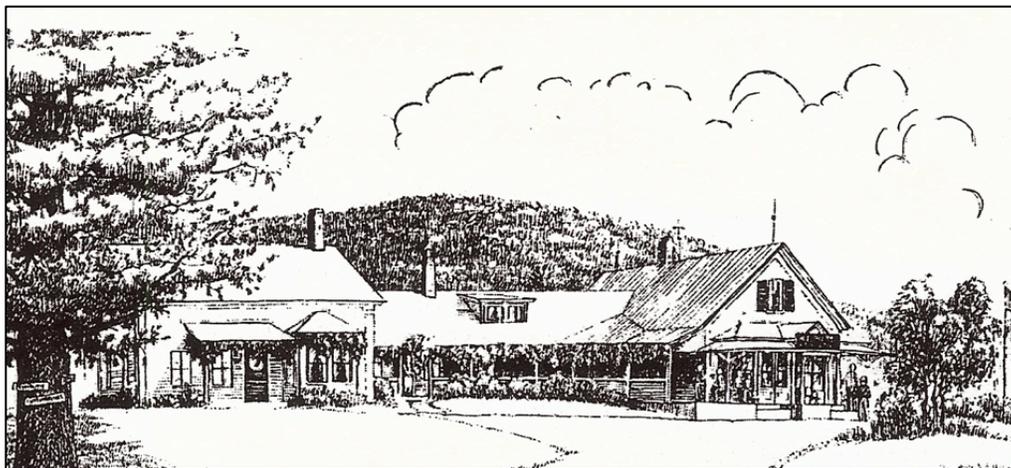




Times of Shrewsbury



February 2014



LIFE AT PIERCE'S: Living in Marjorie's House

It's already been four months since we have lived at Marjorie's house. We moved in the night that fell into October 1st. Through numerous volunteers and workers, the house had been lovingly prepared for us that warm welcoming night. All our stuff still packed in boxes, we wearily climbed the stairs to the bedroom which still housed the bed that came with the Pierce's to the house when they moved here in 1918. The history of the place embracing us as we fell asleep. Our new home!

Neighbors welcomed us with open arms. Marjorie's kitchen table still stands in the center of the room where we now spend hours warming ourselves next to the fire with our wood cook stove, yet another donation from a local couple. We organized and set up home just in time for the holidays. The table has become the center of our home. Whatever the occasion, when friends and family stop by we always find our way to the kitchen table where we sit for hours

steps next door...in our slippers (we don't!) with no jacket! And let me tell you, Pierce's has everything! Between Evening Song Farm and Pierce's, rarely have we had to run to the grocery store. I have pleasantly discovered some of their items are priced less than the grocery store. And for a chocolate lover, it's paradise!

And skiing...hiking...walking...biking....as my partner states, from where the house sits, we have five directions to choose from. In turn, this leads us into the woods, log roads, dirt roads, paved roads, hiking trails. An outdoorsman's paradise!

If we get bored, we just run next door, there's always somebody to chat with. One Saturday morning I lost my partner for several hours. All I wanted was another dozen eggs! Finally, I had to go over there to find him chatting.

Stacy McKiernan

2013 Town Report Coming in February

The 2013 Annual Town Report will be distributed to all households in Shrewsbury on or before February 22 in anticipation of the Information Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 and the Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The Report will also be on the Town website at www.shrewsburyvt.org.

The 2013 Annual Report will be in a new larger format and larger font size to make it easier to read.

We hope you will review the Report to become knowledgeable about the activities and costs of operation of our Town. You will have a chance before voting to ask any questions and discuss any issues of interest at the Information Meeting on March 3.

Shrewsbury Board of Auditors: Richard Biziak, Jonathan Gibson, Sanford Bragg

News from the Times about the Times

The printer we have been using closed his business in December. Bob Underwood at RUP Printing in Wallingford was a great help to us over the last three years, and we appreciate his assistance. As we move on, we're looking forward to working with ExpressCopy who printed this month's issue.

If you want to get the news before the printed copy arrives in your mailbox, you can find it online at www.shrewsburyvt.org, the Town website, where it is usually posted before the first of each month. So if a copy is late to your mailbox, check out the website to get the scoop!

Times Financial Report 12/31/2013

Beginning Cash Balance	\$1,843
Receipts (donations & advertisements)	\$5,645
Expenses (printing & postage)	<u>(\$4,731)</u>
Year End Cash Balance:	\$2,757

Your donations and advertisements make publishing the *Times* possible!

Chryl Martin & Sandra Korinchak, Co-Editors

Prevent. Promote. Protect.



Old-style outdoor wood boilers emit dense smoke that can impact children, older adults, and people with diabetes, heart disease, asthma, or lung disease.

The state's Air Quality & Climate Division provides **financial incentives for changing over to a cleaner, efficient wood-burning system** that meets particulate emission standards; call Jake Wakefield at 802-828-1288 or vtwoodsmoke.org.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in the U.S. It is a naturally occurring gas that results from breakdown of uranium in soil and bedrock...it cannot be seen, smelled or tasted, and the age, style, or location of a home doesn't matter. Exposure to radon can be prevented and fixed by proper mitigation techniques (13% of houses tested have elevated levels). Get your **free long-term radon test kit** by emailing radon@state.vt.us, or call 1-800-439-8550.

And lastly, a **rental housing reminder**. Rental properties must 1) have functioning heating facilities, in good repair, which vent to the outside, 2) be able to provide heat when 55 degrees or less outside, and 3) be able to **maintain 65 degrees in all habitable rooms**. If heat is included in the lease, the owner must provide heat to all habitable rooms when the temperature is below 55 degrees.

Stay safe & warm this winter!

Submitted by D. LeaHemmer, Town Health Officer

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.

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.

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb 2		*Super Bowl specials at Pierce's
Feb 7	7:30pm	*Program on <i>I Ching</i> at Shrewsbury Library
Feb 8	4:30pm	*Free Community Supper sponsored by Shrewsbury Community Church at the Meeting House
Feb 11	12noon	Senior Luncheon at Roots Restaurant in Rutland. Call Penelope Weiss at 492-3345 or pw9@earthlink.net to place your reservation.
Feb 12	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Roxanne Ramah 492-3675
Feb 16	4pm	*Famous Book Club discussion group meets at the Library
Feb 23	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Feb 23		*Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education Pruning Workshop
Feb 26	5pm	*Last day to register to vote in March 4, 2014 election
Mar 3	5:30pm	*Informational meeting at the Meeting House
Mar 4	10am-7pm	*Annual Town Meeting Election
Mar 7	7:30pm	*Gary Shattuck talks about his new book at Shrewsbury Library

Also see the "Singing in Shrewsbury" programs on page 4.

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details

TIMES OF SHREWSBURY

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



**Deadline for submission to
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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 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

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In Memory of Sally

It was a sad day when we learned that Sally Jones had passed away. She was always fun to talk to and had a great sense of humor. Sally loved all creatures great and small and was there for us when we had to have our beloved dog put down. Sally will be missed.

Con and Ruth Winkler



An Ode to Joan Sibley

I happened to be in two groups with Joan Sibley. One was a quilter's group and the other was a writer's group. I shared writing with her not two weeks ago. It's hard to absorb the reality of her passing. How can it be real? What sleight of hand does nature use: now you see her, now you don't? What magic trickery is this? She was a whole constellation of experiences, accumulated wisdom, relationships, deeds, thoughts and stories. Where is she?

I remember her clearly—she tickled me so. I did not know Joan one-on-one, but I witnessed her over time in the context of these two groups. She made me smile inside. She presented shy and unassuming with a whisper of a voice. But her eyes and impish smile disclosed a twinkle inside, which made her kind of mysterious and intriguing, wanting investigation. When she spoke, her curtain of shyness parted and you would get a glimpse of some unexpected facet. You might see her gentle, yet fierce, protection of those mistreated or her generous commitment to the preservation of land. You might see her bold striving to be true to herself and to give permission to her creative abilities. Or perhaps you were infected by her playfulness and delight in others. Or maybe you were just warmed and calmed by her appreciation of animals and the subtleties of nature.

So where is Joan? Perhaps the light and energy of Joan's constellation has been transferred to us. Perhaps she continues to exist by way of the influence she has had on the world around her. I invite the memory of Joan Sibley to inspire all of us to bravely pull back our own curtains and let our own interesting facets shine.

*Turiya Levy
Dec. 22, 2013*

~Singing in Shrewsbury~

Groups offered by Licia Gambino Hamilton

Rounds, Rhymes and Silly Songs

Friday mornings at Licia's house

Winter Session: Fridays through March 21

10:00-10:45 a.m.

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

Please note: the winter session will end on March 21. Classes will resume in the spring.

Family Music Class

Saturday mornings at the Shrewsbury Library

Winter Session: Saturdays through March 22 (No

Class on February 15)

10:00-11:00 a.m.

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

Please note: the winter session will end on March 22. Classes will resume in the summer.

Shrewsbury Singers

Sunday mornings at Shrewsbury Community Church

9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

~All classes are free and open to the public~

For more information

contact Licia at 492-3792

or hamgam@vermontel.net

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Thanks and Recognizing of Quilters

Thanks to all who sewed and fashioned the stunning multi-hued quilt that I won at the recent Shrewsbury Library Annual Silent Auction, Cookie Swap and Raffle. It is, in a word, "fabulous"... a wonderful melding of the contemporary and the old-fashioned: eye-popping colors put together in traditional squares comprised of fine, small stitching.

For several years the Library has raffled off a quilt made by master artisan Lucille Fiske; this year it was a collaborative effort put together by the Shrewsbury Library Quilters: Debbie Blechich, Carla Brown, Lucille Fiske, Gail Hartigan, Donna Reay, Donna Swartz, and Judith Thomas. It is truly a work of art that my family will cherish as our new "instant heirloom."

Lillian Rohe



Lillian Rohe was the lucky winner of the quilt raffle at the Annual Library Silent Auction.

Mardi Gras Organizer Needed

I will not be heading up the Mardi Gras this year but would be willing to help anyone who is interested. It seems to have acquired quite the reputation for fun and frolic from folks from the surrounding area. There are lots of supplies at the Town Hall (*Meeting House*), and I can give you some leads for another successful gala event. Maybe next year. Thanks.

Fran Patten 492-3706

Thank You!

We thank everyone who came to eat in or take out at our Annual Shrewsbury Youth Group Alumni Spaghetti Supper. We are using the proceeds to buy gift cards for basic necessities for kids in Shrewsbury.

Special thanks to Bill Tabor, Thomas Dairy, Hannafords and Price Chopper for supplies to assist us in delivering this wonderful spaghetti feast! Special thanks to Donna Smith, Donna Swartz, Roxanne Ramah, Carol Goodwin, Connie Cioffi, and Rita Lane for scrumptious desserts! Special thanks to all who made donations to help us with our mission. I would also like to thank our loyal crew members for a job well done: Lynette Over, and:



(Left to Right:) Heather Rabin, Crystal Kelley, Diana Smith, Anissa Sharrow Park, and Laurie Lernihan.

Respectfully, Sue Ransom-Kelley

Thank You, Ed Hemmer!

Ed Hemmer is completing his third full term as a director of the Shrewsbury Mountain School Board this March. Ed has served the town of Shrewsbury well over the past eleven years with his dedication to a high quality education for all learners and his sound financial acuity. During his tenure he also served on the Vermont School Board Association; Rutland South Supervision Union (RSSU) Board, most recently as the Chairperson; RSSU Transportation Committee; RSSU Finance Committee; RSSU Elementary Contract Negotiation Committee; as well as many others.

We hope that the community will join us in our thanks to Ed Hemmer for eleven years of service. Ed, may your days be full of sun out on the open water with a strong breeze. Happy Sailing!

All our best,

Sarah Bolster and Adrienne Raymond



Welcome Back, CCC Road

Hurricane Irene did what no other storm had been able to do since the CCC Road was completed in 1935: damage it enough so that it remained closed for an extended period of time. However just before snowfall last fall the final repairs were made to a critical washout which completed the repairs and now officially opens the CCC Road to public travel again once the frost is out of the road in late spring/early summer.

The CCC Road was built between April 1934 and November 1935 with labor from CCC camps in North Shrewsbury and Plymouth working from each end to build a "truck trail" connecting western Vermont to the Coolidge Homestead in Plymouth. Truck trails were built for the purpose of providing access "to and through" state forests for timber products, fire control, and recreational uses and the CCC Road certainly met those goals. Most of the labor by the nearly 400 workers was used to construct a new road from the present Stone House over to Route 100 since a road already existed from North Shrewsbury into the center of newly purchased land for Coolidge State Forest (from Elmer Bissell in 1930).

This Bissell's Mill Road as it was called at the time had connected a sawmill to the better roads in North Shrewsbury since 1845 when John A. Russell bought a parcel of land and started a sawmill. He

sold the mill and land to D. M. White Lumber in 1894 and it was sold to Elmer Bissell in 1899. This section of the CCC Road also served at least three homesteads including John Russell's (see Beers Atlas 1869) and as far back as 1818 people were worshipping at Meeting House Rock. Thus the western half of the CCC Road only needed a few improvements and minor relocations to call it a "truck trail" while the extension of it over to Route 100 required the construction of brand new road.

Company 1219 from New York settled into the CCC Camp in North Shrewsbury in November of 1933 and was replaced by Company 1169 in August of 1935. These men plus Company 145 from the Plymouth Camp were the labor force that created the CCC Road to a standard that allowed it to become the major travel corridor between Rutland and Route 100 for nearly 75 years. Over the decades the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation has monitored, maintained, and repaired the road even as the number and size of vehicles using it has increased as has the size of the Coolidge State Forest (5,000 acres in 1934 to almost 20,000 today). Throughout these 75 years the CCC Road has remained as a fine testament to both the quality of the road and the force of Hurricane Irene.

Submitted by Gary Salmon



IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL CALENDAR DATES ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Wednesday February 26, 2014 5:00pm:

Last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Meeting Election at the Town Office.

Monday March 3, 2014 – Informational Meeting
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House / 88 Lottery Rd

School portion will begin at 5:30pm.

Town portion will commence after completion of the School portion.

Shrewsbury Mountain School will be fundraising by serving refreshments during intermission

Tuesday March 4, 2014 – Annual Town Meeting Election

Polls open 10:00am to 7:00pm

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House / 88 Lottery Rd

You can vote Early or by Absentee Ballot up until March 3rd.

Contact the Town Clerk for Absentee Ballot information.

Volunteers to work the polls and count ballots on Election night are welcome!!

Please contact the Town Clerk at 492-3511

Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Greetings fellow Shrewsbury residents,

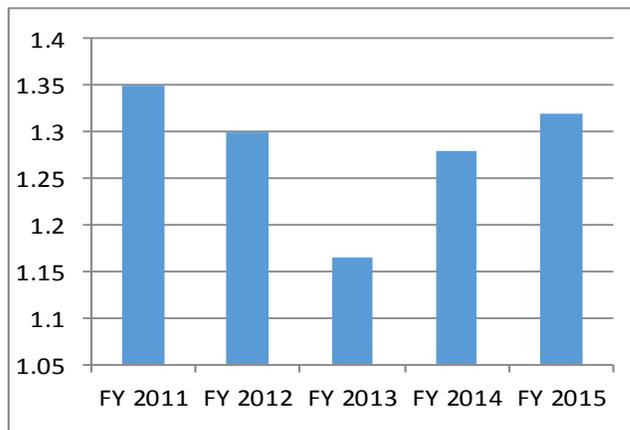
The calendar says January while the weather says something else. I realize it is time to start thinking about Town Meeting Day decisions and time to get information out. It has been a busy year and a growing year at the Shrewsbury Mountain School. Soon you will be getting a copy of the Town Report in the mail.

I'll go straight to the bottom line: I expect that our educational residential property taxes will be a 3.1% increase over last year (income sensitivity factor will decrease 4.8%). This our second tax rate increase after two years of decreases but is still lower than in 2011; see charts below. The only variable (that affects the tax rate) that we as a Board and as voters have any control over is "educational spending" and thus "per equalized pupils spending." Our elementary per pupil spending is dramatically decreasing this year, -9%. This is because our spending is barely increasing, 1/2 of one percent, while our equalized pupil count has increased by 10%. Our per pupil spending will now be 14% lower than the state average, and even almost 10% lower than Rutland City.

Shrewsbury Elementary's per pupil spending versu	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
VT statewide average	-8.1%	-3.2%	-1.6%	-2.4%	-14.2%
Rutland City	-1.1%	4.2%	4.8%	2.2%	-9.6%
Mill River	-12.4%	-6.7%	-5.8%	-5.8%	-18.1%

Equalized Per Pupil Spending	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Shrewsbury Elementary	\$11,220	\$11,888	\$12,590	\$13,200	\$12,011
VT State Average	\$12,203	\$12,287	\$12,789	\$13,524	\$13,997
Mill River	\$12,612	\$12,682	\$13,314	\$13,967	\$14,180
Rutland City	\$11,338	\$11,391	\$11,988	\$12,908	\$13,167

Homestead Education Tax rate 5 year Comparison (Shrewsbury/ Mill River Combined)



Last re-appraisal was done prior to 2011, so all five years' tax rates are applied to the same property values.

Our educational tax rate is derived from both elementary and high school per pupil spending. While our student count has been increasing at the elementary school it has been decreasing at Mill River. The financial challenge at the Mountain School has been to keep expenditures from increasing while student counts grow. I think we have met that challenge. I also think Mill River has met their challenge of reducing expenditure in the face of shrinking student count. Their efforts can be seen by the fact that their per pupil spending has only increased by 1.5% even though their equalized pupils declined by 12%.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the informational meeting on Monday night March 3. We will try to explain why our combined educational spending has decreased by 2.6% of the past 9 years while taxes increased by 17% during that time. Stay warm and don't forget to vote on March 4.

Ed Hemmer, School Board Member

Average Temperatures

	2013	2012	2011
Jan	24	25	19
Feb	19	27	17
Mar	29	36	26
Apr	36	45	37
May	52	50	51
Jun	59	63	63
Jul	72	69	68
Aug	65	69	69
Sep	62	63	62
Oct	53	50	56
Nov	38	42	41
Dec	25	33	34
AVGs:	45	48	45

Temperatures based on GMP/CVPS readings for our area from 12/19/12 to 12/18/13.

Town and School Positions

Town and School positions to be voted on at the March 4, 2014, election are below. To have your name on the ballot, Nominating Petitions with names of nine legal voters (1%) need to be delivered to the Clerk by 5pm on the 27th. Consent forms by the 29th.

Town

One Moderator	1-year term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	2 years of 3 year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	1 year of 3 year term
One Lister	2 years of 3 year term
One Lister	3-year term
One Grand Juror	1-year term
One Town Agent	1-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One 2nd Constable	1-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term

School

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

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

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

Sand in Front of Mailboxes

Just a reminder for customers on the Rural Routes. With all the snow we have had, could you please sand in front of your mailboxes so carriers can deliver mail. Also, if you have a package and your driveway isn't sanded, you will get a notice to pick it up at the post office.

Cuttingsville Post Office

Information for Seniors

Information & assistance for older adults (age 60+) living in Rutland and Bennington counties is easily accessible by calling the Senior HelpLine at the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. Callers are connected to a real person who can answer questions on a variety of programs and services: transportation, housing, home care, meals on wheels, Medicare and Medicare D, prescription assistance, care-giver supports, financial assistance, assisted living, senior groups, recreation, etc. This is a free service of the Council on Aging, a non-profit agency serving Seniors and their families since 1974. Contact the Senior HelpLine at 802-786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119; or visit the website at www.svcoa.org.



Photo by G. Martin

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

As always, my fellow board members and I thank you for your support of the Mountain School budget every year. It shows your trust that the administration and we are trying our very best to provide a quality education to Shrewsbury's youngsters at a cost that is acceptable to you, the taxpayer. That is our primary goal, that balance between cost and benefit.

To that end, we are continuing our support of increased technology in the schools—not as an end point, but as learning tools for both teachers and students. In addition, the tests that the State mandates are web based. At a minimum, we need modern tools (computers) that can handle these web based assessments and enough of them to test whole classes at the same time. Our teachers are constantly learning how to use technology better to present more individualized programs for all kids. We as a board and administration are trying to find learning opportunities for staff that address all their different needs and wants. To do this we are changing the way we provide for our technology support. Currently we contract with a single company who provides staffing for both our infrastructure and professional development (teacher training) needs. The decision was reached at a Supervisory Union level is that these functions might be better provided by splitting these needs out. Rather than trying to find one company that can do one well and one not-so-well, we will open up our search for each separately in the coming months.

There have been some staff changes this year. Dan Morrison (4/5/6) completed his administrative licensure in 2013 and took a principalship at Stowe Middle School this school year. He is ably replaced by Molly Clark who was a part-time staff member last year. For the coming year, the increasing demands on administration in our school have required our moving away from having a teaching principal to one of a full-time principal. I know Deb Fishwick will miss her regular teaching duties very much, but this will leave her with far more flexibility to be even more of the "everywhere at once" principal that she is now.

Our building is generally in very good shape. We needed to install a new boiler this past summer and next on our need-updates list are the heating units in each classroom. When the school was designed the up-to-date design had fresh air enter the building through direct vents in these units. Unfortunately this meant cold air was entering the room next to the heated air. This resulted in an uncomfortable space and wasted money due to increased fuel use. As

part of our energy efficiency work our updated ventilation/heat recovery system allowed us to close off the cold air coming directly into the building, but the units' fans and controls were not touched. This is next on the upkeep agenda. We will update these units 1 or 2 a year until all have been modernized. Our roof was certainly a topic of conversation this past year. We were excited when the vote in June went in our favor, not so thrilled when the vote was overturned in July, and our feelings were mixed in September when the bond vote passed by an almost 2:1 margin, but timing meant the project had to be delayed until this coming summer. We have done our best to prevent further leaking this winter by installing heat tape in all the valleys and along the roof edge. This doesn't allow us to remove the snow from the roof so we are hoping it will allow water to drain without entering the building.

My last topic is the budget. First please allow me to say, this is the toughest part of being on a school board. The way our State funds education is difficult to comprehend. It is by far the fairest way that I have read about to fund education while still leaving it up to local communities to decide how and what to spend, but it is difficult. A number of factors influence the Homestead Tax Rate, but they all come down to the Equalized per Pupil Cost (EPC) at both the high school and elementary school. Our elementary EPC is down significantly from \$13,200 for 2014 to \$12,012 for the coming school year. This is due mainly to the increasing number of elementary aged students and is especially helpful because the Mill River EPC went up due to their dropping student numbers. Luckily the ratio of elementary-aged students to high school students is also going up. The resulting Homestead Rate (including CLA adjustment) for 2015 is \$1.32 up from last year's rate of \$1.28. While any rise in your tax rate is unwelcome this increase does include the State base rate rising a full 7 cents this year. I won't call us lucky, but we have a much lower increase than any of the surrounding towns this year.

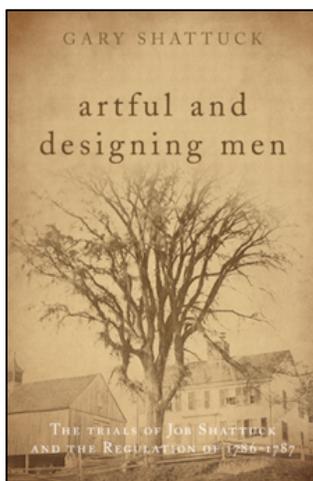
In closing, I hope we still hold your confidence in making the right decision for the school and that you vote to support our budget. Please come to our regular meetings and especially to the Informational Meeting on March 3rd at 5:30. The 4/5/6 class will be providing dinner to purchase as well as coffee and snack items. See you there.

Submitted by Adrienne Raymond, Chair

Shrewsbury Author to Speak at Library

During the summer and fall of 1786, the Massachusetts countryside exploded with the presence of hundreds of farmers occupying local courthouses to delay their work. Taxes had risen, debts could not be met, and judges were issuing court orders allowing creditors to take the property of farmers unable to pay their obligations.

One of the leading protestors was Revolutionary War Captain Job Shattuck, of Groton, a half-uncle of Shrewsbury resident Gary Shattuck (former town outpost trooper with the Vermont State Police), seven generations removed. Job was subsequently arrested by authorities sent out from Boston, but was severely injured during a melee when he was cut down by a saber that almost severed his leg. It was the government's drawing of blood, together with its violent invasion and search of Shattuck's home, that immediately radicalized thousands of protestors, and which led to Daniel Shays assuming leadership in the event that has come to bear his name, Shays's Rebellion.



Gary Shattuck's book *Artful and Designing Men: The Trials of Job Shattuck and the Regulation of 1786-1787* describes Job's incredible life, including militia service in Nova Scotia during the Seven Years' War, and at Lexington, Boston, Mount Independence, and Fort Ticonderoga during the Revolution.

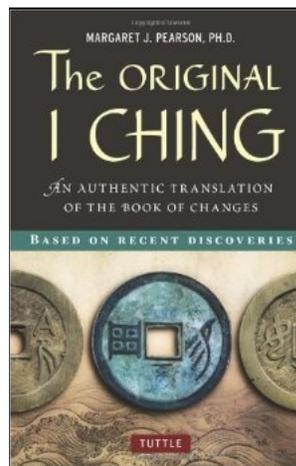
Further detail tells how this charismatic man rose within the Groton community to become the largest landowner in town, a selectman and constable. Because of his reputation, his struggling neighbors prevailed on him to participate in the rebellion, ending in his becoming disabled for the rest of his life.

Gary will talk about his book on **Friday, March 7 at 7:30pm** at the Shrewsbury Library and books will be available at reduced cost at that time. The book is also available through Amazon.com or from Gary at his home (phone 492-3579). His second book on an important time in Vermont's early history is scheduled for release in 2014.

Gary Shattuck

Library Hosts Talk: Using the *I Ching*

The *I Ching* or Book of Changes is one of the world's most influential ancient classics. Set up in symbols, it's a collection of 64 six-line figures (called hexagrams). Each represents both a human situation, and an object or natural condition.



On **Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 pm**, Margaret J. Pearson visits the Shrewsbury Library and will be explaining what the *I Ching* is, and what's made it so influential. Since its origins about 3,000 years ago, it's become a compendium of wisdom used by people of many cultures and eras.

Pearson will also walk everyone step by step through how to use the *I Ching* to

clarify one's thinking about decisions.

Terri Apter at Cambridge University, the author of *The Sister Knot*, calls it "the oldest self help book." She adds that "in Pearson's translation, it provides a new lens through which we can see the freshness of old things."

Whether you're interested in trying this millennia-tested method of making wise choices, or simply in understanding the world view of the early Chinese, join us at the Library!

Pearson has made understanding ancient Chinese philosophy her life's work. She studied Chinese literature and history with the luminaries Hellmut Wilhelm, Jack Dull and Chan Hok-lam. She was elected a lifetime member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. She has directed the Asian Studies Program and chaired the History Department at Skidmore College and the University Seminar on Traditional China at Columbia University. She recently retired from teaching Chinese and Japanese history at Skidmore College.

Join us at the Library on Feb. 7 for a fascinating and enjoyable discussion about how we can use the *I Ching* as we face the changes in our lives.

Sandra Korinchak

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

*THANKS to everyone who helped make our HOLIDAY COOKIE SWAP & SILENT AUCTION our most successful fund-raiser ever: all the donors, bidders and buyers; the bakers; and the Library trustees -- especially and outstandingly Lisa (and also Donna, Gail & family, Cedelle, Sandra, Woody, and Larry) -- who decorated the Library, collected, displayed, and data-based the auction items, and worked in the kitchen and bar; Marcos Levy and Mark Hamilton, who provided the music to sing and dance to. It was a great party that celebrates not only the Library but also our community!

* CONGRATULATIONS to LEE ROHE, who held the winning ticket in our Quilt Raffle, and took home the beautiful quilt made by the Library Quilters' Group.

* Thanks to our fund-raising efforts -- the Silent Auction, the Quilt Raffle, the Street Dance, the Book & Bake Sale, and our annual appeal -- we are asking the Town for level-funding at \$7,500 again this year, even though our annual operating expenses -- for heat, electricity, phone/ internet service, septic pumping, and insurance -- amounted to \$16,171. (See the Library Report in the Town Report for details.)

* We mourn the loss of JOAN SIBLEY, a long-time Library patron, whose remarkable poetry flourished in the Library's Writing Group. We hope to have a collection of her poems in the Library in the near future.

* We note with appreciation the establishment of a new Memorial Fund, dedicated to the memory of LORNA MacDOUGALL COHEN, faithful Library volunteer and reader. This fund will be used to purchase fiction and non-fiction that reflect Lorna's passionate interest in spiritual growth and transformation.

COMING EVENTS:

Friday, February 7 @ 7:30pm: MARGARET PEARSON, translator of a new version of the *I CHING*, introduced by her editor, Sandra Korinchak, in the Library Meeting Room.

Friday, March 7 @ 7:30pm: GARY SHATTUCK will discuss his new book about his ancestor, Job Shat-

tuck, who took part in Shays' Rebellion in the Library Meeting Room.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS:

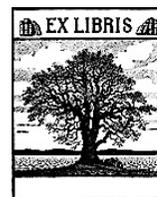
Sunday, February 16 @ 4pm: Famous Books Book Discussion: *BENITO CERENO* by Herman Melville: A short novel about a shipboard slave rebellion, based on a true story.

Sunday, February 23 @ 4pm: Science Book Club: *THE DRUNKARD'S WALK* by Leonard Mlodinow. Books are available in the Library. Please contact Margery Salmon: 492-3315.

Sunday, February 2 @ 3:30pm: Quilters' Group. Please contact Debbie Bleich, 492-3783.

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

TBA: Computer Office Hours with Marcos Levy.



NEW BOOKS include:

- *THE REAL DIRT* by John E. Carroll: A source book for organic farmers, donated by the Conservation Commission. Many thanks!
- *THE BURGLARY* by Betty Medsger: the true story of the theft of FBI intelligence documents in the 1970s
- *THE INVENTION OF WINGS* by Sue Monk Kidd: Her new novel, set in pre-Civil War South Carolina, about Hetty, the slave of a famous feminist.
- *DUTY* by Robert M. Gates: The explosive memoir by the former Secretary of Defense.
- *Diaries of an Unfinished Revolution: Voices from Tunis to Damascus* edited by Layla Al-Zubaidi.

NEW DVDs include:

- *FRUITVALE STATION*: Drama set in Oakland, CA, based on a true incident
- *20 FEET FROM STARDOM*: The documentary about the back-up singers in many famous rock and roll bands
- *LEE DANIEL'S THE BUTLER*, starring Forest Whitaker: Recent history through the eyes of a (fictional) White House butler.

MANY NEWLY RELEASED DVDs coming soon, including VHS conversions!

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Shrewsbury, Vermont

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Saturday April 26, 2014

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Contact **Ahmet N. Baycu** baycu@vermontel.net

Let me know what you might bring and I will maintain a list on the website

Area Lecture/Discussion Programs

February 2 @ 4pm: Science Pub at Three Tomatoes, Rutland. Topic, "Your Brain at Work" (No Fee)

February 5 @ 7pm: Vermont Humanities 1st Wednesday Program at Paramount Theatre to view and discuss the movie *Casablanca* (No Fee)

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

"Show Me Gala" Talent Show

Looking for some fabulous February fun? You've found it! On Friday, February 28 at 7pm the Mill River community presents the 20th annual "Show Me Gala" Talent Show in the Mill River auditorium. Hosted by the Mill River Friends of Music, this show will highlight performers of all ages who will sing, dance, and play for your pleasure. This non-competitive talent show is a fundraiser for the Friends of Music and the proceeds will support the music programs at Mill River. Bring your family and friends for a fantastic frolic! Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 per family and are available at the door. For more information email Mr. Bear Irwin at birwin@rssu.org

Submitted by Cathy Reynolds

The **Shrewsbury Variety Show** is back!!!

Please join us on
Saturday, March 15
at 7:00pm
at the Town Hall (Meeting House)

for the

**Tom Mitchell Memorial
Variety Show**



Sponsored by the
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

It is time to
get your ACT together!

We are looking for music, short skits,
the spoken word, comedy, etc.
No auditions. Everyone welcome. This is a
community spirit builder!

Call Lily French @ 492-3304
or email
lilyfrench@vermontel.net to
register your act.

Let's see what you can do!

Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

Personal Musings

Con and I want to thank the members of the SHS for the surprise article in the last issue. We are so gratified, and humbly thank you so much and we hope to live up to your expectations for 2014.

It takes a village is true. Without so many faithful volunteers in our organization, there would be no SHS. We are always hoping that we would attract younger members who feel about history the way we do. Perhaps this is the year we will attract new working members.

I happen to be writing this on New Year's Day, 2014. It has been a rather quick holiday season, a happy one for my family with their visits, but still, a melancholy one for me as I am finally coming to the realization that each day is a gift and some days are sorrowful ones as I hear of the passing of dear friends, some recently. We are born and then in growing up we believe that we are invincible and will live forever. Not so. I suppose this is why I am so attracted to history and genealogy. Roots of families. The joy in helping strangers connect with some one or some place in Shrewsbury is overwhelming whether it be a gravestone, a plot of land with a cellar hole, a photo, or a story.

SHS Notes

After the museum closed on October 27, 2013 we received via e-mail requests for information about former residents of our town, a request on how Cuttingsville got its name; whether or not Salt Ash Mountain was indeed still called by that name; and comments from guests who visited the last day the museum was open. One gentleman remembered living here in Northam for his first 6 years and had particular memories of the Pierce's store. He later wrote that he visited the Pierce's store after he left the museum. And, finally, we discovered at the recycling station, 3 receipts dated 1898 from National Express Co. of Poultney. I mailed them to the Poultney Historical Society for their records.

Visitors from Afar

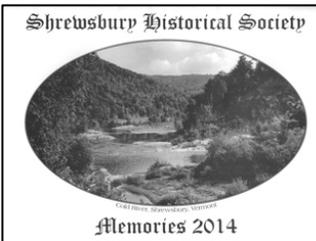
During the season of 2013, visitors who signed the museum's guest book came from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Nevada, New York (Brooklyn, Cohoes, S. Glens Falls), Connecticut, Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

EXPO 2014

The committee for the exhibit at Expo in June is hoping that volunteers will come forward to help them transport our exhibit to the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on a Friday, and help staff the booth on Saturday and then on Sunday, to help dismantle and transport the artifacts back to the museum. More information will be forthcoming as we head into spring.

History Book and 2014 Calendar

Looking for a good read or a current calendar showing Shrewsbury as it was? The history book, *Shrewsbury, VT – Our Town As It Was* by Dawn Hance, at \$20, and the 2014 Memories Calendar, at \$15 can be found at the Town Clerk's office during open hours and at the Pierce's Country Store.



Next Meeting

The first meeting of the Society for 2014 will be held at the museum on May 6 at 7 pm. Presiding at the meeting will be president Grace Brigham, along with Vice President Marguerite Ponton, Treasurer John Elwert and Secretary Ruth Winkler.

If you wish to become a member for this year or for Life, please send your dues to John Elwert, 499 Shunpike Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738. The dues for the year are still the same: Individual \$10, Family \$15, Contributing \$30, Life (individual or a couple) \$125. By joining, you will receive a membership card and a copy of the annual "Times Past" newsletter. By joining and participating on one of the committees you will help in keeping the Shrewsbury Historical Society up and running.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Submitted by
Ruth Winkler



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Beatles

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Across

1. Girlfriend of Stuart of 46 across
6. McCoys had one
9. Second word in 17 down
11. Carry ___ Weight
12. Pines
13. For No ___
14. Mewl
15. ___ Me Tight
16. ___ Epstein
18. ___ Time At All
19. Mangle
20. Abounding
21. ___ Reply
22. Purr

23. Whitlow
24. Fourth word in 17 down
25. Bring down
26. ___ Can Work It Out
27. Burning
29. Churls
30. How I Won The ___, Lennon flick
31. Sixth word in 17 down
32. Tonics
33. Sean was John's ___
34. ___ Naturally
35. Manservant
36. Capital of Western Australia
38. Let It ___
39. Fifth word in 17 down
40. I ___ You
41. Prongs
42. First half of eighth word in 17 down

43. ___ Moonlight
44. Second half of eighth word in 17 down
46. First ___ player was Stuart
47. Shade
48. Cozen
49. Canonical hour
50. Three per inning
51. ___ All Too Much
52. Only A Northern ___
53. Harsh
54. Employ
55. Prior to Beatles, Ringo played with ___ Storm & The Hurricanes
56. Brand of Paul's ax

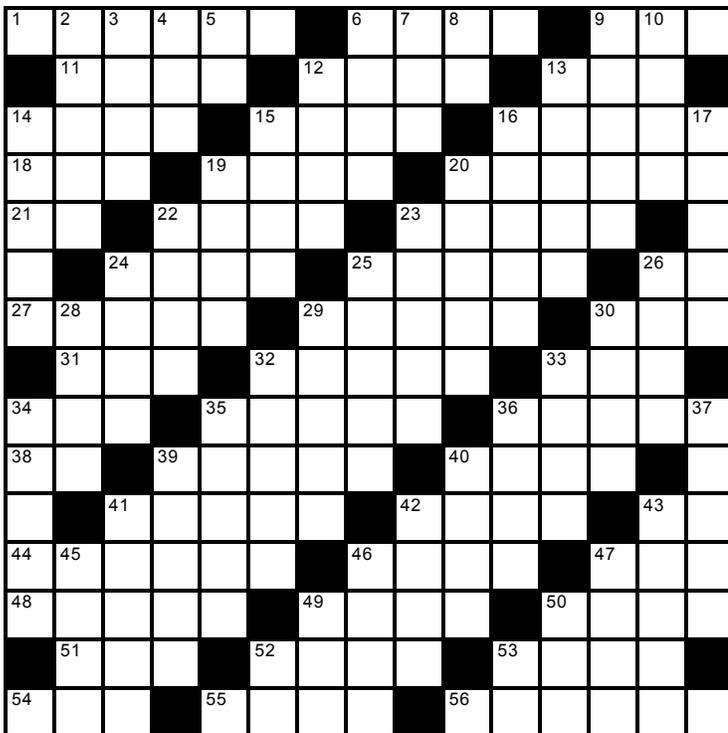
5. ___ Won't Be Long
6. If I ___
7. The ___
8. Two Of ___
9. Glass ___
10. Venerate
12. Third word in 17 down
13. Fourth deck
14. I ___ Be Your Man
15. A ___ Days Night
16. Unctions
17. Tomorrow ___ Knows
19. I Me ___
20. Cogwheels
22. And Your ___ Can Sing
23. Seventh word in 17 down
24. Type of candy
25. Book
26. I ___ You (She's So Heavy)
28. I've Just (33 down) A ___

29. Cords
30. The ___
32. Capital of Oregon
33. See 28 down
34. Pit
35. Bribeable
36. Benches
37. Crowds
39. Cambodian monetary units
40. Olfactory organ
41. Banal
42. ___ Me, Roger Miller song
43. Lacking highlights
45. ___ Boy
46. Osseous
47. First word in 17 down
49. Neither
50. Stumblebum
52. I'm ___ Tired
53. From Me ___ You

Down

2. Shorthand
3. He or she
4. Modern music

Look for answers on another page in this edition.



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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Community Christmas Eve Service was a Joy! What a wonderful time; gathering with neighbors and friends to sing carols in a place where no one is alone. We hear the Christmas story, told through sacred scripture and though we have heard it 100 times, we hear something new. What a treasure to feel God's presence throughout the evening. There is magic in the music which fills the sanctuary, as we appreciate the spectacular sounds of the choir, organ, bells, guitar and violin! Our sanctuary is beautifully adorned with large red poinsettias, fresh balsam wreaths and our majestic tree, decorated with white lights and gold and silver bells. With reverence the candles are lit and as the light grows, filling the shadows of this beautiful sanctuary and casts a glow on our faces, you can feel love grow. With peace and contentment we carry the Christmas Spirit with us out into the cold and dark of night in these Shrewsbury Hills.

Special Thanks: The Christmas Tree was donated by Russell and Donna Reay of Paxton Greens. Wreaths in the Sanctuary & the front of the Meeting House were given by Annette Baker Parrish: In Memory of Don Parrish, Carter & Evelyn Baker and Bob & Nan Balewicz. The Kelley Family: In Memory of Charles Harrison Kelley. Roxanne Ramah: In Memory of Fred Ramah and Ray & Rhea Roberts. Congregation: In Memory of Donato Carrara, Everett Doerfel, Larry Freeman, Michael Heleba, Edna Klein, Joan Sibley, Phyllis Tabor & Theresa Wetherby. Poinsettias in the Sanctuary were given by: Rip & Rene Lincoln: In Memory of George J. Lincoln III. Mr & Mrs Franklin G. Schoch. Fran Patten & Rich Bettelli: In Memory of loved ones in the Patten & Bettelli Families. Candle Lighters: Crystal Kelley, Meghan Faulkner, Angie Sharrow & Mason Sharrow. Ushers: Richard Littler, Thomas Kelley, Matthew Johnson & Cody Richardson. Choir Members: Scott Garren, John Lorentz, Karen Lorentz, Karen Lorentzon, Larry Williams, Gary Salmon, Julianne Sharrow, Heather Shay, Dick Swartz, Donna Swartz; including Musicians: Rita Lane, Marcos Levy & Roxanne Ramah. Readers: Rene Lincoln, Pat Richardson, Meghan Faulkner, Ruth Kinne, Cynthia Thornton, John Lorentz, Crystal Kelley, Larry Williams, Lynette Over & Sue Ransom-Kelley.

Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

FREE Community Supper
February 8 @ 4:30pm
Shrewsbury Town Hall (Meeting House)
Come One! Come All!
Soup, Bread, Salad & Dessert
Live Music, Fun!

Free and open to the Community. To help us plan call Earl or Julianne Sharrow @ 492-3361 to leave a message, letting us know how many are coming. However, calling is not required, walk-ins are welcome! Have a neighbor who can't get out? Let us know and we can make a dinner to go. Need a Ride to the Supper? Call and we will pick you up.

Community Church Calendar

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am: 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

Feb 2 @ 10:30am: Worship Service and Holy Communion @ Center Church, Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a non-perishable food item.

Feb 8 @ 4:30 pm: Free Soup & Bread Community Supper Shrewsbury Town Hall. (Meeting House)

Feb 9 @ 10:30 am: Worship Service, Rev. Skip Dickinson

Feb 12 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Roxanne Ramah. Please bring a bag lunch; dessert and drinks will be provided. If you don't knit or crochet we'll be happy to help you. Call Roxanne at 492-3675 and let her know if you're going to attend.

Feb 16 @ 10:30am: Worship Service with Pastor Lane

Feb 23 @ 10:30 am: Service of Healing & Worship led by Rev. Bob Boutwell

FREE COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

@ the Library in the front entry way.
All are welcome to come in and help yourself
anytime the Library is OPEN:
Mon, Fri & Sat 10am-Noon
Tues & Thurs 7pm-9m
Wed 10am-5pm and 7pm-9pm

Community Needs

Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests:
Contact Pastor Rita Lane 775-2578, in her absence
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

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners

Feb 7: Guest Chef Lynette Over will prepare Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo over Penne with a salad of Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Feta Cheese, Olives and Croutons with a Vinaigrette Dressing.

Feb 21: Guest Chef Ana Castillo will prepare Chicken Enchiladas with Salsa, Sour Cream, Rice and Beans.

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.

Winter Grief Support Group Offered

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) will be conducting a six-session support group and educational program for those who have lost a loved one. This support group is free and open to the public. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences of loss, as well as gain an understanding of the process of grief and its impact on life emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. The group will meet from noon to 1:30pm on February 13 and 27, and March 13 and 27, 2014 at RAVNAH, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland. To register, please call Ann LaRocque at 802-770-1516.

Melissa Faignant, www.ravnah.org

VT Forests, Parks, & Recreation Needs Volunteers

Our forests and parks are under threat from invasive species and they could be in your town too. We can help each other! We're looking for:

- 10 or more individuals for a volunteer project
- smaller groups welcome for combined projects for a half day between April 1–October 15, 2014

Volunteers from your group will:

- help with a critical conservation effort removing invasive plants
- spend time outside in nearby state parks or forest
- learn skills to use at home or in the community
- work to restore and protect our Vermont lands

We will provide tools, protective gear, guidance, and a staff person; teach any skills volunteers will need; thank volunteers with a gift. Take us up on one, and come back to a park for another kind of fun; and, provide letters documenting community service hours for any participants desiring them. These programs:

- recognize and publicize your town's efforts in your community via traditional and social media
- provide an easy, economical way to learn how to combat a critical issue in your community, and can be tailored to your town/group needs

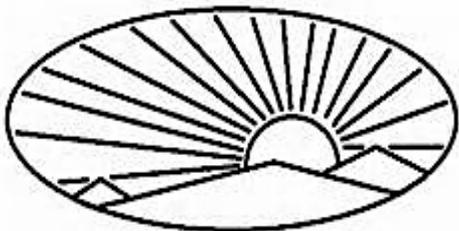
Officials and townspeople of all ages and abilities are welcomed. Contact Colleen Balch at 802-377-2615 or colleen.balch@state.vt.us to set up your program or to learn more.

*Colleen Balch, Habitat Restoration Crew,
Vermont Dept of Forests Parks & Recreation*

Yoga Workshops

The Thrive Center will be holding their 5th Annual Winter Spring Yoga Course & Workshop Sampler beginning Sunday, February 2 at 12 Noon at Wallingford Elementary School. Contact the Thrive Center for fees and further information.

The Roving Reporter asked: What's one thing you can't live without?



- "One thing? Solitude! But there are other things of course." –DT
- "Really good friends." -HRP
- "Sweet love. And, I love Spring...that would be my #2." –AV
- "Heat....I'm sick of the cold!" –AM
- "Chocolate...anybody who knows me knows that!" –SM
- "Sunshine!" –JW
- "Oxygen....and chocolate! -DM
- "I have no idea. I think I could make do with almost anything!" –GK
- "Good health. If you don't have good health, you won't live as long." –BP
- "My wife....and if you don't believe me, just call her. She'll confirm it!" –OW
- "Hummm....can I get back to you on that?" –KB



NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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



Super Bowl Sunday - February 2

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Chili**

Beverages and snacks will be fully stocked too!

New Meals

Rob has been making some new meals that you should try. Chicken Stew has just about sold out on several Tuesdays now and its cousin, Beef Stew, is coming in a close second. Beef Goulash will return and Rob plans to introduce a Chicken Pot Pie in February. Watch our sign-board or better, "Like" us on Facebook to see daily menus.

For Valentine's Day Rob offers two choices:



**Pecan Tart, or
Baked Chocolate Pudding
both for 2
and both priced at \$3.99**



You'll have to preorder them by stopping at the Store and filling out a form, or by calling 492-3326. We'll need your order no later than February 12.

Our 5th Anniversary!

2014 will see the 5th anniversary of the reopening of Pierce's Store! We'll have some sort of celebration and want the community to be involved. If you have ideas of how we might celebrate please contact me.

Sally Deinzer, Store Manager

51 Reasons

Why stop & shop at Pierce's Store? We've put together a random assortment of 51 reasons. Check them out and stop in to check out the ones you didn't know about!

- You're likely to met up with long-timers who like to reminisce
- Rob's Lasagna
- Scotch tape, Duct Tape, masking tape
- Local artists'/artisans' products in our Consignment area make wonderful gifts
- We've 100+ varieties of beer and wine at prices competitive with the big stores
- Rob's Chicken Stew
- If we don't stock it, you can order any item our distributors carry
- "Big" stores are 10 miles away

- You can linger by the woodstove for a chat with your neighbors
- Donna's seasoned eggs and egg salad
- Pierce's prices on Vermont Coffees are lower than Hannafords
- Pierce's Store T-Shirts
- Rob's specialty breads: Sourdough, Anadama, Sunflower Seed, Egg, Seeded French Baguettes
- We have a generator so if the power goes out we will have heat, hot water and hot food
- In the summer we have a freezer full of ice
- In the winter we carry a little bit of ice
- Wheel cheese
- Sitting in the rocker on the porch in the summer
- Local artists' greeting cards
- Your neighbors are volunteers
- Friday Night Take-out Suppers (every other week) made by community members
- Donna's custom made sandwiches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 to 1
- We carry a full line of Thomas's Dairy items at competitive prices
- Something hot in the crock every day during winter
- Eating lunch at the picnic table in the summer
- Epsom salts, Bag Balm, Fisherman's Friend, Beauchamp's Hand Lotion, baby lotion
- Rob's special blend of coffee in the Thermos pot
- Holiday Special Orders (Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas & more)
- Vermont Croissants on Saturday mornings
- You might meet neighbors you didn't know before
- Beef, Chicken and Bean Burritos
- Smith Maple Crest Farm beef & sausage
- Wednesday evening pizzas, hot from the oven
- Bulk herbs and spices that cost a fraction of the bottled brands from the big stores
- Rob's scones: apricot, blueberry, peach
- Fish Special Orders, delivered Wednesdays
- Russian Tea Cakes
- Pierce's Midnight Market
- You don't have to be a member
- Cinnamon and Sticky Buns on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Cheerios, laundry detergent, oatmeal
- Rob's Pizzas always in the freezer
- Southwest Butternut Soup
- Basic produce – from local farms in the summer
- Rob's Chicken Salad
- Green Mountain Coffee Vermont Country Blend and 15 other flavors available for the Keurig
- Thursday music jams . . . if you play or sing or hum or just like to listen, stop in between about 8:30 and 10:00
- We're your neighborhood store
- 6 brands of local maple syrup
- Summertime BBQs*
- Cribbage, Caroms, [name your game] Tournaments*

*We hope to get these going this summer—you can help with ideas on how to do them!



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The SVFD has received a few calls since the beginning of December—a motor vehicle accident on Rte. 103, a motor vehicle accident on Cold River Road, and a mutual aid response to Wallingford for a structure fire on Christmas Eve.

We have continued our training for the last couple of months. Several SVFD members attended a required Hazardous Materials Response training provided by the Ludlow Fire Dept. which prepares us to identify hazardous situations and materials when responding to motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, and many other calls for assistance. We are trained to survey the situation, identify hazards, set up safe approach distances, determine the appropriate response for the information we have at the time. A simple vehicle accident can change to a hazardous materials response depending on location, type of material being transported and the quantity of that material. We continue to check our truck mounted equipment and all safety equipment on a monthly basis to ensure a quick and prepared response.

It is already February, and winter has thrown all types of weather. The snow, extreme cold, then the rain, and the temperature swings have made the driving difficult to say the least. The Shrewsbury road crew has done a great job keeping our roads in a safe, drivable condition. Slowing down is your best protection. Keep up the good work! Keep your driveway entrances open and sanded. Our vehicles are equipped with on spot chain systems but these large vehicles require more turning room than a passenger vehicle and are difficult to maneuver in icy conditions. Check that your 911 address is clearly posted and not hidden by a snow bank or other debris.

The SVFD appreciates your continued support of our fund raising efforts. We are awaiting word on our grant application to purchase new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus within the next 30 days. We have raised the required matching funds through our mailer for that grant. The 2014 SVFD Annual Race Pool has concluded with the mailing out of 500 t-shirts to the top 500 places. The 15th Annual SVFD Race Pool entries are available now at many local businesses, from any SVFD Firefighter, or online at www.racingsvfd.com. The deadline for entry is February 23, one hour before the start of the Daytona 500. Join the fun and support the SVFD! Again **THANK YOU** for your support and remember **STAY FIRE SAFE!!!**

Submitted by Jack Perry

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RAVNAH Foot Clinic Schedule

- Wed, Feb 5 @ 10:30am: Wallingford House, Wallingford
- Thurs, Feb 6 @ 10am: Parker House, Rutland
- Thurs, Feb 6 @ 12:30pm: Bardwell House, Rutland
- Wed, Feb 26 @ 12:30pm: Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland

Foot clinics are \$10. We also offer Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month. Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Monday: call 775-0568 for an appointment.

MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

"As long as we live, there is never enough singing." Martin Luther

Singing Valentines: The Mill River Chamber Singers will be delivering Singing Valentines at the school and throughout Rutland County on Friday, February 14. If you are interested in purchasing a valentine for your special someone, please see a member of the Chamber Singers or contact Kristin Cimonetti (775-1925 ext. 307 or kcimonetti@rscssu.org). Singing Valentines are \$10 each if delivered at MRUHS and \$15 if delivered elsewhere in Rutland County.



Talent Show: On Friday, February 28 at 7:00pm, the Mill River Community will present its 20th annual "Show Me Gala" talent show in the Mill River auditorium. This event is hosted by the Mill River Friends of Music and will feature performers of all ages. The show is a fundraiser for the Friends of Music, and the proceeds help to support the music programs at MRUHS. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15. per family.

FACS: The Mill River community welcomes Chad Benz who will teach FACS electives during the second semester. In addition to the return of courses in Modern Meals and Child Development, a class in Sports Nutrition will be offered. This course is designed to provide an overview of nutrition strategies that improve exercise performance. Students will learn about optimal meals (timing and composition) for athletes and active individuals, and how a smart training diet and well-timed pre- and post- competition snacks might offer a winning edge.

English Electives: Two new English electives will be offered during the second semester as well. The first is Creative Writing where students will have the opportunity to write poems, short stories, and other imaginative pieces in a workshop environment. Students will also read and discuss published authors to understand their perspective while finding their own voice. Class work will culminate in a published anthology and/or online blog page. There will also be a course offered that is entitled Grammar and Writing for the College Bound. This class offers an intensive study of grammar as it applies to academic writing and will prepare students for college. Topics of study include parts of speech, punctuation, syntax, and sentence diagramming. Students will review paragraph structure, essay organization, research methods, and correct documentation of sources. Proofreading and revision strategies will also be emphasized.

Into the Wild: This science elective explores man's relationship with the outdoor world through the works of notable environmental activists such as Edward Abby, John Muir, Ansel Adams, John McPhee, and Rachel Carson. In addition, through hands-on activities, essays, books, and videos, the course hopes to increase participants' appreciation and understanding of the outdoor world.

A Message from Principal Pomeroy: *"In this mobile society where companies are always enticing us with better programs and cheaper rates, we often find our e-mail addresses and phone numbers changing. Please remember to keep the school informed if your contact phone number or e-mail address changes. You may update your information at any time by e-mailing lgilman@rscssu.org or by calling 775-3451 x203."*

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of Mill River Union School District #40 has been set for Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm in the school library.

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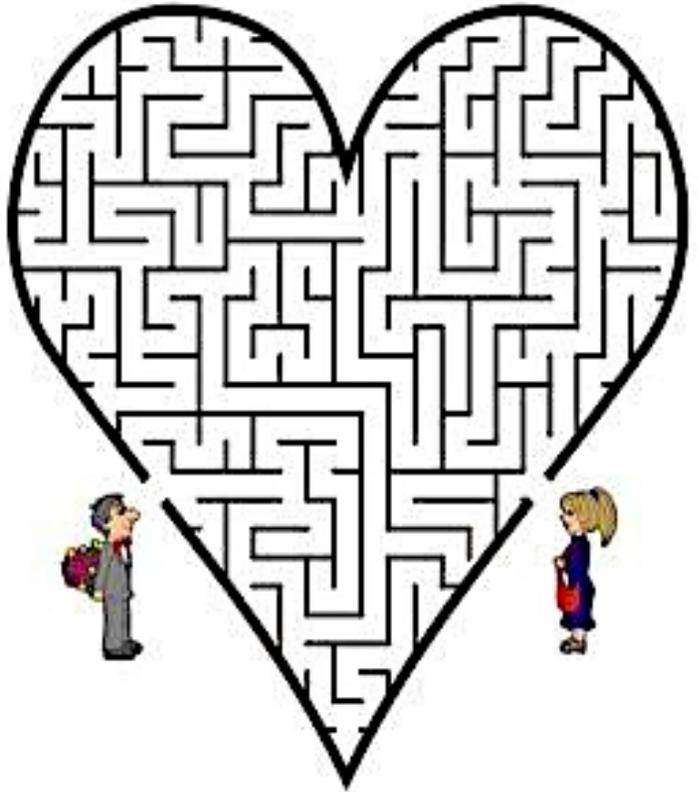
Hello Shrewsbury,

I am writing to you today to ask for your vote for my candidacy to become a Shrewsbury Mountain School Director. My husband, Phillip, and I were pleased to become a part of this community two years ago after searching for the perfect place to raise our children. Our son, Liam, enjoys the quality education he is receiving in the Shrewsbury Mountain School Prekindergarten class. Our daughter, Emily, just turned two and can't wait to go to school.

I hold a BA in Political Science from McGill University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration in Managerial Finance as well as Marketing from Pace University in New York. I have four years of corporate business experience and two years of overseas teaching experience. I would like to represent you to ensure that our town strikes the right balance between maintaining high quality education for our children and stretching our tax dollars further.

I am asking for your vote on March 4, 2014.

Thank you for your consideration.
Fahima Thompson



*Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
I'm so glad I live in Shrewsbury
How about you?*

Happy Valentine's Day!

2014 Dog Licenses



Dog Licenses are now available at the Town Office or by mail. A current rabies certificate must be on file prior to obtaining a license. Vermont Law indicates that all dogs or wolf-hybrids older than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 be registered. 20 V.S. A. §3581

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



Book Reviews from the Library—

Book lovers! Please share your book reviews by writing them in the journals kept at the front desk at the Library or e-mailing them to maplesugar@comcast.net THANK YOU!

Book reviews are compiled by Marilyn Dalick

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

Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker
by Jennifer Chiaverini

★★★★★

Civil War buffs and quilt makers alike will be fascinated and interested by this book about a woman of color who had a well-known reputation as a fine dressmaker (and incidentally a quilt-maker) among the best-dressed ladies in Washington, D.C. I recommend it to you all.

—reviewed by Lucille Fiske

The Lost Books of the Odyssey
by Zachary Mason

★★★★★

This collection of short stories loosely based on Homer’s famous work is, quite simply, fascinating. The author’s foreword about storytelling and how over the millennia each storyteller must have picked certain scenes of the *Odyssey* to embellish, gives insight into how he has organized this book. The first story in the series may leave you a bit lost or uncertain, but trust me, stick with it—by the time you finish, you’ll never forget the experience of reading this book.

—Anonymous Reviewer

The Society for Useful Knowledge
by Jonathan Lyons

★★★

The “star” of this book is the young Benjamin Franklin who was the driving force behind a network of kindred New World thinkers who plunged into the

task of creating and sharing “useful knowledge” in the fields of electricity, magnetism, astronomy, botany, to name a few. The “endlessly inventive Franklin,” as the author calls him, sowed the seeds of American liberty. A very interesting read.

—Anonymous Reviewer

Steve Jobs
by Walter Isaacson

★★★★★

Love him or hate him, this obsessive, difficult and sometimes ruthless man was a genius who couldn’t be ignored. Earnest and emotional, he was not fond of rules and had no respect for the status quo. His personality is almost too big to be contained in the 577 pages of this book—but the author does a masterful job and entralls us with the tale of the beginnings of Apple Computer and Jobs’ life. Steve Jobs believed himself to be a rebel and a misfit and held that “the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.” Don’t let the length of the book deter you—the pages just fly by. This is the best book I’ve read this year.

—reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

Put More Healthy Food on Your Table

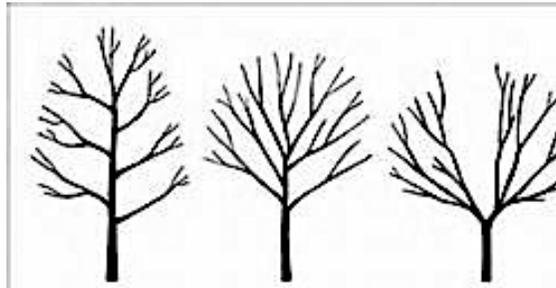
3SquaresVT helps older Vermonters stretch their food budget to buy more food. It comes as a monthly dollar benefit on a debit card called an EBT card or as cash directly deposited into your bank account.

Anyone who qualifies can receive benefits; there is enough for everyone. Plus, spending benefits in Vermont adds money to our economy, so you are helping support local grocers and farmers. It’s good for you and good for Vermont.

Elders with gross incomes below 185% of federal poverty levels do not have a resource limit, so savings don’t count. The 185% income limit is \$1,723 for a single person or \$2,268 for a couple. If your income is over these numbers, you could still be eligible. If so, you do have a resource limit, but your house, car, and retirement savings do not count as resources. Your 3SquaresVT benefit will not count as income either, so your eligibility for other programs like Medicare will not be at risk.

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Sunday February 23

(rain date Sunday March 2)

The first session will run from 10:30-12:00 am

The second from 12:30-2:00 pm

Cost is \$15.00 per person

Space is limited to 15 people per session

Please register early to ensure a place

Location to be announced

Call 492-3550

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to sign up and for more details

Watch the March *Times* for information
about our upcoming grafting workshop
and scion wood swap!!!

Prayer Shawl Group Meeting

The Prayer Shawl group will meet at the home of Roxanne Ramah on Wednesday, February 12 at noon. Please bring a bag lunch. Feel free to join us and if you don't knit or crochet we'll be happy to help you. Call Roxanne at 492-3675 and let her know if you're going to attend.



SHREWSBURY OUTING CLUB NEWS

Thanks to all the folks who gathered at the Town Hall January 10 to share potluck and ideas. Topics discussed included:

Connecting hiking trails throughout Shrewsbury's landscape

- Helping maintain the network of existing trails in North Shrewsbury
- Meandering, exploring, mapping Shrewsbury's stone walls and the history they tell
- Quests! Participate in some already established and create our own quests
- Geocaching (we have experienced members!)
- Vernal pools: finding, studying, mapping
- Study of rivers, ponds, and wetlands
- Loons
- Vermont coverts project
- Connect with environmental organizations VCE, GMC, AMC, etc.
- Hikes! X-Country skiing, snowshoeing, bicycling
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Star gazing

It was suggested that SOC have a monthly outing with a leader-organizer and to announce it in the *Times*, posters in key locations, email, etc. Sometimes a spur-of-the-moment opportunity arises such as perfect black ice for skating. We are working on electronic communications such as the Town website offerings, Front Porch Forum, and perhaps other possibilities. and we won't forget about the telephone!

We came away with much to think about. **Full moon—February 14!**

Submitted by Grace Brigham and Galen Miller



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When mailing your entry, please include: 8 Drivers, Team Name, Name,
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Cost is a tax deductible \$30 donation to the SVFD.

Deadline for entering on-line is an hour before the start of the
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If you are mailing in your entry
it must be in our hands before the start of the race.

2014 Driver Values

Jimmie Johnson	\$2,200	Brad Keselowski	\$1,350	David Ragan	\$300
Matt Kenseth	\$2,150	Jamie McMurray	\$1,130	Travis Kvapil	\$300
Kevin Harvick	\$2,000	Martin Truex, Jr.	\$1,100	David Reutimann	\$300
Kyle Busch	\$1,900	Denny Hamlin	\$1,075	AJ Allmendinger	\$300
Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	\$1,800	Paul Menard	\$1,050	David Stremme	\$300
Jeff Gordon	\$1,775	Aric Almirola	\$900	Josh Wise	\$300
Clint Bowyer	\$1,700	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	\$850	Justin Allgaier	\$300
Joey Logano	\$1,675	Marcos Ambrose	\$825	Joe Nemechek	\$300
Greg Biffle	\$1,550	Casey Mears	\$800	Michael Annett	\$300
Kurt Busch	\$1,525	Brian Vickers	\$700	Cole Witt	\$300
Ryan Newman	\$1,510	Austin Dillon	\$625	Parker Kligerman	\$300
Kasey Kahne	\$1,450	Kyle Larson	\$600	Michael McDowell	\$300
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Tony Stewart	\$1,375	David Gilliland	\$300		

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