

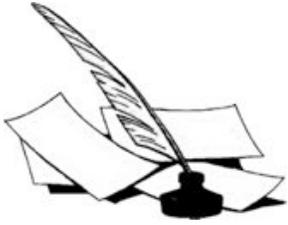


Times of Shrewsbury



April 2014

The Shrewsbury Writers' Group



We came together a year ago last November after a little notice went into the Shrewsbury Times that a writers' group was forming. Four of us who didn't know each other met and formed a close and trusting group. It was not going to be a class but a casual atmosphere where we could write and hear each other's work without fear of harsh criticism. We would welcome gentle feedback and perhaps suggestions if someone felt stuck or wanted to develop a piece beyond its current structure. We would meet twice a month, on Thursdays from 7-9pm at the Library. We would hope to keep the number at a maximum of seven writers. And what happened at the meetings would stay at the meetings.

Initially we decided to write poetry for a month and then move on, perhaps to prose, short stories, plays, essays, scripts or whatever we decided after we had gone through the cycle. Beyond a few a short stories that surfaced over the past fifteen months, we are still writing poetry. It has been such fun watching our progress and seeing people develop beyond what they ever dreamed. Our method at the meetings is to share new work, which means that each person distributes copies of her new piece and then reads it to the group. We discuss the piece, making suggestions or just appreciating it. Often, a person will come back later with a revision to read to the group. Also, someone will bring in a book of poems and read selections from it. This provokes a discussion about the poet and feeds our imaginations for our own work.

We grew to six members during 2013, but sadly one of our founding members and a wonderful writer, Joan Sibley, passed away suddenly last December. We have greatly missed her and her inspiring work. Another member, Stacy McKiernan, is with us in spirit, but her work schedule conflicts with meeting times. Janet McMahon, a recent member, also has scheduling difficulties but comes to meetings whenever she can. So we are a core of four regular members again, Linda Lampert (who also teaches writing), Martha Herbert Izzi, Turiya Levy (who teaches reading) and Penelope Weiss. We welcome inquiries and visits. Our first April meeting is Thursday, April 3. We thank the board of Shrewsbury Library for a warm and welcoming place to meet.

Submitted by Martha Herbert Izzi and Penelope Weiss

That Day In Boston

That day
When crowds cheered
and lined streets for 26 miles.
Who waited and hailed runners
at the finish line on Boylston Street.

That day
When *bombs bursting in air* became
more than just an anthem.

That day
When hell's fury knew no bounds.
Where blood spilled into streets and
flowed into history.
When limbs and locks were
ripped to shreds.
When children bled and thousands of
sweaty sneakers became a monument
to feet that would never run again.

That Patriots' Day
When Paul Revere's ride was reenacted
through the streets of Boston, but failed
to warn us that the jihadists were coming.
Not the Redcoats with muskets but amateurs
wearing hoodies and backpacks who left
pressure cookers filled with BBs and nails
that would make surgeons puke as they
plucked them from the skin of screaming
babies.

That day
On that street when it became the
home of the brave. When sweet revenge
swept the spirits of exhausted runners who
rushed to the bloodied and wounded,
cradled and carried them, pumped air into
holes that once were mouths and willed
them to live.

That day
When the street opened to hope and promise
of another Marathon next year.

Martha Herbert Izzi

April 28, 2013

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Phases of the Moon



Each month for the past three years I have emailed my co-editor, Sandra Korinchak, on the 20th of the month with the question “is it a full moon yet?” It always seems that activity accelerates as the deadline nears, and Sandra has always calmly assured me that either “yes, it’s a full moon” or “no, it’s not a full moon” and that life goes on!

However, after last month’s issue, I won’t have the same assurance about the phases of the moon nor will I have the same certainty that the *Times of Shrewsbury* will meet the excellent editorial attention it has received from her professional eye. Sandra has moved on to explore a new life in another area, and I will miss her greatly.

Together we have been a true team as we worked to get the *Times* out each month. I’ve learned much from her and have depended on her expertise. She has adventures planned and dreams to pursue, and with her talents she faces a bright future. I will miss our monthly “wrap” sessions and her clever ways to resolve “issues” but wish her a life filled with good karma and many more moons whether they be full or not!

Chryl Martin

WHERE DID THE MEETING HOUSE TABLES GO ??

The Meeting House Committee has purchased some new tables for the Meeting House and posted on the Front Page Forum that some of the old heavy ones would be for sale for \$25 each. Shortly thereafter all eight of the old, but good, heavy duty tables disappeared and no check has arrived for their purchase. Some folks did want to buy them but when I went to put them aside, all were gone. This is distressing in that the Meeting House has always been easily accessible to folks in town yet we have never had an issue with things disappearing. If you took the tables and intended to pay for them, but have not, please do so or return them to the building, as that money was going to be used to purchase a couple more tables. If anyone knows where they went, please give me a call.

Mark Yountstrom

Vermont Legislature Honor

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) was honored by the Vermont Legislature on February 26 for its significant health care role. Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is a non-profit, Medicare certified home health agency that provides a wide range of health care services to people of all ages who need home and community health services. For information on RAVNAH programs and services, call 802.775.0568 or visit www.ravnah.org.

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 shrewsburytimes@gmail.com or call 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.

Monthly Advertisement Fees: Full page \$60; 1/2 page \$25; 1/4 page \$10; Business card \$5; Classified ad (15 words) \$2. Payment is due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

Co-editors: Sandra Korinchak & Chryl Martin

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar 30	5pm	*Pierce's Annual Meeting at the Meeting House
Apr 1	7pm	*Computer Office Hours at the Library
Apr 5	6-10pm	*Relay for Life Dance for Don fundraiser at the Meeting House
Apr 8	12noon	Senior luncheon at The Doll House, Stafford Tech. Center In Rutland. Please call Fran Patten @ 492-3706 before April 4 if you can attend.
Apr 11	7:30pm	**Fells, Dales, & Moors--Walking Across England" program at the Library
Apr 15		*Vermont Homestead Exemption due
Apr 18	7pm	*Invasive Plants presented by Nature Conservancy at the Library (Sponsored by the Conservation Comm & the Outing Club)
Apr 23	12noon	*Prayer Shawl Group meets at home of Carol Goodwin
Apr 25	7:30pm	*Permaculture 101 presented by Mark Krawczyk at the Library (Sponsored by SAGE)
Apr 26	9am-5pm	* Permaculture Site Analysis and Design Charrette
Apr 27	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club discussion at the Library
Apr 27	3pm	*Science Book Club discussion at the Library
Apr 29	7pm	*Computer Office Hours at the Library
May 3		Green Up Day
May 6	7pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at museum

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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

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

2014 Annual Town Meeting

266 Votes Cast / 29.3% of Registered Voters

Town Ballot

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term- Eldred French	
One Selectboard Member	* 3-year term - John Wood (Write -In)	<p>• John Wood declined to serve. By doing so, it created a vacancy on the Selectboard. On March 19th the Selectboard appointed Michael Stewart to the Selectboard, his appointment will be for one year of a three year term, it will expire March 3rd, 2015.</p> <p>• Betsy Jesser declined to serve as a member of the Board of Listers. Currently there is a vacancy on the Board of Listers.</p>
One Auditor	2 years of 3 year term - Sanford Bragg	
One Auditor	3-year term - Richard Biziak	
One Lister	1 year of 3 year term - Marina Potter	
One Lister	**2 years of 3 year term - Betsy Jesser (Write-In)	
One Lister	3-year term - Sharon Winnicki	
One Grand Juror	1-year term - Barry Griffith	
One Town Agent	1-year term - Barry Griffith	
One 1st Constable	1-year term - Matt Danaher	
One 2nd Constable	1-year term - Betsy Jesser (Write-In)	
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term - Larry Carrara	

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of \$1,831,558, of which \$604,636 shall be raised by tax es and \$1,128,320 by non-tax revenues?

YES -198	NO - 63
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3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund?

YES- 201	NO - 63
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4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?

YES - 214	NO - 51
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5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?

YES - 202	NO - 62
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6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$50,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund?

YES - 224	NO - 41
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7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?

YES - 197	NO - 65
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8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$26,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

YES - 204	NO - 61
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9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$12,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?

YES - 194	NO - 67
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10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$25,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?

YES - 213	NO - 53
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11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library?

YES - 187	NO - 75
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12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,000 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?

YES - 186	NO - 77
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13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$4,224 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?

YES - 218	NO - 45
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14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

YES - 167	NO - 94
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15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,526 to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?

YES - 217	NO - 48
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16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?

YES - 197	NO - 67
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17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

YES - 186	NO - 64
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18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

YES - 186	NO - 65
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19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,192 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?

YES - 175	NO - 74
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20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?

YES - 202	NO - 51
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21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

YES - 164	NO - 86
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22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?

YES - 173	NO - 78
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23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?

YES - 164 NO - 87

24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?

YES - 148 NO - 99

25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$170 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

YES - 175 NO - 76

26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35 to help support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?

YES - 162 NO - 89

27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?

YES - 172 NO - 78

28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., Friday, October 10, 2014?

YES - 227 NO - 26

Shrewsbury School District Ballot

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

Article 2: To elect a town school director for a term of 3 years. Fahima Thompson

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

Article 4: Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?

YES - 183 NO - 81

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District raise, appropriate, and expend the amount of \$1,136,289 for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?

YES - 173 NO - 93

Article 6: Shall the town school district vote to authorize the board of school directors to borrow money temporarily from time to time as may be required to pay orders?

YES - 187 NO - 78

MILL RIVER UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Article 7 - Shall the voters of the Mill River Union District adopt an expenditure budget of \$9,504,861 for school year 2014-2015?

YES - 705 NO 565

Many thanks to the dedicated Poll Workers and Ballot Counters, you make it all possible: Richard Bettelli & Fran Patten, Carol Calotta, Sally Deinzer, Barb & Bar-

ry Griffith, Chryl & Gerry Martin, Roxanne Ramah, Adrienne Raymond, Anne Ridlon, Taffy Maynard, Sharon Winnicki, Sarah Bolster, Steven Nicholson, Cynthia Thorton, Gary Salmon, Bert Potter, Ann Vanneman, Randy Page, Melissa Reichert, Nelson Haley, Mark Youngstrom, Andy Richards-Peelle, Carol Goodwin, John Wood, Julanne Sharrow, John Berryhill, and Betsy Jesser.

Results Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk



News from The Transfer Station



Unloading Area: People like to visit with one another. Please remember to unload your car and then pull outside the fence to park if you want to visit and talk with someone or to shop in the Reading Room!

Paper Area: Please place paper in the designated boxes. (Sometimes paper is thrown into the electronics box.) If the newspaper box is full, please let me know so that I can tie up the papers.

It has been a cold winter at the Transfer Station and I am looking forward to Spring!

Bob Perry

Homestead Declaration Due by April 15

To be eligible for the Homestead tax rate for 2014, a homestead declaration must be filed annually. The deadline is April 15. File online at www.state.vt.us

The Property tax adjustment forms can also be filed online. Eligible Homestead owners must annually file a claim to receive an adjustment to property tax. Generally an adjustment is not available to households whose income is \$105,000 or more.

•You may be eligible for an adjustment if:

•You have filed a Vermont Homestead;

•You were a Vermont resident all of calendar 2013;

•You are not claimed as a dependent of another tax payer for tax year 2013.

Go to www.tax.vermont.gov to file online.

Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer

Dog License

You can now obtain your 2014 Dog License at the Town Office or by mail. Fee is \$8.00 for neutered/spayed, otherwise \$12.00. Current rabies vaccination documentation is required. After April 1st a \$4 late fee will be assessed.

Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk



**Friday, April 11, 2014
7:30pm
Shrewsbury Library**

**Fells, Dales, & Moors—
Walking Across England**

Coast to Coast across England
(193 miles from the Irish Sea to the North Sea)
presented by Gerry & Chryl Martin
and
Hiking in the scenic Lake District
(Home to Wordsworth & Beatrix Potter)
presented by Sandy & Kristi Bragg



**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

As the submission deadline approached, we sat down to write this article on the subject of Mutual Aid. As we did so, a radio message came in from State Dispatch advising the Clarendon Fire Department about a vehicle on fire in a barn at the Ruane Farm on the Middle Road. Such a "car fire" can quickly turn into a structure fire! Shrewsbury Fire Chief Russ Carrara and his Clarendon counterpart have an agreement to respond automatically in such an event. SVFD members responded immediately, bringing all of Shrewsbury's fire trucks to assist. Deputy Chief Kevin Brown and Captain Paul Stewart were nearby, and arrived at the scene before the Clarendon fire trucks! The fire had extended to other vehicles, and the large structure was very much in danger. Happily, the quick response and an aggressive interior attack saved the barn. A job well done!

A week before, SVFD was one of eleven Fire Departments called to a major structure fire at the abandoned Flory Motel site in Center Rutland. This fire was well underway before the call came in. A lot of water is required to suppress a structure fire of this size. In a rural setting such as this, that water has to be shuttled from a source to the scene in tanker trucks -- a major logistical undertaking. It was a long day, but our members were glad to assist. We know that sooner or later -- hopefully later! -- Shrewsbury's turn will come to seek that sort of help from our neighboring departments. We train to be ready for any emergency, and have those contingency plans in place.

Here in town, we responded to two chimney fire calls this past month -- happily without extension into the structure. Thanks to all of you who have kept your chimneys clean, so that we do not have to visit your house! We also assisted at a motor vehicle accident scene on Route 103 -- we do more than just fight fires. We hosted the monthly meeting of the Rutland County Mutual Aid Association at our Cuttingsville Station -- thanks to Catherine Carrara and our wonderful Auxiliary for providing refreshments for the large group! Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of you for your support of the Fire Department on Town Meeting Day. We will be here for you when you need us.

STAY FIRE SAFE !!!

Submitted by Barry Griffith



SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

•THANK YOU, SHREWSBURY VOTERS, who again voted to support the Library with 185 YES votes, as opposed to 75 Nos.

•We're very pleased to announce the election of two new trustees: DIANE BARCLAY and DICK KEANE! Diane's years of experience in the theater, and Dick's non-profit work and good neighborliness (he lives next to the Library!) will be greatly appreciated on the Board.

•We're also excited to welcome DORIS PERRY and PAM GRACE as our new Children's Librarians. LINDA OLNEY and JAN TOFFERI will help Doris and Pam plan and implement new children's programming. THANKS to all for volunteering!

•MANY THANKS to GAIL HARTIGAN, who is stepping down as Children's Librarian after many years of service despite job and family commitments; Gail will stay on the Board, we're glad to say, advising the new Children's Librarians, and handling Inter-Library loans.

•At the same time, we're very sorry to announce that SANDRA KORINCHAK, a valued trustee for the past several years -- an always willing staffer, contributor to policies, and initiator of programs -- is moving to Pennsylvania with her partner. It's been a privilege to get to know and work with you, Sandra; we'll miss you!

•With Sandra's departure, we're looking for a NEW BOARD MEMBER to take her place. If you're interested in: being part of a small, dynamic organization dedicated to providing books, movies, music, and information to all ages; and maintaining a center where the community meets to exchange ideas, AND if you can attend meetings on the SECOND TUESDAY of every month; staff the library at least twice a month; serve on a committee; and help with fund-raising events, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Gail Hartigan (492-3605); Lisa Sharrow (492-3732); or Dirk Thomas (492-3549). We look forward to hearing from you.



COMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 11 @ 7:30pm: "FELLS, DALES, & MOORS -- WALKING ACROSS ENGLAND": Hiking 193 miles from the Irish Sea to the North Sea, presented by GERRY & CHRYL MARTIN; and Hiking in the Lake District, presented by SANDY & KRISTI BRAGG.

Friday, April 25 @ 7:30pm: "PERMACULTURE 101," presented by Mark Krawczyk of Yestermorrow Design/Build, sponsored by the Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education.

➔Seating in the Meeting Room is limited; please arrive early to be sure of a place.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS:

Sunday, April 27 @ 4pm: Famous Books Book Discussion: *Light in August* by William Faulkner, Part 2. Please call Joan for more books (492-3550).

Sunday, April 27 @ 3pm: Science Book Club Discussion: *Best Science and Nature Writing 2013*, Sid-dhartha Mukherjee, ed. Books available at Library.

Tuesday, April 1 & Tuesday, April 29 @ 7pm: COMPUTER OFFICE HOURS with MARCOS LEVY.

Sundays @ 3:30pm: QUILTERS' GROUP. Please contact Debbie Blecich, 492-3783.

Alternate Thursdays @ 7pm: WRITERS' GROUP. Please contact Martha Izzi (492-3346) or Penelope Weiss (492-3345).

NEW BOOKS include:

- STILL LIFE WITH BREAD CRUMBS* by Anna Quindlen, her newest novel;
- FIVE CAME BACK: HOLLYWOOD AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR* by Mark Harris: a look at the films of Frank Capra, John Ford, John Huston, George Stevens, and William Wyler;
- REDEPLOYMENT* by Phil Klay: stories about the War in Iraq;
- ARTFUL AND DESIGNING MEN: THE TRIALS OF JOB SHATTUCK AND THE REGULATIONS OF 1786-1787* (donated by Jonathan Gibson: thank you!)

NEW DVDs include:

- INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIES*: The Coen Brothers take on the folk revival of the early 1960's
- 12 YEARS A SLAVE*: The Academy Award-winning film
- AMERICAN HUSTLE*, with Christian Bale and Amy Adams, based on the Abscam scandal.

Book Reviews from the Library—



Two ways to share: Please share your book reviews by writing them in the journals kept at the front desk at the Library or email to maplesugar@comcast.net THANK YOU!

Book reviews are compiled by Marilyn Dalick

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

The Daughters of Mars

by Thomas Kenally

★★★

Two sisters from Australia leave their father and their home to become nurses during World War I. The ugliness of war is described through the eyes of the sisters in their respective assignments. The lives of both the nurses and the soldiers they help are changed forever. The ending is surprising and unique.

Anonymous Reviewer

The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism

By Doris Kearns Goodwin

★★★★★

If you have even a little interest in politics or history, this 800 page, latest book from Pulitzer Prize Winner Doris Kearns Goodwin will be a fast read, and when it's finished your eyes will be tearing, emotions spent and at the same time you're left longing for more. The author blankets an important chapter in our history. The issues and headlines of that day are all too familiar.

The setting is the turn of the century. Money and politics, monopolistic robber barons and their corporations, oppressive labor conditions, and a paralyzed congress, gave the influential muckraker journalists an opportunity to expose it all and pave the way toward reform that was inevitable. They wrote 10,000 word exposes in serialized, factual accounts of rate rigging by Standard Oil, unspeakable conditions in the slaughter houses of Chicago and working conditions of women and children in factories and mines. These tales captured the concern of the nation as the rich got much richer and it enabled Roosevelt, always with sword drawn, ready for any battle, to push congress for needed reforms.

These stories are told through the mutual loving friendship of Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

Who remembers anything about Taft? Here he is portrayed as an ever-smiling hulk of a man, about 350 pounds, who endeared himself to all he met. It turns out he was a competent, respected administrator, yet as a president, following his best friend in office, he was less effective. And when his policies drifted from the course set by his predecessor, their friendship became acrimonious, at least from Roosevelt's part, and eventually led to Roosevelt's bid for a controversial third term, fracturing the Republican Party in the process and giving birth to the Progressive Party.

Taft was an even-tempered individual. His life's passion was the judiciary. Roosevelt on the other hand was a scrappy, aggressive, athletic whirlwind of a politician who never appeared to tire campaigning or battling for the conservation of public lands and the good of the common man. He died in his sleep. Upon the report, it was said that "death came to him in his sleep. If he was awake there would have been a fight."

Reviewed by Dick Rohe

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Advanced Directives Program

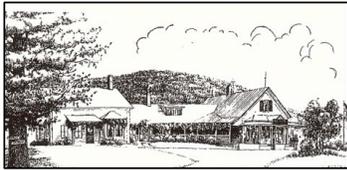
You are invited to attend a program of information with discussion concerning Advance Directives on Sunday, March 30 from 12:30 to 2:00pm at 2at the First Congregational Church of Wallingford Fellowship Hall. The event is being sponsored by FCCW and the Shrewsbury Community Church. The *facilitator will be Cynthia Yee, Chaplain*. If you have *questions call Rev. Linda Kulas at 855-8874*

Submitted by Roxanne Ramah

Classified Ad

Local professional seeking housing in Shrewsbury. Four year resident seeking an apartment or small home to rent. I would also be interested in house sharing, care taking, or house sitting opportunities as well. I can rent in a traditional manner or would be open to discussing work trade. Situation needed ASAP. Please contact me via email at jshapiro@rnesu.org

LIFE AT PIERCE'S



Winter is over, or so the date says.... I just looked at the thermometer and it's zero degrees....again. One week shy of spring. Thinking back on our first winter here at Marjorie's, it has been full.



Snow cave at Pierce's

There is nothing like getting out of my car on a crisp, clear night; looking up at the stars, and then, hearing the silence. And then, looking out the big bay window, admiring our tree still standing fresh with its blue lights welcoming all to the center of North Shrewsbury. It's the same bay window that I watch the groomer drive

by after rescuing yet another stranded vehicle on the Old Plymouth Road; or see Orville making his snow blowing rounds with his tractor after a big snowfall. It was wonderful never having to worry about the road conditions in case I had to get up in the middle of the night to rush to work. The Shrewsbury road crew definitely have the winter roads up here under control. Thank you, town road crew!

Also, Tim and I took great pleasure in seeing young children having fun outside our window in the snow tunnel that Tim built. It was a special winter playground right outside Pierce's! We had so much snow this year that it almost touched the eaves of this little house. Miguel even asked his mother, Turiya, if he could play in the snow tunnel again. We enjoyed hearing that.

Despite the harshness of this winter, it was a terrific feeling to come home after our winter outings and be greeted by the special warmth of this circa 1865 house.

Many of our winter excursions took us to the nearby Plymbsbury Trails. It's where we did most of our winter socializing. Every time we went out, we would come home with colorful, new stories. Like the time Tim watched the groomer rescue a Nissan Pathfinder three miles out on the Old Plymouth Road-an amazing feat to behold! Another day while skiing with a group, I was the only one who got the privilege of seeing a moose! Some of our favorite memories this winter were our moonlight skiing excursions. Tim and I would take turns breaking trail for each other, while being fascinated by the play of shadows in the woods at night, as we simply enjoyed just being here taking in this glorious place.....

A slice of life living at Pierce's this winter..... Very Special!

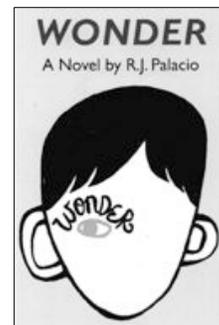
Submitted by Stacy McKiernan

Vermont Reads Program



You can participate in the Vermont Reads program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council by picking up a copy of *Wonder* at the Shrewsbury Library. The library has been awarded 30 copies of the hardback book which is particularly appropriate for students Grade 5-8 as well as older ages. Students at the Mountain School will be reading it this spring, and you can too!

Wonder rated 4.9 out of 5 on the Amazon reader reviews and has been listed as a Best Book for Kids. Pick up your copy at the library and read the book and discuss its multi-faceted insights with your family. The Famous Book Club group will also be reading and discussing the book for their May 18 discussion and all are invited to participate no matter your age!



The Roving Reporter Asked:

How do birds know when or why it's time to come back to Shrewsbury?



- ❖ "Ours never left. Our feeders have been jammed all winter; they sit in a tree in front of the house looking like Christmas lights!" -IG
- ❖ "I imagine it has something to do with the Equinox." -JS
- ❖ "It's part of their DNA to know when to come back." -DB
- ❖ "I think it's the increase in daylight." BG
- ❖ "The males come back first. They're always looking for babes who always arrive 2-3 weeks later." -JW
- ❖ "Probably because of the sun, and it's not as cloudy." -LP
- ❖ "I think they come back when we have 11 hours of daylight." -ME
- ❖ "They come back before it's warm.....so that's not the reason!" -LB
- ❖ "Mother Nature lets them know!" -RR
- ❖ "Shrewsbury is their *lieu d'amour*...you know, their "place of love." -MG
- ❖ "All good things come to Shrewsbury!" -FP

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Thank you to the residents of our town who voted Yes on the Society's request for \$2000 to help maintain the museum building. The SHS is an all volunteer organization and every penny of your gift is used to help keep the museum running in good condition. We are very proud of what we have accomplished since we were given the use of the church building back in December of 1998.

More Thanks to the editors of the current Town Report covering 2013 for honoring three ladies of our town who are also members of the Shrewsbury Historical Society: Nancy Spencer, Founder, Life Member and Trustee; Donna Smith, Life Member; and Grace Korzun, Active Member. We are very proud and honored that these ladies were recognized for all their accomplishments.

Early March of 1971, Nancy Spencer and Arthur Patten sent invitations to Shrewsbury residents asking if they would be interested in a Historical Society and 45 enthusiastic townspeople gathered at the Town Hall on March 22nd and voted unanimously to organize the Society. (Nancy related that at that time many of its members had been saving artifacts in boxes under their beds.)

In April of 1971, by-laws were adopted and the following officers were elected: Arthur Patten, President; Margaret Adams, Vice President; Nancy Spencer, Secretary; and Fred Gressler, Treasurer. Directors were Sadie Hamilton, George Richards and Dorothy Turnbeau. Committees were formed and Donna Smith chaired one them.

Lyrics to Civil War Song

A few years back, I helped to transcribe the Civil War letters that were donated by the Edward Cook family. In one of the letters, there was a mention about a song that was heard by the letter writer, George Wellington Foster of Cuttingsville. (Foster was a drummer during the war.) But the handwriting was hard to read, often written in light pencil and I could just about make out one word, Root, and went to Google to try to find out if they had anything like that

Sure enough, good old Google told me the title of the song was "Root, Hog or Die". One website explained

that it was a common American catch-phrase, dating from before 1834, coming from the early Colonial practice of turning pigs loose in the woods to fend for themselves, the term is an idiomatic expression for self reliance. On another website, they quoted from "A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett of the State of Tennessee": "We know'd that nothing more could happen to us if we went than if we staid for it looked like it was to be starvation anyway. We therefore determined to go on the old saying, 'root, hog or die'." During the Civil War it seems the lyrics to the song

were changed using insulting racist language that would be frowned upon today.

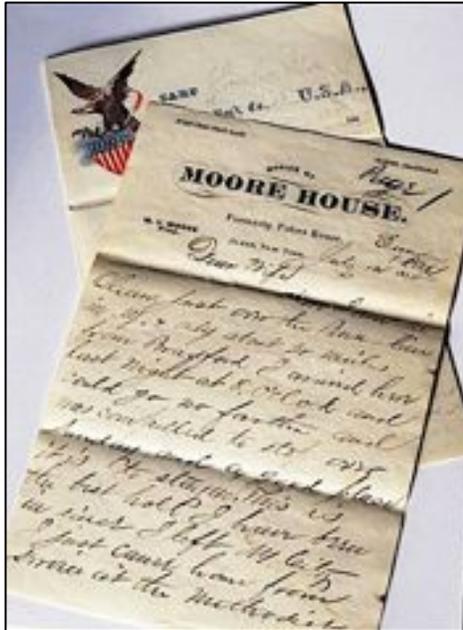
Google, however, was not able to help me find a special photograph. Foster wrote home on March 29th, 1863 that "an artist from the 12th took the picture of our camp yesterday. It makes a splendid picture about as large as this sheet of paper opened. It was taken just below our co. on a hill. I have seen the picture and can distinguish Dick, Will K. and myself, and a number of others in the foreground. Most every tent in the right is seen. The artist doesn't propose to take any now, but keep the negative till we go to Brattleboro.

He hasn't the apparatus here to transfer so long a picture." I was hoping to be able to add a copy of the photo along with the letters. The artist's name was never given. And so, the search goes on.

Next Meeting

of the SHS will be held on Tuesday evening, May 6th at 7 pm in the Museum. Everyone is invited. Dues for this year are due and in order to vote, one must be a paid member. They remain the same: Individual \$10, Family \$15, Contributing \$30, Life (ind./couple) \$125. Send your check to John Elwert, Treasurer, SHS, 499 Shunpike Road, Curringsville, VT 05738. You may also pay your dues at the meeting, before the meeting begins.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



March 2: I saw a purple finch and some junco in my yard yesterday. - Barbara Griffith



**Tom Mitchell Variety Show :
Good Time for a Good Cause**

On March 15th, young and old gathered at the Town Hall to share an evening of music, poetry, drama, and dance. In the process, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission was able to raise just under \$600 for upcoming projects. Group performers included the Saltash Serenaders, the Shrewsbury Singers, the Shrewsbury Community Band, and the Shrewsbury Family Singers (featuring some of our younger townsfolk). Solo acts included Ryan Darling, Regan Bell, Francis Wyatt, Jaden Williams, and Miguel Levy (with accompaniment by Turiya). There was even a dramatic presentation by some of our finest local thespians.

The Conservation Commission sincerely appreciates emcee Eldred French, all of the stage volunteers, the chair stackers (an unplanned comedy routine in itself), and purchasers of overpriced baked goods. See you next year, get practicing!

Thanks Again, --*Cynthia Thornton* for your Conservation Commission



Photos by Brian Winkler

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Question for the Month: Why are people so tired on April 1st? Answer: It is because they have just finished a 31-day March.

The tenets of the above adage seem particularly relevant given the fact that this article is being submitted on the first day of spring, and there is still a lot of snow. It begs the following questions: When will the baseball and softball seasons really start? Will spring break be all about skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling? Will this year's April Fools' Day be a nor'easter or a good day to take out the family canoe or kayak and cruise the yard? Only time will tell!

Administration Coffee Hours: Community members are invited to meet with the administration on Fridays when school is in session to answer questions, share information, talk about any upcoming changes or address any concerns.

The School Community Council: The SCC is a collaborative of parents, teachers, students, administrators, board members, and community members with the common goal of supporting and enriching the 7-12 school experience for all those involved. Check the MRUHS Website for times and dates of upcoming meetings and events.

Save the Date: The Celebration of the Arts will take place on Tuesday, May 20th and Thursday, May 22nd. There will be more information about this event in the May edition of *The Times of Shrewsbury*.

Board News: April will see us studying and taking further action on policies, curriculum changes, possible graduation requirement changes, IT contracts, and Professional Development plans for the coming year. It will be another busy month for the Mill River Board. We welcome everyone to check the planned agendas at rssu.org/millriver/ under the school board tab. Don't forget that if you can't come to a meeting, you can view past meetings on PEGTV. Any comments or suggestions made to us will be shared at future board meetings.

The board is currently writing formal comments to submit to the House Education Committee and our local state representatives regarding the wide-ranging governance changes that have been proposed. There has been a lot of concern expressed about the purpose and framework of these changes and the resultant loss of local control. We plan to submit our letter to *The Rutland Herald* and *The*

Shrewsbury Times, so watch for it next month.

In closing, the entire Mill River Board gives a heartfelt "Thank You" to the voters of our towns for supporting our budget once again. A lot of work goes into the running of Mill River Union High School, and it is wonderful to have that work approved at the ballot box.

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

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

First and foremost, THANK YOU for approving the 14/15 school budget. We have a great school and we are happy that you supported it once again. You elected a new school director, Fahima Thompson, and she has jumped right in attending meetings and getting committee assignments. Her financial background is much appreciated.

Winter is hopefully showing signs of disappearing by the time you read this (it has to end eventually, right?) and the kids will soon be enjoying some spring sunshine on the playground. We currently have 5 snow days to make up in June after what has been a really cold and snowy winter. It is certainly ending with a roar!

Our winter sports program went well this year with most kids going to Okemo 4 times- we were limited because of the very cold weather that always seemed to fall on Fridays. The K1 class goes to the X-country Center; they had good conditions and lots of fun there this year. The 2-6 grades went to the "big" mountain and almost everyone was on the lifts by our last day- amazing!

We are now entering that home stretch for students before the end of another school year- so it's busy, busy, busy in all the classrooms. More news on that next month.

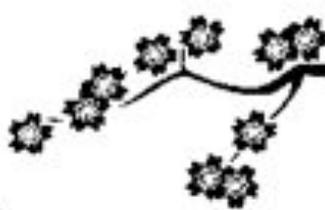
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Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Message from the Pastor:

May the blessings of spring eternal rise out of the cold darkness. Your inner glow can light the candle of peace and love in this world...be free to let it shine!

Happy Easter!
Rita Lane

It Takes Courage To Be Crocus-Minded

It takes courage to be crocus-minded.
Lord, I'd rather wait until June like wise roses,
when the hazards of winter are safely behind,
and I'm expected, and everything's ready for roses.
But crocuses? Highly irregular!

Knifing up through hard frozen ground and snow,
Sticking their necks out because they believe in
Spring and have something personal
and emphatic to say about it.

Lord, I am, by nature, rose-minded,
even when I have studied the situation here
and know that there are wrong things that need
righting, affirmations that need stating,
and I know also that speaking out may offend –
for it rocks the boat.

Well...I'd rather wait until June, maybe later;
things will work themselves out,
and we won't have to make an issue of it.
Lord, forgive.

Wrongs don't work themselves out.
Injustices and inequities and hurts don't just dis-
solve. Some-

body has to stick their neck out,
somebody who cares enough to think through
hard ground because they believe
and have something personal
and emphatic to say about it.

Me, Lord?

Crocus-minded?

Could it be that there are things
that need to be said,
and you want me to say them?

I pray for courage.

*From Bless This Mess and Other Prayers by Jo Carr
and Imogene Sorley.*

Community Church Calendar

Sundays 9am-10am: Center Church, join Licia Gambino Hamilton in singing music from the shape note tradition, as well as madrigals and world music.. For more info, contact Licia at 492-3792 or hamgam@vermontel.net

April 6 @ 1030am: Worship Service and Holy Communion @ Center Church-Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a non-perishable food item.

April 13 @ 1030 am: Worship Service led by Pastor Rita Lane.

April 20 @ 1030am: Easter Service led by Rev. Skip Dickinson.

April 23 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Carol Goodwin. Let Carol know if you can attend 747-0192. Bring a bag lunch, dessert and drinks will be provided.

April 27 @ 1030 am: Worship Service.

We are still collecting donations to raise \$250 to sponsor the gift of a Water Buffalo to be sent to a family in need in the Philippines through Heifer International. Our donations are growing; however, we have not met our goal yet. If you are able to make a donation please make checks payable to the Shrewsbury Community Church with a note in the memo "Water Buffalo". Please bring them to church on Sunday or send them in care of :Sue Kelley PO Box 366 Shrewsbury , VT 05738

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Worship Co-chair Sue Kelley 492-3738, 779-5241

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

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



The Mill River Mathcounts team members are Macy Wilson, Daniel Graves, Nate Whipple, John Graves, Ryan Ward, Oisin Harrington and Dylan Beebe.



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April 2 @ 7pm: Vermont Humanities 1st Wednesday Program @ Rutland Free Library. Topic: Finding Truth in a War Zone. (No Fee)

April 6 @ 4pm: Science Pub @ Iron Lantern Restaurant, Castleton. Topic: The Surprising Ecology of Cork. (No Fee)

Each Friday in March @ 1:30pm: Osher Lecture Series @ Godnick Center in Rutland (Fee)

"The CCC – Roosevelt's Forest Army

The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society hosts Judith Edwards "The CCC - Roosevelt's Forest Army" presentation on April 27 at 2:00pm. at the Old Firehouse just off Vt. 140 in Tinmouth Center.

Shiitake Inoculation Workshop

Tangled Roots Farm will be presenting a Shiitake Inoculation Workshop on Sunday, April 27 from 1-4:00pm at Tangled Roots Farm The basics (and then some) that you need to get your own logs started this spring will be covered. Sliding scale \$15-25. Pre-registration required.

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Discovering a Food Legacy

It's mid-March and I'm daydreaming of the plants that will pop out of the ground as spring arrives. The snow pack hides a smattering of perennial food plants at our house including strawberries, elderberries, horseradish, and herbs like thyme, oregano, and echinacea. But what I am most excited for is the garden beds that will be bursting with reddish stems and crinkly leaves once spring arrives: rhubarb.

Our rhubarb came from the homestead site of my husband Scott's great-great grandparents, Angelo and Stefania Carrara. Both Angelo and Fanny immigrated from Italy in the early 1900s, marrying in Shrewsbury in 1910. It just so happens that Fanny and I share a birthday, October 1st, and this was the day that they chose for their wedding, when Shrewsbury's maples must have been vibrant reds and yellows.

It was around this day last year when Scott and I made one of our semi-annual trips to his ancestor's home place, just a few miles down the road from our house. The land is no longer occupied, and the owner lives out of state. What once was a homestead with gardens and dairy cows now appears to be an overgrown meadow dotted with trees, sitting on a hill above Johnson Pond.

We'd found the rhubarb four years ago when we explored that spring. Though there are no buildings left on the site, a quick walk around led us to what must have been a kitchen garden full of rhubarb. Scott dug up some of the roots to transplant at our house, and that is the rhubarb that now grows outside our own kitchen window.

To think that we eat from the same rhubarb plant that nourished his ancestors one hundred years ago is somewhat mind-boggling, but it is the truth. Throughout the growing seasons, we've visited the land to explore the living food legacies of Angelo and Fanny. We've picked their plums and sour cherries, and tried all of the apples growing on site.

Apples were on our mind last October but what we discovered was even more exciting. As we were picking, I noticed a vine climbing up the apple trees, it's tendrils poking out into the blue sky. It was filled with plump, purple grapes. These were not the wild

grapes that are tiny and tart, but instead, an old cultivated variety like a concord grape, with a sweet taste and larger size. We knew that these must have been an important staple for Scott's Italian ancestors, who most definitely drank jugs of wine made from their juice.

We started picking, amazed at our discovery. As we wandered through the trees, tracing the vines and their fruits, I came upon a boulder that was hidden from sight. Our puppy found this rock pretty exciting, and decided to stand upon it as we picked grapes, surveying the scene and soaking up the autumn sunlight. I imagined Angelo and Fanny sitting on the boulder, eating grapes, enjoying the sun a hundred years ago.

When our baskets and bellies were full of grapes, we returned home and set to work making juice, straining out the seeds and skins. Our finished product was a gallon of grape juice, which has spent the winter in our freezer waiting to be turned into jelly or syrup. That project is on the docket this month, while the snow melts and before farm work fills our days entirely.

There is something special about food and how it connects people, both in present day and across generations. When we plant perennial food crops like berries and fruit trees, we think about them bearing fruit one hundred years from now. We will

never know the person who stumbles upon our rhubarb patch in the year 2114. Maybe our great-great grandchild of the future will discover it one spring day and be nourished in body and soul by our own living legacies.

By Lindsay Courcelle

Lindsay and her husband Scott own Alchemy Gardens, a farm business growing vegetables, herbs, and starter plants.



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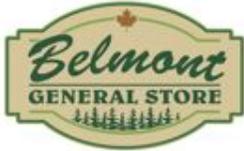
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Presented by Mark Krawczyk. Mark Krawczyk is a permaculture designer, traditional woodworker, natural builder and community organizer who has begun to build a resilient homestead in New Haven, VT. He owns and operates Keyline Vermont - a permaculture design/consulting business, RivenWoodCrafts - a traditional woodcraft company, is a member of Seven Generations Natural Builders and is a founding member of the community group Burlington Permaculture.

Submitted by Shrewsbury Agricultural Education Institute, Inc.



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March 8: I just watched three robins cavorting under an Apple tree. -Diane Barclay

Whistle Stop Opens Under New Management

Vicky Guitar and her children, Kristin Guitar and Kyle McQuarrie, opened the Whistle Stop on February 17th, 2014. The new official business name is Qu's Whistle Stop. The business is named after her son Kyle whose nickname in college was "Qu". They are best known for their burgers that are made with fresh beef that is never frozen and fresh baked rolls. Their menu has something for everyone. The entire menu is served all day. Get a burger for breakfast or pancakes and eggs for dinner. Dine in or take out. Cash and all major credit cards accepted (Visa, Master, Discover and American Express).

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MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

The pace of our work has increased dramatically since returning from our town meeting week break. Committees are rushing to finalize bills before the March 14th deadline, but many will still receive extensions. Some acted on recently include bills on Lyme disease to better document its treatment, victim's compensation for enforcing restitution payment obligations, and the expansion of driving a vehicle under the influence to include diminished capacity or impaired from any drug. A couple important water quality bills that require us to meet the higher EPA standards must pass. One has to do with shoreline development, and the other with the amount of phosphorous being released into Lake Champlain. The final versions of them with the senate have yet to be worked out.

Our Committee on Government Operations finished and presented to the whole House bills dealing with the use of parking meter fees for improvements other than just parking lot repairs. We also passed bills to allow our military veterans to receive service experience credit for certain professions when they retire, and established a statewide policy on the use and training for electronic control devices. Those law enforcement officers using tasers will need to be trained and mandatory reporting is required. An im-

portant bill that our committee has considered for some time deals with certification levels of all police officers. The Law Enforcement Advisory Board (LEAB) reported that there should no longer be part-time and full-time differences in authority. These part-time certified officers are valued, and there should be three levels of law enforcement certification based on the level of training completed. The new tiered system is supported by the LEAB, the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Police Chiefs and Sheriffs' Association. The bill gives the Council the ability to approve training programs for each level's scope of practice, set annual in-service training requirements, grandfather's officers so they can continue to practice, and adopt rules prior to the effective date of the new structure.

The Commerce Committee passed a Worker Adjustment Notification bill to help the state prepare in advance of layoffs or a plant closing. It would allow help to start 60 days prior to the event, and the application for federal grants for retraining opportunities. The bill would also require 45 days-notice to a municipality. Please contact me about the issues, and you can reach me at 802-259-2460, or with a message at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us.

Rep. Dennis Devereux



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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners

April 11th -- Guest Chef Sally Deinzer will make Pork medallions with pears & cranberries on a wild rice blend with broccoli salad on the side.

April 25th -- Guest Chef Taffy Maynard will make something delicious but the menu will be announced later.

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.

Join us for a wine tasting Friday April 11th between 5:00 and 7:00pm.

Sandy Bragg will again lead us to greater wine appreciation. Here are his comments about the wines we'll taste on the 11th.

" We will be featuring 2 classy Pinot Noir wines from Burgundy, the place they first originated:

~ Vignoble Damppt Bourgogne Rouge Chevalier d'Eon 2010 &

~ Louis Max Chassagne Montrachet Morgeot 2010,

Plus 2 underappreciated reds from the Loire Valley that feature Cabernet Franc (a parent of Cab Sauvignon):

~ Domaine du Closel - Chateau des Vaults Anjou Villages 2010 &

~ Domaines Guy Saget Chinon Jean

Here are a few of the new items in the store:

- Newman's Microwave Popcorn
- Grape Tomatoes (1 pint box)
- Gluten Free Baking Mix
- Best Yet (a lower cost generic brand from one of our suppliers) Saltines, Tomato

Easter Specials from Rob's Kitchen:

Hot Cross Buns \$1.00 each

Dinner Rolls 6 for \$4.50

Cherry Crumble Pie 9" \$11.99

Preorder by Thursday, April 17th for pickup on Saturday the 19th between noon and 7:00 or Sunday before 5:00. Preorder forms at the store or call 492-3326

Rob's menus for the month

Ever wonder when your favorite bread or soup will be fresh at Pierce's? Rob has created his normal bakery schedule so you can plan. What's shown is subject to change so you might want to call to be sure what you want is available.

	Bread	Soup or Hot Meal*	Scone, Muffin, Other Baked goodie
Sunday	French	Soup	Scones & Coffee Cake
Monday	Wheatberry or Sunflower seed	Chili	Scones / Sticky & Cinnamon Buns
Tuesday	Egg or Sesame Seed	Stew (usu. Chicken)	Scones
Wednesday	Hamburger Buns	Soup & Pizza*	Scones / Muffins
Thursday	Anadama	Stew (usu. Beef)	Scones / Muffins
Friday	Sourdough	Soup & **	Scones / Sticky & Cinnamon Buns
Saturday		Soup	Vermont Croissant delivers

* Soups, Pizzas and Friday meals from Rob's kitchen change from week to week. The anticipated schedule for April is:

Soups

Asparagus	4/2 & 4/9
Butternut Squash	4/4 & 4/13
Clam Chowder	4/6
Cream of Mushroom	4/23
French Carrot	4/18
French Veg w/ Cannellini Beans	4/26
Ital. Veg w/ Sausage	4/5
Lentil w/ veg & Kale	4/12 & 4/20
Pea	4/11 & 4/19
White Beans w/ Ham	4/16 & 4/25

** Friday Meals

4/4 & 4/18	Lasagna
4/11 & 4/25	Mac & Cheese

Date & Pizza Variety

4/2	Pesto with sauteed red bell peppers and mozzarella
4/9	Louisiana with Andouille sausage, creole marinara and mozzarella
4/16	Marinara topped with Italian sausage and mozzarella
4/23	Butternut squash with caramelized onions and mozzarella
4/30	Marinara topped with sauteed peppers, Italian sausage and mozzarella

Sally Deinzer, Manager

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