville Station for **SVFD's 60th Annual Meeting!** Contact one of us if you want more information.

Before that, please join us and our fine Auxiliary on Saturday evening, October 6 for **our 59th Annual Ham Supper!** As you know, it is a great opportunity to enjoy a tasty meal, while greeting your neighbors and showing your support for SVFD.

October is Fire Prevention Month! Check and replace smoke and CO detector batteries. Make sure your chimneys are clean and maintained in the months ahead. As we say every month:

STAY FIRE SAFE !!!

—Submitted by Barry Griffith



CHECK OUT THE NEW COMMUNITY FORUM WEB SITE...

What do you think?

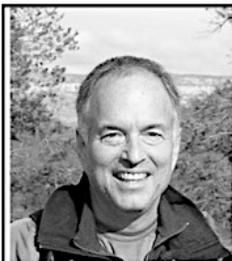
Earlier this year there was a series of community forums on the future of Shrewsbury. These were hosted by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission, the Shrewsbury Selectboard, the Shrewsbury Planning Commission, and the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department. One of the findings was the need for an online forum for community information and discussions. I volunteered to create the web site and a first draft is now available at **www.town411.info**.

The goal of the site is to host a wide range of information, announcements and discussions. All matter of questions, comments and announcements are welcome on this site. Most pages have forms you can fill out to add material yourself so please do. Relevant commercial announcements from businesses in town are welcome.

One neat feature is the search box at the top of each page which searches the Town, Library, SMS and Historical society web sites and back issues of the *Times* of Shrewsbury and the site itself. If it's about Shrewsbury and online you can find it here.

Please visit **www.town411.info** and let me know what you think at shrewsburyforum@2scott.com or call me at 492-2284.

Scott Garren



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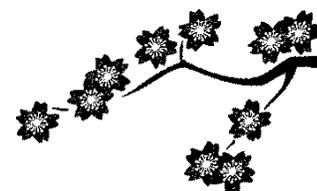
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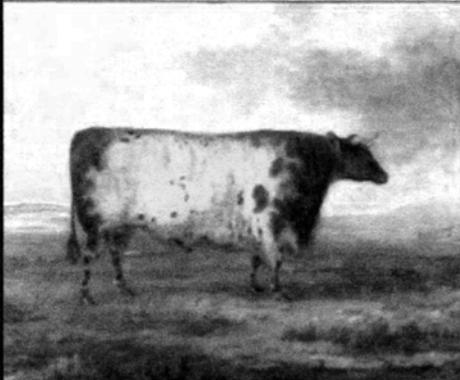
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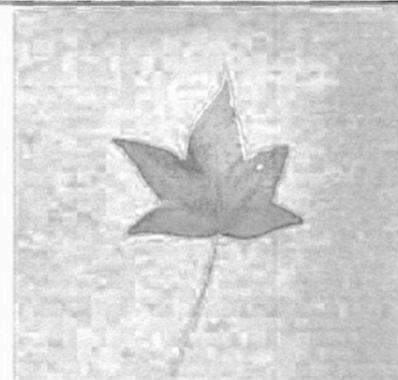
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VERMONT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS RELEASE

Tropical Storm Irene a stark reminder of the importance of being ready for disasters.

As the one-year anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene passes, now is a good time to consider whether or not you are ready for Vermont's next disaster.

Disasters can and do happen at any time in Vermont, and we see it all; snow storms, floods, droughts, chemical spills, and others. You can't always avoid them, but being prepared can help mitigate the effects of these events on you, your family, or your business. September is Preparedness Month in Vermont and nationwide, an effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools.

The most important part of preparedness is taking the first steps to help you ride out the next disaster.

1. Assemble a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days in the event an emergency occurs. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlight, over-the-counter fever and pain relievers, and a first aid kit. A complete list can be found in the Vermont Emergency Management Family Disaster Preparedness Workbook. You can download a copy (vem.vermont.gov) or get a hard copy by calling VEM at (800) 347-0488.
2. Plan in advance what you and your family will do in an emergency. This should include a communications plan through an out-of-state relative, an evacuation route, and the location of emergency shelters in your community.
3. Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them. Look into flood insurance if you are in a flood-prone area (www.floodsmart.gov).
4. Learn the different weather terms used when advising of adverse conditions (www.weather.gov):
 - a. Advisory: Adverse weather conditions are expected.
 - b. Watch: Severe weather is possible in the next day or two.
 - c. Warning: Severe weather conditions have begun or will begin very soon.
5. After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community by volunteering for a local emergency response agency or your local CERT (<http://vem.vermont.gov/programs/cert>).

For more information on Preparedness Month and for more preparedness tips, go to vem.vermont.gov or www.ready.gov.

*Mark Bosma, Public Information Officer, Vermont Emergency Management
Submitted by Irene Gordon, Shrewsbury Emergency Management 492-8282*



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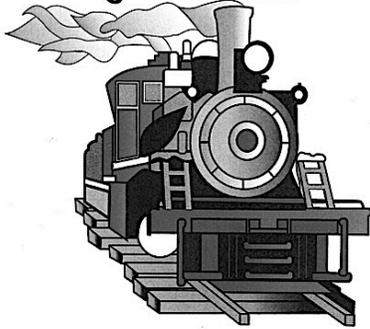
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*Submitted by Joan Judge
Joan will submit the solution in next month's Times.*

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Shrewsbury Teacher/Caller: Joan Judge

Shrewsbury Historical Society

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The Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum will close for the winter on October 28 at 3pm. (Last chance to see this year's exhibits.) Until then, the museum is open each Sunday from 1 to 3. Appointments can be made thereafter by calling 492-3324.

SHS Program at Beaver Meadow Farm

On Saturday, August 25, the SHS sponsored a program at Ludy Biddle's Beaver Meadow Farm in Shrewsbury. Ludy graciously opened her home to all on that thunder-stormed afternoon. (The storm arrived just at the appointed time of program.)

Ludy explained to those present about the Thoroughbred Retirement Program she is involved in, how it started and what it means to all those wonderful horses who have "retired" from racing and who were slated for either slaughter or life in a cubicle stall, abused, needing medical care or just plain care from their owners who could not meet their requirements.

What they need is a farm such as Ludy's, with wide open pastures, green grass, fresh water and food, protection from the elements, and loving care. Ludy explained that the horses are outside most of the time, have shelters they can go to, and rain and snow does not bother them. What they truly do not like is a stiff wind which lifts their hair and then they head to their shelters.

Through the help of the Thoroughbred Retirement Program, some horses are sent to eight correctional facilities where the TRF operates a nationally accredited vocational training program in equine care and management for incarcerated men and women who curry and feed and love them which gives their lives a purpose and a responsibility. Other horses are used for therapeutic riding and equine-assisted therapy programs helping children and adults overcome mental, physical and emotional limitations. Some also become police horses.

The creator of the TRF Program over 20 years ago, Monique S. Koehler, quoted the following in a Pref-

ace to a book entitled *Saving Leslie Jones*: "Franz Mairinger, famed horseman, said...the Lord looked down on a Sunday morning and saw that something was missing, something that represented His patience, His understanding, His love, His everything. Indeed, all that was good. And He created the horse."

Ludy and family are also celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of their farm in 1761. On a special table she exhibited maps and documents. SHS member Len Korzun gave a presentation about the history of the area and the pioneers who settled in the 1700s.



The rain slowed down and outside visits to the barns were encouraged. Meanwhile, the photographer was able to take photos of the beautiful horses, one of which is shown on this page. The conversations continued and refreshments were served.

Our thanks to Ludy and family for providing an interesting and informative afternoon.

And for those interested in helping, tax deductible donations can be mailed to: Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, P. O. Box 834, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Also information can be obtained from them about how to adopt, sponsor, foster, volunteer, or donate horse care supplies, professional services and items for their fundraising auctions.

In Memoriam

Long-time Shrewsbury Historical Society member Tom Tomlinson, 92, passed away on August 22, 2012. Tom's talent is on display in the museum with his donation of the replica of Cuttingsville's former railroad station, a picture of which was in this column in the August issue of the *Times*. The station graced his railroad exhibit which he built in his basement years back, and which entertained us all, including classes of children from Mountain School. The exhibit consisted of villages and cities, mountains and rivers and several sets of trains moving all at the same time, complete with painted backgrounds. Tom will be remembered for his talent, kindness and sharing.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

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NEWS FROM MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." —Albert Camus

Mission Statement: Our purpose is to maximize each student's learning.

Enrollment: The current enrollment at Mill River Union High School is 543 students. The number of Shrewsbury students by class is as follows:

Grade	# of Students	Grade	# of Students
7	4	10	13
8	9	11	8
9	10	12	7

There are some new hires this year. Some are new to us, and some are in new positions. They are listed as follows: Brian Hill, English; Edward Robbins, math/science; J. Michele Farrar, English; Daniel Woods, therapeutic assistant; Nichole Peterson, library assistant; Jessica Flaherty, special education; Kayla Stomski, long term chemistry substitute; Desirae Tarajkowski, assistant nurse; Heather Toth, guidance counselor; Robert MacMurray, custodian; David Waterhouse, custodian; Karen Hodge, biology; Kari Hawthorne, therapeutic assistant; and Stacy Fiske, literacy lab.

Library News: Our library is a very busy place! The current collection features 15,400 items, and last year's average monthly circulation was 765 items. The average number of classes visiting per month for instruction or research over the same time period was 45. **The library is also having a book fair from October 15-19.** Every book sold earns the library cash that is used to purchase additional books for the library. There will be a variety of titles available. Folks who can't make it into school to shop the sale can also shop online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/millriver>.

The 7th and 8th graders at MRU participate each year in Vermont's **Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award** program. Students who read five books or more from the list may vote for their favorite title the following spring. The winning author is invited to visit VT and speak with children about the experience of writing quality literature for young people. There are 31 titles on this list, and copies are available in the school's library. A list of titles for the 2012–2013 school year may be accessed online at www.dcfaward.org.

The Green Mountain Book Award is a reader's choice award program for students in grades 9–12. Co-sponsored by the Vermont School Library Association, Vermont Library Association, and the Vermont Department of Libraries, the program is de-

signed to introduce high school students to some excellent books for their individual reading. Voting forms will be made available to all Vermont schools and libraries in the spring so that young adults can vote for their favorite book. There are 15 titles on this list, and copies are available in the school's library. A list of titles for the 2012–2013 school year may be accessed online at

www.libraries.vermont.gov/libraries/gmba.

This year's homecoming will be held on October 5 and 6. To kick off this celebration on Friday night Oct. 5, there will be girls' varsity and junior varsity games at 4:00pm against Woodstock, and at 7:00pm. a bonfire will be held to celebrate all sports. Saturday will be a busy day on our fields, beginning at 10:00am with the boys' varsity soccer game against Woodstock. At the same time, the girls' 7th grade soccer team plays Otter Valley with the middle school boys' team playing Otter Valley immediately following. At 2:00pm, the varsity Minutemen football team will play Woodstock. To culminate the activities, a dance will be sponsored on campus for all MRU students from 7:00-10:00pm.

If you are unable to make one of the sports events on homecoming weekend and would like to bring a lawn chair and watch a sports event on a different October day, **you can access the sports schedule** by visiting our website and clicking on the sports schedule icon. This will link you to Digital Sports where you can identify the sport you are interested in and view the schedule.

The Mill River Union High School Board is in the process of reviewing the school's policies and aligning the policy numbers, sections, and headings with those established by the VSBA (Vermont School Boards Association).

Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505
Andy Richards-Pelle 492-3648



SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

We are off to a great start this year. Here are a few things we have coming up.

- Oct. 8 – Brain Power Begins
- Oct. 9 – School Picture Day
- Oct. 17 – PreK Families Pot Luck Dinner
- Oct. 19 – Parent/Teacher Conferences



NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

HOURS:
Monday-Saturday 7am-7pm • Sunday 8am-5pm

SOUP'S ON! The return of Fall Weather has Rob busy in the kitchen each day making soup.

All the favorites have returned from Clam Chowder to Southwestern Butternut Squash. Stop in to see what the soup of the day is, Tuesdays through Sundays. We have three sizes to choose from and there are usually a few choices in the Front Cooler as well. We will also be offering another Take Out Meal on Mondays—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!

GET YOUR JACK O'LANTERNS HERE: We have some great Large Pumpkins to choose from, grown locally by Ray Sanderson. These giants are going to make great Jack O'Lanterns for some lucky families. Stop in and choose one today. Additionally, we still

have a ton of other local farmers' produce. On hand right now are several types of kale, chard, winter squash, green beans, celery, carrots, cabbage, peppers and tomatoes all from Shrewsbury farmers. Additionally we're carrying regional peaches, apples and a host of other fresh produce. I would say we're at peak of harvest so now is the time to get your fill. Additionally we're carrying a host of canning and freezing supplies. Ball Jars, Pectin, Vinegars, Pickling Salts, Spices, Cheesecloth and Freezer bags are all available for you to put up your own harvest.

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 October 12 from 5 to 7pm. Stop in and try the wine that's available and take advantage of the sale price for the entire month.

SEAFOOD WEDNESDAYS: Seafood Pre-buy has been a great new addition for the store. Each week, we offer fresh seafood available as a pre-buy order. The seafood is coming from our distributor, Black River Produce, one of the regional suppliers to all the best restaurants in the area. Place your order by Monday for delivery on Wednesday. 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, like Wild Sockeye Salmon, Striped Bass and Ocean Perch as availability permits. 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.

HOUSE FOR RENT! There have been some life changes for my partner Ed and me. He's now working an hour away from Shrewsbury, and to be fair, I've agreed to split the commute. Although this doesn't mean any changes for my work here, it does

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners for October

October 5: Ed Graves and KP Whaley will prepare vegetarian maple kimchee tofu with ginger sesame winter squash, on a bed of whole grains, and a small green salad.

October 12: Tracy Lazell will prepare vegetarian "English" Indian curry, with lentils, sweet potatoes, and other seasonal root vegetables, served over couscous, with a small green salad.

October 19: Sally Deinzer will prepare Guinness beef stew, with a small green salad.

October 26: Heather Shay and Scott Garren will prepare a beef, pork and veal meatloaf with a bourbon BBQ glaze, with a potato and summer squash tart, and a broccoli slaw salad with buttermilk dressing.

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

mean that we'll be moving out of the Pierce House attached to the store. We just started looking for a place so we're not sure when the move will happen, but if you know of someone who would be a good neighbor to the store—let us know... And, if you know of any good rentals between here and Bellows Falls, let ME know.

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 is entering the last quarter of the year with lots of energy and positive new offerings, thanks to Manager K.P. Whaley. I have a couple of other items to raise. First, in October, we expect we'll begin to install energy efficiency improvements that were recommended when we had an energy audit a year or so ago. Thanks to many generous donors, we raised the funds needed to accomplish the work. So this winter the store—and the house—will be more comfortable places to be and will require less fuel to keep warm!

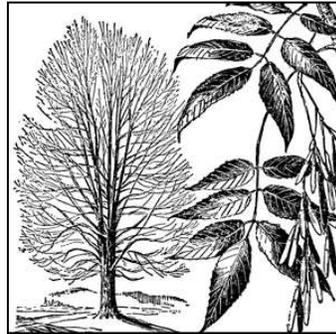
By the time you receive this issue of the *Times*, a group of volunteers will have moved the contents of the attics into the garage. Earlier in the summer, a few members of the Historical Society went through the attics and house and removed items of interest for their archives. What remains will be reviewed by representatives of the Preservation Trust of Vermont—which owns all of the property—to determine what should be done with it.

As K.P. notes above, in the next few months, he and Ed will be looking for a new place to live that won't require either of them to have an unpleasantly long commute. While we're sad that K.P. won't be living in Shrewsbury any longer, we understand the situation and K.P. has assured us that he will be on-site as much as he is now.

What this change means, though, is that we're looking for a new tenant in the house. Before anyone new moves in, we'll upgrade the space with fresh plaster and paint. We'll also install a locked door between the store and house and the tenant would have no responsibility or obligation about store business other than good neighborliness.

Realistically, no more than two people could live in the house because of septic issues, and we would prefer no pets. At this point we are just putting the word out. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact me: 492-2041 or email sdeinzer@gmail.com.

Submitted by Sally Deinzer



Ash tree and leaves

Emerald Ash Borer Gets Closer

Dalton, Massachusetts in Berkshire County, is now the closest confirmed site of Emerald Ash Borer and places it about 20

miles from the Vermont border. The beetle was found on a purple sticky trap (one of many first detector efforts) earlier this month and becomes the third site near Vermont along with Selkirk, New York, and Carignan, Quebec.

So where does Shrewsbury fit into this scenario other than that we have a few purple sticky traps scattered around (all Vermont traps are supposed to be removed for analysis by the end of September)?

An interesting study was conducted this summer to help prioritize outreach for community preparedness and the Forest Pest First Detector Program implementation. Shrewsbury has now been "ranked" based on its risk of EAB introduction and its potential impact on the town's urban and community forests. Since this beetle's movement has largely been people aided the risk of introduction was determined by the number of introduction pathways (sawmills, tree nurseries, campgrounds, firewood dealers, major roads, recreation sites, seasonal residences to name a few) and the distance from known infestations. Town population density was also a factor since the higher the density the more significant the urban forest and resulting potential for an infestation.

This process classifies a town on a scale of 1–7 with the highest risk at a 7. Shrewsbury's EAB risk is a classification three based largely on our ruralness; lack of major roads; and present distance from existing infestations. However, we do have an ash resource growing along many of our Town roads and three very nearby communities whose ranking is much higher: Town of Clarendon (5); Rutland Town (5); and Rutland City (6).

So continued vigilance for declining ash trees is probably the active word regarding concern about this insect in Shrewsbury and continuing to burn local firewood.

*Gary Salmon,
Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council*

*Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department and
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Dessert auction (depending on availability).

Auxiliary members will call for donations of side dishes and desserts.

If you don't receive a call by the last week in September,

please call Catherine at 492-6137.

The Shrewsbury Community Church



What exciting new things have we been doing at church?

We have moved our services from Northam to the Center Church and just in case you haven't heard me mention it recently; our new carpeting, paint and pew cushions are absolutely gorgeous!

In September we enjoyed a pot luck dinner and a wonderful Presentation "Start the Conversation" by Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Assoc. & Hospice, who provided a wealth of information about planning options for end-of-life care. We had a most wonderful surprise to have 18 members of Trillium perform in our sanctuary to start the presentation. Their beautiful harmony brought the sanctuary alive! What a blessing to be able to enjoy this talented group singing spirituals, hymns and folk songs. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting them, Trillium is a trained group of talented volunteer hospice singers, who offer songs of comfort, hope and healing at the bedsides of those with a life-limiting illness and their families. They provide spiritual support through music. What a gift!

We are enjoying trying out some new ideas this fall, including Worship Circle and Sup and Sing Vespers Service monthly. The community is invited to participate in all services.

We continue to collect and donate non-perishable food items for the Rutland Community Cupboard.

Community Needs

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

Pastoral Care, Home or Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests:★ Contact Rita Lane 775-2578

★ *What does a Pastoral Care and Outreach Minister do? She can provide counseling and visitation to anyone in the Shrewsbury Community. Feeling down? Need someone to talk to? Someone to listen? Or just a visit from someone? Call Rita 775-2578. She will come to you at home, in the hospital, in the nursing home, at the Meeting House or the Coffee House.*

- **Sept. 30** 7:00 pm Vespers Service (note no morning service this day).
- **Oct. 7** 10:00 am Worship Service Led by Reverend Bob Boutwell.
- **Oct. 10** 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting @ the home of Judy Pitts. 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 for details.
- **Oct. 14** 10:00 am Worship Circle Led by Pastor Rita Lane (thought-provoking discussion in place of sermon).
- **Oct. 21** 10:00 am Worship Service Led by Reverend Skip Dickinson.
- **Oct. 28** 5:30pm Sup & Sing Vespers Service- Pot luck dinner, followed by Service and Gospel Sing in the Sanctuary (note no morning service this day).

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

Autumn Lore

by Kathleen Jenks

"As autumn returns to earth's northern hemisphere, and day and night are briefly, but perfectly, balanced at the equinox, may we remember anew how fragile life is — human life, surely, but also the lives of all other creatures, trees and plants, waters and winds.

May we make wise choices in how and what we harvest,
may earth's weather turn kinder,
may there be enough food for all creatures,
may the diminishing light in our daytime skies be met by an increasing compassion and tolerance in our hearts."

Page submitted by Sue Ransom-Kelley

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

• THANKS to EVERYONE who contributed to the BOOK & BAKE SALE: all who set up and staffed, baked, donated books, VHS and audiotapes; and all who came to support the Library. We had a great selection of baked goods and books this year, as well as cassette tapes of great music from the 60s and 70s. The sale continues under the tent into foliage season.

• SPECIAL THANKS TO TERSH RUNNER for yeoman's service organizing and carrying boxes of books for the sale, and pulling discards from the card file. The work went so much more smoothly with his help!

• This month, we remember two dedicated former trustees, LORNA MacDOUGAL COHEN and DON PARRISH, who each inspired us by their lives and their service to Shrewsbury. They are sorely missed. (Please see the tributes elsewhere in the Times.)

• THANK YOU to the family and friends of CLAIRE HOOPER for donating **Circus Smirkus: Running Away to the Circus** by Rob Mermin to the Library. Claire loved Circus Smirkus, the Library, and her summers in Shrewsbury. Thank you, too, to all who made additional gifts to the Library in Claire's memory; we were honored by her friendship.

CONTINUING EVENTS

• Mondays @7pm: QUILT-MAKING WORKSHOP with LUCILLE & DONNA. Please call 492-3337 or 773-7403 for information. All welcome!

• WRITING GROUP, beginning in November. Call or e-mail Martha Izzie (492-3346; mhizzi@yahoo.com) Writers of all ages, experience and interests invited!

COMING EVENTS

• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 @ 4pm BOOK DISCUSSION: **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck, 2nd session. Books are still available at the library.

• NOVEMBER BOOK DISCUSSION Date TBA: **The Red Badge of Courage**, the "Vermont Reads" selection sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. Thanks to Chryl Martin for writing the successful application that brings us copies of the book.

SAVE THE DATE: November 10 @7:30pm: Author ARCHER MAYOR will read from his newest mystery novel and talk about his work as an EMT and medical examiner in Newfane.

NEW BOOKS include:

- **The Beautiful Mystery**, a new Chief Inspector Gamache mystery by Louise Penny
- **The Garden of Evening Mists**, the new novel by the Malaysian writer TanTwan Eng
- **Where'd You Go, Bernadette?**, a satirical novel by Maria Semple
- **Telegraph Avenue**, the new novel by Michael Chabon, set in Berkeley, CA

NEW DVDs include:

Vertigo, the Hitchcock classic with James Stewart & Kim Novak;

Ken Burns' **Baseball & The Civil War**; **Footnote**, from Israel; **Monsieur Lazhar**, from France.

Hello from the Kids' Korner!

I hope everyone had a great summer filled with lots of fun and reading.

First, I will be choosing a book for November to start another series of "Books in Motion" Events. This is where you read (or have read to you) the chosen book and then we meet to watch the movie based on the same book. Depending on scheduling, we might also be able to have a pizza dinner before the movie. So look for the title of the first book in next month's issue of the Times!

Secondly, I'm looking for any teen interested in reading the book Bull Run. This is a Vermont Reads program title and we are looking for teens to participate by reading then having a discussion. Please leave your name and phone number at the front desk if interested.

Lastly, I have ordered some titles from the DCF list and they should be at the Library shortly. Also, I have ordered the DVD of The Hunger Games. As always, if there is something (book or movie) that you would like to see in the library collection, please leave me a note with all the information. **Thanks for reading and hope to see you at the library!**

Gail H.

(Musical) Library Notes

Hello again, it has been a couple of months since I have connected with our fine community. I have several offerings for this month.

The first offering is from a bit of nostalgia perspective, it is the newest release from The Beach Boys and it included Brian Wilson! There are 12 cuts on **That's Why God Made The Radio**. I heard one of the cuts on the radio and thought the harmonies on it were among the finest the band had done. Those harmonies are especially evident on the title cut. I have also enjoyed "Isn't It Time" and "Beaches in Mind."

The next disc is entitled **Americana** by Neil Young and Crazy Horse. Neil has always been one of my favorites and is one of the most prolific songwriters of our time. This disc is entirely covers of what Mr. Young considers protest songs—those of a political bent. There are many familiar songs here, with lyrics most of us didn't learn in school, but know that these aren't the same songs from your childhood, they are in fact now electric! You'll recognize "Oh Suzanna," "This Land is Your Land," "God Save the Queen," and "Jesus Chariot (She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain)." This one is fun, take a spin with it.

The next disc is one by Ali Farka Toure and Toumani Diabate and is entitled **In the Heart of the Moon**. They are from Guinea playing guitar, and Mali playing Kora, respectively. While they knew of each other, they had never played together before. This is almost entirely instrumental music that is at once beautiful, entrancing and invigorating. I have to thank Jonathan Gibson for bringing this collection to my attention. I won't attempt to single out any songs on this disc as the entirety is worth listening to.

The last disc is **Uncaged** by the Zac Brown Band. This is a country band with an affinity for Jimmy Buffet style music. I wholeheartedly recommend this and the band's other discs. I am a Parrothead and now a full-fledged Zac Brown Band fan. This is one part party music, one part relaxing music and just plain fun. Check out "Uncaged," "Goodbye in Her Eyes," "Sweet Annie," and a beautiful tribute to a dear friend who passed, "Lance's Song."



Four for this month should keep most of you connected to new music. Feel free to let me know what you think, I am in the phone book.

Thomas Hartigan



New from the Library... Shrewsbury's REVIEW OF BOOKS!

5 "Shrewsberries" = Fantastic!
4 = Compelling, page-turner
3 = Enjoyable
2 = Just O.K.
1 = Not recommended

This is our first selection of reviews from our "Readers' Pick" journal kept at the Library. Thanks to all the contributors!

Reviving Ophelia by Mary Pipher

A *must* read for parents and grandparents of a daughter/granddaughter entering adolescence. It's a far different world today, and teenage girls face far different forces on their passage to adulthood.



Dog Love by Marjorie Garber

I do not recommend if you're a lover of dogs. One chapter specifically should be "off limits" for young readers.



While I Was Gone by Sue Miller

Interesting book, good story-telling. The ending was unsettling and, unfortunately, a little unsatisfying, but overall, it was a good read.



Dreams of My Russian Summers by Andre Makine

Wonderful! Many thoughts about realizing things about different nationalities...language, history, and more... I lent this book to my mother—here's a card from her: *Thanks, honey—I really enjoyed this book. Thanks to Joan and the Shrewsbury Libe.*



With permission,
Laura Black

The Way the Crow Flies by Ann-Marie MacDonald

I was intrigued by this novel. Other than the opening page that warns the reader of a murder, the conflict is subtle in the first half of the book as it develops the relationships in a family, community—but then the father makes a decision, and the lives of his family and community unravel. Fascinating look at how moral decisions and outside influences impact our lives.

With permission, Louise Duda



Compiled by Marilyn Dalick

Shrewsbury!! Coming soon! Gloria's Pantry is moving!

The pantry will be moving to my new location at my late father's house next door.
I'll have a larger kitchen, a better driveway, a larger selection
plus Thomas Dairy products will be available!

In the field next door in our greenhouses will be salad mixes,
spinach and root crops available all winter. Plus hydroponic tomatoes
which are already growing in my new shop hopefully ready for the holidays.

Watch for our grand opening signs. Hope to see you there.

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SHREWSBURY WINS BIG

Greetings from your Conservation Commission. Do you remember all of those phone calls and mailers that we sent out last year, encouraging you to participate in the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont's (home energy saving program) H.E.A.T. Squad program? Well, Shrewsbury had such a great response to this program in the town that we won the "highest average energy savings" title and \$10,000! The money must be used for an energy related project in town.

Here are the details:

Twenty-two households completed energy improvements and are saving an average of 37% every year on heating and electric costs. Combined, these households are saving:

- 28 cords of wood every year
- 7,957 gallons of heating fuel every year
- 1256.3 mmbtu's annually
- 13,599 KWH annually

\$23,850 SAVED EVERY YEAR!

So, the Conservation Commission is putting together some ideas as to how this money could be used, but we want your input. Is there a town building that needs help to become more efficient? Do we want to help the Pierce's attic insulation project? Should we use the money to kick start a larger project?

Please let us know! shrewsburyconservation@gmail.com

Don Parrish to Be Remembered September 30

There will be a Celebration of the Life of Donald A. Parrish with a gathering for shared stories, music, and potluck on September 30 at 1:00pm at the Shrewsbury Town Hall.

A former longtime Shrewsbury Selectman, Parrish, 63, passed away at his home recently after a long illness.

He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He moved to Vermont in 1975 to work at Spring Lake Ranch and served as Shrewsbury's rural mail carrier from 1983 to 2001.

He married Annette Lindholm in 1996 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in legal studies from Woodbury College in 2004.

Parrish served on many town committees and boards and was a past member of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department. He was seldom seen without his camera, and Shrewsbury artist Graham Mears noted "he was an excellent photographer."

He was recognized with a Vermont Public Service Award in 1999.

Former selectman Dick Brigham praised Parrish for his reliability and hard work, saying "his comical wit often turned arduous evenings into a laugh." Selectman Bert Potter noted his fairness and "willingness to listen and change his mind if you could convince him of your logic and that your position was right."

Town librarian Joan Aleshire said, "Don was one of the finest people I've known. ... I think all of us who

knew him feel a tremendous loss, but can be inspired by his example of courage in the face of a long and intractable illness, and his dedication to his beliefs."

Licia Gambino-Hamilton noted Parrish was a "driving force" in launching the Shrewsbury Chamber Music Society and was a committed board member and treasurer.

Having joined Vermont Legal Aid in 2004, Parrish was the sole Client Assistance Program Representative in Vermont, advocating for clients of the State Vocational Rehabilitation Program statewide and serving on related state and national committees.

Colleague Sam Liss stated, "Don was as passionate and ethical an advocate for the best interests of his clients and for social justice, generally, that I have ever met. He always thought of what is best for those with little perceived power and influence. Advancing employment opportunities for those with disabilities was in the forefront of his work, as was budgetary and programmatic equity."

"He provided a voice for those who needed to be heard and an ear for those who needed someone to listen. He was liked and respected by everyone who knew him," noted Jennifer Philo, secretary of Vermont Legal Aid in Rutland.

"He really loved his job, respected his clients, and believed in a world of full employment and community inclusion for people with disabilities," Nancy Breiden, Director of the Disability Law Project, added.

Submitted by Karen D. Lorentz

Remembering Don Parrish

Don Parrish died at home on September 6th after a ten-year pitched battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Annette, his children Nicholas, Brittany, Tim, Zeb and Jensen, his granddaughter Zulie, his father, sister, two brothers, nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Don served Shrewsbury as a long-time member of the Select Board, a library trustee, an auditor, a member of the fire department and as a member of the board of the Shrewsbury Chamber Music Society. He brought to these positions the great integrity, wisdom and dependability that so deeply impressed those who knew him.

Don was an incomparable friend—the embodiment of the meaning of the word. It was a rare privilege to know him, and his passing leaves an unfillable void in many lives.

Dirk Thomas

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