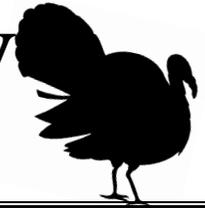


Times of Shrewsbury

November 2013



Solar Power Works in Shrewsbury!

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission held an informational meeting in town back in May to help inform residents about the many new options available using solar power. The Commission had hoped to find that a town solar farm might be feasible as a way to offset town electricity bills and to create a resource for resi-

dents. This was not particularly feasible, but installation of small solar systems was attractive to several residents, and we hope that the Shrewsbury and Mill River school boards might investigate the benefits available for municipalities that were outlined that evening.

Thinking about switching to a solar system as a way to reduce your carbon footprint and save money at the same time? Here is how one family made the switch! The Dudas had Davis Terrill from Green Earth Energy (GEE) in Brandon come to assess their electricity usage and the orientation of their house to the sun. They had already done an energy audit and some energy saving upgrades. Their south facing roof with no nearby trees blocking sun rays had a great potential. They investigated other companies and compared costs at this year's Solar Fest and decided to contract with GEE.

Davis recommended a system that ties into the electric grid, eliminating the need for batteries and one that needs no maintenance. GEE installed 4 KW of Mage Solar Modules that are made in the U.S.A., and the panels and the inverter (the brains of the system) are both warranted for 30 years. Power created by the panels spins the meter backwards, building up a credit with GMP, their utility company. The Dudas will receive a premium rate of approximately \$.20 per kWh for electricity generated, and will only



be charged approximately \$.15 per kWh for electricity used. They estimated a yearly savings of \$1000, about the same amount of their electricity bills. This will enable the system to pay for itself over a 9- to 10-year period, and after that point, there should be no cost to create their own electricity from the sun.

So how much will this cost, you might wonder? The cost of materials and the installation was \$17,000, but there is a rebate from the Vermont Small Scale Renewable Energy Incentive Program for \$2,150. (This rebate has since been lowered as of Oct. 1st.) Another \$5,100 can be deducted from the overall cost as a Federal Tax Credit, so the actual cost of the system is a little under \$10,000. They applied for a Home Equity Line of Credit from Citizens Bank at 2.87% and they can pay it off at any time at no penalty. Their plan is to pay it off with the savings created each month on their electricity bill, so there is virtually no cost for their electricity and they can feel they have done what they can to reduce their carbon footprint.

The Fretz family installed a slightly different system and is really pleased with the results. "In our first full month using solar panels [September] our electricity bill was zero and we earned a ten-dollar credit," said David Fretz. Because their roof was slate, they had to mount the panels on the ground. They decided to install 5 KW rather than 4 because they wanted to consider a new thermal heat pump in the future to replace a costly propane system they use as a backup for wood heat right now. This larger system cost \$24,800 to install but with the rebate and tax credit, they will only pay \$15,400, which should pay for itself in between 8 to 10 years.

Submitted by Louise Duda

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

From the Editors

We're not sure what happened but unfortunately we omitted three articles from last month's issue. We had received timely submissions from Linda McGuire regarding the property taxes due dates, an article from the Shrewsbury Mountain School Board regarding their appreciation to the voters, and a note of thanks from Judy Gould for special people. We apologize for these omissions in the October issue. —*Sandra & Chryl*

A Note of Thanks!

I would like to thank all of the people who have been thinking of me and sending cards, phone calls and well wishes since my surgery in April. I appreciate your thoughts and your prayers so much. I also wish to thank the church knitting group for the prayer shawl. It's such a comfort to wrap around myself on a cool evening. I feel the warmth from the cold as well as the warmth of your prayers.

I am doing well. I had a couple of setbacks this summer but the doctor is pleased with my progress and tells me that my heart now sounds normal. I am exercising and working toward total independence. My very best to all,

Judith (Judy) Gould

Front Porch Forum

Front Porch Forum is a free Vermont-based project that offers an easy method for town residents to connect with each other on a frequent basis. They talk about lost pets, trade garden tips, and offer

household items they no longer need. There is no cost to the town or for residents to sign up and use it. Once 100 residents join, local members will start to receive the regular collection of digital postings. More information and a sample communication can be found on the Front Porch Forum website below. There is also a link to the Front Porch Forum on the Shrewsbury town website.

*Submitted by Michael Wood-Lewis,
CEO and Co-founder
(802) 540-0069 x3 or frontporchforum.com*

Appreciation

Please forgive the tardiness of our sincerest appreciation for all the loving help given to us, especially when Bud was in Fletcher Allen Hospital. You most certainly fulfilled "love thy neighbor" many, many times over and in as many different ways. Bless you all for the many kindnesses shown to us. Thank you with all our hearts.

Eddie and Bud Clark

Note from the Post Office



If you get your mail delivered to your house, your address should be your 911 number and your street address. It should not be your post office box. If you rent a post office box, your address should be: Post office box # and not your street address. Please correct your mailing address if it is wrong. There are going to be staff changes coming in the next year at the post office.

Barbara Perkins, Postmaster

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

Nov 1	7:30pm	*Geological Cross-section Photos of Shrewsbury presentation at the Library
Nov 8	5-7pm	*Spaghetti supper at Community Church
Nov 8	7:30pm	*Program on the great Comet ISON of 2013 at the Library
Nov 12	12noon	Senior Luncheon at Bryant House in Weston. Please call Fran Patten at 492-3706 to let her know if you can attend.
Nov 17	4pm	*Famous Books Book Discussion Group meets at the Library
Nov 20	12 noon	*Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Carol Goodwin 747-0192
Nov 24	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Dec 7	7pm	*Annual Silent Auction and Cookie Swap at the Library

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



**Deadline for submission to
Times of Shrewsbury is by
5:00 pm 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—10:30am at Shrewsbury Center Church
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

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 LeaHemmer 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 110713

When is it realistic to expect cell phone coverage in Shrewsbury?



Recently Shrewsbury resident Lars Lundeen contacted the Vermont Telecommunications Authority (VTA) to inquire about the lack of cell phone coverage in our town. The *Times* followed up with a call to the VTA and learned that while the VTA currently has no funded projects to bring cell phone coverage to Shrewsbury, cellular carriers are not required to notify the VTA of their plans for expansion of service. Therefore the VTA is not aware of all cellular projects. A copy of communications received from VTA follows:

“The Vermont Telecommunications Authority’s mission includes support for cellular expansion but they admit it is a challenge. Cell service is not regulated, so the organization works to collaborate within the confines of carriers’ own priorities.

As a way to focus their efforts, in 2010 the VTA identified Target Corridors throughout the state that have no service at all or have significant drop zones within the service available. These Corridors are focused primarily on the state highways, the Interstate, and a few very well-traveled secondary roads where mobile access to emergency services can be most critical. There currently are no Target Corridors in Shrewsbury. In September of this year the roadways were retested and that data will be used to update Target Corridors.

Across the United States, major cell carriers are investing in upgrading their existing sites to 4GLTE. While they are not currently focused as much in establishing new sites, there is some basic expansion of coverage happening in Vermont. Residents can contact companies directly to let them know about interest in subscribing to new cell service if it were available in the local area.”

Customer service numbers for cellular providers to contact regarding cell coverage in Shrewsbury are:

- Verizon Consumer: 1-800-256-4646
Business: 1-800-526-3178
- AT&T: 1-888-333-6651
- Sprint: 1-866-866-7509
- T-Mobile: Personal: 1-800-866-2453
Business: 1-888-537-4242
- US Cellular: 1-888-944-9400

*Compiled from information provided by
Lars Lundeen and the VTA*



Spring Lake Ranch
Therapeutic Community
Working Toward Wellness

Report from Spring Lake Ranch

The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with Spring Lake Ranch, Inc., Troy Dare from Vermont Rural Fire protection task Force and Shrewsbury town Garage staff on September 18, 2013 completed the installation of a dry hydrant at the lower barn of Spring Lake Ranch, Inc. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Shrewsbury.

The Fire Department is in the process of improving fire protection in Shrewsbury by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council provided assistance to the Fire Department in developing a plan to improve water supply in Shrewsbury.

The Vermont Legislature approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural area of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with assistance of the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council administers the grant program.

Dry hydrants are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a 6- to 8-inch pipe with a fitting to which a pump/tanker truck can attach. The pipe connects to a water source (pond or stream) that can supply at least 60,000 gallons under drought conditions. This is but one example of the service your fire departments provide in preparation for the next alarm.

If you have any questions about developing a rural water supply in your area, please contact your local Fire Department, or the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force at 802-828-4582, email to dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com, or visit www.nvtrcd.org/vtrfptf.html.

*Submitted by John Freeman, Physical Plant
Manager, Spring Lake Ranch (802-492-3322)*



SVFD Auxiliary shown: Catherine Carrara, Karly Carrara, Shannon Creed, Debbie Dambrackas, Mikayla Dambrackas, Kathy Lees, Pam Monder, Ann Ridlon, Donna Ryan, Gina Stewart, Wendy Stewart, Ann Vanneman. **Firemen shown:** Kevin Brown, Jamie Carrara, Russell Carrara, Seth Creed, Jesse Dambrackas, Ray Dambrackas, Mark Gilman, Barry Griffith, Jon Lees, Jack Perry, Al Ridlon Jr., Al Ridlon Sr., Tom Ryan, Phillip Severy, Bob Snarski, Elliott Stewart, Mark Stewart, Tanner Stewart.

Photo by Brian Winkler

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

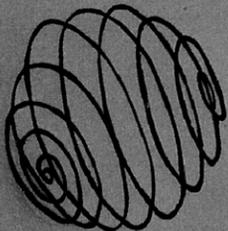
The first Fire Department Ham Supper was held in 1953. The gathering has been a popular annual event ever since. Our October 5, 2013 Ham Supper continued the tradition. Our youngest guest was two-month-old Oliver Smith, son of Jason and Jessica. Our youngest server was third grader Phil Severy, who helped his Dad Phil and Uncle Adam. Thanks to all who contributed, to all who patronized the event, and especially to our wonderful Auxiliary for putting it all together.

Our Annual Meeting was held on October 17. Bob Snarski was elected Vice President, after charter member Al Ridlon, Sr. declined to run again for that office. Thank you for your decades of service, Al! Chief Russell Carrara and the Department's other elected officers were returned for another year. Jamie Carrara received the Chief Snarski Award for

exemplary service. Ray Dambrackas accepted the Peter Cosgrove Award for distinguished service. Mark Stewart received awards for the highest attendance, both at scheduled drills and at fire calls. All well deserved. Congratulations to all!

The Fire Department Fuel Raffle drawing was held at the end of the evening. Sally Snarski won 100 gallons of heating oil, donated by Johnson Energy. Bob Ferguson, Sr. won a cord of firewood, donated by Greg McGown. Jeff Lanfear of Pittsford won a ton of wood pellets, donated by the Vermont Wood Pellet Company. We thank all our sponsors, and all who purchased chances. While you are firing up your furnaces and stoves this month, remember to **STAY FIRE SAFE!**

Submitted by Barry Griffith



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Support for Winter Sports Programs



The leaves have fallen and "Stick Season" is here, but it is a great time at the Mountain School. We are in full swing and our routines are settled. Shrewsbury's Winter Sports Program will be starting soon after the holidays; parents should expect to receive paperwork soon.

We try to raise as much of the cost of the program through parent donations, but the program is part of our physical education curriculum and all children participate regardless of their family's finances. So once again, we are asking for community support. Enjoying the outdoors in winter should not just be for tourists. Our kids should share in the fun, too. Donate what you can. It will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering with the kids, please give a call to find out when and how that can happen. Thanks as always,

Adrienne Raymond

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www.shrewsburyvt.org

News from the Republican Town Committee

On October 16 over 60 delegates and members of the public met for the Biennial Rutland County Republican Committee re-organizational caucus.

Three delegates of the Shrewsbury Republican Town Committee, Larry Williams, Timothy Mackintosh, and Julanne Sharrow, were in attendance. Larry Williams of Shrewsbury was elected at-large delegate to the state committee.

Caucus discussion centered on enhancing social media and traditional media efforts, improving communications and networking capabilities, and enhancing fundraising efforts and support for Republican candidates running for public office. Timothy Mackintosh of Shrewsbury was promoted to assist Rutland County Republicans with all three efforts. The caucus also voted to support the Federal military F-35 project in Chittenden County.

Shrewsbury Republicans look forward to assisting the County and State Republican Committees.

Larry Williams, Shrewsbury Republican Town Committee, Chair, 492-2262

Planting Trees at the Meeting House



The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission joined forces with the Meeting House Committee to purchase and plant three sugar maple saplings this month to replace dying ones that had been removed this summer. They also dug up and relocated a red maple to the triangle in front of Pierce's Store. It will take a few years for this little maple to replace that wonderful old pine that had to be

taken down, but its foliage someday will brighten that area. A special thanks to "volunteers" Eldred French and Stan Duda for their help!

Submitted by Louise Duda

Town Democrats Elect Officers

The biennial re-organization of the Shrewsbury Town Democratic Committee took place on September 19. Officers for the next two years are Scott Garren, Chairman; Lee Wilson, Vice-Chairman; Melissa Reichert, Secretary; Steven Nicholson, Treasurer; and Jonathan Gibson, Assistant Treasurer. Scott Garren, Ludy Biddle and Jonathan Gibson were elected as representatives to the Rutland County Democratic Committee. Scott was subsequently elected treasurer of the County Democratic Committee at that group's reorganization meeting on October 15.

The major political parties in Vermont reorganize every two years. Town committees offer the most local level of participation in the electoral process that will lead up to the General Election on November 4, 2014. Anyone wishing to become involved with Democratic Party activities in Shrewsbury should contact one of the above people.

Scott Garren, scott@garrenshay.com, 492-2284

Check out the Town Website

Links to the following events, activities, or opportunities have been posted on the Town website at

www.shrewsburyvt.org

- Front Porch Forum
- Rutland Free Library Program page
- Science Pub
- Vermont Humanities 1st Wednesday Schedules
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk



News from the Shrewsbury Mountain School Board

On behalf of the entire school community, we would like to extend our sincere thank you to the townspeople of Shrewsbury for approving the bond reconsideration vote for the roof project on the Shrewsbury Mountain School.

After the reconsideration bond vote was approved our superintendent confirmed with the previous lowest bidder, Doxsee Roofing out of Bennington, that they would extend the original bid if the work were to be completed this fall or if we wanted to start in the spring. After the Board had a lengthy discussion with the owner of Doxsee Roofing at our meeting on September 15, we decided to send our letter of intent to enter into a contract with Doxsee Roofing to begin the project when school was released for summer break in 2014.

The bid that we will be approving for the specified work, with a standing seam metal roof, is in the amount of \$184,000. The Board decided to install a standing seam metal roof because its expected life span (50 years) is at least double that of asphalt shingles. While the standing seam metal roof is approximately \$30,000 more expensive than shingles, we felt that in the long run it is a much better investment.

The Board does feel a real urgency to complete the roof project before snow flies; however, the contracting company could start October 20th at the earliest with needing at least a 2-month window of time to

complete the project (that is if the weather holds out). If Shrewsbury received significant snowfall before mid December, they would have to stop the project until the spring. In addition, there would be significant disruption during the school day especially when the two layers of shingles were being scrapped off the roof. Children would have to be relocated out of their classroom. In summary, we felt that the project should wait until spring. The roofing company will be visiting the school in the next few weeks to advise us on how to best handle any potential leakage issues until the project can be completed.

In other news, the school year has been off to a great start. The PTO hosted a Meet and Greet Breakfast the first day of school, which was a great way to meet many of the new faces. There are 75 children currently enrolled, an approximate increase of 10% over the previous year. As always, we welcome you to attend our meetings or contact any one of us with questions or comments. We thank you again for your continued support and confidence.

Be well,

Board Members: Sarah Bolster, Ed Hemmer, Adrienne Raymond

Editors' Note: This article was submitted in a timely fashion last month and was inadvertently omitted in the October issue. We apologize for that omission.

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. However, if we receive your donation before the end of this year, we will list your name on the donor page for the remainder of 2013 and all of 2014! All donations are appreciated no matter when they are received.

—The Editors

**The Great Comet
Of 2013**

A lecture by astronomer
Al Boudreau

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approaching us.

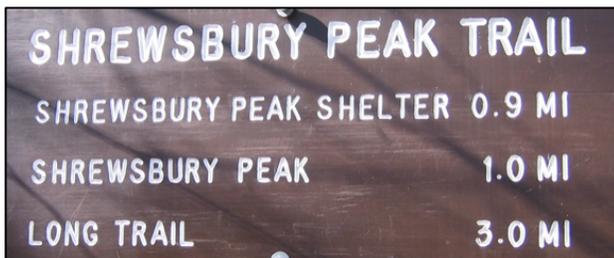
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pictures of this and
other great comets, and
explain what a great
comet really is.
He'll tell us where
and when to
look for it.

Friday Nov 8th
Shrewsbury Library
Cuttingsville
7:30 pm

A First Summit of Shrewsbury Peak

After car pooling to the Black Swamp and Russell Hill parking lots the summit was 2 miles away. We walked for a mile along the logging road of the Black Swamp Trail which was a gradual uphill grade through hardwood trees. The trail narrowed and the terrain got a bit more rocky. The summit was still a mile away but all uphill. With a tenth of a mile remaining, we passed the Shrewsbury Shelter.

At the summit we had our lunches and my chocolate chip cookies which I made for the occasion. We took in the view although it was hazy, and we saw Mount Ascutney to the southeast and the villages near there. Then we focused in at close range to see the CCC Road, the shining silver streak slide at the Shrewsbury Mountain School, and clear cuts of hay fields. A few steps to the south face revealed Upper and Cold River Roads and in the distance we could see Spring Lake and White Rocks.



Sign on the Trail to Shrewsbury Peak

When the 11 hikers on the Green Mountain Club hike were ready for the descent, 4 returned via the Black Swamp Trail, and 7 continued the loop descent on the Russell Hill Trail to the south. I continued with the group down the south side of the Peak through hemlock and balsam forest which was rough and steep. The trail was all rocks and roots! The



View from Shrewsbury Peak on an October afternoon.

rocks were covered with moss making them slippery but the trail eventually smoothed out into more beech trees—their leaves now fallen and covering more rocks. A continuous air of caution was voiced by the leaders on our descent as we passed a VAST (Vermont Assoc. of Snow Travelers) Trail, walked down some stairs and came into a dried creek bed. I looked to my right and saw a huge cave-like rock which had an opening and a huge tree over it that definitely could be a bear cave or a large cat den (or maybe even a catamount's?). We also passed the turnoff to the biggest rock in Shrewsbury known as Picnic Rock.

So up another hill, across another VAST Trail and a short descent back to the Russell Hill Shelter and nearby water well before we arrived at the vehicles. All in all, it was a wonderful and caring group of people which made it more pleasant for my first summit to Shrewsbury Peak.

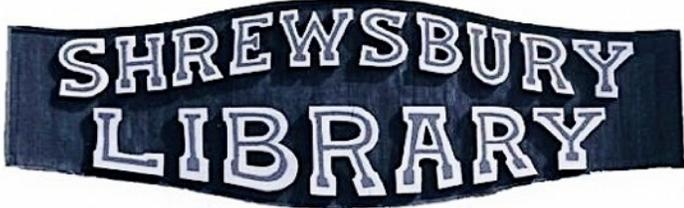
Article and Photographs by Lavinia Seide

The Roving Reporter Asked:

What would you do if you won the lottery?



- “I’d buy season tickets to the Yankees right behind home plate.” –KB
- “Now how much are we talking about?” –TM
- “I wouldn’t have to can tomatoes any more!” –Anon.
- “I’d buy a beach place....of course, I’ve never played the lottery.” –KL
- “I’d put it all on black.” –LW
- “I’d hire a lawyer, buy a decent car, and let my wife take over the bills.” –DB
- “I’d buy a bunch of land and do like the Kennedys and have a huge compound.” –JO
- “I’d probably give it to my kids...no...I take that back. I’m not sure.” –Anon.
- “I’d probably put a big addition onto the Transfer Station....and buy a forklift too.” –BP
- “I’d call my financial planner. That’s what they say you should do first. Right?” –RR
- “Well, I wouldn’t be sitting here every morning for breakfast!” –LA
- “I’d spend the money because I’m too old to save it.” –ES



Coming in November: Two Science Programs

Friday, November 1 @ 7:30pm

Photographer **JONATHON WELLS** and **HELEN MANGO**, Professor of Geology at Castleton State College, will discuss Jonathon's new artwork showing the geology up to 4 miles below the surface of Shrewsbury. Born in Vermont in 1960 and raised in Shrewsbury, Jonathon worked for many years as a hydrogeologist, studying geologic structures and subsurface industrial sites. This work, combined with a love of photography and of Vermont, led him to make digitally composed scenes of landscapes and their underlying geology. His artworks have been exhibited in museums and galleries and are owned by individual collectors, corporations, universities, and museums. An exhibition of his images will be in the Christine Price Gallery at Castleton State College December 2-20. **HELEN MANGO** will join him to discuss the science behind the artwork.

Friday, November 8 @ 7:30pm

Astronomer **AL BOUDREAU** will give a presentation on the **COMET ISON** that will be visible in Vermont's skies later this month. (Please see his article in this issue of *the Times!*)

CONTINUING PROGRAMS

Sunday, November 17 @ 4pm: Famous Books Book Discussion: *October Light* by John Gardner. Books available at the Library.

Sunday, November 24 @ 4pm: Science Book Club
For information please contact Scott Garren at 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 at 492-3346 or Penelope Weiss at 492-3345 for information.

READERS & VIEWERS

Please write your reviews/recommendations of books or DVDs you've enjoyed (or not) in the notebooks on the desk. You can be anonymous if you want!

RAFFLE TICKETS for the beautiful **QUILT** made by the Library Quilters' Group are available in the Library until the Cookie Swap/Silent Auction on Saturday, December 7.

SILENT AUCTION Sneak Peek

- Mystery Item 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 zakgraceglass
- A set of quilted placemats with napkins, assorted colors, donated by Lucille Fiske
- \$50 Gift Certificate from Cuttings in the Ville
- Felted slippers hand made 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.

Donations Needed for Silent Auction!

Trustees are soliciting donations for the Silent Auction; if you have donations to offer, contact Lisa (492-3732) or Donna (773-7403). Popular auction items have included foods of all kinds; jewelry; crafts & artwork; weekend stays; plane rides; you name it!

NEW BOOKS include:

- *Flying Blind* by Don Mitchell: a writer and landowner (father of singer Anais Mitchell) learns to love and conserve bats, with the help of Shrewsbury's Scott Darling
- *Thank You for Your Service* by David Finkel: True stories of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan
- *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert: the new novel by the author of *Eat Pray Love*
- *A Fish in the Water*, a novel, and *The Gospel According to Julia Child*, a collection of stories by James R. McKain, our own Pierce's Store baker, otherwise known as Rob. Congratulations on being in print!

NEW DVDs include:

- *Call the Midwife, Season 1*: a BBC production set just after WWII
- *Much Ado About Nothing*: Shakespeare in modern dress, directed by Joss Whedon
- *Olivier's Shakespeare*: Laurence Olivier as Hamlet, Henry V, and Richard III

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Timothy Mackintosh for Rutland County High Bailiff

Timothy Mackintosh has entered the race for Rutland County High Bailiff. The Treasurer of the Shrewsbury Republican Town Committee is currently in his fourth year at Castleton State College. He is majoring in Communications and Business and also serves as the Student Body President at the College. If anyone is interested in participating in Timothy's campaign, they may contact the Chair of the Shrewsbury Republican Town Committee at 492-2262.

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Museum Closed for the Season

On October 27, the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum closed for the winter and spring until July 2014. However, if you would like to research our collection, appointments can be made by calling 492-3324. This year's display on the Pierce Family will still be on exhibit.

Added to the artifacts for a future exhibit are framed diplomas and certificate relating to Dr. Herbert Martyn, donated by Eliza Gibson and Steve Martyn. Also BJ and Joan Stewart loaned the Society several artifacts from the Martyn auction including a brass name sign that once hung on Dr. Martyn's house.

Christmas Presents

With Halloween in the past and Thanksgiving this month, can Christmas be far behind? The bright red-covered book *Our Town—Shrewsbury As It Was* for \$20 and the 2014 *Memories* calendar just \$15 can be found at the Town Clerk's office during open hours and at the Pierce's Country Store. They would make wonderful Christmas presents.



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On October 13, the Historical Society was pleased to present to our guests a program given by Karen D. Lorentz, author of the book *Good Vermonters: The Pierces of North Shrewsbury*. Karen related stories about her interviews with Marjorie Pierce.

Thanksgiving 2013

It is the time for all to recollect and give thanks for the many blessings we have received. I personally give thanks for the friendships and beauty of living here in these lovely mountains of Vermont. I came from a time when my family would hop into a car on hot summer days and off we would drive several miles to reach some of the most beautiful beaches in the world that border Long Island. To the North Shore for its rocky beaches and calm Long Island Sound waters to the tip of the Island with its rugged vastness and the Montauk Lighthouse which was authorized to be built by George Washington in 1792, to the southern beaches of soft white sand, seashells and crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean.

As a child, my heart was also in the richness of the Catskill Mountains and its scents of pine and fresh sparkling brooks, and my family's summer vacations at my Aunt Carrie's boarding house called The Millbrook in Round Top, New York. And later, when my folks had a camp on Hadlock Pond near Fort Ann, New York, my own family was looking to the east to Vermont and its lush green mountains, and lakes and streams so pristine. I give thanks for finding Shrewsbury town and the Cuttingsville hamlet, to put down our roots, a place where our children love to visit often. And most of all, for finding the goodness and friendship of so many wonderful people who have graced our lives here.

For this and much more, and on behalf of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, I want to wish all our friends, members and townspeople a very Happy Thanksgiving 2013. *Submitted by Ruth Winkler*



Karen Lorentz gave an interesting talk about Marjorie Pierce and her family which the audience enjoyed, and she spoke of Marjorie's wit and sense of humor.

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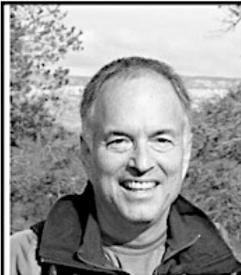
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Holiday Season Plans

During the Holiday Season we will be providing gift cards for holiday dinners. If you or a neighbor would like to be included please call Rita at 775-2578 or Sue at 779-5241.

Exciting Happenings! We are preparing for Community Candle Light Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm. 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).

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

Community Church Calendar

Nov 3 @ 10:30am: Worship Service and Holy Communion @ Center Church; Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a non-perishable food item. Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon following Worship Service.

Nov 8 @ 5-7pm: Spaghetti Supper. Town Hall. Eat in or take out.

Nov 10 @ 10:30am: Worship Circle at Center Church; Pastor Rita Lane (thoughtful discussion in place of sermon).

Nov 17 @ 10:30am: Worship Service @ Center Church; Rev. Skip Dickinson.

Nov 20 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Carol Goodwin 747-0192. Bring a bag lunch. Enjoy the fellowship & the mission. All are welcome!

Nov 24 @ 10:30am: Worship Service of Thanksgiving; Pastor Rita Lane.

Save the Date! It's coming soon!

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MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

"Music is the poetry of the air." —Richter

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33rd Annual Outstanding Teacher Day at UVM:

The University of Vermont's College of Education & Social Services and Vermont Supervisory Unions & School Districts co-sponsor an event each year to honor outstanding teachers throughout the state. All outstanding teachers exemplify one or more of the five standards for Vermont educators...learning, professional knowledge, advocacy, collegiality and accountability. Typically, 90–100 teachers are nominated for this award each year with over 45 school districts in Vermont participating. This year's event was held at the Ira Allen Chapel on October 16, and we are proud to announce that Shrewsbury resident **Kristin Cimonetti** was this year's recipient from Mill River Union High School! "Mill River was founded on the belief that academics, the arts, and athletics are all important in the education of its students. Kristin Cimonetti is a major part of why we are able to practice that core belief every day. Kristin's vocal music classes always demonstrate a high level of academic and performance excellence. This instructor's dedication to her students also has made it possible for them to participate in master classes with professional musicians as well as nationally recognized professors of music. That is why Kristin was chosen as this year's UVM Outstanding Teacher of the Year from Mill River Union High School." *Andy Pomeroy, Principal*

Music Department News: Four students have been selected for the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Honors Choirs. They are Katherine Bullock, Ryan Darling, Timothy Heffernan, and Kaylie Niedzwiecki. The program will rehearse and perform in Baltimore, MD, on February 5–8. This is a wonderful honor conveyed upon top performing students selected from Maryland to Maine!

Stage 40's Fall Show: This year's fall production is the musical *Into the Woods*, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. It debuted in San Diego at the Old Globe Theatre in 1986 and premiered on Broadway in 1987. *Into the Woods* won several Tony Awards, including Best Score, Best Book and Best Actress in a Musical. Peter Bruno, the Stage 40 director, reports: "We've got a cast of 22 performers and another 15 involved in technical work. There is also a professional orchestra of community musicians headed by Musical Director

Jen Cohen. Our performances are on **November 22 and 23 at 7:30pm**. Ticket prices are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for seniors and students. It's a wonderful show that combines several fairy tales, including Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and the Wolf and Little Red Riding-hood, into a fantastic story of hope, dreams and fulfillment in a challenging world!"

Mathcounts: Richard Barker reports: "What does 3! (read 'three factorial') equal? That's a question you might hear when walking the halls of the Mill River Middle School on a Friday afternoon. Mill River Mathcounts is an after school program for students in grades 6–8 where they learn to solve challenging problems and explore all kinds of interesting and fun math. Mathcounts (www.mathcounts.org) is a nationwide program designed to promote mathematical problem solving in the middle school grades. Ed Robbins and I work with students to help them learn strategies that make some the most difficult math problems almost easy. Many Mathcounts "mathletes" will eventually compete against students from other schools in regional, state, and possibly even national competitions. This year, Mill River Mathcounts has many returning students from a successful year last year, along with many new faces. Mathcounts meets from 2:30-3:30pm at the school, and any interested students in grades 6–8 are welcome to attend. So, what *does* 3! equal? It equals 6 or $3 \times 2 \times 1$. Some of this year's participating students are Talia Hutt Vater, Megan Chapin, Shea Butler, Gary Burnett, Alex Ritter, Daniel Graves, Osin Harrington, Ryan Ward, Nate Whipple, John Graves, Dylan Beebe, Emerson Rondinone, Luke Mackintosh, Olivia Suker, Cody Bryan and Macy Wilson."

Testing: During the week of October 7, Mill River Students in grades 7, 8, and 11 participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). Since 2005, Vermont students have been participating in the NECAP, a series of reading, writing, mathematics and science achievement tests, administered annually, which were developed in collaboration with the Rhode Island and New Hampshire Departments of Education. The NECAP tests measure students' academic knowledge and skills relative to the Grade Expectations for Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities. Student scores are reported at four levels of academic achievement: Proficient with Distinction, Proficient, Partially Proficient, and Substantially Below Proficient. Reading and math are assessed in grades 3–8 and 11. Writing is assessed in grades 5, 8, and 11.

Science is assessed in grades 4, 8, and 11. Reading, math and writing tests are administered each year in October. (Science tests are administered in May.)

MRUHS Chapter of the National Honor Society:
The Mill River Chapter of the National Honor Society is holding a

Pancake Breakfast at the school
Saturday, November 2
8–10am

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and tea. Tickets are \$6. and may be purchased from any NHS member. Walk-ins are welcome, too. There will also be a

Soup Bowl Event
before the December 4 Winter Concert
5–7pm
\$10 per ticket



We will publish more information on that fundraiser in next month's issue of the *Times*. All proceeds from both of these NHS events go to 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. If anyone would like to suggest a family that might appreciate receiving a basket due to current difficult circumstances, they are asked to please contact Ms. Sullivan at the school (775-3451 ext. 260).

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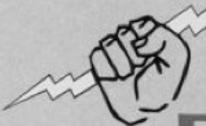
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Generous Support for Ham Supper

We would like to send out a thank you to the town for your generous support of our monumental 60th Ham Supper. We can't put on this wonderful fundraiser without your support. We served 229 dinners this year. Great to see our familiar faces and see some new ones. All ages were in attendance. Again, Thanks.

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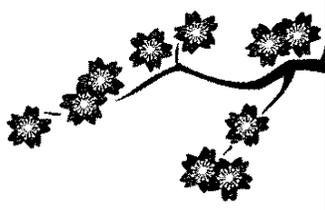
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Dinner Rolls
Holiday Bread (with nuts,

raisins, cranberries & apricots)

The store will be open for a few hours Thanksgiving morning—probably until 1:00, but check at the store as we get closer to the day to be sure.

In October, I ran a special on wine and in November I plan to do the same with beer. In this case, I'll break open a selection of 6-packs and let you build your own from a variety of beers. Not all vendors allow this yet, but apparently it's becoming more common. I need to research a little more to be certain which beers will be acceptable to sell this way and how they can be priced, but I'll let you know when it's ready!

A big change is coming to the store in November.

The check-out process is going to be much smoother as we'll have a "Point of Sale" system in place. This will mean your purchases will be scanned and the price will show on a display without the volunteer having to enter the price and category of the item. It's all programmed into the computer.

Of course, there will be a learning curve and we'll find that there are items on the shelves that were missed when the database was being populated. But we'll get past those in the first month, I hope.

This new system will make inventory management much simpler and will give the manager more time to spend on improving the selections on the shelves, refining pricing, promoting items through sales, and many other as yet unimagined benefits. In addition, and just as importantly, it will simplify the job of our volunteers.

A big THANK YOU! to Randell Barclay who researched alternatives and made the recommendation to invest in this system. Then Randell built the

system and populated it with our inventory. It would not have happened as easily without him.

A Recipe SooFoo – Remember last month I mentioned this item as a really tasty protein/rice alternative? I found a great way to use it. I had some late zucchinis in the garden—they were a little larger than I like to have as plain vegetable, so I thought I'd stuff them for a supper one evening. I cooked up a half cup of dry SooFoo with some chicken bouillon and olive oil. Then I mixed in some chopped up veggies from the crisper—peppers, a bit of onion, some chopped greens and a few sad tomatoes. I placed the mixture into the seeded zucchini halves, sprinkled on some bread crumbs and grated cheese and baked them for a half hour or so. For the finishing touch, I turned on the broiler so the top crisped up. Yum! A very good supper indeed. And best, a meal in itself.

You can find SooFoo in our "Bargain Bin" because the bags we have are out of date. But I can tell you that the bag I have – out of date – is perfectly fine. I hope you'll try SooFoo!

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!

Sally Deinzer, Manager

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners

November 8: Chef Carol Calotta will prepare Beef Bourguignon served over egg noodles. It will have carrots, mushrooms and baby onions in the stew and be served with a green salad.

November 22: Chef Nancy Ellery will prepare a Seafood Lasagna with a green salad.

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!

492-3326

if you are interested in making a meal, please contact either Heather Shay at 492-2284 or Sally Deinzer at the store,

RAVNAH Hosts Death Café

Actor and director Woody Allen once said: "It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens." Most people feel the same way about the thought of their own mortality—and since they don't like to think about the inevitability of death, they certainly don't want to talk about it.

Representatives at the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) want to change that, taking death out of the closet and talking about it openly in a discussion group format. RAVNAH will host Rutland's first "Death Café" at the Speakeasy Café, 67 Center Street in downtown Rutland on Sunday, November 17 from 3:00-5:00pm. The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited for the November 17 Death Café. RSVP to Ann LaRocque at RAVNAH at 802-770-1516 or email larocque@ravnah.org.

Death Cafés are part of an international movement that started in Europe and have been forming across the globe for the past few years. "The objective of a Death Café is to increase awareness of death and to encourage people to make the most of their lives," said Ann LaRocque, Bereavement Counselor at RAVNAH Hospice and co-founder of the group in Rutland. "We encourage people to bring their questions, experiences and thoughts to the gathering."

A Death Café is not a support group, or a counseling session or even a workshop. It's simply a group of community members coming together in a relaxed atmosphere over coffee, tea and goodies and sharing thought-provoking and life-affirming conversation. The Speakeasy Cafe will provide beverages, cake and cookies for purchase to the those attending. Sharing food creates a relaxed and nurturing environment where the group can join open, honest conversation to explore the questions about life, dying and grief.

The Hospice program at Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice provides care, comfort, and support for those in the final stages of life and for their families. To request hospice care support or grief counseling, to volunteer or to learn more about services offered by RAVNAH Hospice, call 802-770-1502 or visit www.ravnah.org. For more information on the Death Café movement, visit: www.deathcafe.com.

Submitted by Melissa Faignant, Community Relations, Rutland Area VNA & Hospice

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Shrewsbury Library Music Update

As usual it has been awhile since there has been anything new written in the *Times* about our music collection. Well, here we go again.

First up is *Clockwork Angels* by the Canadian power trio Rush. Since my early high school days this band has been one of my favorites because of their complicated time signatures and rhythms, their lyric writing and their incredible prowess on their instruments. This isn't for everyone, but if you are curious give it a go. The band members are well read. Check out these cuts: The Anarchist, Headlong Flight and The Garden.

Next on the docket is *Rivers, Blues and Other People* by Jay Collins and The Kings County Band. Thanks to Vicky Arthur for this gift. This gifted singer/guitarist/saxophonist and his band will provide a joyous listen and again great musicianship. There are connections here to Levon Helm and many of the great artists he was associated with over the years. In fact he is married to Levon Helms' daughter Amy. This is as the title suggests a bluesy disc. I like the entirety of this collection but especially *Might Mississippi*, *Yesterday is Gone* (which just begs singing or scatting along to), the awesome groove of *Song I Have for You* (reminiscent of the Neville Brothers), and the shuffling *When You Got a Good Friend*.

Last up is the *Lumineers* which my daughter Caitlyn turned me on to. This is by far the most serene of the additions, but by no means boring. They are a relatively new band that I first heard on the Grammy broadcast last year. There is a great mixture of acoustic music, interesting rhythms and lyrics. Listen in particular to *Flowers in Your Hair*, *Submarines*, *Ho Hey*, and *Stubborn Love*.

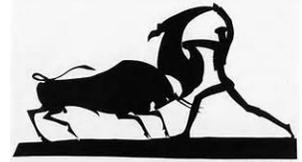
Enjoy any and all music, try something new, make suggestions, connect to the local music out there and create your own. Happy Thanksgiving month!

Submitted by Thomas Hartigan



Train
by Fran Patten

A stampede of horsepower
pounding in rhythm
toward an appointed destination.
Wondrous, spineless snake
Leaving no wake,
Snorting, howling,
groaning, panting
from station to station to station.



Matador
by Penelope Weiss

I fought bulls and lost.
I fought bulls and won
A long life of memory.
The pain is mine.
My eyes see only bulls
Jumping over me
On a bright afternoon.
I know the blood,
The color that can kiss or kill.
I wear a beard that covers scars
A denim jacket
And always a blue earring
And a black hat.



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