



Times of Shrewsbury



April 2013



Panoramic view of the Hinckley farm prior to 1945, the year the large barn on the left burned down.

Museum Exhibits Continue to Grow

Recently the Shrewsbury Historical Society received via email many photos sent by Eric Hinckley and his cousin Eliot Ball. Eric is a grandson of Ted Hinckley, former owner of the Hinckley Farm. Ted's parents, Elmer Emmett Hinckley and Emily Gronman, purchased 140 acres in Eastham, Shrewsbury in 1914 and moved all their belongings, animals and horses by wagons. Ted Hinckley was born in 1907 and was one of nine children.

Included in this special gift of photos are a few showing Ted Hinckley as teacher (for over 30 years) teaching math and science in Burlington. He was also briefly principal of the Salisbury School, and eventually returned to the farm where he cut pulp wood by hand, and had cows and sheep.



Eastham School, date unknown



Teacher Ted Hinckley (back row center) with students

There are albums that contain many photos of Shrewsbury family members, including more of the Hinckley family and friends, can be viewed at the Historical Society Museum from 1pm to 3pm on Sundays beginning July 7, 2013 through the summer until closing on October 27. Photo albums are just one of the favorite exhibits that abound in our community-inspired museum.

—Ruth Winkler

Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

A Big Thank You

To the voters of Shrewsbury who continued to support the Historical Society by voting yes to our request for \$2000 which will help defray the costs of maintaining the museum. The Society is very appreciative.

SHS Website

The shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com website is sporting new photos of churches and schools in Shrewsbury, the beautiful panoramic photo of the Hinckley farm shown on p. 1, and a video of the Meeting House Rock Service held on July 18, 1991 as part of the Shrewsbury Bicentennial Celebration of 1991/'92.

Annual Meeting

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Historical Society will be the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Tuesday evening, May 7 at 7pm in the museum. Dues must be paid on or before that date in order for members to cast their vote. New members, active or inactive, are always welcome. Dues are: Individual \$10, Family \$15, Contributing \$30, Life (individual/couple) \$125. Please make checks payable to Shrewsbury Historical Society and remit to John Elwert, Treasurer, 499 Shunpike Road, Cuttingsville, VT 05738. Dues can also be paid before the meeting.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



Do you enjoy HORSES? PEOPLE? Young and old? Are you a student looking for important community service projects? Volunteers are needed at Rainbow Riding Center (PATH certified therapeutic riding program) for leading horses, side walking spotters, obstacle course help. These volunteers must be 14 or older, but folks of all ages are needed for other projects at RRC. Sound interesting? Come and see!

Training Day for Volunteers

Saturday May 4, 10:00am to noon
(Rain date May 5)

Reinbow Riding Center Open House

Saturday May 18, 1:00pm to 3:00pm
(Rain date May 19)

And save the date for our Third Annual Reinbow Riding Center PIG ROAST: Saturday, August 10.

430 Robinson Rd.

Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Questions? Call (802) 492-2226

The Times of Shrewsbury

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

All submissions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the submitting person. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing for length and clarity. If Letters to the Editor exceed 350 words, they will be subject to editing for length. Any opinion piece will be deemed to be a Letter to the Editor subject to this policy. All items including letters are printed at the editors' discretion. A letter writer of any letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to that resident or organization and to the *Times* by the 10th of the month prior to publication or it will not

run. If the named individual or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the *Times* that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

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

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's *Times*. If you have any questions, please email or call Sandra Korinchak at 773-8930 ext. 223 or Chryl Martin at 492-2244.

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Apr		No Senior luncheon in April
Apr 2	4pm	*Computer Help at the Library
Apr 4	7-9pm	*Writer's Group at the Library
Apr 5	5-7pm	*Pierce's Store wine tasting
Apr 12	7:30pm	*Authors Joan Aleshire and Jon Turner read from their writings at the Library
Apr 15		*Deadline for applications for Hurricane Relief Funds
Apr 15		*Deadline to file Vermont Homestead Declaration Form HS-122
Apr 18	7-9pm	*Writer's Group at the Library
Apr 21	4pm	*Book Discussion Group at the Library
Apr 23	4pm	*Computer Help at the Library
Apr 24	12noon	*Prayer Shawl Group meets at home of Judy Pitts 775-0678
Apr 26	7:30pm	*Gardeners' Round Table at the Library
Apr 27	7pm	*MARDI GRAS benefit, dance, and food at the Meeting House
Apr 28	1-9pm	*Kids Clothing Swap at Shrewsbury Mountain School
Apr 26	7:30pm	*Bright Wings Chorus at Shrewsbury Community Church
May 4		*Green Up Day
May 7	7pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at the Museum

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



**Deadline for submission
to *Times of Shrewsbury* is
by 5:00pm on 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 the Snow Angel Tavern in Mendon
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm at Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	1 ST Monday—5pm at Town Office

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)
Health Officer Daphne Leajemmer 773-7157
Emergency Management Bert Potter 773-2272

Ambulance 773-1700
CVPS power outage 1-800-451-2877
Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911
Rutland Hospital 775-7111

Election Results for Town of Shrewsbury

March 5, 2013

1. Town Officers:

One Moderator	1-year term – Eldred French--253 votes
One Selectboard Member	3-year term – Steven Nicholson (Write In)--75 votes*
One Auditor	3-year term – Christina Clarke (Write In)--10 votes**
One Lister	3-year term – Christina Clarke (Write In)--16 votes**
One Grand Juror	1-year term – Barry Griffith--268 votes
One Town Agent	1-year term – Barry Griffith--270 votes
One 1st Constable	1-year term – Matt Danaher (Write In)--28 votes⁺
One 2nd Constable	1-year term – Peter Lajoie (Write In)--14 votes⁺⁺
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term – David Rice--250 votes

Notes regarding the election of Officials:

**Steven Nicholson had been serving as a Lister. In consenting to serve as a Member of the Selectboard he had to resign as Lister because they are incompatible offices 17 V.S.A. § 2647.*

***Christina Clarke declined to serve as Auditor. Christina consented to serve as Lister*

+Matt Danaher declined to serve as 1st Constable, the position is vacant and will be filled by Selectboard appointment.

++Peter Lajoie declined to serve as 2nd Constable, the position is vacant and will be filled by Selectboard appointment.

Steve Nicholson's resignation created a vacancy on the Board of Listers. Betsy Jesser was nominated and appointed to serve on the Board of Listers for one year.

Christina Clarke's decision not to serve as Auditor created a vacancy on the Board of Auditors. Sanford (Sandy) Bragg was nominated and appointed to serve for one year.

Results of Budget and Public Questions:

2. Shall the Town approve a budget of **\$2,167,112**, and appropriate and expend **\$529,877**, to be raised by taxes or other revenues, to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways?

Yes – 232 No – 69

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend:

3. \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund?	Yes 224	No - 69
4. \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?	Yes 237	No - 65
5. \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?	Yes 223	No - 73
6. \$50,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund?	Yes 238	No - 73
7. \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?	Yes 224	No - 76
8. \$26,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?	Yes 229	No - 72
9. \$12,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?	Yes 211	No - 86
10. \$25,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?	Yes 250	No - 51
11. \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library?	Yes 212	No - 92
12. \$2,000 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?	Yes 197	No - 106
13. \$4,224 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?	Yes 253	No - 50
14. \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?	Yes 187	No - 115
15. \$2,526 to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?	Yes 251	No - 53
16. \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?	Yes 219	No - 82
17. \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?	Yes 224	No - 76
18. \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?	Yes 213	No - 84
19. \$1,192 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?	Yes 212	No - 89
20. \$150 to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?	Yes 231	No - 67
21. \$600 to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?	Yes 173	No - 121
22. \$600 to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?	Yes 191	No - 106

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23. \$500 to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?	Yes 182	No - 115
24. \$500 to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?	Yes 178	No - 119
25. \$170 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?	Yes 201	No - 97
26. \$35 to help support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?	Yes 201	No - 105
27. \$500 to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?	Yes 192	No - 104

28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., Friday, **October 11, 2013**? **Yes 252** **No - 25**

29. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury discontinue the use of Australian ballot for its annual budget vote? **Yes 106** **No - 192**

30. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury discontinue the use of Australian ballot for all public questions? **Yes 115** **No - 184**

31. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury hold its Annual Town Meeting on the Saturday proceeding the first Tuesday in March, at a time and place determined by the Selectboard, beginning in 2014? **Yes 194** **No - 101**

Summary notes regarding Articles 29, 30 and 31:

Because the voters chose to continue the use of Australian ballot in Articles #29 and #30, the results of Article #31 - *Shall the Town of Shrewsbury hold its Annual Town Meeting on the Saturday proceeding the first Tuesday in March...* is moot. 17 V.S.A. § 2640 states that Annual Meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday in March if the transaction of legal business is to be done by Australian ballot whether it is used for the election of Officers, budget questions or for public questions.

The information segment of the Annual Town Meeting is specified in statute as required within 10 days of the Annual meeting. What we commonly call the "Informational Meeting" is in actuality a *public hearing* of the Warned items. It has been Shrewsbury's practice to coordinate the Town and the School public hearings to be held on the Monday evening prior to the voting by Australian ballot on the following day. If there is a preference for another day besides Monday evening for the informational segment, contact a Selectboard member with your suggestion.

Results for Shrewsbury Town School District

Article 1: To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year. **Eldred French--253 votes**

Article 2: To elect a town school director for a term of 3 years. **Sarah Bolster--244 votes**

Article 3: To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40 Board for a three year term.

Adrienne Raymond--262 votes

Article 4: Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be place in the building maintenance reserve fund? **Yes - 210 No - 88**

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District raise, appropriate and expend the amount of \$1,090,524 for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school? **Yes - 191 No - 109**

Article 6: Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District discontinue the use of Australian ballot for its annual budget vote? **Yes - 108 No - 192**

Article 7: Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District discontinue the use of Australian ballot for all public questions. **Yes - 124 No - 179**

Article 8: Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District hold its Annual Meeting on the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March, at a time and place to be determined by the School Board, beginning in 2014? **Yes - 203 No - 94**

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Results from Shrewsbury Town School District continued from previous page

Article 9: Shall the town school district vote to authorize the board of school directors to borrow money temporarily from time to time as may be required to pay orders? **Yes - 211 No - 92**

See Town Summary Notes regarding Articles 6, 7 & 8

Special Thanks to all the Poll Workers and Ballot Counters who graciously volunteered on March 5th for the Annual Town Meeting Election.

Barbra & Barry Griffith, Carol Calotta, Sharon Winnicki, Cynthia Thornton, Anne Ridlon, Sally Deinzer, Adrienne Raymond, Randy Page, Nelson Haley, Melissa Reichert, Chryl & Gerry Martin, Bill & Katharine Clancy, Roxanne Ramah, Joyce & Lee Wilson, Marilyn Dalick, Carol Goodwin, Joan Judge, Thomas Hartigan, Steven Nicholson, Ann Vanneman, Richard Biziak, Gary Salmon, Trish Norton, John Berryhill, Julanne Sharrow, Mike Stewart, John Wood, Bert Potter, and BJ Stewart for keeping the bulletin board well organized.

Election Results submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

There are a number of bills being proposed that address every issue one can imagine. Over three hundred have already been released in the House with at least another hundred coming in the next several weeks. One of the most interesting tries to make changes to our education funding system. H.164 moves us to an education tax based on income and per-pupil spending per town, combined with a fixed statewide residential property tax. This proposal would lower the current base residential rate, and simplify our tax system with a flat statewide rate. Instead of adjusting the tax rate for local spending, the flat tax rate for homestead property would be the same as for nonresidential property. This would eliminate the need for income sensitivity and the rebate program. The education tax would be assessed on a formula that looks at per-pupil spending, the statewide base tax, and a person's federally adjusted gross income. Every town would bill properties in the same manner as they do now for nonresidential properties. The income tax rate would be adjusted based on the spending in each school district. Anything that simplifies our education funding system would be an improvement, and I hope this receives some consideration.

The Pension Forfeiture Bill easily passed the Vermont House. It applies to financial crimes committed by people who are members of any state-funded pension plans, which includes state and municipal employees, and teachers. Unfortunately, the legislation does not give the authority to reach back to take any pension funds that were gained prior to this bill taking effect. However, the court and district attorneys still have the ability to negotiate with offenders

in the criminal prosecution process.

The emphasis of this bill is to return pension benefits contributed by the taxpayer back into our pension systems. Offender's would only be entitled to their contribution, and even that might be subject to forfeiture in any settlement. Our committee strongly agreed that we should not reward someone that abuses the system, or steals public money.

H.188 is a bill that would make the mammoth tusk and tooth that were excavated in Mount Holly in 1848 our official state co-fossil. While this may not sound very important with all of the serious work in front of us, I can assure you that it does not take much time or effort. In 1993 when the Charlotte Whale fossil was adopted as our state fossil, many of us felt that the Mount Holly mammoth tusk and tooth should receive equal recognition. The mammoth fossils were found a year before the whale fossil, and this mammal actually walked on the land. It is likely that the whale got confused and took a wrong turn, and got grounded on the shore of Lake Champlain. Both were discovered during the building of the railroad bed. The mammoth fossils are now on permanent loan to the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum in Belmont Village where they are proudly displayed. I hope this bill, important to the people of Mount Holly, will easily go through the process, and we can soon call the Mount Holly mammoth tusk and tooth our state's terrestrial fossil.

I hope you will contact me concerning the issues important to you. I can be reached with a message at 800-322-5616 or at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us.

—Representative Dennis Devereux

Was your home damaged during Irene? Then read on!

Shrewsbury Hurricane Relief Fund

Ready to Award Grants

It has been over a year since tropical storm Irene hit Vermont and our town of Shrewsbury in such a devastating way. At that time, townspeople here gathered together to form volunteer crews to help dig muck from cellars and clear debris from yards and a special fund was formed designated the Shrewsbury Hurricane Relief Fund. Folks both from in town and out of state sent money to offset town costs generated by the storm and to help give some relief to storm victims.

The committee overseeing the fund has not been sitting idly. Some donations had named recipients and those funds were immediately disbursed. The committee then focused on funding improvements to the town's communication system, as it was clear that in a disaster like Irene, it was vital that emergency responders, road crew, and town officials all needed to be able to communicate. Due to Shrewsbury's winding, mountainous topography and our aging radios and equipment, our current system was not doing the job. Two grants were received from The Vermont Community Foundation and two more from Homeland Security that have enabled us to buy more two-way radios, upgrade older models to broadband, and purchase a repeater tower powered by solar and wind power that is currently being installed on the top of Kinsman Hill. As soon as this is completed, communication will be possible in all parts of town. The Department of Homeland Security grants totaling \$17,725 funded this project.

The committee is now ready to disperse the remainder of the funds, mostly from the Vermont Community Foundation, to those residents in town affected by the storm, almost \$12,000. **It will be accepting applications until April 15, 2013.** At that time, all funds will be awarded and the account closed. If you were one of the residents who has accrued expenses not covered by insurance, FEMA, or other assistance and would like a piece of the pie, fill out an application and turn it in to the town office or mail it to:

Shrewsbury Hurricane Relief Fund,
9823 Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Applications must be submitted by **April 15, 2013** and can be:

- downloaded from the town website

www.shrewsburyvt.org

- or picked up at the town office.

Submitted by Louise Duda



Green Up 2013

Believe it or not, it is almost Green Up time again. Please save the morning of **Saturday, May 4** to enjoy a breakfast at the Town Hall, choose a route, and head out to pick up trash along Shrewsbury roads. This is certainly a labor of love for our Town. The Conservation Commission is deeply grateful to those people who take the time to participate.

Saturday, May 4

Breakfast 8–10am

**Trash sorting at the Transfer Station 10am–1pm
(Volunteers Needed!)**

Thanks from Your Conservation Commission! For questions: shrewsburyconservation@gmail.com or 492-2255

Submitted by Cynthia Thornton

Otter Creek Engineering's Update of the Bridge Repair Projects

As most of you know, my firm has been assisting the Town with design, permitting and funding of the several bridge and large culvert replacements required due to Hurricane Irene flooding. Many folks have expressed appreciation for the regular update in the Times, so here is the current status of these projects.

1. Frank Lord Road, Freeman Brook Road and Old Plymouth Road Bridges — These new replacement bridges are complete, except for a little spring clean-up.

2. Upper Cold River Road Landslide — The uphill battle with FEMA continues. The Town submitted a "Scope Change Request" to FEMA in January since FEMA's estimate of the repair was unacceptable from an engineering point of view. The Request documented the failure of the road and requested that the most cost efficient solution be authorized and funded. In February FEMA denied the request because they concluded the road was on "natural ground" and FEMA does not generally pay for replacement of "natural ground." In March the Town submitted a Request for Reconsideration to FEMA, arguing that the road was not "natural ground" by FEMA's own definition. FEMA responded that the Town could resubmit a new Scope Change Request (back to the beginning) with additional information and it might be considered. This will be done and FEMA will have 60 days to respond to the new Scope Change Request. If this makes your head spin we understand. The road failed during Hurricane Irene, it was obviously caused by the flood, and it should be a clear case for FEMA funding. But, here we are, a year and a half later and still discussing eligibility with FEMA. The repair will likely cost about \$700,000 based on our estimates and that of the geotechnical consultant.

3. Sergeant Brook Bridge (first bridge to Governor Clement Shelter area) — The Federal Highway Ad-

ministration (FHWA) is continuing its design of this bridge replacement. Their design will utilize 65-foot precast concrete box beams to span the brook and the adjacent stream bank destroyed during the flood. Currently, their schedule has a 70% design milestone set for May 2013 and construction during the Spring/Summer of 2014.

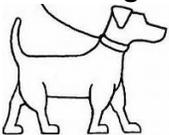
4. Governor Clement Shelter Road Bridge (second bridge, past the camps) — Construction of this replacement bridge cannot begin until FHWA completes the Sergeant Brook Bridge (Summer 2014). Otter Creek Engineering will complete the design and permitting of this structure during the next few months, then "put it on the shelf" until FHWA is nearing completion of the Sergeant Brook Bridge. Once that bridge is completed, the Governor Clement Shelter Road Bridge will be reconstructed.

5. Eastham Road (just below Pierce's Store) Culvert and **Eastham Road** (at Biddle Farm) Culvert — These projects are "stuck" in FEMA red tape, as are many projects throughout the State; FEMA refuses to pay for structures that meet the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Stream Alteration Permit Requirements, specifically regarding the size/span of the structure. FEMA has assigned funding for both projects, however, in both cases, the funding falls far short of the estimated construction costs. Towns are required to pay the difference between available FEMA funding and the actual costs—a significant amount of money. Because this is a widespread issue throughout the State, VTrans is trying to identify available funding options to "cover the gap" between FEMA funds and construction costs. This has yet to be resolved and the projects are on hold until funding options are finalized. Both sites have temporary, recycled culverts installed.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

Mark Youngstrom

2013 Dog Licenses — REMINDER



Dog Licenses **are now available** at the Town Office or by mail. An up to date rabies certificate must be on file prior to obtaining a license.

Vermont Law states that all dogs or wolf-hybrids older than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 be registered. 20 V.S. A. §3581

Fees: \$8 spayed / neutered or \$12 female / male. After April 1 additional \$4 late fee.

Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Homestead Declaration Mandatory Again in 2013

An important Legislative Change for 2013 will be that filing Homestead Declarations annually will once again become mandatory in 2013. If you are a Vermont resident and own and occupy a Vermont dwelling as your principal residence on April 1, 2013, you must file a Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122 by April 15, 2013.

Submitted by Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for Voting

Whether you voted yes or no, for him or for her, thank you for finding the time and making the effort to vote in town on the 5th. All this great country asks for all the freedoms we enjoy, is that you exercise your right to vote! Thank you!

Sincerely, Bert and Marina Potter, Town Residents

New Shrewsbury Health Officer

Daphne Leahemmer (phone 773-7157) has been appointed Town Health Officer for a three year term beginning March 1, 2013 and expiring February 29, 2016.

Burning Permits

If you plan on burning brush, always call for a burn permit before you burn. Contact the Shrewsbury Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown (802-775-6194 or 802-345-8668) or the Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon Jr. (802-282-3642) for a burning permit.

Submitted by Jack Perry



Who, What, Where, When?

Bone Builders: Anyone is invited to join the group each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00-9:45am in the Meeting House on Lottery Road. Participants focus on strengthening bone density through series of exercises using weights donated by RAVNAH.

Shrewsbury Outing Club: Membership applications are mailed out in late Spring. Members who pay the annual fee have use of the Outing Club's dock at Spring Lake. Board meetings and work days are held several times a year. Periodically the club sponsors other events which are open to anyone in the community.

Shrewsbury Seniors: Open to anyone who would like to enjoy lunch with fellow Shrewsbury seniors once a month at designated area restaurants. If you wish to join the group, check out the *Times* Calendar of Events. Attendees are requested to call the coordinator to make reservations.

Shrewsbury Sno-Birds: Anyone interested in snowmobiles may join the club. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Snow Angel Tavern in Mendon. The Sno-Birds also offer a safety course each year.

If you have a group that needs to be added to our list, please email us at shrewsburytimes@gmail.com



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring is in the air and sugaring season should be in full swing. The changing of the season can create many safety challenges for us. The dirt roads soften up then freeze up at night. The ruts in the road tend to take your car where they want it to go, not necessarily where you want it to go. The unexpected frost heaves and the sand on the roadsides can cause your car to unexpectedly slide out of control even if you are driving the posted speed limits. A quick snow fall or a little bit of ice forms on the paved road from yesterday's warm up. Wildlife is moving more as the weather warms up. Slowing down increases your ability to respond to these unexpected surprises and maintain control of your vehicle. Drive defensively!

We may still have a fair amount of snow on the ground but it will leave quickly at this time of year. During the time between snow melt and the growth of green vegetation, the woods are very susceptible to fire. The top layer of the debris on the forest floor dries quickly. A small grass fire with a little wind can quickly be out of control. If you decide to burn brush, assess your situation before you burn, make a plan. Consider the wind conditions, has it rained recently, is the ground damp. It is always good to have help, discuss the plan, have a supply of hand tools, and water available. Stay a safe distance from structures on your property; brush fires generate a lot of heat and flying embers can linger and start fires in other areas. You are ultimately responsible to maintain control of any open fire.

Shrewsbury's Forest Fire Wardens, Kevin Brown and Al Ridlon Jr., are part of a state-wide network of dedicated fire personnel that monitor the weather and forest conditions to determine if it is safe to burn without creating a hazardous situation. The burn permit is reported to the local 911 call centers so they are aware of where permitted burns are to take place. Always remember, if a fire is out of control do not hesitate to call 911 for assistance. If you speak to Kevin or Al, give 'em a big "Thank you" for their years of volunteer service. Kevin has been serving as the Forest Fire Warden for 20 years, and Al has been serving as Deputy Forest Fire Warden for 18 years.

The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all of our neighbors for your continued support on the town budget items and the SVFD fund raising efforts. Thanks again and remember:
Stay Fire Safe!

Submitted by Jack Perry



Whence Saltash?

Ever wonder how Saltash Mountain got its name? During a recent Green Mountain Club hike up Saltash, I speculated that maybe the name was related to the early staple of settler economy, potash. In the late 1700s, as English settlers poured into the region after the French and Indian War, potash was a source of badly needed cash and credit as they cleared wooded land for crops.

To make full use of their land, settlers needed to dispose of excess wood. Any wood not needed for fuel or construction was burned. Ashes from hardwood trees could then be used to make lye, which could either be used to make soap or boiled down to produce valuable potash. Hardwood could generate ashes at the rate of 60 to 100 bushels per acre, according to the Wikipedia article on potash. In 1790, ashes could be sold for \$3.25 to \$6.25 per acre in rural New York State—nearly the same rate as hiring a laborer to clear the same area.

Sounds like a plausible theory? Well, it's wrong. The real story is that Plymouth was originally named Saltash in the Grants issued by Benning Wentworth, the NH governor who was furiously issuing deeds of questionable legality to all and sundry

during the great post-war land rush.

Perhaps in choosing the name Wentworth was trying mollify his Yorker rival George Clinton, who had been governor of New York from 1743 to 1753. At the time of Saltash's charter, Clinton was a member of the English parliament, representing Saltash, Cornwall. Unfortunately for Wentworth, George Clinton died just four days after Saltash was granted, so he would never have heard about the honor Wentworth tried to pay him.

The residents of Saltash changed the name to Plymouth in 1797, perhaps honoring the pilgrims of Plymouth MA. But they obviously knew their English geography, too, because Plymouth in England is directly across a river from Saltash, Cornwall. The residents of the Cornish town, which was founded in the twelfth century, look down on the younger town of Plymouth through a rhyme: *Saltash was a borough town, when Plymouth was a fuzzy down.*

So the last vestige of the original Wentworth charter is Saltash mountain, reversing the rhyme: Plymouth is the borough town, while Saltash is the fuzzy mound.

*Article by Sandy Bragg
Photo by Barb Griffith*

The Roving Reporter Asked:

What can you tell me about daylight saving time?

- "Originally it was to make sure kids wouldn't have to wait for the bus in the dark." –NS
- "I think it started during wartime for some reason." –BG
- "I thought it was so the farmers would have more daylight hours." –JP
- "I read somewhere that it all started when some guy in New Zealand wanted more daylight hours so he could collect bugs after work!" –ME
- "It's Man versus Nature!" –LA
- "A couple of states don't do it....like Arizona, because it's sunny out there all the time." –AN
- "It's not variable anymore because it was one thing Congress could agree on!" –SS
- "Being a former firefighter I always say when you change your clocks, you change the batteries in your smoke detectors." –SW
- "The change stinks....but being self-employed makes it easier." –DB
- "On Channel 5 they said it costs \$480 billion throughout the world. It's supposed to be an economic stimulus!" –M?
- "It is eternally confusing!" –KW



Champlain Philharmonic

The Champlain Philharmonic will be performing concerts on Saturday, April 6, 7:30pm at the Rutland Intermediate School Auditorium, and on Sunday, April 7, 4:00pm at the Middlebury Town Hall Theatre.

This Vergennes-based symphony orchestra includes a number of Rutland area musicians, including Shrewsbury resident Roxanne Ramah and Shrewsbury Mountain School's Jennifer Cohen. The concert will feature the premiere of Kenji Bunch's concerto for electric violin with soloist Tracy Silverman, widely regarded as one of the greatest electric violinists of his generation. Also featured will be Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony and the premiere of an orchestral work composed by a Poultney High School student through the Vermont Midi project.

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Contact Bev Darling (492-3538) for info and tickets

Mill River Talent Show

DATE CHANGED to May 1, 2013 at 7:00

Two RAFFL Events

RAFFL is hosting two very exciting events in April. The Vermont Fermentation Festival will be on Saturday, April 13th, 10-4pm at Green Mountain College, Poultney. General Admission \$5, and students free. The keynote speakers are Doug Flack of Flack Family Farm and Dr. Luby of UVM. There will be 6 workshops and demos on how to make kimchi, sauerkraut, kombucha, yoghurt and sourdough bread. There will be a live culture swap, and featured vendors will be Real Pickles, Butterworks Farm, Aqua Vitae, and Vermont Smoke and Cure.

Tangled Roots Mushroom Tour will be held on Sunday, April 14, 10-1pm at Tangled Roots Farm, 300 Stagecoach Rd, Shrewsbury. Come take a tour of the farm, learn how woodland mushrooms are grown, why they are so good for us and how they are different from what you find in the supermarket.

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Submitted by Elizabeth Thenault



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COMING EVENTS

• Friday, April 12 @ 7:30pm: **Poet, Musician, & Editor Ben Aleshire & Poet, Papermaker & Iraq War Veteran Jon Turner** will read from their work. **Ben** founded the literary journal *The Salon* in Burlington; has published his first book, *Dropped Apples*, with help from the Vermont Council on the Arts; and is a member of the band Vermont Joy Parade. **Jon** directs the Veterans Paper Project, which encourages war veterans to express their thoughts through writing, paper-making and letterpress printing. He also helps direct traditional healing ceremonies and lives in Middletown Springs.

• Friday, April 26 @ 7:30pm: **Gardeners' Roundtable.** Bring your questions, share your successes and challenges from last year's growing season.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS

Tuesday, April 2 and 23, 7–9pm: COMPUTER HELP: Office Hours with Marcos Levy. All you want to know about Social Media and more! Call Marcos at 492-3455 for more information.

Sunday, April 21, 4pm: BOOK DISCUSSION: THE RAZOR'S EDGE by Somerset Maugham. Books available at the Library; call Joan for more info, 492-3550.

Thursday, April 4 & 18, 7–9pm: WRITERS' GROUP: Please contact Martha Izzi (492-3346 or email mhizzi@yahoo.com or Penelope Weiss (492-3345) for details.



Times vary: QUILTING GROUP: please call Judith Thomas (492-3549) for information.



NEW BOOKS include:

- *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini: a new historical novel
- *Insane City* by Dave Barry: his newest comic novel
- *The Burn Palace* by Stephen Dobyns: hilarious, horrifying, and touching thriller
- *The Barbarous Years* by Bernard Bailyn: a history of the earliest American settlers
- *The Secrets of Happy Families* by Bruce Feiler: advice for everyone

NEW DVDs include:

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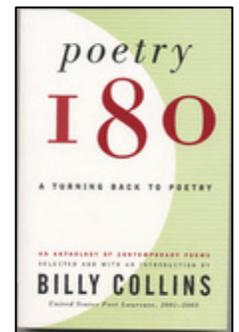
People of all ages will enjoy the poetry in this book. It's part of the One-Book Community Reading Program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. “Vermont Reads” brings communities together around stories, ideas, and activities that are important to the life of towns of all sizes.

The Shrewsbury Library has been awarded books to distribute to participants in the program, and they will be available to check out at the library. Currently participants who will receive free copies of the book include the Book Discussion Group and the Writing Group. **You can submit a poem to the *Times* and receive your own free copy of *Poetry 180* from the library as long as they are available.**

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Area Lecture/Discussion Programs

- April 7 @ 4pm: Science Pub @ Three Tomatoes Restaurant, Rutland. Topic: "Three Ranges, Three Stories" (No Fee)
- April 3 @ 7pm: Vermont Humanities 1st Wednesday Program @ Rutland Free Library. Topic: "Literary Paris: The 1920s in the City of Lights" (No Fee)
- Each Friday in April @ 1:30pm: Osher Lecture Series @ Godnick Center in Rutland (Fee)

Rural Vermont Hosts Annual Celebration

The 2013 Celebration will be Wednesday, April 10 from 6:30-9pm at the Vergennes Opera House, Vergennes. Rural Vermont supporters from all over the state gather for a special evening featuring keynote speaker Philip Ackerman-Leist of Green Mountain College, finger food potluck, wine & beer cash bar, unique raffle prizes, and best of all—great company and conversation! Free! Donations benefit Rural Vermont. Thanks to media sponsors Edible Green Mountains and Local Banquet. For more info or to RSVP: (802) 223-7222 or shelby@ruralvermont.org

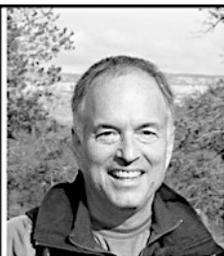
Submitted by Shelby Girard

CPR Classes

CPR classes are offered by the Regional Ambulance Service in Rutland on the first and third Monday of each month from 6-9pm. The fee is \$30 per person. Registration is required by calling 802-773-1746.

RAVNAH Foot Clinic Schedule

Day	Date	Town	Site	Time
Wed.	4/3/13	Wallingford	Wallingford House	10:30am
Thurs.	4/4/13	Rutland	Parker House	10am
Wed.	4/24/13	Rutland	Godnick Center	12:30pm



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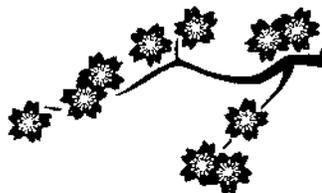
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MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

"...April, dressed in all his trim, hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

—William Shakespeare,
Sonnet XCVIII

Talent Show: This year's talent show featuring students, faculty, and community members will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 7pm in the Mill River auditorium. The Friends of Music will be selling WHOLE pies during intermission along with refreshments. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Bistro 2013: World Music—Embracing Diversity through Song, April 26–27.

On Friday evening at 5:30pm, Saturday at noon and evening at 5:30pm, Mill River's vocal musicians will be performing a program representing a variety of cultures. Three performances will be held at the Brandon Inn in Brandon, Vt. Tickets are limited. Please contact Bev Darling at sbrdar@vermontel.net or 492-3538 for ticket info and menu selections.

Big News: The prestigious Vermont vocal ensemble COUNTERPOINT has requested to work with the Mill River Chamber Singers. They will be providing a workshop for the students on Tuesday, April 9, that will culminate in an evening performance that should not be missed!

The Counterpoint Ensemble and Mill River Chamber Singers Concert "Here and There—Music of Vermont and the World" will be at 7pm in the Mill River Union High School Auditorium. Tickets will be \$5.

Administration Coffee Hours: Community members are invited to meet with the administration on Fridays from 7:30am to 8:30am for coffee and a bite to eat!

Administrators are available to answer questions, share information, talk about upcoming changes, and/or hear feedback that you may have about how things are going at MRU. By working together, will we make Mill River the best school it can be!

The School Community Council: The SCC is a collaborative of parents, teachers, students, administrators, board members, and community members with the common goal of supporting and enriching the 7–12 school experience for all those involved.

Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month, and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Katherine Fogg or Andy Pomeroy.

Security System Update: Over February break, three major parts of the new security system were installed. First, four cameras were mounted to the front of the building. These camera feeds can be accessed by computer either in real-time or as a recording. Currently, all the administrators, the SRO (School Resource Officer) and the Director of Buildings and Grounds have access on their computers.

Second, two new keyless entry systems (bringing the total to four) were installed on doors. This part of the system tracks the identity of anyone using a swipe card to enter the building.

The third installation was a front door camera and buzzer system. All of the doors are now locked from 8:00am to 3:30pm. In order to access the building during these hours, one must have a key card or use the buzzer system and be admitted by someone in the front office.

While no system is perfect, these additions are already helping to keep our community safer and more secure. If you would like to see the new additions to the security system, contact Principal Andy Pomeroy to set up a tour and demonstration.



My sincere thanks to Andy Richards-Peelle for serving our community on the Mill River Board for nine years! His commitment to providing our young people with a good education while being mindful of budgeting that is sensitive to the taxpayers is greatly appreciated.

I also welcome **Adrienne Raymond** to the MRUHS board. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

*Submitted by Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505 and
Adrienne Raymond 492-3578*

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Shrewsbury Transfer Station is scheduled for

June 22, 2013 at 1:00-3:30pm

For more info visit: www.rutlandcountyswac.org.

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Community Church Calendar

March 28 @ 7pm: Maundy Thursday Special Evening Service led by Rev. Bob Boutwell.

March 31 @ 10:30am: Easter Service Led by Rev. Cindy Yee.

April 7 @ 10:30am: Worship Service and Holy Communion Led by Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a non-perishable food item.

April 14 @ 10:30am: Worship Circle Led by Pastor Rita Lane.

April 21 @ 10:30am: Worship Service led by Rev Skip Dickinson.

April 24 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Judy Pitts. Bring a bag lunch and 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.

April 26: The Bright Wings Chorus Evening Concert in the Center Church Sanctuary.

April 27 @ 7:00pm: Mardi Gras Party—food, music, dancing, fun! Proceeds benefit Helping Hand Fund.

April 28 @ 10:30am: Devotional Study led by Pastor Rita Lane, followed by lunch provided by the church.

May 5 @ 10:30am: Worship Service and Holy Communion led by rev. Bob Boutwell.

May 12 @ 10:30am: Worship Circle led by Pastor Rita Lane.

May 19 @ 10:30am: Worship Service led by Rev. Skip Dickinson.

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

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

What happens in April you say?

April showers bring May Flowers and...the Mardi Gras is coming to Shrewsbury on April 27, so dust off your dancing shoes and put on your crazy garb! It's gonna be a party you won't want to miss!

What fun we had celebrating St. Patrick's Day with friends and neighbors at our community supper on March 16. The corned beef, cabbage and Irish Soda Bread were superb and the desserts were scrumptious! The music was great! What fun to visit and eat while we tapped our feet to the beat! You can bet we will be doing this again next year!

The church continues to collect and deliver non-perishable food and toiletry items. If you would like to contribute, items can be brought to the church or call a church member for pick-up.

The Spring

*Now that the winter's gone, the earth hath lost
Her snow-white robes, and now no more the frost
Candies the grass, or casts an icy cream
Upon the silver lake or crystal stream;
But the warm sun thaws the benumbed earth,
And makes it tender; gives a sacred birth
To the dead swallow; wakes in hollow tree
The drowsy cuckoo and the humble-bee.
Now do a choir of chirping minstrels bring
In triumph to the world the youthful spring.*

—by Thomas Carew, 1630

Southwest Association of Churches Mission and Witness Committee Presents **A Day of Mission:** March 23, 8:30am–2:30pm, Grace Church, Rutland

What are our churches doing? What can we accomplish together? Where do you fit?

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Church news submitted by Sue Ransom-Kelley

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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! Thanks to all our Reviewers this month!

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

**Swimming to Antarctica:
Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer**

by Lynne Cox

★★★★★

Great story (true) of Lynne's intensity, endurance, perseverance and humility as she takes on long-distance swimming in the most unlikely places—the Bering Strait, the Straits of Magellan, and yes—ultimately, Antarctica. Fueled by the words of a teammate's mother that she'd someday swim the English Channel, she does that—setting a world record at age 15—and way more. Science, geography and human nature rolled into one.

Reviewed by Martha Sirjane

**Where Did I Leave My Glasses? The Where, When,
and Why of Normal Memory Loss**

by Martha Weinman Lear

★★★

This is a good book!

Reviewed by Barbara Griffith

**Murder in the Marais
Murder in Belleville
Murder in the Rue du Paradis**

by Cara Black (mysteries set in Paris)

★★★★★

I LOVE these! I read one on a plane to California, and one coming back—and couldn't stop reading.

Reviewed by Joan Aleshire

The Beautiful Mysteries

by Louise Penny

★★

Spellbinding setting—a monastery deep in the forests of northern Quebec—an intriguing premise—a monk has been murdered in the monastery garden—that calls on the skills of the kindly, calm (but haunted) Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. The plot is intricate without being compelling, though—and it gets hard to tell one monk from another! The Chief Inspector is good company, if this mystery, with its DaVinci Code echoes, seems uninspired.

Reviewed by Joan Aleshire

Book Reviews Compiled by Marilyn Dalick



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If you have questions or comments, you can email us at: seedsworthsowing@gmail.com, or call us at: (802) 492-3377 (Sirjane household) or (802) 492-3792 (Hamilton household).

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

Bright Wings Chorus concert April 26

The Bright Wings Chorus is a group of 12 singers who perform traditional and original American harmony. Their repertoire is rhythmic, soulful, and soaring and includes shape-note hymns, Appalachian ballads, and gospel quartets.

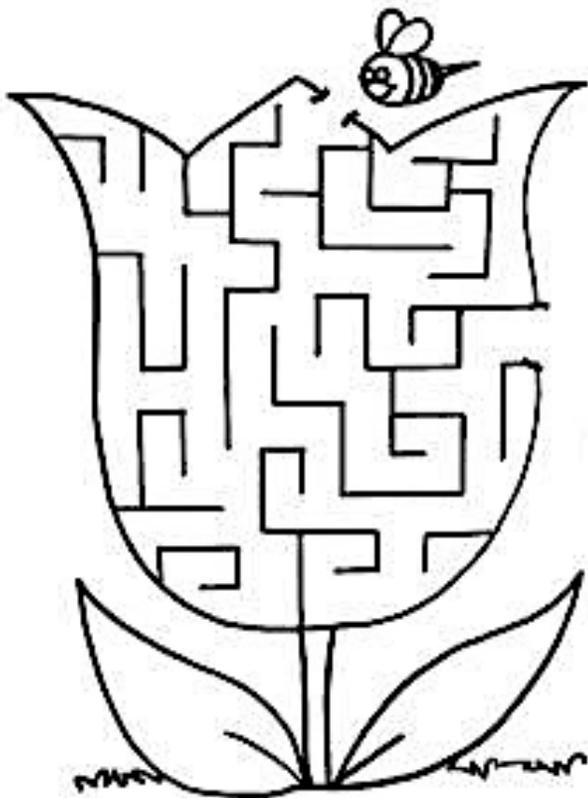
The concert will take place on Friday, April 26, 7:30 pm, at the Shrewsbury Community Church. Doors open at 7:00pm, \$12 students and \$10 seniors.

Members of the chorus have spent many years touring with Northern Harmony and other prominent vocal ensembles. The singers include former Shrewsbury residents Brendan Taaffe and Sarah Gibson.

The group recorded their second album, *Signs and Wonders*, in 2012 and will be performing a selection of songs from that and from their first album, *Here Below*. Of that first album, featured in The Utne Reader, it was said: "If you are moved by the sacred, if you need music that takes hold of your bones and won't let go, you should own a copy of *Here Below*. It's simply the most powerful stuff I've heard in a long time and I don't know what to do with it except tell you over and over that you must have it."

The Bright Wings concert will feature some wonderful choral singing. Don't miss it. For more information, call 492-3665.

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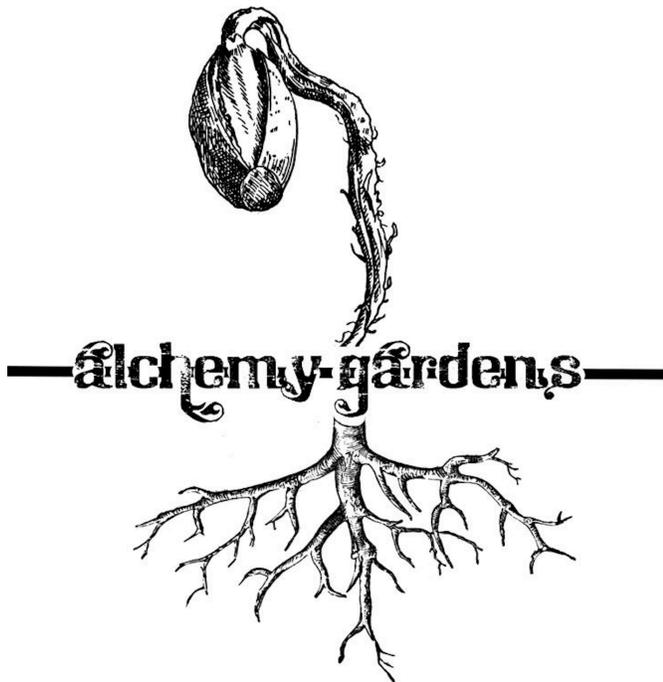
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9 am - 2 pm

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Thank you,
Larry Carrara

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Bring get clothes for babies to teens

Shrewsbury Kids' Clothing Swap

Sunday April 28th 1-4

Live Music With the Boogstompers

Bake Sale

At the Shrewsbury Mt. School

Everyone's Welcome!

Come chat with your neighbors, get new clothes & books for the kids, dance to live music, eat great food. All are welcome!

BOOK Swap (Board books to charity)

If you have questions or need more information about Kid's Clothing Swap, call Sarah Bolster at 492-2159



NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

Monday-Saturday 7am-7pm
Sunday 8am-5pm

TAKE OUT MEALS

Monday: Chili & Cornbread*
Wednesday: Pizza Night Take-Out
Thursday: Pulled Pork on Rob's Fresh Bun*
Friday: Friday Night Take-Out
**available all day*

SEAFOOD PRE-ORDERS

Place order Monday at 7pm & Pick up on Wednesday

WINE (well, cider) TASTING

Featured on sale this month will be
Several Vermont Hard Ciders
Tasting: Friday, April 5 from 5-7pm

MADE TO ORDER SANDWICHES! When we first opened up we used to offer sandwiches made-to-order. Many of you have requested that we do this again, so we're listening. Beginning this month, we will have Donna in the store Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30-1:30 making sandwiches to your specification. Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Salami, Tuna Salad, Egg Salad, Cheeses, Spreads and Veggies on Bread, Hoagies, and Wraps! We hope you will enjoy it.

WINE (CIDER) OF THE MONTH: At our Wine Tasting this month we will have several Vermont Hard Ciders available for tasting. Woodchuck, Farnum Hill, Harpoon are just a few of the ciders that we'll taste. Find out the difference between a dry or sweet cider, taste the different flavors that Woodchuck offers, or maybe try something for the first time?

NEW ITEMS: The cut-to-order Cheese wheel is a great new addition to the store. Featured Cheeses are one of three rotating cheddars—Cabot Extra Sharp, Cabot Clothbound, and Crowley Sharp. We've also bulked up our Bulk section. You can now get all manner of dried beans (kidney, black, garbanzo, white, etc.), dried fruit (pineapple, banana chips, dates, apricots), and even snacks like chocolate and yogurt covered pretzels.

BULK ORDERING: Many members take advantage of bulk ordering through the store. Major sellers include 5lb bags of Vermont Coffee Company, Cases of Beverages & Sodas, Cases of Wine, 10lb bags of Chicken, & Cases of Fruit. Starting this month we'll

also be alerting our email list of Sale Items by the case. Look for the email titled "SALE ALERT" and you can take advantage of case sales on many of our groceries (non-organic and organic items).

Bulk purchases don't have to be items that we carry in the store. If you have a specific request, please ask to look at any of our catalogues or talk to K.P. to see if we can get the product you want. Many times, he's willing to split a case of something too, so we can try out new products without having to purchase an entire case for the store. Bulk purchases are a great deal—as we give you the wholesale price with a small markup that is roughly about half our regular markup for most products! Bulk purchasing is only available to our members, so consider membership too! It's only \$20.00 annually.

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 KP Whaley

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners for April

April 5: Guest chefs K.P. Whaley and Ed Graves will prepare Tempeh Goreng, a traditional Indonesian dish with fried tempeh, in a sweet chili (not spicy) sauce with garlic, onions and fresh vegetables. Served with rice and a side salad. Dessert will also be included.

April 12: Chef Rob McKain will prepare Salisbury steak (similar to a meatball, but fried like a steak) with barbeque sauce, Cowboy potatoes (like scalloped, but with bacon and onions, no cream), and carrot salad, plus a slice of sourdough bread.

April 19: To be announced the week of April 15.

April 26: Guest chef Hannah Wilson will prepare a Thai dish with tilapia, lemongrass, carrots, and coconut. Served on a bed of rice, with a side of broccoli.

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

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