



Times of Shrewsbury



May 2014

MEETING HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS



Even before the job was complete, the new wainscoting and paint created a brighter, lighter interior.

If you haven't taken a peek into the Meeting House, you're in for a treat. The Meeting House Committee decided to improve the front hall while also making more energy efficiency improvements. What you will see is new bead board wainscoting with a chair rail and ceiling molding, new doors to the back room, new door hardware, new emergency lighting and a completely repainted room that looks twice as big with the light colors. What you won't see is new insulation in the walls (there wasn't much, if any, there before), all the crack sealing done, a vapor barrier under the back room and foundation insulation along the sill under the floor. No more cold floors and freezing pipes. Plus, we will get over \$1,000 back from Efficiency Vermont for the insulation improvements.



New chairs in the Meeting House that match the new lighter weight tables.

Our 162 year old Meeting House is one of Town's most special buildings and the Committee is doing its best to make the necessary repairs and improvements so that it continues to serve the Town and Church for another 162 years, at least. It is here all Town and Church purposes as well as for any townspeople or town group to use by reservation. Thanks for supporting this building and helping to keep it in great shape.

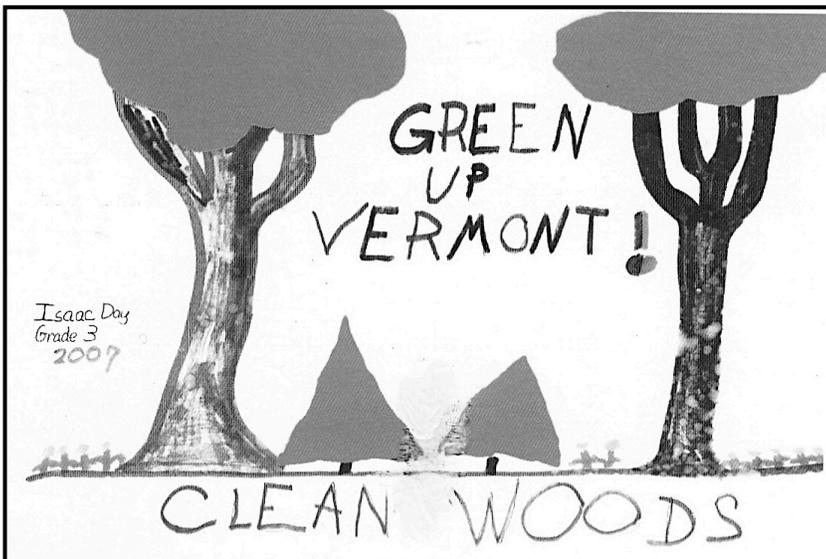
Shrewsbury Meeting House Committee

SHREWSBURY GREEN UP DAY

**Saturday
May 3, 2014**

Breakfast 8-10am
at the Town Meeting House

Trash Disposal at Transfer Station
10am-1pm



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Missing Meeting House Tables Aren't Missing !!

Oops !! As soon as I lamented in the last *Times* that the old Meeting House tables, which had been for sale, were missing, I was informed that a helpful hobbit had put them in the old outhouse to get them out of the way. With the snow piled high against that little building I did not think to look there, and there they were!! Mystery solved.

Some have been sold but there still may be a few if you are looking for a sturdy work table for only \$25 each. Give me a call at 492-3502 if you're interested.

Mark Youngstrom

Your Opinion Doesn't Count!

Did you fill out a blue "Town Meeting Day Survey" - the Doyle Poll - when you voted at Town Meeting in March? Did you take time to express your opinion on the 14 questions on such topics as wind turbines, minimum wage, opiate use, and labels for genetically engineered foods?

If you did, your survey form - along with 73 others - is still sitting in the Shrewsbury Town Office. It was never picked up for delivery and tabulation in Montpelier. No one made an effort to ensure that our surveys were collected and counted. And it's not the first time this has happened.

In a representative democracy, and especially in Vermont, we like to think that our opinions count for something. Perhaps we need to remind our elected

officials that we want to be listened to. If the Doyle Poll is going to be distributed, then we deserve to know that the opinions we express will be counted.

Jonathan Gibson



Preschool & Kindergarten Registration

Friday, May 16, 2014

8:30 - 11:30 AM

at the Shrewsbury Mountain School

For admission into Preschool, a child must be at least three (3) years on or before Aug. 31st of the year of entrance.

For admission into Kindergarten, a child must be at least five (5) years on or before Aug. 31st of the year of entrance.

Please call the school at 492-3435 to schedule an appointment time. If you can't make it on this day, please call the school to make other arrangements.

A parent and the child need to be present at the appointment. The parent should bring the child's immunization record, official birth certificate, proof of residency, and be prepared to fill out registration forms.

Submitted by Marj Congdon

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.

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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.

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 3	8-10am	*Green Up Day breakfast at Meeting House
May 3	10am-1pm	*Green Up Day trash disposal at Transfer Station
May 6	7pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at museum
May 13	12noon	Senior Luncheon at Qu's Whistle Stop on route 103. RSVP to Penelope Weiss 492-3345
May 16	7:30pm	*Sri Lanka with Habitat for Humanity program at the Library
May 18	3pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
May 18	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club meets at the Library
May 21	12 noon	*Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Judy Pitts
May 24-25	10-5pm	Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio
May 31	530pm	*Free Community Supper at the Meeting House sponsored by Shrewsbury Community Church.

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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www.shrewsburyvt.org



Deadline for submission to
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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



News from The Transfer Station



Changes are coming!

Act 148 requires municipalities (whether in solid waste districts, towns, town groups, or alliances AND haulers) to implement variable rate pricing (aka Pay As You Throw/Pay Per Bag) for materials collected from residential customers based on volume or weight, by July 1, 2015.

Universal Recycling (ACT 148) Is Now Law

Act 148 will impact every person in Vermont - residents, visitors, and businesses. There are phased-in mandates and bans in the new law including mandatory recycling and landfill bans on leaf and yard waste and organics (food scraps). The law focuses on diverting waste from landfills and providing more consistent, convenient options for recycling and composting throughout Vermont.

This law will BAN disposal of certain solid waste from landfills including recyclables by July 1, 2015, which will include:

- Ø Aluminum, foil, pie pans, and steel cans
- Ø Glass bottles/jars from food/drink
- Ø PET/HDPE plastic containers/bottles/jugs
- Ø Corrugated cardboard & Boxboard
- Ø White and mixed paper and paper bags
- Ø Newspaper, magazines, paper mail
- Ø Leaf, yard & clean wood waste by July 1, 2016, &
- Ø Food scraps by 2020, (see below).

Facility owners (such as Town Transfer Stations) that offer trash collection must also offer to collect

- Recyclables by July 1, 2014
- Leaf and yard debris by July 1, 2015
- Food scraps by July 1, 2017.

The next
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day
in Shrewsbury will be on
Saturday, September 13, 2014

*Information from the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (including Shrewsbury) Newsletter
www.rutlandcountyswac.org*

Dog Licenses-



Remember it is a State Law V.S.A. § 3581 that dog owners get their animals registered every year. After April 1 a \$4 late fee will be assessed.

Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The month of April had been quiet for the SVFD, until today. The SVFD responded to a structure fire on Eastham Road. A quick response and a direct attack on the burning garage quickly brought the fire under control. Again, several other departments were on site, automatically called because of our mutual aid agreements with our neighboring towns. Within a few hours, the SVFD responded to a mutual aid call from Clarendon Fire for a propane leak. This truly re-enforces the value of these mutual aid agreements.

On our regular Thursday meeting nights for April, we held a business meeting to review the past months activities and make plans for the upcoming month. We performed small engine maintenance on our chainsaws, generators, portable pumps and our jaws equipment. We outfitted the trucks with back pack pumps, small diameter brush hose, rakes, shovels and other hand tools used for fighting brush and forest fires.

Now that spring has finally arrived, many of us will be cleaning up debris left from the long winter. If a brush burn pile is in your future, please remember these tips:

- Stay a safe distance away from structures – 100 ft
- Stay away from overhead wires
- Do not use any accelerants –gas-oil
- Burn only brush and other natural wood debris- no manufactured wood- insulation -trash - tires
- Have enough help to contain the fire
- Keep hand tools –fire extinguishers- and water close by
- Never leave an active fire unattended
- Do not burn on windy days
- Burn the day after a rain storm

When you decide to burn, always call for a burn permit. Contact Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown at 802-345-8668 or 775-6194 or Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon Jr at 802-282-3642 or 492-2055 for a burn permit. If you are burning and the fire gets out of control, call 911 immediately and remember

STAY FIRE SAFE !!!

Submitted by Jack Perry

FLOOD REPAIR UPDATE

There are 4 remaining major road repairs needed from the impact of Tropical Storm Irene. These are: 1) Upper Cold River Road (between the covered bridge and Cold River Road, 2) the two bridges washed out over Sargent Brook near Governor Clement and 3) repairs to Brown Covered bridge. Here is an update as the schedule currently stands:

Upper Cold River Road

Design of the repair of the huge landslide is almost complete. We have to survey the slide again because so much more soil has eroded since last fall but the plans and bid documents will be completed in a few weeks and sent off for final permitting. The solution is to "move" the river back where it originally was, away from the base of the slide, build a stone buttressed "wall" at the base of the slide area (very large blasted stone) and then fill the slide area with large angular stone and rebuild the road to the bridge. The weight of this material will help keep the embankment from continuing to slide and the wall at the base will keep the river from eroding the slope. This approach has been approved by the State stream alteration engineer and the Army Corps of Engineers who both have jurisdiction. The project will be bid to contractors during may but work can not begin until July 1 because of the work in the river itself. Construction may take 2-3 months since access is not great and the placement of this ballasted slope is fussy work.

Sargent Brook Bridges

The first bridge is in the Appalachian Trail corridor so this work is being completely designed and constructed by the Federal Highway Administration. We are told the project will be out for bids and ready for construction to start on July 1 (same reason due to work in the stream). That project will also take a few months at least. The smaller bridge beyond has been designed by our firm but can not be built until the first bridge is complete. Since the Town has no control over the first bridge, and no work can be usually be done in streams after mid-October, the second bridge may have to wait until July, 2015.

Brown Covered Bridge Repairs

The Town has received a grant for the bridge itself to get some significant repairs. This is a project being designed and coordinated by VTrans, not the Town. However, VTrans is reluctant to have the bridge work completed at the same time as the landslide repair because two contractors may need to work in the same space. The Town would like both projects to happen at the same time and we are discussing this with VTrans. But, there is the strong possibility that

the bridge work will be done next year, after the road repair is completed. This may mean some period of bridge closure next year also. But, there is still time for more discussion.

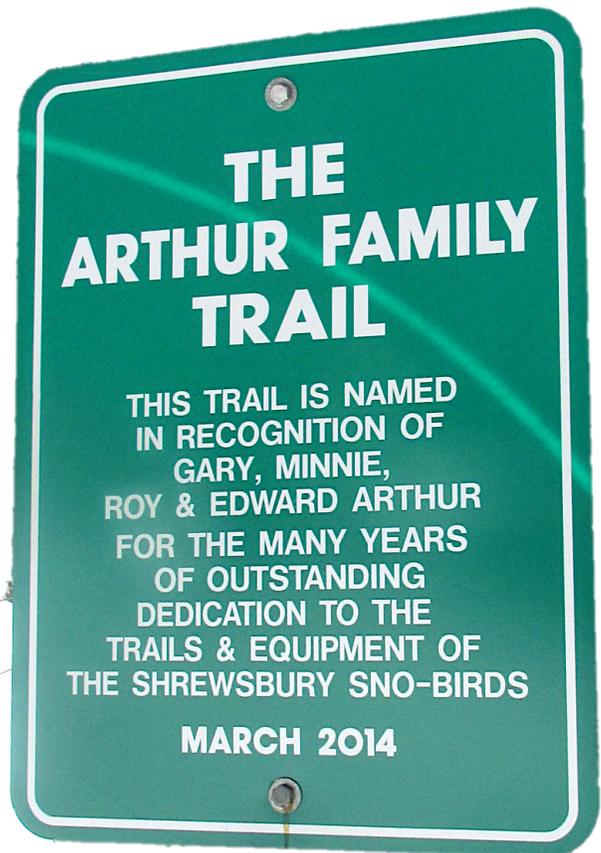
That's it. Our little town was one the hardest hit by Irene but we are so much off the beaten path, few outside of Town knew about it. But, the Town has been very fortunate to receive the aid it has received and the Town's roads and bridges will be much better prepared for another event in the future. Call if you have any questions.

Mark Youngstrom

TOWN WEBSITE

www.shrewsburyvt.org

Same address
New Look starting May 1



Recent sign posted on the Tin Shanty Road to honor the Arthur Family

Photo by Barb Griffith



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 Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kid

★★★

This is the story of Sarah Grinke, a slave owner in Charleston and the parallel story of her slave Hetty or Handful, her mother's name for her. Sarah and her sister became abolitionists and women's rights activists. I found the beginning of the Women's Rights Movement very interesting. The book is a novel but is based on some real facts.

Anonymous Reviewer

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

★★★★★

This is a rich story about the passion of medicine, surgery, and surgeons and is set in Ethiopia on the brink of revolution. Every character is unforgettable, but the story revolves around twin brothers born of a taboo union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon.

Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

Spring
by Nancy "Rill" Bell

A time of long beginnings
Of pastel lace and promise,
Of fecund incantations and pheromones;
A heightened awareness.
I am moved to keep track, like Noah,
Of the pairings, two by two,
The incessant ritual of continuity is here!
A chorus of peepers, then wood frogs,
Then toads and tree frogs come in on cue.
Warblers: Blackburnian, Blue throated,
Chestnut sided, sing the woods into leaf and life.
Mole, vole, mouse, snack and staple of
So many others feathered and furred,
Scurry about for a meal and become one.
Foxes trotting together, courting and
Noting neighborhood chickens,
Oblivious to all, save each other.
Shad Bush, Shadblow, Shadapple,
Many names usher spawning shad upriver.
This first shout of blossoms and copper leaves
-
A hallelujah (!), heralds winter's end.
Also called Serviceberry, it marks frost out and
The burial of the cold weather dead.
It greets those with intentions to hold on
To see one last Spring. I have wondered
If there are a preponderance of deaths
In this fickle season of hope and late snows.
Is anyone keeping track?
Keeping faith?

The Roving Reporter Asked:

What do you remember from your childhood about dandelions?



- * "They're all over the world, and they seem to fret a lot of people" CMc
- * "We made dandelion chains." -DW
- * "The yellow that it leaves on your nose" -LB
- * "My mom used to pay me 25 cents to fill up a paper bag!" -PM
- * "Eating the wonderful greens in salads before the blossoms came out." -TM
- * "My folks made me go around with a little dandelion digger and dig them up in our lawn." -KB
- * "We used to put them under our chin. If there was a reflection of yellow, it meant you liked butter." -DB

- * "I remember a neighbor trying to dig up all the seeds that we had blown toward her yard!" -BG
- * "Mother made dandelion wine one summer. It made her sick and it wasn't pretty!" -CT
- * "We blow them so the seeds go everywhere. You can braid them in your hair too!" -ES
- * "I remember somebody telling me that gossiping was like blowing on a dandelion, once the seeds are scattered, you can't get them back." -ME



SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

•MANY THANKS to Gerry & Chryl Martin and Sandy & Kristi Bragg for their wonderful presentation on their hiking trips in England; the beautiful images and engaging conversation made many of us want to take to those trails (and stop at those pubs!).

•MANY THANKS to members of the SVFD -- Bob Snarski, Ray Dambrackas, and Jon Lees for taking the time to make a Pre-Planning Visit to the Library, to give us recommendations for fire safety. Special thanks to JON for repairing a broken door latch!

•We're very pleased to announce that Gery & Chryl, who have been serving as winter trustees, will become full-time board members. We now have a waiting list for this half-year position, but are happy to add more interested people to the list. We're gratified to have such a wealth of volunteers!

New Books Include:

•*Flash Boys* by Michael Lewis: The author of *The Big Short* reports on the stock brokers who tried to reform how the stock market operates

•*Love and War* by James Carville and Mary Matalin: America's most famous political couple -- he's a Democrat, she's a Republican -- tell about their marriage and move to New Orleans

•*Shotgun Lovesongs* by Nickolas Butler: A novel about a rock star who returns to the small town where he grew up

•*Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America* by Robert Whitaker: A ground-breaking report on the treatment of mental illness, by the author of *Mad in America*.

New DVDs include:

•*The First Grader*: A documentary about a former Mau Mau fighter in Kenya who went to school for the first time as an 84-year old.

New Audio Books include:

•*The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin: about Presidents William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt

•*Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Nazareth* by Reza Aslan.

Coming Events:

Friday, May 16 @ 7:30pm: SRI LANKA WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY presented by Terry & Seamus Martin and Stan & Louise Duda, who traveled there on a build last January. Come for photographs of a fascinating place, stories of an ancient culture, and an inspiring example of volunteer cooperation!

[Please be aware that seating in the Meeting Room is limited; arrive early to be sure of a place.]

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, May 18 @ 3:00pm (a change from the regular time): SCIENCE BOOK CLUB discusses *Ever Since Darwin* by Stephen Jay Gould.

Sunday, May 18 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB discusses *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, the Vermont Humanities Council choice for the 2014 "Vermont Reads" program. A novel for young readers and adults about physical difference, this book is thought-provoking and moving. Books are available at the Library.

Sundays @ 3:30pm. QUILTERS' GROUP: Please contact Gail Hartigan: 492-3605.

Alternate Thursdays @ 7pm: WRITERS' GROUP. Please contact Martha Izzi (492-3346) or Penelope Weiss (492-3345). See the April *Times of Shrewsbury* for an article about the group!



NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

There are some exciting things happening in the Ben Perry room of the Library. Doris Perry, Linda Olney and I are organizing the picture books with hopes of making them more accessible to young children.

This small library has an excellent selection of both children's and young adult books, as well as games, toys, and puzzles; we are working on getting a collection of Legos donated.

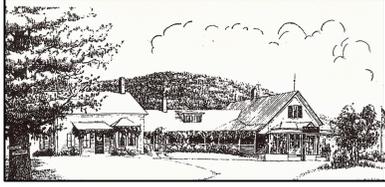
We would love to meet and talk with any families with children, and will be hosting an open house in the future.

The Ben Perry Room and the Young Adult room are bright, cozy and comfortable with nooks to snuggle up in with a book, or a nice place to be read to. We would love to see more young people of all ages using the space, and welcome any ideas or suggestions.

If I can be of help, please call me at 492-3529.

Pam Grace, Children's Librarian

LIFE AT PIERCE'S



This past month I was miles away in New Mexico finishing up my studies in Hypnotherapy. Hypnotherapy is about working with our subconscious minds to help change negative beliefs or behaviors we may have about ourselves into positive ones. I have found it effective in both my personal and professional life. While I was gone, Tim held done the Pierce's Fort. I came home to find the house freshly spring cleaned both inside and out. And no snow! I love the snow, but I am ready to see what life is like at Pierces in the spring.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, Tim set up a table on the back porch so that we may enjoy our meals looking out at the roaring creek behind the house. A bridge Gordon had built a long time ago was washed away during Irene. Only the granite base on each side of the creek remains. We are contemplating building a new one. The birds have been visiting the feeders I set up. I'm not ready to bring them inside, yet, even though I know other animals will be attracted to the feeders, too.

The back porch was built by Marjorie's father way back when. There is a great picture of the porch on page 151 of *The Vermonters The Pierces of North Shrewsbury* by Karen D. Lorentz. I would love to recreate that comfortable looking porch! It was so inviting. Today, it is a mismatch of all our toys, Tim's workshop, and as I stated before, our eating nook.

I can imagine all the good times the Pierces had on

that porch. Visiting with friends and family, reading, and music, and birthday celebrations, such as Marjorie's. Her birthday was May 1, 1903. She would have been 111 years old this month! She was 98 years old when she died. Marjorie's family ran Pierce's General Store from 1918 to 1993. After working as a teacher for many years, she came back to help run the store in 1958. Many of you knew Marjorie and her family. Tim and I only have heard bits and pieces....

During school my hand ached from taking so many notes. This reminded me of a conversation I had with Ahmet, our neighbor. He told me how one of Marjorie's hobbies was recording her family's genealogy. She would hand write all her notes and then rewrite them to make the notes legible. After that, she would type the notes with historical intentions. He said the light in the kitchen would always be on late into the evening. Marjorie would be tapping away on the keyboard with one finger. One finger! He told me how she was a wealth of historical information. She was friendly and loved kids. Halloween night was a big night at the General Store passing out penny candy to the trick or treaters. Several people have told me she had an old Volkswagen bug. Glendon made a wooden key and attached it to her car to make it look like a wind up toy. The car was as well known as Marjorie herself.

Marjorie and her family were well known figures in the Shrewsbury community. I am told Marjorie had presence and good energy. We feel it living at the house. It was nice to learn a little more about her and an appropriate time to honor her for the month of May. There is a saying, "if these walls could talk". Luckily, we have neighbors and friends who are helping our walls indeed talk!

Submitted by Stacy McKiernan



Local Farmer's Markets

Ludlow: (Opens May 23) Every Friday 4-7pm on Okemo Mountain School lawn, 53 Main St., Ludlow

Rutland: (Opens May 10 & 13) Every Saturday 9am-2pm and Tuesday 3pm-6pm in downtown Rutland.

Beardmore Excavating

E-mail: beardmoreexc@vermontel.net

Robert W. Beardmore Jr.

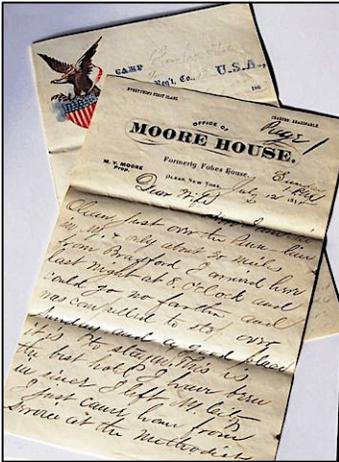
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Civil War Letters to Home



On April 10th, 1863, George Wellington Foster of Cuttingsville celebrated his 23rd birthday while serving 9 month's duty during the Civil War in answer to the call of President Abraham Lincoln. He was also a very young groom, having married his sweetheart, Leona Adams of Cuttingsville before his tour of duty as a drummer for his regiment.

In a letter to his beloved wife dated April 19, 1863, Wolf Run Shoals, Va., he said: "Newton Pratt stayed with me last night just to keep me company. He and I took a walk yesterday and were passing through a large orchard on a high piece of ground and near a large farm house, when we were joined by the proprietor of the estate. He pointed out to us Manassas fortifications and Junction and Manassas Gap, also Bull Run, and many places of interest that could be seen from his farm."

"His name is Ford and his mother was born at Mount Vernon. His grandfather had charge of Mt. Vernon all the time that Gen. Washington was in the army. Mr. Ford has been Judge for this county 12 years and was well acquainted with John A. Washington, the late owner of Mt. Vernon (who was shot by our spies). His grandfather's name was Fairfax on his mother's side and this county was named after the family. Mr. Ford is, or has been quite a man in his day. I can see very plainly his sympathies with the secesh for he called John A. Washington a just and upright man in all things and spoke in favor of the south. He is secesh to the backbone." (Editor's note: secesh means Confederate sympathizer.)

[I went online to see if I could find anything about John A. Washington. Sure enough, an article dated September 14, 1861 from The New York Times states the following: "CLARKSBURGH, Va., Friday, Sept. 13. The rebels commenced an advance on both pikes yesterday morning, towards Elk Water and Chest Mountain Summit. They succeeded in surrounding the fort on the Summit, and cut the telegraph wire. They continued to advance on Elk Water until within two miles of our troops, when a few shells from Loomis' Battery dispersed them. Skirmishing

was kept up all night. This morning two regiments were sent to cut their way through to the summit and succeeded, the rebels retreating in all directions. Two rebel officers, spying, found the camp at Elk Water this morning were surprised by our pickets and shot. The body of one was brought into camp and it proved to be that of Col. John A. Washington, of Mount Vernon.]"

On May 10th, Foster made these observations: "Strawberries are all blown out and there is plenty of them. Blackberry bushes are plenty and grape vines everywhere. Wild rose bushes grow thick around here, also black snakes, lizards, big spiders, wood ticks and body lice. Whippoorwills sing us to sleep at night. Quails and all sorts of the feathered tribe visit us in the morning."

And on May 29th, he wrote his wife: "I wish you could be down here a little while. I would show you some of the country. It is very beautiful here now. All the trees are leaved out almost to their full bigness and their foliage is most splendid. There is more wood in these parts than in Vermont. More than I expected to see when I came to Virginia. The land is as hilly as at home, tho the hills are not quite so lofty. I saw a piece of clover yesterday that was over a foot tall and looked fit to cut tho it was not in the bloom. This would be a pleasant place to live in if we had Vermont people to live with."

Foster wrote to his wife on May 24th: "Do you know when calculated going to market and is father Adams going to keep ready made clothing? I heard some of the boys say that they wanted clothing when they got home and they had rather buy off Adams than anybody else for he always sizes the boys well. (Editor's note: The Adams's store was located on Rt. 103, opposite the old Brick store. The original building was destroyed in the 1903 fire.)

"We are having hot weather. The sun rises and sets red and grows more red every day. The atmosphere is smoking and is filled with delightful perfumes. The locust trees are very plenty here and are all blown out. We had a review yesterday of the Regiment battery and cavalry. Gen. Stannard and staff were over to review them. It took place at 10 o'clock and was awful hot. We came near melting down into our boots. I never saw so good marching and a better review."

The first Meeting of the SHS for 2014 will take place on Tuesday evening, 7pm, May 6. All are welcome

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

Credo?

By Martha Herbert Izzi,

I drifted into the new year
without my usual resolve
to do something. Anything
really.

Midnight washed over me
like a mighty wave that deposits
wood or weed onto the wet sand.

Unplanned.

I lay there. Do I build a castle?
Do I care about castles?
Do I believe in castles? Do I believe?

Three friends missed the fun
of welcoming the new year.

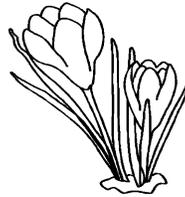
They left soon
before the party began.

I wonder if they knew
what they believed then or
ever?

I cannot ask them.
They left on an outgoing wave
and drifted.

The seeds spring forth
Growing with the light.
We spring forth
Growing with the light.
Transformed by love
The hope of a new
and better world.

Rita Lane



**First Crocus
Bloomed**

April 2, 2009
April 1, 2010
April 11, 2014

What I Learned This Winter

by Gary Salmon

What a Polar Vortex is!

Snow should be dealt with
fresh fallen; not after it has
settled!

A red fox will eat suet from
beneath a bird feeder after
dark.

Mailbox hinges always fail
on the side that the snowplow
came from.

You can always tell which
of your neighbors are using old
wood stoves by the soot spots on the
backs of the hands and forearms.

What a great Town Road Crew
looks like: SHREWSBURY!!



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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

FREE Community Supper

May 31 at 5:30pm Town Hall/Meeting House

Come One ! Come All!

Live Music, Fun! Free and open to the community. To help us plan please call Earl or Julanne 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.

Community Sharing Project

The Community Sharing Project is a local volunteer organization, under the Shrewsbury Community Church, which helps families, elderly and people with disabilities in need. Requests may be made for groceries, child or adult clothing needs. Items will be distributed in December.

The ability to help members of our community is totally dependent on the amount of donations received and the help from local volunteers. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting new project!

This year as we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday May 11 and Father's Day on June 15 we are honoring and remembering Mothers and Fathers by designating these two days as "Community Sharing Days". We are accepting donations of \$5 in memory or in honor of Mothers and Fathers. Donations will go to the Community Sharing Project. All remembrances will be listed in our Sunday Bulletins on Mother's Day and Father's Day and in a future edition of the *Times of Shrewsbury*.

Send your check made out to Shrewsbury Community Church to:

Shrewsbury Community Church, c/o Sue Kelley, PO Box 366 Shrewsbury VT 05738

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Mailing Address: _____

Donation amount _____ **\$5** or _____ **other amount.**

In memory or in the name of: _____

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

May 4 @ 1030am: Worship Service and Holy Communion @ Center Church-Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a non-perishable food item.

May 11 @ 1030am: Worship Service led by Rev. Cindy Yee.

May 18 @ 1030am: Worship Service led by Rev. Skip Dickinson.

May 21 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting. The next meeting will take place at the home of Judy Pitts. Call Judy at 775-0678 to let her know if you can attend. Please bring a bag lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided.

May 25 @ 1030am: Worship Service led by Pastor Rita Lane.

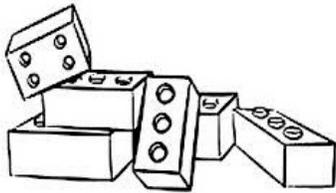
May 31 @ 530pm: Free Community Supper Town Hall/Meeting House . All are Welcome!

Food Items Needed

We are in need of non-perishable food items to restock the food shelf. Please bring items to the Shrewsbury Community Church any Sunday between 9am-12pm. Thank you

Mission Project Event

Julanne Sharrow and I were fortunate to be able to attend the SW Assoc of the UCC Mission Day "Beyond Our Walls." We gathered with others from South Western VT at the 2nd Congregational Church in Bennington. We spent the day learning what mission work is being done in our church communities and working on Mission Projects. Juleanne and I worked with two other ladies putting together 165 School Kits. We were exhausted at the end of the day but we really enjoyed the project and the opportunity to work, learn and worship with folks from other churches. It was rewarding to think of the kids who may receive the School Kits.



Looking for LEGOS!

The Shrewsbury Library is seeking donations of LEGOS for future programs. We welcome all sizes and shapes, kits are not necessary.

Keep an eye out for the LEGO program when we have collected enough Legos.

Questions?

Call Doris Perry 492-3440 or Pam Grace 492-3529



Think Spring; Plant a Tree

Once you have planted a tree you never have to ask why again. You just know because it is a part of each of us. For those who have yet to plant a tree here are just a few of the real reasons that trees end up as a part of our lives in our yards, streets, parks, town greens, cemeteries, downtowns, and other spaces made more beautiful by green.

We plant trees to fill an empty space in our communities and ourselves. Both spaces can be filled; one with a tree and the other with a smile saying "well done."

We plant trees because it is a direct action you can take to improve the scenery. You only need look at a street or house or park or downtown without trees to see the difference that trees can make.

We plant trees just to share the experience. Trees are best planted with friends. The more the better – friends and trees.

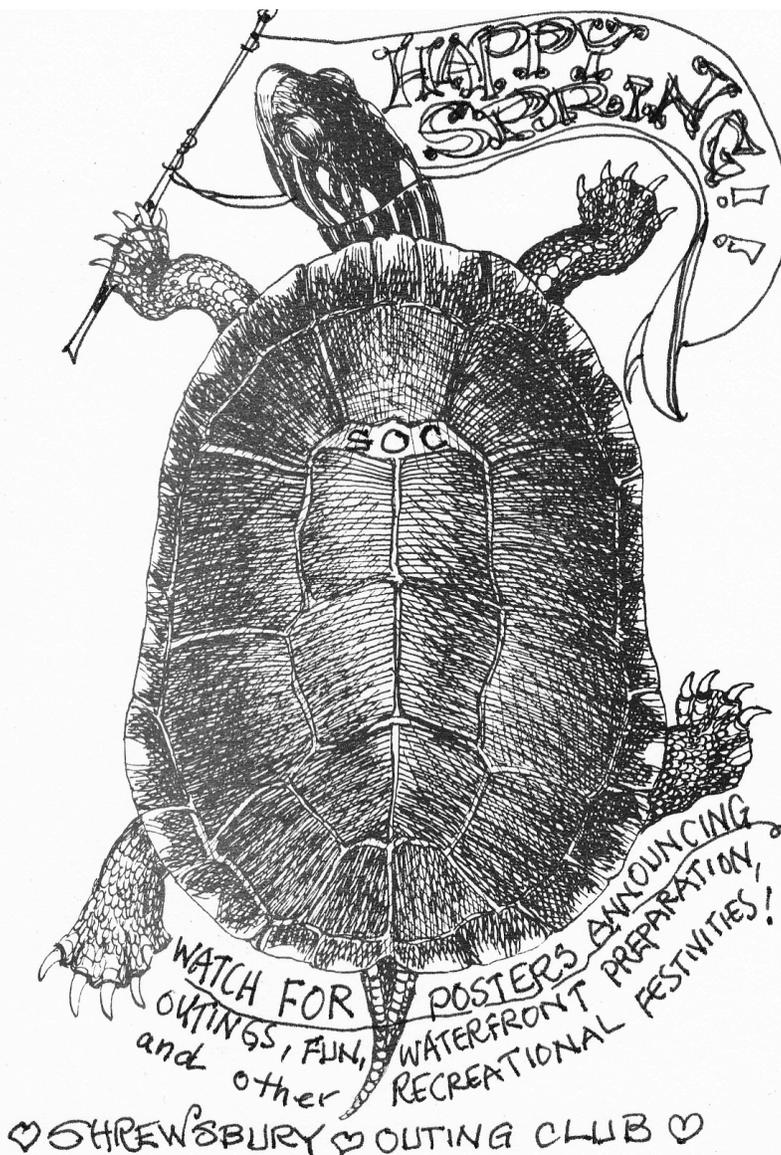
We plant trees for squirrels to play in; branch to branch, tree to tree. Help those creatures tree dependent for a part of their lives. Give them places to nest, hide, find food, eat insects, and live. Plant a tree.

We plant trees to give a third dimension to the shrubs and flowers that live in a lower strata. It's called a plant community and is made better by both short and tall.

We plant trees for our children and our communities for these are the beautiful parts of our lives. All three (trees, children, and community) will grow larger and more beautiful as they grow older. Our legacy.

For information on the HOW of planting trees contact the newly appointed Shrewsbury Tree Warden Gary Salmon.

*Submitted by Gary Salmon
gsalmon@vermontel.net*



MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

After a long and rather severe winter, it is truly a joy to turn toward the sun and think about the many wonderful events and activities that will take place at MRUHS in the month of May.

National Honor Society: The National Honor Society members are hosting a Chocolate Tasting event on Saturday, May 3, from 5:00-8:00pm. at the American Legion Post 31 in Rutland to raise money for this year's holiday basket program.

Loyalty Day Parade: This year's Loyalty Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 4, beginning at 2:00pm. The 115 member (Grades 7-12) Mill River Marching Band will step out playing "America the Beautiful" and the "Armed Forces Salute". Students memorize the music to both pieces, and it is a joy to watch them march down the streets of Rutland to commemorate a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and the heritage of American freedom.

All State Parade: The marching band will also participate in this year's All State Music Parade in St. Johnsbury on Wednesday, May 7th. This is the grand opening of the All State Honors Music Festival that will be held from May 8-10 at St. Johnsbury Academy. Fifteen MRUHS musicians were selected by audition to participate this year.

Stage 20 Production: The 7th and 8th grade Stage 20 production will be performed on May 9th and 10th at 7:30 P.M. in the school's theatre. This year's show is *The Coming of the Kings*. The play, written by Ted Hughes, follows the story of the Nativity in a magical way. The show will incorporate shadow puppets to tell this tale of an innkeeper and his wife who are visited by a cast of characters awaiting, for their own reasons, the arrival of a mysterious guest. All seats for this production are \$5.

Job Shadow Day: All eighth graders will participate in a Job Shadow Day on Friday, May 16th. The purpose of this event is to give students the opportunity to follow someone whose chosen career path is something they are considering themselves.

The Prom: The MRUHS Prom will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00- 12:00pm. at The Holiday Inn. Family and friends are invited to stop by at 11:00pm to see the crowning of the king and queen and the announcing of the court.

Celebration of the Arts / Art Work: This year's art show will feature visual art work from both high school and middle school art classes displayed in the

school library. Highlights include life-size tape figures by the high school sculpture students, as well as silk paintings by the high school painting class. The extensive high school digital photography display will be in the cafeteria. Middle school clay bowls and sculptures are displayed in the main entrance display cases as well as in the school library. Middle school students studying the work of glass artist Dale Chihuly will create a non-glass piece based on his work. Art work will be displayed from 6:30pm Tuesday evening through 9:00pm Thursday evening.

Celebration of the Arts / Instrumental Concert and Art Show: The first night of this year's Celebration of the Arts will be held on Tuesday, May 20, from 7:00 – 9:00pm. The students are working on *Symphony #1* by Johan DeMeij, a very challenging piece of music inspired by J.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*. The two parade pieces performed this year by the marching band will also be performed, and veterans and current members of the military in the audience will be asked to stand during the Armed Forces Salute.

Celebration of the Arts / Vocal Concert and Art Show: The second night of this year's Celebration of the Arts will be held on Thursday, May 22. The students are working on Beethoven's *Halleluja* from the *Mount of Olives* with piano accompaniment. This is a very difficult piece, and it is exciting to see our vocalists challenging their focus and skill.

Memorial Day Parades: The MRUHS Band will also be marching in Memorial Day Parades on Sunday, May 25 in Middletown Springs at 3:00pm and in Wallingford on Monday, May 26, at 10:00am.

Odyssey of the Mind: The Mill River Union High School *Odyssey of the Mind* Team placed first in this year's 35th Annual Statewide Competition held on March 22 at Champlain Valley Union High School. Members of this year's team are sophomores Rachel Patch, Collin Stoodley, Alyssa LuBow, Gabrielle Lazzaro, and Skyler Ambrose. They are being coached by Rebecca Patch, a graduate of MRUHS who is currently attending CSC. They will be competing at the World Finals from May 27 – June 1 on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames, Iowa. The OM Team is holding a spaghetti supper on May 16 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. as a fundraiser to aid in financing their trip. Tickets are \$10. for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12 and seniors. Take out will be available!

Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505

Mill River Union High School News

A Message from Principal Pomeroy: Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) have grown to be a useful tool for the staff to use in order to improve student learning. Our meetings are planned with this year's goal being to create common assessments that will be used to determine how students are doing in all areas of learning here at MRU. These assessments will allow us to adjust our instruction in order to meet students' needs better. An example, from the English department, is having students create an "argument essay". Argument is a style similar to persuasive in that it tells the author's point of view and allows space for counter argument. The difference is that an argument is not trying to convince someone of the "rightness" of his or her argument, but merely to state it well. The Leadership Team continues to guide this work. We have just a few more PLC Wednesdays left, and we will be providing a report to the board about how it has gone and the recommendations for possible inclusion in the schedule next year. We will also be addressing the issue of lost instructional time in that report.

Looking Back: On Wednesday, April 30th, a Dialogue Day was held for students in Grades 7&8 to discuss this year's extended TA theme of nutrition. The day featured two panel discussions, a book discussion group, a video and a healthy snack. The first panel focused on the food industry, and presentations were made by the Abby Group, a local farmer who sells produce to the school, and the Rutland Farmers' Market director. The second panel was oriented towards fitness and featured presentations by a personal trainer, a chiropractor, and faculty members Ms. Valente and Mrs. Striglia.

Submitted by Sally Snarski

MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

The House side of the Legislature has acted on the major tax and spending bills. The Misc.Tax and Property Tax Bills raised many fees and the education property tax rate. The increases in revenue were proposed by the Ways and Means Committee. Many fees are set to respond to the money required to administer through the Office of Professional regulation the many registered professions in our state. My areas of concern are the reduction in the Research and Development Tax Credit, and the large tax increase in e-cigarettes at the wholesale level. The Property Tax Rate Bill passed with a four-cent increase, which had been proposed to be as high as seven cents. It contains changes over several years to small school grants, the renter rebate program,

and creates a property tax appeals study. The bill would also require that one-third of any general fund surplus be committed to pay the health care obligation for retired teachers. The tax rate is adjusted to reflect the statewide spending on schools. The seven-cent increase was lower because spending went up by a lower amount than anticipated.

The big budget bill includes the money required to operate state government, fulfill our commitments in the areas of human resources, grants, and school funding. I hope to see some spending reductions, and lower the need to raise the necessary related taxes offered by the Senate side.

The bill to address the underfunded teacher pension fund is being considered. H.673 would begin to change how the retired teachers health care costs are being paid. The bill as proposed would increase the weekly contribution for non-vested and new teachers into the system from 5% to 6%. It would also require an annual assessment paid by the hiring school district for each new teacher. This amount would be set annually, but also needs to be paid each year. This is a real cause for concern as it would be placed on local school budgets and paid by the property tax. The assessment starting in 2015 has an estimated first-year cost of \$1,072. I have mentioned in previous articles that this underfunded obligation is a serious concern. The proposals in the bill were worked out by the State Treasurer, Governor's Administration, School Boards Association, and the Vermont – NEA and will not likely be changed. My understanding is this is an attempt to move some of their health care cost to the Education Fund. One question unknown at this point is whether moving to a single-payer system in 2017 would help address the problem.

On the lighter side, the Mount Holly mammoth tooth and tusk will become our state's official 'terrestrial fossil' with the signing of Fish and Wildlife Bill H.589. It was added as an amendment to the bill by Senator Alice Nitka. The Mount Holly Historical Museum Board and our elementary school appreciate her action, and can now look forward to requesting a state historic site marker be erected near the site of where the fossils were discovered, when the last spike was driven to complete the railroad from Burlington to Boston, and our fossils being named our state's co-fossil along with the Charlotte whale.

Please contact me at 802-259-2460, or with a message at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us.

Rep. Dennis Devereux

Advanced Directives Assistance

If you need help completing an Advance Directive you can:

- Call the Community Health Team at 773-9888 or
- Visit www.rmmc.org- type Advance Directive in the search function view a video or
- Call the Rutland Community Health Center @ 773-3386.

It's never too early to put in writing your wishes should you need serious medical or hospice care.

Submitted by Sue Ransom-Kelley

National Healthcare Decisions Day--April 16

April 16 designates National Healthcare Decisions Day, an initiative to encourage people to express their wishes regarding healthcare and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be. Start the Conversation was created to encourage families to learn and talk about end-of-life care before a health crisis or serious illness. The program uses interactive worksheets, discussions, and questionnaires to help with understanding of options and talk about them with family. For info about National Healthcare Decision Day: www.StartTheConversationVT.org and www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

Wallingford Rotary Club News

Wallingford Rotary Club is pleased to announce its newest member – Shrewsbury's Randell Barclay. Our Rotary Club is based in Wallingford – the village where Rotary's founder Paul Harris grew up. However, the Club has had many members from Shrewsbury over the years, and Randell continues that tradition. Our Rotary Club also wants to make sure that parents (and grandparents) are aware of the following upcoming events which are open to Shrewsbury's children:

Bicycle Safety Day: Saturday, May 17 at the Wallingford Elementary School, from 10am to 12:30pm. Attendees will receive a bicycle helmet, personally selected and fitted. Bring your bicycle for a safety inspection and tune-up, and to practice your riding skills on our obstacle courses. Enter for a chance to win a new bicycle of your choice, or other prizes. Hot dogs, face painting and much more – all offered without charge as a service to our community.

Annual Fishing Clinic: Saturday morning, June 7 at beautiful Glendenning Pond on West Hill Road in Wallingford. Save the date! We'll provide details in the June issue of the *Times*.

Submitted by Barry Griffith

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

Tinmouth Old Firehouse concerts

The musicians get 90% of your \$10 or more donations, and the Town the other 10% for use of the building. Homemade desserts, coffee, and tea are available when the doors open at 7pm. Concerts begin at 7:30 with an intermission for socializing and more dessert.

- May 10: Stephen Kiernan - Guitar
- May 23: PossumHaw – Bluegrass
- June 6: House Blend

One for the Records

A group is organizing an attempt on the Guinness Book of World Records - Longest Contra Dance Line. This event is to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 on the Campus of the College of St. Joseph in Rutland. The Guinness Event is to begin at 3:00pm when people line up and perform the attempt. This will be followed by a large community potluck and end with a large regular contra dance that evening in the gymnasium. The Guinness Event and potluck are free and open to the public with free T-Shirts. The Evening Dance has a fee with two national bands: Perpetual E-Motion and Giant Robot Dance. More information can be obtained on Facebook Page: Attempting the World's Longest Contra Dance Line.

Submitted by Eric Smith

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802-259-2292
kevin@belmontgeneralstore.com



4th Annual Pickin Party You're Invited

When: Sunday, June 15th
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Rick & Annie Lees
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Cuttingsville, VT 05738
(802) 492-3693

Please bring a dish to share, BYOB, lawn chairs, and get ready to have some fun!

Directions:
From North—US 7 south, left onto VT 203, left on to Town Hill Road; house is .5 miles on left.
From the South—US 4 to US 7 south, left onto VT 103, left onto Town Hill Road; house is .5 miles on left.

Noon on Loyalty Day--May 4th Come Join In On The Cairo Fun 5K Walk/Run

Do you like to walk? Do you like to jog? Do you like to run? Bring the family and enjoy a walk, jog or run around beautiful downtown Rutland prior to the Loyalty Day Parade. The route is planned, the roads are closed and the Cairo Shriners have planned a 5K (+/- 3 mile) route to enjoy with the family at 12 noon, Sunday May 4th beginning at the Cairo Shriners office, 51 Washington Street in downtown Rutland.

The registration fee???...well, you decide...YOU CHOOSE CASH FOR CAIRO (by donation). The run will end at 1:00pm, so stay downtown and enjoy the Loyalty Day Parade.

Please register ahead of time by contacting Cairo Shrine contact us at bjferguson@vermontel.net, or admin@cairoshriners.com, or call 747-3400 and a registration package will be sent to you.

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- Manage a section of the inventory (produce, for example)
- Perform periodic inventory counts
- Restock shelves, bulk bins, paper products
- Work the register

If you'd like more information about ways you could help, please call Sally at the store any weekday morning.

New Items

- Arrowhead Mills Organic Cornmeal
 - Maraschino Cherries
 - Nestea Lemon Tea
 - Myer's (from Burlington) Bagels (frozen)
- Prince Spaghetti & Elbow Macaroni are on sale this month!*

Did you know?

- Pierce's has quick meals like pot pies & microwaveable dinners in the freezer
- Pierce's has all the ingredients so you can make your own pot pies – on our shelves and in the coolers and freezer

Friday Night Dinners

May 9 - Carol Calotta is making Tilapia Asian style with spinach and rice with brownies for dessert. (\$9.99)

May 23 - Nancy Ellery is making a "Middle Eastern Plate" of fresh hummus, tabouli (no canned beans), and pita bread with gazpacho. (\$8.99)

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,

Beginning May 1, all coffee will be \$1.00 a cup. Any size. Your cup or ours. Tax included. No more searching around for pennies or waiting for change.

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
Tuesday	Egg or Sesame Seed	Stew (usu. Chicken)	Scones / Sticky & Cinnamon Buns
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 May is:

Soups

Asparagus	5/9 & 5/21
Butternut Squash	5/2, 5/11 & 5/23
Corn Chowder	5/28
Cream of Mushroom	5/30
Creole Lentil w/ Andouille & Kale	5/31
French Carrot	5/7
Ital. Veg w/kale & Sausage	5/10 & 5/18
Lentil w/ Sausage & Kale	5/3 & 5/14
Mexican Corn & Cabbage	5/25
Minestrone	5/4 & 5/16
Polish Borscht w/ Kielbasa	5/24
Split Pea	5/17

Dates

** Friday Meals

5/2, 5/16 & 5/30	Lasagna
5/9 & 5/23	Mac & Cheese

Date & Pizza Variety

5/7	Onions, Gorgonzola, Artichokes & Mozzarella
5/14	Putanesca (tomatoes, Kalamata olives, capers, parsley, garlic, olive oil, anchovies, mozzarella)
5/21	Sausage & Peppers
5/28	Mushroom Marinara

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