



Times of Shrewsbury



December 2013

Out of This World Library Programs!

The Shrewsbury Library not only provides current books and DVDs, but it presents some pretty spectacular programs too! In November over a hundred people attended programs featuring the earth beneath us and the skies above us. At both programs attendees were informed of events coming in December (see schedules this page). In addition to the programs, the Science Book Club's members read *The Short History of Nearly Everything* which took care of everything in between those topics! Be sure to watch for more library programs on the horizon!

And, speaking of the horizon, Comet ISON is making its appearance now so we asked Al Boudreau (who presented the Comet ISON program at the library) to fill us in about where and when to watch for what might be the comet of the century. —C. Martin

Comet ISON

The great Comet ISON is now in our part of the solar system. It's just reaching naked-eye brightness, but remains a bit dim. The Moon will be interfering with seeing it if it remains faint, although at the time of this writing (11/11/13) it's rapidly gaining brightness.

The comet swings around the Sun on November 28 at a blistering 425,000 mph. Because it's passing only 800,000 miles from the Sun (less than one solar diameter), it may not survive the intense gravity of the Sun. It has a 50/50 chance of remaining in one piece. If it breaks up, it still will put on a good show...maybe even better than if it remains together.

The best views will start in early December, and continue the rest of that month. The comet will be getting dimmer each day as it zips away from the Sun. Look East-Southeast with a good Eastern horizon. Although it will decrease in brightness as it speeds away, it will also climb higher in the sky each day. One hour before sunrise is the ideal time to observe it and binoculars will help.

The comet will also be visible in the evening sky in December, but for evening viewing look West-Northwest with a good horizon, and 30 minutes to one hour after sunset is ideal.

It's impossible to say exactly how bright the comet will become since comets are notoriously unpredictable, as Comet ISON has proven to be. We're hoping for a good showing since the comet is passing so close to the Sun.

The comet will pass in front of the planet Earth on December 26, being only 41 million miles away at that time. If it remains bright enough to see, we'll have the whole month of December to enjoy it.

—Al Boudreau



Comet ISON on October 6, 2013
Photographed by NASA and ESA
from the Hubble Space Telescope

Jonathon Wells Exhibit

Shrewsbury native Jonathon Wells will have an exhibit of his scientifically accurate photo-geologic composites with both surface and subsurface views at the Christine Price Gallery at Castleton State College, from December 2–20, 2013.



Also, look for a very large poster which will be a part of the Shrewsbury Library collection in the near future!

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the many ways in which we were supported and encouraged after Joyce's heart operation. All that positivity and kindness is helping to bring about a strong recovery. Surely this is a community with a big heart!

Joyce and Lee Wilson

Not Running for School Board

It has been an honor to serve our kids and community for the past 10 years, but it is now time for me to pass the baton to Shrewsbury's next School Board Member. I will not be running for another term in March.

The "state" of the school is relatively good right now. Enrollment is on the rebound, educational leadership has been consistent and dynamic, the building will be in excellent shape when the new roof is completed this summer, and business office services are dramatically better than when I started.

If you believe children are our future, and that we should all contribute what talents we can to our community, and if you can bring an open mind rather than an agenda, please consider being our next School Board Member. The pay is miniscule but the rewards are many. If you think this could be you, please come visit us at a meeting to meet the team and if you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

Ed Hemmer

Sri Lanka Goal

As a friend and neighbor of Terry Martin, I have often been on the receiving end of his generosity. I also witness him helping out others continuously, whether it is volunteering his carpentry skills at Pierce's Store or with the Outing Club, or spending a weekend working on a neighbor's building project. In January, he and his son Seamus will be volunteering their time and labor with Habitat for Humanity in Sri Lanka. We have an opportunity to help them meet their goal of raising \$4000 for their trip. If anyone is interested in finding out more, you can check out their site:

<https://share.habitat.org/seamus-martin-sri-lanka-duda-team-2014#home>

Janet Pelletier

Fond Memories

My dear husband, Herbert William (Bill) Browning died November 10, 2012, at home on Tabor Road.

To all Shrewsbury and Vermont people, thank you for 27 years of love, laughter, and happiness.

JoAnne Browning

Reminder

As usual, there will not be a January issue of the *Times*. The next issue will be February's; the deadline for submitting is Jan. 20. Thanks!

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.

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

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| Dec 7 | 7pm | *Annual Silent Auction and Cookie Swap at the Library |
| Dec 10 | 12noon | Senior Annual Christmas Lunch at The Doll House. Bring a \$5 gift (if you like) for our gift exchange. Call Tess Williams at 492-2187 to make reservations. |
| Dec 11 | 12noon | *Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Fran Patten 492-3706 |
| Dec 21–Jan 1 | | Shrewsbury Mountain School December Recess |
| After Jan 1 | | *Dog Licenses available at Town Office |
| Jan 10 | 5pm | *Community Pot Luck dinner sponsored by the Outing Club at the Meeting House |
| Jan 14 | 12noon | Senior Lunch at Ginger China, Rt 4, Rutland. Call Fran Patten 492-3706 to reserve. |
| Jan 15 | 12noon | Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Judy Pitts 775-0678. Bring a bag lunch. |
| Jan 23 | | *Last day for receipt of petitioned articles to be added to Town Meeting warning |
| Jan 27 | 5pm | *Last Day nominating petitions for Town officers filed with the Town Clerk |
| Dec & Jan | | *Singing in Shrewsbury (see dates elsewhere in this issue) |

* see elsewhere in this issue for details

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Is online at the town website at
www.shrewsburyvt.org



**Deadline for submission to
Times of Shrewsbury is by
5:00 pm on the 20th
of each month.**

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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| Board of Selectmen Meeting | 1st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office |
| Bone Builders | Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House |
| Library Trustees' Meeting | 2 nd Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library |
| Mill River Union School Board Mtg | 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School |
| Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals | Friday nights |
| Planning Commission | 1 st & 3 rd Mondays—7:30pm at Town Office |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) | Sundays—10:00am at Shrewsbury Library, upstairs |
| Shrewsbury Community Church Worship | Sundays—10:30am at Shrewsbury Center Church |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum | Closed for the season. 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 Tuesday—5pm at Town Office |

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

Town Clerk's Office 492-3511
Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm; Closed Friday

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

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

Meeting House 492-6050 (Reservations: 492-3649)
Health Officer Daphne LeaHemmer 773-7157
Emergency Management Bert Potter 773-2272

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

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

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2014 Town Meeting Dates

January 23, 2014

Last day for receipt of petitioned articles to be added to the Town Meeting warning (5% of checklist)

January 27, 2014 5:00pm

Last Day nominating petitions for Town officers filed with the Town Clerk (1% of checklist)

February 26, 2014

Last day to apply for addition to checklist (register) to vote at Town Meeting

March 3, 2014 Monday

Informational Meeting

March 4, 2014 Tuesday

Town Meeting Voting Polls open 10am to 7pm

Absentee Ballot requests can be made any time by contacting the Town Clerk:

- Phone 492-3511
- E-mail shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net
- Download form requesting Absentee Ballot: <http://www.shrewsburyvt.org/vote.php> and mail to 9823 Cold River Rd.

Stay updated by visiting www.shrewsburyvt.org and clicking on Town Office News – VOTE – <http://www.shrewsburyvt.org/vote.php>

Submitted by Mark Goodwin

Professional Audit Complete

The professional audit of town records has been completed by Jeffrey R. Bradley CPA, P.C., for 2012 and copies are available upon request at the town office.

Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury, 9823 Cold River Road,
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

802-492-3558 or shrewsburytreas@vermontel.net



Christmas by Fran Patten

Christmas is a time for love
And all the joys you're dreaming of
A time for peace and special sharing
A time for kindness and for caring
Hope all these gifts will find their way
Into your heart on Christmas day.



MEETING HOUSE NEWS

There are a couple of new things to notice at the Meeting House.

New Tables and Chairs The old heavy tables are now retired and replaced by a dozen lighter, yet heavy duty, tables that are easy to stack on a new rolling table dolly. We will keep a few of the older tables for big events but some will be sold. If you are interested in getting one of the heavy duty (emphasis on heavy) old tables, please give a call or send an email. Likewise, the Committee has purchased 80 new folding chairs and a vertical chair dolly. We will keep all the old wooden chairs and they will be used as needed, but stored so they do not take up the restored Town Hall entrance.

New Sugar Maple Trees The Conservation Committee and the Meeting House Committee have planted additional maple trees around the Meeting House to fill in where the old granddaddy trees are gone or on the decline. Generations to come will appreciate the continued nice setting of our beautiful Meeting House.

Thanks to all who use this building for taking care to keep it clean, taking the trash, putting everything away and keeping this great building in good condition and so useful for so many people.

*Mark Youngstrom
Meeting House Committee*

NOTE FROM THE SELECTBOARD

The town received a grant from Homeland Security for improved radio communications. We now have a repeater station in town that helps to get radio coverage in most areas of our hilly community. The road crew, the volunteer fire department and the emergency management team all have improved radio contact throughout town.

Thanks to Shrewsberries Weezie Duda and Irene Gordon for securing the grant. Special thanks to Steve Suker of Central Vermont Paging (also a Shrewsbury resident) for his professional expertise in setting up the system and for giving the town a generous discount on labor and materials. Thank you all.

The Selectboard

Tropical Storm Irene Bridge & Culvert Update

Eastham Road Since my last report, 2 more culverts have been replaced as most of you already know. A new concrete box culvert just below Pierce's Store on the Eastham Road has been installed and a similar structure on the same road at the Biddle Farm has been constructed, both replacing undersized metal culverts that were completely washed out by the storm. Markowski Excavating of Florence was the contractor for these two projects and they are completing most of remaining work this week. The last of the site restoration will be done in the spring.

Governor Clement Next year will bring the remaining Irene bridge restoration work. Amazing, 3 years since the storm. The Feds will begin the new bridge over Sargent Brook in the Appalachian Trail corridor (Gilman Road out to the State Forest) on July 7. This is the earliest work can be done in the stream. This will be a major structure, 80 feet long, and paid for entirely by the Federal government because it is on Federal land. Following completion of that bridge work can begin on the second bridge beyond the three camps. That structure is being designed by our firm and will be placed out for bids so that work is complete by next fall (if all goes according to plan).

Upper Cold River Road / Brown Covered Bridge At last FEMA has agreed to fund restoration of the landslide above the Brown Bridge. If you have not seen this, it is amazing what flowing water can do. The Town has retained a specialty geotechnical engineering firm to assist our firm with the plans to fill this landslide area and restore the roadway. The work will involve moving the river back where it was, away from the now vertical slope, building a buttress wall of huge blasted rock, and then filling the landslide area with very large blasted rock to counteract further slope failure. Then the roadway will be rebuilt from the Cold River Road to the bridge with significant drainage control. This is not a small project. It will be bid in the spring and costs over \$500,000 are expected. It is very fortunate the Shrewsbury fought for the funding and will be receiving 95% grant reimbursement.

Brown Bridge Restoration While not a project we are designing or coordinating, the Town has received grant funding to make improvements to the bridge structure itself. It will be important that this work be completed at the same time as the landslide work (access is available from the Wilmouth Hill side) so that the bridge is not out of commission into 2015.

Check out the great report published free by the Irene Recovery Office at the Town Office and at

<http://www.vtstrong.vermont.gov/Portals/0/Documents/2013-IRO-final-report.pdf>

This report tells the whole story of the storm, the impact and the recovery, with lots of photos. BUT...what amazed me was the fact that our little town of Shrewsbury was the 6th hardest hit in the State as far as the cost of restoration!!! Perhaps even 5th because we are not complete with the work and the cost published in the report (\$3.3 million) is probably low. We had more damage than Rochester, Killington, Cavendish and Grafton. But, since nobody knows where Shrewsbury is, the news hardly gets out.

So, the end is in sight. And the patient folks on the Upper Cold River Road may finally get out next year. And the same folks may soon get to drive to their camps instead of wading the river. Amazing what 7+ inches of rain can do in a little hill town.

Hope this helps folks know what's going on.

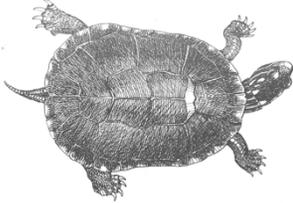
Mark Youngstrom

SIZABLE SANTA

by Fran Patten

The moon shone on the sugary snow
Santa's elves called, "Time to go!
"Christmas Eve is finally here"
But Santa didn't seem to hear.
"He's never, ever late," they said
"Do you suppose he's still in bed?"
"For goodness sake, where can he be?"
One elf squealed, "Oh, come and see!"
All the elves gathered nearer
There stood Santa at his mirror
He wore a frown with his bright red suit
His mouth pointed down to his big black boots.
"I guess I ate too much this year
"My suit won't fit! Oh, dear, oh, dear"
The buttons couldn't reach their holes,
His tummy looked like jelly rolls
And while he struggled with his coat,
The collar pinched his chubby throat.
But elves work magic—they knew what to do,
Soon Santa's suit would fit like new
With needles, thread and utmost speed,
Santa's suit fit again. Yes, indeed!
"Thank you my friends," Santa said with glee
"Now I can ride more comfortably."
He buckled his belt and put on his hat,
Then chuckled and said, "I'll get rid of some fat,
"Let's harness the reindeer and load the toys
"For all those good little girls and boys."
Then quickly he jumped into his sleigh
And whistled and winked and drove away.





SHREWSBURY OUTING CLUB NEWS

Our letter inviting donations toward reconstructing the dock was well received by the community. The response was generous with 81 donors and a total of \$4,685 (separate from membership dues). Thank you!

The club expected to hire a contractor, but there were no specific bids. No single contractor was chosen, but there was a convergence of experienced creative movers and shakers. They began by stabilizing and reinforcing the concrete footing. David Austin's (Melansen Metal Fabrication) steel frame now holds the dock in place. His good work is concealed by the platform of long-lasting locust planks, with a sturdy handrail, from which one steps out onto the dock.

The project "keeps morphing" according to Peter Grace. Hearty thanks to him for his continued presence, vision, inventiveness, flexibility, warm welcome, inclusiveness and tireless labor. The SOC dock crew includes:

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| David Austin | Terry Martin |
| Becki Bates | Greg Miller |
| Chet Brigham | Janet Pelletier |
| Grace Brigham | Doug Patton |
| Scott Garren | Dan Sgalia |
| Thomas Hartigan | Podge Sirjane |
| Art Krueger | Heather Shay |
| Marcos Levy | Spring Lake Ranch |
| Paolo Lombroso | Lee Wilson |
| Paddy Martin | Francis Wyatt |
| | Mark Youngstrom... |

Thanks to these volunteers, our financial resources are going much farther.

There was discussion about using dock funding for other needed repairs (parking lot, settling pond, changing houses...) and consensus was that these things are all related and appropriate.

SOC, as a member of the Lakeshore Landowners and Others Concerned (LOOC), keeps an eye on the three campsites at the north end of the lake. Records show that there were 17 campsite visits, 9 Shrewsbury folks, 6 Vermonters and 2 from out of state. Thanks to Alice McGarey-Martin for her watchful eye and collating this information.

Historical note: Anne Sarcka's parents, Wayne and Elizabeth Sarcka, founded SLR in 1932 and made

access to the lake available. The Outing Club has maintained the swimming area for Shrewsbury's residents and landowners since 1955.

SOC celebrates our cooperation and friendship with the SLR community, the lakeshore landowners, and visitors to this Shrewsbury treasure we all love.

And now we are ready to focus on other aspects of this organization. SOC will host a

COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUPPER

Sponsored by the Outing Club

**FRIDAY, January 10, 2014 @ 6:00pm
AT THE TOWN HALL (Meeting House)**

We'll be discussing and listing outings of all sorts, finding leaders for hikes, bird walks, winter bivouacs, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, kite flying, atlatl hurling, field trips, kayaking... **Please join us! Bring a dish to share, maps, ideas, photos...**

Submitted by Grace Brigham & Cedelle Sirjane



News from The Transfer Station



Plastics Recycle Area: Plastic container lids can be left on the containers, but the containers should not be tied together. Do not put plastic bags in the plastics containers.

Motor Oil Containers: Place empty motor oil containers in the compacter. They do not go in the plastics area.

Appliances: Do not put broken appliances in the Reading Room.

Since I last put the notice in the paper about loose nails in the parking area I have only found three! Thanks to everyone for being careful.

Thanks, Bob Perry

Donation Time

The cost of printing and mailing the *Times of Shrewsbury* is made possible through advertising and your donations. Donors are recognized for the remainder of the calendar year in which their donation is received. All donations are appreciated!

—The Editors



**2014 Dog Licenses
will be available after January 1**

MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." —Sir Winston Churchill

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

MRUHS Chapter of the National Honor Society: The Mill River Union High School Honor Society is continuing to raise funds for the Holiday Food Basket Program which sends a week's worth of grocery staples plus the fixings for a turkey dinner to as many as 100 families in the Mill River District and beyond. To achieve this goal, a Soup Bowl Event will be held prior to the December 4 Music Concert from 5–7pm for \$10. per person. There will be a variety of soups served, and diners will take home a student-made bowl. During that event, there will also be a silent auction of items, gift certificates, and art donated by local businesses and artists. If you are unable to attend this event but would like to make a cash contribution to this worthy cause, please mail it to Mill River Union High School, c/o Maureen Sullivan, at P.O. Box 6, North Clarendon, VT 05759.

Mill River Winter Instrumental Concert: Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00pm

Mill River Winter Vocal Concert: Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00pm

School Community Council Meeting: Thursday, December 5 at 7:00pm

North South Football Team: Congratulations to Dan Blanchard, Jimmy Collins, Mark Goyette, Tyler Pitts, and Gage Stearns who were selected to be part of the North South football team. This year's game was held at Middlebury College on Saturday, November 16th with the South prevailing over the North 17-6.

The Really Big Show: Congratulations to Kaylie Niedzwiecki and Brandon Bailey for their vocal rendition of "The Prayer" that awarded them the grand prize in The Really Big Show held recently at the Paramount Theatre. They were awarded \$100., a 5-foot-tall trophy, and shared the vocal prize as well!

Roll Out of the 1:1 Program: During the school week of December 9–13, students in Grades 7–9 will be provided with a 32 GB, 4th Generation iPad with Retina Display to use for the remainder of the 2013–14 school year. The iPads will come pre-loaded with a range of software and learning tools designed to make working and learning more efficient. Each student and his/her parent or guardian will attend a Technology Night at MRUHS. These nights will be held Monday, Dec. 9 for 7th grade, Tuesday, Dec. 10 for 8th grade, and Thursday, Dec. 12 for 9th grade. All of these events will begin at 6pm and end at 8pm. The agenda for each evening is a light supper (pizza), a presentation on the devices, a distribution of the Student and Family 1:1 Handbook, and a review of internet safety and digital citizenship.

Library Book Fair: The library is holding a book fair on school days the week of December 9–13 and on "Tech Nights." This is a great opportunity to do some pre-holiday shopping, and every purchase you make gives the library credit toward acquiring books from Scholastic for our school. You can also shop online at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/millriver>

Happy New Year! Look for more news from MRUHS in the February issue of the *Times of Shrewsbury*!

Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505
Adrienne Raymond 492-3578



Left to Right: Fayneese Miller, Dean of the College of Education and Social Services at UVM; Kristin Cimonetti, MRUHS Choral Director; and Armando Vilaseca, Vermont Secretary of Education; at the 33rd Outstanding Teacher Day held October 16 at the Ira Allen Chapel on the University of Vermont campus.

Shrewsbury Library Silent Auction SNEAK PEEK!
December 7, 2013 at Shrewsbury Library (see p. 21)

- ◆ A Franklin Morales Autographed Baseball from the Red Sox Organization
- ◆ Maple Products Basket from the Krueger-Norton Sugarhouse
- ◆ A rug from Rob McKain
- ◆ A weekend at a Baltimore apartment, details to be worked out
- ◆ A Patrick Farrow Necklace
- ◆ A unique piece of hand-blown glass from zakgrace-glass
- ◆ A set of quilted place mats with napkins, assorted colors, donated by Lucille Fiske
- ◆ \$50 Gift Certificate from Cuttings in the Ville
- ◆ Felted slippers handmade by Donna Swartz
- ◆ Dick Swartz's unique Hunting/Pack Knife
- ◆ Hand Strung and Knotted Freshwater Pearl Necklace handcrafted by Donna Swartz
- ◆ Crow Fence Art, made by Neal Sharrow Sr.
- ◆ Castle Hill Resort & Spa: a 1-month couples gold gym, pool and spa membership valued @ \$119
- ◆ Two tickets to a Staten Island Yankees Game
- ◆ Ten days free stay in Tamarindo, Costa Rica in a deluxe penthouse suite, \$1500+ value
- ◆ 2 one-day adult Lift Tickets to Pico Mountain (not valid at Killington)
- ◆ Art by Penelope Weiss:
Lucia's Vase (photo); 2. Pink Fish (collage); 3. On the Subway (collage)
- ◆ A Cookie Jar
- ◆ 3 "Lunch for Two" Gift certificates from Loretta's Good Food Deli, each valued at \$25
- ◆ 2 Shrewsbury T-shirts donated by Loretta's Good Food Deli, each valued at \$15
- ◆ OverEasy's Breakfast or Lunch for Two
- ◆ OverEasy's Pigfest for One person: Anything on the Menu, 2 hour time limit
- ◆ Two Red Sox Tickets, date to be negotiated with seat owners
- ◆ Delicious Cheesecake: Made to order by Judith Thomas; please give at least one week notice
- ◆ Donated by Spring Lake Ranch: 1. Handmade Clock; 2. Half Cord of Wood, Delivered in Shrewsbury
- ◆ 2 donations of 10 lbs of ground beef each, from Beaver Meadow Farm
- ◆ An 8 1/2" natural edge wooden bowl hand turned from Shrewsbury cherry donated by Nature's Turn, LLC
- ◆ Comfort Box: •1 lb Steak •4 lbs Ground Beef •2 lb Stew Beef donated by Smith Maple Crest Farm
- ◆ 1-hour sightseeing flight from a restored single engine Aeronca Champ donated by Mark Hamilton
- ◆ Maple Gift Basket donated by Stewart Maple
- ◆ Thrive Center gift certificate for either a 30-minute detoxification foot bath and consultation or 60-minute Individual Health & Lifestyle Coaching Session both with Lisa M. Donahue
- ◆ 2 one-day adult Lift Tickets to Okemo



**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The last month has been relatively quiet for calls for the SVFD. We responded to one call for a carbon monoxide alarm. The regular meeting nights have been used to stock the trucks with the chimney fire-fighting equipment, checking our small engine equipment operations and preparing for winter operations. We are investigating the best new self-contained breathing apparatus as we are seeking a grant for replacement of our aging 8 air packs and spare air bottles.

December is upon us, the weather is colder, the holiday decorations are beginning to be put in place and the heating devices are beginning to work overtime. This brings to mind a few items to check to keep us safe and comfortable. This is the time to be checking our household smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These detectors have a life span on them according to the manufacturer specifications. A carbon monoxide detector should be replaced after 5 years of use and smoke detectors after 10 years. There is a manufacture date on the back of the detectors. If you have the original instruction sheet, you can review that for accurate information. The sensors that detect the smoke or carbon monoxide get contaminated over time and may cause either premature alarms or fail to alarm when unsafe conditions exist. The 2 types of smoke detectors manufactured are ionization or photoelectric type. A combination of both types of detectors provides you with your best protection. Check the date on these detectors when you install your new batteries. Hopefully by now your chimneys have been cleaned and inspected and the annual maintenance on the other fuel burning appliance has been performed.

When putting up your holiday decorations check to be sure that your tree or other flammable materials are a safe distance away from any heat sources. Avoid running extension cords under rugs and around heat sources. If you must use an extension cord, use a cord of adequate size and length. If you use outside lighting or yard decorations protect the cord with a ground fault interrupting outlet and use an in use cover designed to keep the water or snow out of electrical connections. Be alert to changing weather and road conditions when driving. The temperature swings can create dangerous driving conditions quickly. Enjoy the holidays & remember

STAY FIRE SAFE!!!

Submitted by Jack Perry

~Singing in Shrewsbury~

Groups offered by Licia Gambino Hamilton

1. Rounds, Rhymes and Silly Songs

Friday mornings at Licia's house

January 3th - February 28th

10:00-10:45 a.m.

This class is a continuation of Dino Rice's early childhood music classes geared toward babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and a parent or caregiver.

2. Family Music Class

Saturday mornings at the Shrewsbury Library

January 4th - February 22nd

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Each class includes: singing, singing games, movement/dance, musical notation, and percussion instrument play. This class is geared toward elementary-aged school kids and adults who would like to learn more about singing.

3. Shrewsbury Singers

Sunday mornings at the Shrewsbury Community Church

December 1, 8, 15/ resuming January 4th and then ongoing

9:15-10:15 a.m.

This group is for experienced singers. We are singing four-part, acappella songs from the shape note and world music traditions, as well as rounds, canons and madrigals.

All classes are free and open to the public.

For more information contact Licia at 492-3792 or
hamgam@vermontel.net.

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL NEWS

Students in 2nd and 3rd grade collected food from all students and staff and then filled Miss Rice's car. Later she delivered it to Stuff a Bus, the annual Rutland area food drive. They collected 173 items!

On Thursday morning Oct. 24 at 9:30 the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department visited with one of their vehicles. They talked to an all school assembly about fire safety, showed how fast their firefighters could jump into their clothes, and passed out coloring books and fire hats. Then the kids were able to go climb around on the truck to see how they work.

Submitted by Marj Congdon



Firefighters: Bob Snarski, Matt Brown, Jesse Dambrackas

Back: Nick, Eric, George.

Front: Wilder, Trenton, Ethan, Parker, Riley, Charlotte, Grady, Samantha, Sarah, Madison

News from the Mountain School Board

I want to invite the community to the Holiday Concert at the school. Everyone is very welcome to come and listen to all of our great musicians and singers perform. It is scheduled for December 10 at 6:30 with a "bad weather date" of December 17th. The concert is about an hour long and is great to put you in the holiday spirit. Please come.

I also wanted to tell you how well our new Introduction to French program is progressing. Every class has one period per week of introduction to the French language and culture. They speak and are spoken to in French, sing songs and play games, all in French. It is great fun to listen to and the kids are learning a lot. This program was funded by using our librarian position (the kids also use that time to check books in and out) and so did not increase our budget while giving the kids wonderful exposure to a foreign language. Which leads me to my other invitation.

We are currently working on the 2014/2015 budget. Every year at the Informational Meeting people come with suggestions about how we could have done something differently (better), but there is no longer the opportunity to change our budget. Well, now is that time. We will be meeting on December 9 and then again on the 19th (at Wallingford) to discuss, change, improve the budget to be voted in May. If you have the time, any ideas you would like to share will be welcomed. Our agendas are posted on the www.rssu.org/shrewsbury/ website. Please feel free to call the school to check on whether there are changes to the time or location before trekking out in bad weather. Thanks again for supporting our school.

Submitted by Adrienne Raymond

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| December 10: | Holiday Concert (Snow Date-12/17) |
| Dec. 21-Jan. 1: | December Recess |

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

*** THANKS to the fine presenters of last month's events -- JONATHON WELLS & HELEN MANGO; and AL BOUDREAU -- for their stimulating and informative programs on geology and astronomy respectively. We went from explorations of the depths of earth to the skies in one November week!

*** The success of these programs, and our limited space and seating, have led us to reconsider the location of our events. Since last minute moves are rarely feasible, should we have a sign-up list or request reservations for popular programs? Please let us know your thoughts; e-mail Joan at joanaleshire@vermontel.net or speak with any Board member.

** The Board of Trustees has also reviewed our meeting room policies; THANKS to the Policy Committee for their work, especially LARRY WILLIAMS and DEBBIE BLECICH for their research into American Library Association policies on meeting spaces. Our Meeting and Exhibit Policies for Non-Library Sponsored Groups now reads, in part: "The Library offers exhibit spaces and meeting areas free of charge for individual and group use. Availability for the use of these spaces and areas is provided on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs and affiliations requesting their use." The full text of the policies will be available on the Library's web site. Groups wishing to use these spaces should contact a Board member or the Library Director; applications will be reviewed by the Board to be in keeping with the Library's mission.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS

Sunday, January 19 @ 4pm: Famous Books Book Club Discussion: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. Books available at the Library or call Joan: 492-3550.

TBA: Science Book Club. Contact Scott Garren, 492-2284, or science@2scott.com

Wednesdays @ 7pm: Quilters' Group: All welcome. Please call Donna for information: 773-7403.

Alternate Thursdays @ 7pm: Writers' Group. Please contact Martha Izzi, 492-3346 or Penelope Weiss, 492-3345 for information.

Coming Events:

- Saturday, December 7 @ 7 pm: COOKIE SWAP & SILENT AUCTION! See page 21.
- Friday, February 7 @ 7:30pm: MARGARET PEARSON, new translator of the I-CHING, introduced by her editor, SANDRA KORINCHAK.

NEW BOOKS include:

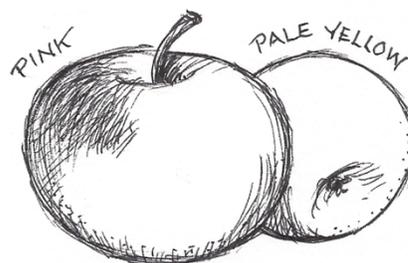
- *One Summer, America 1927* by Bill Bryson: The year of Lindbergh's flight and more;
- *Apples of North America* by Tom Burford: A beautiful illustrated guide;
- *The New Cider Maker's Handbook* by Claude Jolicoeur: For veterans and novices alike;
- *Nostalgia* by Dennis McFarland: A Civil War novel by a fine Vermont writer, set during the Battle of the Wilderness;
- *Falling Upwards* by Richard Holmes: A history of hot-air ballooning;
- *Double Down* by Mark Halperin: A history of the 2012 Presidential campaign.

NEW DVDs coming soon!

As we convert from VHS tapes to DVDs, please let us know your choices.

Smiths Blessing

With the blessing of four generations of Center Shrewsbury's Smith family (Bill & Donna), Jeff & Mary, Jason & Jessica, and little Oliver Willard), Shrewsbury Conservation Commission adopted the ancient apple tree beside Lincoln Hill just east of Adams Elbow. SCC is clearing the buckthorn and multiflora rose bushes around its base, and will take off some of its dead wood this winter. It's never been pruned to anyone's knowledge, so it will need skilled, careful work.



At the Library's apple tasting on October 4, Scott Borotin suggested that its fruit—which is yellow with rosy cheeks—could be a variety

called Maiden Blush. Tom Burford describes this apple also called Red Cheek, Lady Blush, and Vestal in his book *Apples of North America* at our library. Maybe that's what it is, but we're calling it Smiths Blessing, source of many a fine pie in its first hundred years. And more to come!

Submitted by Grace Brigham



Con and Ruth Winkler

QUESTION: What's the definition of loyalty, dedication, talent, time and knowledge?

ANSWER: Ruth and Con Winkler

Yes, we at the Shrewsbury Historical Society would like to express our sincere thanks to Ruth and Con for their contributions to the society all these years. They spend many, many hours cataloguing, writing letters to contributors, folks searching for information about family history, artifact contributors, setting up files, collecting historical articles and artifacts about and from Shrewsberries, and copying those articles for preservation.

Ruth has served as Secretary for so many years. Con has served as President innumerable times and is always "in the wings" to offer his knowledge and expertise to current officers.

Therefore, Ruth and Con, as 2013 comes to a close, the members of the society are happy to have the opportunity to offer our thanks for your good work as well as your commitment to the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum for so many years.

--Members of the Shrewsbury Historical Society

Subnivean Space

Even the sound of that word stirs the imagination. Perhaps it describes deep outer space full of new uncharted stars, planets, and asteroids. Nope. Look closer to earth because subnivean space is that area between the outer snow crust (top) and the earth surface below. It gets thicker over the course of most Shrewsbury winters and provides a relatively stable environment throughout mid-winter days when the snow lies deep in our yards, meadows, and forests. While we snuggle in our insulated homes by the wood stove, once the snow depth outside exceeds about six inches, this subnivean zone becomes the living area for a whole host of animals protected from the severe cold temperatures and potential predators by the insulative capacity of snow. For some species this zone can be temporary night shelter to escape severe cold temperatures (ruffed grouse actually burrowing into the snow for example) and for others it's an actual winter living space (field mice, voles, shrews).

Every spring as the subnivean space nears zero depth, SNOW GONE, the trunks of young trees reveal the evidence of mouse or vole feeding beneath the snow by appearing barkless. The thin bark of young trees is easily chewed off by mice and voles to get at the more succulent and nutritious cambial layer growing inside. Once the bark has been removed and cambium layer consumed the tree has little chance of survival. The deeper the snow pack, the length of winter, the lack of other available food, and the size of the vole or mice population over any given winter determines the extent of the damage exposed each spring.

This is a naturally occurring part of life in the wild but can be expensive to a homeowner when the subnivean layer surrounds a newly planted maple tree for the front lawn or a few apple trees planted for pie making in a few years. If you expect the snow to be "deep" this winter, every hardware store around probably carries "tree wrap" which is a plastic material that when wrapped around the trunk and left on until the snow is gone (you have to guess how high the snow will be) will provide a physical barrier to mole and mouse appetites. But don't blame it on the creatures; winter is a tough time on all of us and we all adapt in some fashion. If you want to explore the ingenuity of winter animal survival as you snuggle next to the wood stove during a sunny winter afternoon pick up a copy of Bernd Heinrich's *Winter World*. Within its 300 pages the former UVM biology professor covers in detail the world of subnivean life.

Submitted by Gary Salmon

Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

CHRISTMAS PAST

In reading articles from the files, I came across the following interesting clipping which the *Rutland Daily Herald* published on December 30, 1967. It was in a column by John P. Clement in which he noted that "100 Years Ago This Week" (Dec. 24-30, 1867) the following event in Shrewsbury was mentioned:

"The Nativity was celebrated Christmas Eve at Shrewsbury in an appropriate and delightful manner. The Meeting House was beautifully decorated and the Rev. George Guernsey gave an eloquent discourse on the Savior's mission. The powers of the new organ were fully brought out by Mr. Bidwell. The singers knew how to 'sing with the spirit and understanding also.'

"After the religious service came the great and merry feature of the evening—the unloading of the Christmas tree. First came from it \$30 in greenbacks to Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey; then gold watches and chains, furs, dress patterns and scores of other valuable gifts to the expectant recipients, as well as to the surprised ones. The fruit on that tree had an estimated worth of more than \$500. Altogether a very good time was had. (Aside from the Midnight Mass at the Catholic Church in Rutland, and the Christmas Day services in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches, the observance at Shrewsbury was the only church observance of Christmas reported in the vicinity of Rutland; and the Community tree which followed was perhaps unique)."



Shrewsbury author Karen Lorentz interviewed Marjorie Pierce about her recollections of Christmas in Northam for her book *Good Vermonters: The Pierces of North Shrewsbury* and Marjorie remembered nailing her letter to Santa on the front wall of the house and that it was gone the next morning. She also remembered that in the early 1900s the neighbors did not have a Christmas tree or receive presents at home, rather, everyone either walked or used a horse and sleigh to the Northam church, and as they arrived they brought their family gifts and piled them under the tree. The real Christmas was celebrated in the church with a decorated tree so huge that it reached to the ceiling, and glistened with its colored balls, tinsel, real candles and strings of popcorn and colored paper rings. The women of Northam made small drawstring bags out of colored netting and filled them with nuts and ribbon candy, and every

child received one. After the last carol was sung, the sound of sleigh bells was heard from outside, plus cries of "whoa, whoa," and the door opened wide and Santa rushed in shouting "Ho, Ho, Ho" and gave out the presents, calling each adult or child by name.

Marjorie also told Karen that she and her brothers and sister left a long, black stocking on the Morris chair in the living room on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas morning they would always find a nice orange in the toe, Christmas candy and a few nuts and one special gift.

In the 1930s in my home, my two brothers and I would search out my Dad's sock drawer for the longest ones, and then hang it on the fireplace mantel. Next morning we also found an orange in the toe, plus some Christmas hard candy, and always, a brand new toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.

Con found a lump of coal in his stocking, but he had to give it back to add to the furnace for heat!



CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Looking for a stocking stuffer or a good book? The bright red cover with gold lettering on book titled *Our Town—Shrewsbury As It Was* at \$20, and the 2014 Memories Calendar at \$15 can be found at the Town Clerk's office during open hours and at the Pierce's Country Store.

CHRISTMAS FUTURE

Indeed, as I prepare this column in early November, I want to be sure to add the Shrewsbury Historical Society members' best wishes to ALL for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014. May it be a year of peace and understanding, and good health to all.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

In Memoriam

The Shrewsbury Historical Society members were saddened to learn about the passing of Jane Pratt Fitzpatrick of Stockbridge, MA on Nov. 9, 2013. Jane was one of the Society's first Life Members. She would often stop at the museum when visiting her hometown of Shrewsbury where she was born and attended a one-room schoolhouse. Jane was well known as the originator of Country Curtains and owned and operated the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA with her husband, Jack. Our condolences to her family.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

Bright Wings Chorus in concert

Saturday, January 25 at 7:30pm at the Old Firehouse, Tinmouth. \$12 / \$10 students and seniors.

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Tinmouth Contra Dance

Friday, December 20 at 8:00 at Tinmouth Community Center, Route 140. Admission \$9; \$7 for teens; free for children 12 & under. Refreshments available.

Front Porch Forum

Front Porch Forum (FPF) is now available in every Vermont community! While Shrewsbury's FPF is in place, individuals need to sign up as members before they can join in. The more that sign up, the more interesting the forum becomes and the bigger the audience when you post. To learn more and sign up for this free service, visit FrontPorchForum.com. At the website, you'll find ready-made flyers and other ideas for sharing this news.

Front Porch Forum is winning national accolades for its community building innovations. People use their local FPF to find recipes, pass along items from their attics, rally volunteers for pie suppers, trade equipment, and describe wildlife sightings. Because the service is moderated and real names accompany postings, the discussions remain civil, engaging, and relevant. In times of need, such as during and following natural disasters, your FPF becomes even more powerful.

FPF and the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Vermont Digital Economy Project are teaming up to bring this service to all Vermonters for free. Vermont's Congressional delegation played a crucial role in getting this project funded and off the ground in our state.
—Front Porch Forum



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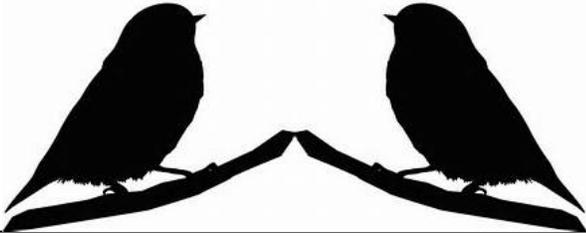
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The Question and Answer Box

Where are the birds?

I've been feeding birds for 40 years. Birds started hanging around about three weeks ago, so I put out my bird feeders. It usually takes less than a few days for all of them to show up. They're out there but they won't come near my feeders. I've even tossed sunflower hearts on the lawn—I always feed only sunflower hearts because I don't want my small dog eating shells, etc. I just purchased bird seed in September at Agway. I don't understand what's happening (or not happening).
—Liz Flint

Hello Liz,

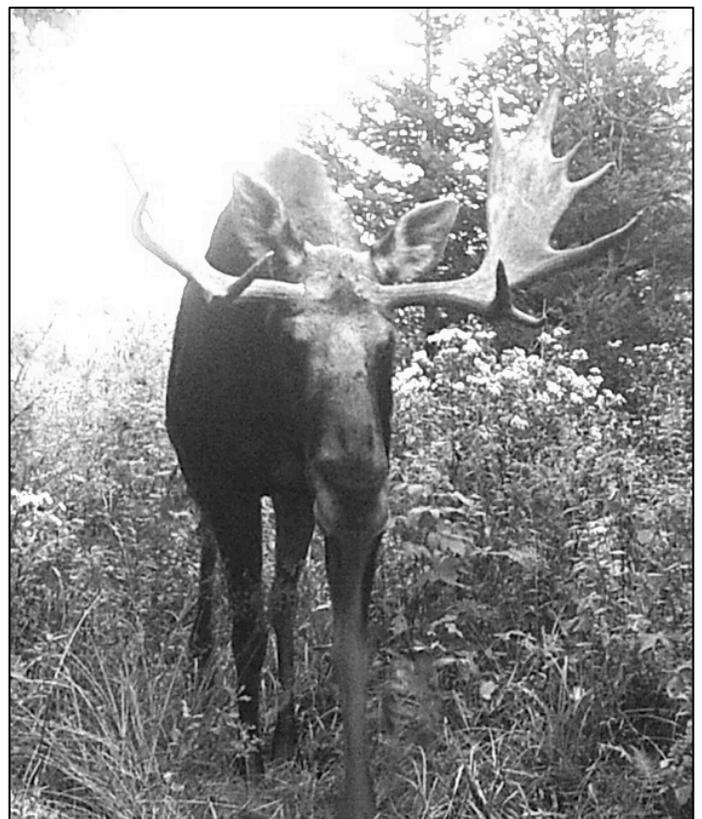
I understand your concern about the lack of birds at the feeders. I am experiencing the same thing here at my house to a slightly lesser extent. I have had the usual mob of Mourning Doves eating cracked corn and mixed seed. Chickadees and Goldfinches have been numerous, also. But there are few other finches and few woodpeckers and nuthatches around. I do know that there is an abundant natural seed crop this fall. Have you noticed how heavy the cone crop is on the conifers? I think that the birds are feasting on the local bounty of natural food before they settle into our bird feeders for the winter. Also, we have had an extended period of fine weather which favors their natural inclination to stay in the woods. Don't despair! They will come, especially after we have our first good snowfall.

You might find more information by going on the Rutland County Audubon Society website at rutlandcountyaudubon.org. Good luck and enjoy the birds!

—Connie Youngstrom

Trails in Shrewsbury

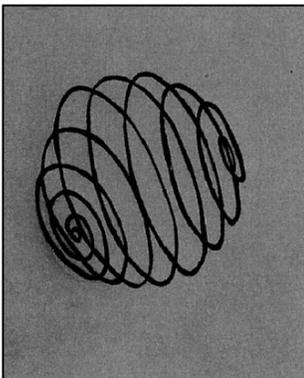
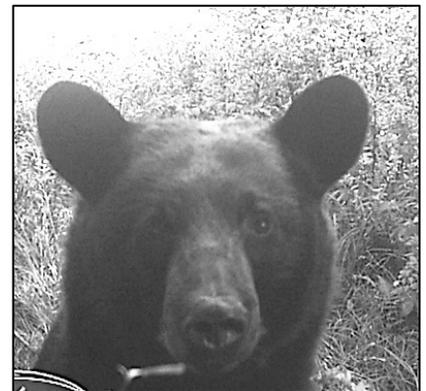
For folks new to Shrewsbury, or for folks old to Shrewsbury with forgetful minds, here is an annual announcement about cross country ski and snowshoe trails near Northam Village. The Shrewsbury Outing Club maintains a trail system on state lands north of the Old Plymouth Road. When snow has arrived, just drive up the Old Plymouth Road to the parking lot, park your car, and then continue up the road on skis or snowshoes to the top of the hill where you will see a bar way on the left. That is the simplest way to access more than 5 miles of trails, many of which are marked. If you need more information, or would like a guided tour, call Lee Wilson at 492-3542 or Andy Richards-Peelle at 492-3648.



Wildlife Portraits

Critter cameras are capturing all sorts of wildlife in Shrewsbury. So all critters beware when you're roaming around in the wilds!

Photos provided by Jason Wisell



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Organizations, businesses or individuals within Rutland County are welcome to stop by the station's Howe Center studio to record a special seasonal greeting on a pre-decorated holiday set. Or, if you would like PEGTV to come to your establishment, simply call up and reserve a time and one of our field producers will stop by to record your message. Greetings will be played throughout the holiday season on Channels 15, 20 and 21.

If you would like to set up an appointment call the station at 802-747-0151 or email: skent@pegtv.com. Sample holiday greetings are available on our web site. It's quick, easy, free and a wonderful way to spread some seasonal cheer.

PEGTV is comprised of Channels 15, 20 and 21 and is available to all cable subscribers throughout Rutland County. Streaming programming, video on demand services and hyper-local weather forecasts are also available online at www.pegtv.com.



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We are collecting donations for Hurricane Haiyan Relief. Following reports of deaths and widespread devastation left in the wake of this storms we are responding to a call for relief to cover the cost of provisioning supplies, emergency shelter and drinking water to those affected by this recent tragedy in the Philippines.

We will be raising \$250 to sponsor the gift of a Water Buffalo to be sent to a family in need in the Philippines through Heiffer International. If you are able to make a donation to one of these two efforts please make checks payable to the Shrewsbury Community Church with a note in the memo indicating which cause the donation is for. Please send them in care of: Sue Kelley, PO Box 366, Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

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

Exciting Happenings! We are preparing for **Community Candle Light Christmas Eve Service**, 7:00 pm. Christmas Eve at the Church is a very special evening. We gather with neighbors and friends to sing carols, hear the Christmas story, the choir, the organ, the bells and enjoy the candlelight. The sanctuary is filled with the smell of balsam from fresh balsam wreaths and our amazing Christmas Tree. It truly is a wonder to behold! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Please join us for this magical evening. All are Invited to attend and participate. If you would like to sing in the choir call Roxanne 492-3675. If you would like to read or act call Sue 779-5241 or 492-3738.

The sanctuary will soon be adorned with beautiful poinsettias and fresh Shrewsbury balsam wreaths. Come and see them!

If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the holiday season donations are \$10. Please make payment to the Shrewsbury Community Church and mail in care of Sue Kelley at PO Box 366 Shrewsbury Vermont 05738. Please indicate your preference for a wreath or poinsettia.

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Community Church Calendar

Dec 1 @ 10:30am: Worship Service and Holy Communion @ Center Church; Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a non-perishable food item.

Dec 8 @10:30am: Worship service @ Center Church; Pastor Rita Lane.

Dec 11 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Fran Patten. Please bring a bag lunch; dessert and drinks will be provided. Please call Fran at 492-3706 to let her know if you can attend.

Dec 15 @ 10:30am: Worship Service @ Center Church; Rev. Skip Dickinson.

Note: No Service On December 22



Dec 24 @ 7:00 pm: Community Candle Lite Service

Dec 29 @10:30am: Service of Carols; Pastor Rita Lane.

Jan 15 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Judy Pitts 775-0678. Bring a bag lunch.

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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

During this time of giving thanks and reflection on the past year, on behalf of the Board of the Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store, I would like to thank the Shrewsbury community for being supportive of our adventure. Nearing the end of the year, it appears that our revenues have continued to grow—accompanied by increased costs of goods, of course—and that we'll end the year in decent shape. What a wonderful community we live in! Thank you all.

Point of Sale System The efforts that Randell Barclay put in during the past several months to implement our new computerized inventory system are beginning to pay off. Among other things, this new way of operating will allow us to see how particular items have sold over a period of time. This could lead to changes in what and how many we stock or make.

Many volunteers have already attained mastery of the ins and outs of making sales and several are learning other features such as checking in deliveries electronically. As manager, I will appreciate the reduction in the amount of time I spend "counting" things: it will allow more time to work on inventory changes and adjustments to our pricing.

Some customers have experienced longer waits at the register than in the past because we've been struggling with the touchscreen monitor, scanner wand, wireless trackpad, and items that are unknown to the system. We appreciate the willingness all of you have shown as we come up to speed.

I am sure I speak for the full board when I say that on New Year's Day we'll all enjoy resting or playing with family rather than spending a good part of the day at the store counting and recording every item on the shelves.

Holiday Specials

As in past years, Rob will prepare a number of items from the bakery/kitchen for special order. Watch at the store or on our FaceBook page for what will be on the menu.

In addition, we'll be stocking or offering special treats: a few varieties of festive wines and bubbles; candies and confections; Thomas's Eggnog; pre-order turkeys and perhaps hams. Please let me know if

there are particular items you'd like to see in the store.

Gifts and Gift Certificates Here's a gift suggestion: purchase a bulk quantity of your family member's favorite [fill in the blank!]
—members can purchase for just 20% over the wholesale price and non-members get the benefit of the lower price of purchasing in quantity. Remember, too, that you can purchase a gift certificate to Pierce's Store as a gift for someone special. Just ask the person at the register.

Music on Thursdays Do you know that most Thursday mornings a group of Shrewsberries bring their banjos, guitars, fiddles or whatever to the store and jam? They take over the café area and have a grand time. Please stop in and listen or join in anytime between about 8:30 and 10.

Finally, we are always looking for more people to volunteer in the store. If you have any interest, please contact Sally at 492-3326 or stop into the store. With the new Point of Sale system, I hope more folks will be interested in joining the Pierce's team! Happy Holidays to all and have a Safe and Happy New Year! See you at the Store.

Sally Deinzer, Manager

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners

December 13 - Guest Chef Weezie Duda will make Roast Pork with Tomatoes, Fennel & Onions, Rob's Roll, Mini Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce.

January 10 - Guest Chef Hilary Adams (call the store for the menu!)

January 24 - Guest Chef Connie Youngstrom will make Mini Meatloaves with Maplecrest beef, baked sweet dumpling winter squash, scalloped potatoes and something green on the side (whatever she can find that's local—spinach, kale, Brussels sprouts perhaps.)

Meals will be available 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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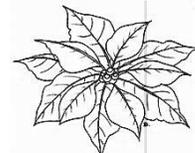
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