



Times of Shrewsbury



July 2014

Unique Rock Service at the base of Shrewsbury Peak, July 27

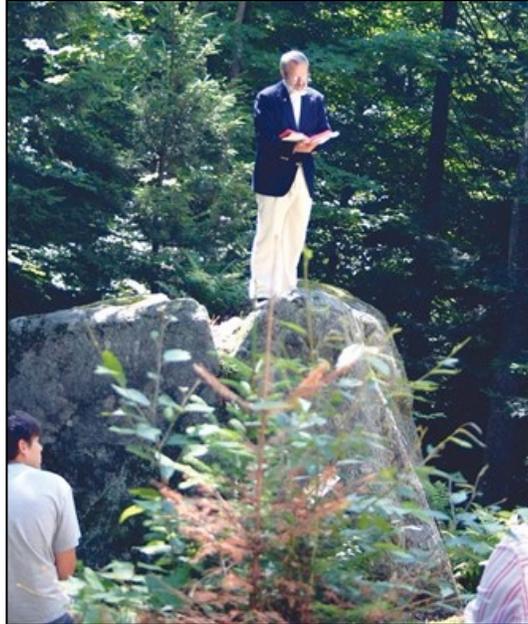
A glacial boulder situated in a natural amphitheater has inspired reflection since 1818. The public is invited to attend one of Vermont's most unusual traditions, a "rock service." No this isn't about rock'n roll, it is the annual pilgrimage to **Meeting House Rock on July 27 at 11am** for a worship service set in a beautiful woodland setting.

The "Rock Service," as it is known commemorates the religious services first held at the Rock in 1818. The service also celebrates the natural beauty of the world while recognizing the many ties that bind people to history, each other, and a special place.

Located at the base of Shrewsbury Peak, just below the CCC Road in the Calvin Coolidge State Forest, Meeting House Rock is a glacial boulder situated in a natural amphitheater with forest and sky forming a dramatic canopy overhead. People settle on blankets atop mounds of soft mosses or perch on old logs. Some bring folding chairs. Pastor Rita Lane will conduct the service. There will be special music and Dorothy Rice, music director, will lead the hymns.

Early residents first met at the Rock for religious services at a time before there was a church building and when Elders preached and conducted services in homes, at a schoolhouse, or (in good weather) at the Rock. Elder Knapp also performed baptisms in a depression or "baptizing hole" near the Rock. Baptisms have also occurred in more recent times, as well as marriages at the Rock.

By 1840 the congregation had grown to 250 members and built the rustic but handsome Northam Church, still in use today. With the church building providing a house of worship, the Rock site was abandoned, but it was revived for the Northam Church's Centennial in July 1923.



Obscured by the growth of the forest in ensuing years, the Rock was forgotten until rediscovered by residents out walking. The church began an annual pilgrimage for a summer service in 1939. A church picnic often followed at the adjacent Northam Picnic Area, built by the CCC in 1935 when they were building the CCC Road over to Route 100 in Plymouth.

The church cordially invites the public to also share in the fellowship and fun at the picnic afterward. The potluck picnic will be held at the Northam Church so visitors will get a

chance to see the historic building with its hanging oil lamps and original pump organ. The Northam Church was built with lumber from a mill located on the CCC Road and the story goes that when the machinery broke down, Mary Russell Wright hand sawed lumber by lamp light so the men would have their materials the next day.

If it rains on July 27, the service and picnic will be held in the Northam Church at 11am. Meeting House Rock is reachable via the North Shrewsbury end and the Plymouth side of the CCC Road following repair of the damage from Tropical Storm Irene.

The Rock Site is about three miles east of Pierce's Store in North Shrewsbury. (Visitors can reach the store from Rutland via the Cold River Road in North Shrewsbury.) Parking is at the adjacent former picnic area/Stone Chimney or along the road. Casual dress is suggested.

For more information or directions, call Shrewsbury Pastoral Care Minister Rita Lane (775-2578) or church officers Sue Kelley (492-3738) or Roxanne Ramah (492-3675).

By Karen D. Lorentz

In Memoriam

On behalf of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, I want to extend our condolences to the family of Rene Lincoln, who passed away on June 13, 2014. Rene's exuberance and determination was remarkable. We remember that as co/chairman Arthur Patten introduced his co/chair Rene at the townwide Bicentennial celebration in 1991, he said, "Without Rene, there would be no celebration today." So true, she did it all.

Ruth Winkler, Secretary, SHS

To My Friend Dear Rene,

This morning I was sitting in my recliner looking out at the mountain and in my yard I saw a Red-Winged Blackbird. Minutes later I saw a Bluebird. What a breath of Spring.

Then my thoughts went to you. I was thinking what a journey you had leaving your place of birth to come to the beautiful town of Shrewsbury. I remember when you and your family moved here, it made a new light in town at the end of Lottery Road. I am so lucky to have crossed your path.

Now whenever I see a Red-Winged Blackbird or a Bluebird, my thoughts will be of you.

Your Friend, Larry Carraran

Friday, June 13, Rene Lincoln passed away. It truly was a day that had some meaning. It was Friday the 13th, a full moon and mercury was in retrograde. It was her way of telling us to expect things not to come easily and was a favored expression of hers.

Rene's obituary in the Rutland Herald highlighted her considerable volunteer activities and achievements. I would like to talk about her as a valued friend to our family. There were many holidays that the Lincoln family, the Walsh-Schoch family and our family would celebrate together, of-

ten by rotating the holidays between the different homes. We were truly an extended family and had so many wonderful times together. Rene would often be the source of an organized activity. None of us will forget the dowsing days and I for one will always treasure the dowsing pendulum which was gifted to me and to each and every one of us.

I first met Rene at her sister Debbie's house when she was contemplating moving to Shrewsbury to be close to Debbie and her family. It was a move that prompted her sister, Pam, to also move to the area. I will never forget the time that Rene and Rip showed us a map of what the northeast USA would look like with global climate change. She assured us all that the map was correct and that we here in Shrewsbury would be affected, but not destroyed. I think I was hooked from that day forward. One could surely count on Rene to have a fascinating view of the world and it made for wonderful discussions, especially when we were crafting together.

For all of Rene's social works, she also had a solitary bend. Many days were spent looking for geologically interesting places, (particularly cairns). Her love of stone prompted her to spend time looking for gems. Many of us who knew her were also gifted with special rocks. Her quest for understanding the spirit world was paramount. And many of her days "off" would be spent in her kayak.

Her love for nature was only surpassed by her love for her husband, Rip, and their three children, Ashley, Tori, and Chris and her sister and family, Debbie, Steve, Hockley, Tristan and Gifford, and her sister Pam.

I and all of the Winnicki family will really miss her laugh and her presence.

Sharon Winnicki for Meredith, Lara and Roger, too.

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

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Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org and www.rutlandrpc.org/townnewsletters.ph

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- July 6 1-3pm *Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum opens for the season
 July 8 12noon Senior Lunch at Lake House, Lake Bomoseen. Contact Heather Shay 492-2284 or heather@garrenshay.com to make reservations.
 July 11 5-7pm *Wine tasting at Pierce's Store
 July 12 10 -3pm *Cave Painting program with Charlie Paquicn sponsored by the Library
 July 16 12 noon *Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Roxanne Ramah 492-3675
 July 16 7pm *Republican Town Caucus meeting at Maynards home
 July 20 4pm *Famous Books Book Club discussion at the Library
 July 27 11am *Community Church service at the Meeting House Rock followed by picnic in Northam
 July 27 4pm *Science Book Club discussion at the Library
- Aug 2 5:30pm Free Community Supper Shrewsbury Town Hall (Meeting House)
 Aug 2 11-3pm *First Annual Paddle Battle fundraising event to benefit Spring Lake Ranch
 Aug 2 7:30pm *Mettawee Theatre sponsored by the Library at Shrewsbury Mountain School
 * see elsewhere in newsletter for details



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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| Board of Selectmen Meeting | 1st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office |
| Bone Builders | Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House |
| Library Trustees' Meeting | 2 nd Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library |
| Mill River Union School Board Mtg | 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School |
| Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals | Friday nights |
| Planning Commission | 1 st & 3 rd Mondays—7:30pm at Town Office |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) | Sundays—10:00am at Shrewsbury Library, upstairs |
| Shrewsbury Community Church Worship | Sundays—10:30am at Northam Church in North Shrewsbury |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum | Sundays, July 6 to October 26, 2014 from 1-3pm |
| Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg | 2 nd & 4 th Mondays—6:30pm at Mountain School |
| Shrewsbury Sno-Birds | 2 nd Tuesdays—7:00pm at the Snow Angel Tavern in Mendon |
| Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept. | Thursdays—7:00pm at Cuttingsville Station |
| Conservation Commission | 1 ST Tuesday—5pm at Town Office |

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

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

Cuttingsville Post Office 492-3585
 Mon-Fri Counter 8am-11am & 12:30pm-4:30pm,
 Lobby 7:30am-5:00pm
 Saturday Counter 8am-10:30am; Lobby 7:30am-10:30am

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

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

Transfer Station
 Sun 8am-4pm & Wed 1pm-7pm

Shrewsbury Town Library 492-3410
 Mon, Fri & Sat 10am-Noon
 Tues & Thurs 7pm-9pm
 Wed 10am-5pm AND 7pm-9pm

Ambulance 773-1700
CVPS power outage 1-800-451-2877
Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911
Rutland Hospital 775-7111 7/20/14

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT



Summer is here, and with it, a potential for water contamination and insect bites. Due to seasonal flooding, the Department of Health recommends the following to ensure the safety of **residential drinking water**; call the laboratory at (800) 660-9997 to order.

- Yearly testing for coliform bacteria (Kit A)
- Testing for inorganic chemicals every five years (Kit C)
- Testing for naturally-occurring alpha radiation every five years (Kit RA)

Prevention measures against ticks and mosquitos - with thorough inspection & removal - are important, but **what do you do if you have a tick bite?**

Try to remove the tick as soon as you discover it because prompt removal can prevent Lyme disease. It can take 36 hours for a tick to transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease to you.

Safely remove the tick:

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers and firmly grasp the tick close to the skin. Avoid touching the tick with your bare hands.
2. With a steady motion, pull straight up until all parts of the tick are removed. Do not twist or jerk the tick. Do not be alarmed if the tick's mouthparts remain in the skin. Once the mouthparts are removed from the rest of the tick, it can no longer transmit the Lyme disease bacteria. **DO NOT** use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish, or other products to remove a tick. These methods are not effective.

Thoroughly wash your hands and the bite area

After removing the tick, wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Clean the tick bite with soap and water or use an antiseptic, such as iodine scrub or rubbing alcohol.

Watch for symptoms of Lyme disease

If a tick is attached to your skin for less than 36 hours, your chance of getting Lyme disease is small. But just in case, monitor your health closely and be on the alert for symptoms of Lyme disease. Symptoms may begin as soon as 3 days after a tick bite or as long as 30 days after, but they usually appear within 1 to 2 weeks. **Contact your healthcare provider if you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, joint pain, muscle aches and fatigue soon after a tick bite.**

Submitted by Daphne LeaHemmer



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

July is going to be a very busy month for your Fire Department. We have written in the past about having a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) on scene when firefighters are working inside a structure, analyzing the situation and ready to intervene in the case of entrapment or other emergency. Rutland City firefighter Mike Barrett has conducted RIT training sessions for our members in the past; we plan to have him back in the weeks ahead. We will also be training with the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team (DHART), which can dispatch its helicopter and crew to the scene of a serious accident or other medical emergency. Look for the DHART helicopter landing at Jackson Gore on July 8. Thanks to the Ludlow Fire Department for organizing this event and inviting us to participate. On Saturday, July 12 we will hold our annual coin drop fundraiser on Route 103 in Cuttingsville, to help defray our operating costs. After that, we will continue training looking forward to the annual Vermont State Firefighters Association convention and muster competition, to be held in St. Albans on July 26. We'll report more about all of this in future editions of the *Times*.

We have been testing and taking stock of our fire hoses, which unfortunately do not last forever. Several lengths of our 3" hose were leaking badly and had to be taken out of service. Replacement sections have been ordered. The Ludlow Fire Department has given us several lengths of 2½" hose which we have placed on our trucks so we will be able to flow water in the meantime. Chances are that you have not thought much about fire hoses! Choosing the best hose for the job is an important part of Fire Department planning. Generally speaking, a smaller diameter hose is easier to maneuver – think about your garden hose – while larger diameter hoses deliver larger volumes of water. When our members enter a burning building, standard procedure calls for them to carry an attack hose 1¾" in diameter, which can squirt about 150 gallons of water a minute. SVFD now uses 3" diameter hose to put water onto a burning structure from the outside. This larger hose generally requires two firefighters to control it, but is capable of flowing up to 300 gallons of water a minute. This is very simplistic, but will perhaps give you a basic understanding of why fire hoses come in different sizes.

Enjoy the summer. STAY FIRE SAFE!

By Barry Griffith for SVFD



Good Food Bus

The Good Food Bus, a project of SAGE (Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education) went to the Shrewsbury Mountain School on the last day of classes. It brought plants for the kids to take home, hosted an herbal tea tasting, art projects, and potting up herb seedlings also for kids to take home. The kids were also given "passports" to take home and fill out over the summer the theme of which was gardening, farming. The following day the big blue bus was off to the Lutheran Church in Rutland for the beginning of the summer Stone Soup project.....food based education and cooking classes open to all.

--Submitted by Emmett Sirjane



Thanks to Mrs. Fishwick, Julia Bonafine and the SMS teachers for making the Good Food Bus event possible -- and many thanks to Fran Castillo and Emmett Sirjane for painting and decorating the bus, Galen and Greg Miller for organizing the project, Marc Cimonetti for driving the bus, Martha Sirjane for showing the kids how to plant and care for herbs, and Maeve Mangine for helping with set-up and clean-up. Special thanks to Alchemy Gardens, Caravan Gardens, and Evening Song Farm, and Mike Guay of Enchanted Flora for donating plants. --Joan Aleshire

Thank you Bob Perry

The Selectboard with regret has accepted Bob Perry's letter of resignation and would like to thank him for his years of service as attendant and as an assistant to Dick Adams for many years. Bob will be leaving his position as transfer station attendant on July 2, and we wish him all the best in the future. If you see him, shake his hand and thank him. --Bert Potter, Selectboard

Due to the vacancy applicants for the position are being sought as follows:

Transfer Station Attendant
Available on Sundays 8-4 and Wednesdays 1-7
On the job training will be offered and paid

If you are interested, please send a letter to:
 Selectboard c/o Town Clerk
 9823 Cold River Road
 Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

Notice

Republican Town Caucus

When: Wednesday, July 16 @ 7pm

Where: Residence of Hull & Taffy Maynard

Agenda: -Committee Organization
 -Informational Session
 -Political Button Expo
 -JP Nominations
 -New Business

Contact: Larry 345-0587



Under an Umbrella

We've had the same wrought iron patio furniture for 30 years but have never had a patio table umbrella to add that extra flair that all those chic magazine photos display.....that is until this summer. We've never even looked for a patio umbrella in a store and really haven't even thought much about having one. But seeing two possible candidates leaning up against the fence at the Transfer Station recently was just too much, so against my partner's objections, we loaded them up.

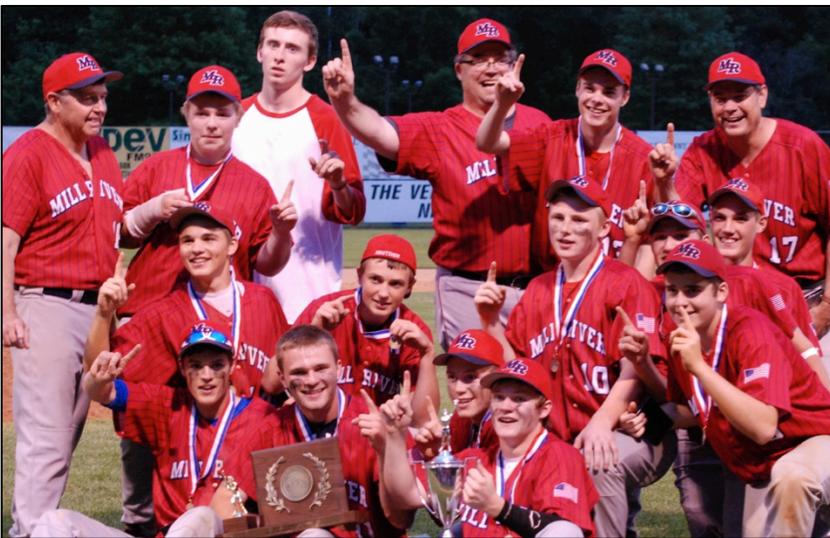
Not until we got home did we realize their "issues." There was a green brocaded-looking fabric umbrella with wooden stays that was really cool....but it wouldn't open because the cord was broken. The beige one was a lighter weight fabric which we thought might work better anyway and the color was right for the house. When we started the crank to raise it up, it worked like a charm. However, that action also revealed a flaw....it sagged on one side because it had a broken stay. We decided all was not lost though because at least we got to check out different fabrics and mechanisms in order to make a more informed selection when and if we decided to actually buy one. That was on a Wednesday.

On Sunday we made our next trip to the Transfer Station. And behold, there was another umbrel-

la...this one with a very nice beige brocaded leaf pattern...just what we were looking for! Once again I insisted that my clever partner could surely get one umbrella to work by using parts from three umbrellas.....so in the car it went. I had to listen to the "I've got other things to do, and I might be able to do it if I spent my whole afternoon, and why are we doing this anyway?" comments. But I had already planted the seeds of challenge and the challenge was just too great to go unmet. With much praise and encouragement, it only took five hours with minimal mumbling and grumbling to assemble the final product from two compatible umbrellas that yielded only one set of working parts. The only thing left was to return the non-working parts and unused umbrella to the Dump--without a receipt.

Now we have one perfect umbrella! Well, almost....it does have a *few* imperfections. It's perfect in my eyes though because I feel like we (get that...."we") made it ourselves. We can also now imagine our patio umbrella in one of those slick photos in *Town & Country Magazine*, and only *you* would know that it's not an umbrella from the best of stores--or maybe it is....at least parts of it! We've also decided that relaxing really is better under an umbrella--especially when you know where (or how) it was made!

--The Roving Reporter



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The Mill River Varsity Baseball team won the Division 2 State Championship on June 16 against Harwood Union High School. Shrewsbury Mountain School graduates Nick Coton, Ryan Darling, Quinn Kimball, and Ben Upton were members of the team. Scott Darling was assistant coach.

Bottle Drive

The Mill River Chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsoring a Bottle Drive on Saturday, July 5 from 8 am till 3 pm at the Mill River Union High School

All proceeds benefit the Holiday Food Basket Program in December. Students will be canvassing neighborhoods in Mill River district towns or people can drop bottles at the school. Thank you for your support of this worthy project!

Shrewsbury Democrats Caucus

Shrewsbury Democrats caucused on June 11 to nominate a slate of candidates for Justice of the Peace. John Berryhill, Barry Griffith and Lee Wilson were nominated for another term. In addition Lynn McDermott, Trish Norton, and Francis "Jolly" Wyatt are eager to be of service for the next two years.
Submitted by Scott Garren

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

In Memory:

Rene Lincoln was an outstanding member of our community and will be greatly missed. Her warmth, idealism, and dedication to others were, and are, an inspiration. She was a wonderful Library Trustee for several years, and continued to support Library efforts ever after. Her beautifully painted stool was a hit at our most recent Silent Auction; the lucky bidder (Joan) is grateful to have its image of a dove in flight as a symbol of Rene's life.

Coming Events:

Saturday, July 12 @ 10am to 3pm: CAVE PAINTING WITH CHARLIE PAQUIN. Primitive skills teacher Charlie Paquin will conduct a participatory workshop on making paint and creating rock art. Participants will make grease paint using natural materials and apply it to rock surfaces to create "cave paintings." Charlie will show how soft rocks can be "pecked" to alter their shape before painting. He will bring some materials, but asks participants to bring slabs of slate or other flat rocks, soft rocks to carve, rocks with interesting animal shapes, and natural pigments. Workshoppers will crush pigments and make brushes of natural materials. Atlatl-throwing will follow! Please bring a bag lunch; we'll provide drinks.

Saturday, August 2 @ 7:30pm: METTAWEE THEATRE COMPANY @ Shrewsbury Mountain School, rain or shine.

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, July 20 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: *A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster. Books available at the Library, or call Joan Aleshire (492-3550) for more.

Sunday, July 27 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *American Canopy: Trees, Forests and the Making of A Nation* by Eric Rutkow. Books available at the Library or call Margery Salmon (492-3315) for more.

Wednesdays @6:30pm: QUILTERS' GROUP: Meeting at Lucille Fiske's home or the Library. Please call Donna Swartz for information: 773-7403.

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

New Books include:

- *The Last Magazine* by Michael Hastings: A novel about Newsweek by a journalist who worked there.
- *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert: This harrowing non-fiction report about vanishing species includes a chapter on our own Scott Darling's efforts to save the brown bat population.
- *The Third Plate: Field Notes on the Future of Food* by chef Dan Barber, Stone Barn Farms in upstate NY
- *Taproot: Coming Home to Prairie Hill* by Martha Molnar: A memoir of moving to Vermont by a Castleton writer.

New DVDs include:

- House of Cards: Season 2; Orange is the New Black: Season 1.



NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

We enjoyed a lively visit from the Pre-school class at the Mountain School this June. They heard stories, looked at books, and produced an extremely creative mural which you can see hanging in the Ben Perry room. One of the highlights of course, was a ride down the elevator to the main library room.

Work is nearly completed in the Ben Perry Room. Please stop in and see how it works for you and feel free to offer any suggestions. The legos will soon be available and the beanbag chairs will be downstairs, so plan to enjoy some time lounging and reading books.

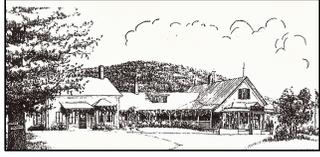
The family of TA Barron, who writes for young adults, has generously donated several of his books, including some of The Last Years of Merlin series and The Great Tree of Avalon series. The books have been donated in honor of Grace Brigham, who is a good friend of the family. Many young people have enjoyed this series, so if you are looking for a good summer read, head up the spiral stair case in the back of the library, where you will find all of these books, as well as many others. If there are any books you think we should order, just let me know.

There will be a story hour beginning in August. Wednesday will be the day, unless there is some conflict that I'm not aware of.

I am new at this position, and open to all suggestions and comments. Our library is a community gem, and we want all to enjoy it. I hope to run into you there some time.

*Pam Grace, Children's Librarian 492-3529
pamgrace@vermontel.net*

LIFE
AT
PIERCE'S



Write on!!

One of my neighbors commented to me how much I notice irony in my life here at Pierce's. It is true. For example, we accidentally found the Pierce house when we were not even looking for a house to rent. We were showing some friends visiting from San Francisco the area and almost literally stumbled upon the house. We were in the General Store and I happened to pick up the Shrewsbury Times with the page open saying the Pierce house was for rent. I turned to Tim and said "Hey Tim, the house we have day-dreamed about living in is for rent!" And as luck would have it, here we are.

For years, I have always dreamt of writing small articles for those in my community and professional life. It has been a number of years, the exact number I am not willing to share, since the days I sat in the classroom learning English structure and grammar. Proper English composition and grammar does not matter in my line of work, as we have our own "lingo" for communication and documentation.

So when I sat down in January to write my first piece about living in Marjorie's house, I really did not know where to start other than my faltering memory of proper sentence structure. I was very self conscious that many of you would notice my mistakes with my English. Some of you did! Whoops.

For several years now, I have thought about taking a class again in sentence structure, grammar and composition. I think the elementary chairs are too small for

me now though. Where to start? What to do? And then I had an epiphany...an English tutor!!

The internet can be so wonderful. After a search, I discovered Wyzant. It connects individuals to tutors by zip codes. They cover many different subjects. And that is how I found Julia, my tutor. We meet in the mall once a week. I am relearning all sorts of English rules such as commas, compound sentences, correct use of past and present tense and so on. It's been fun.

Last month, as we were reviewing the piece I wrote for the May issue of the Shrewsbury Times, I discovered something. Marjorie had devoted her life to teaching. She had taught French for 35 years. Even after she retired and moved home to Shrewsbury, she still taught, but in a different way. When children bought penny candy from the store, she would help them learn to count the pieces. She taught them subtraction and addition with change. She taught many about our history here in our community. Her purpose in life was education. And she made a difference in many lives with education.

And here I sit at her kitchen table in her former house, writing my piece for the July issue of the Shrewsbury Times. Tomorrow, I will sit down with Julia to review for writing and learn more about the rules of English that I have long ago forgotten. In turn, I will share my writing with you, reader, much improved since this past February. Someday, I won't need my tutor's help and will present compositions properly written.

The irony is that living at Marjorie's house started the wheels spinning for me. She's still a teacher!

Thoughtfully Yours- Stacy McKiernan

**SHREWSBURY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Now taking orders for its

2015 MEMORIES CALENDAR

(Publication date August, 2014)

The calendars cost \$15 each, plus \$2 for mailing. Your contribution of \$25 will entitle you to a calendar mailed to you, plus your name will be added to the calendar's Sponsor list.

Please send your contribution and order with your name and address to:

Shrewsbury Historical Society, c/o Ann Ridlon
P.O. Box 355, Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

Deadline date is July 25, 2014.

EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGIST
CHARLIE PAQUIN

RETURNS!

SAT. JULY 12



ALL
AGES
WELCOME!

LUNCH BREAK
FOLLOWED BY

ATLATL HURLING.

Letters to Home

One hundred and forty years ago, Cuttingsville Civil War Veteran, George Wellington Foster, wrote to his wife from Moore House, N.Y., just over the line from Pennsylvania. (Foster having been mustered in 1863, was visiting Gettysburg 11 years after the Battle.)

He explained to his wife, "I could not go out to visit the field of strife. It rained very hard most the afternoon and the thunder was terrific and such lightning I never saw in Vermont. After the shower I did go over to Herr's Tavern, the place where the first gun was fired on the first day of the fight. I started out Thursday morning before breakfast and went over to the Theological Seminary (Lutheran), only a little way from Hotel and went into the tower of the building. Here is where the gallant General Buford directed the first days fight. The whole northern portion of the battlefield is visible from this point. When I went back to Hotel I visited the tree when General Reynolds was killed – he was our corps commander and killed on the first day of the fight. I broke a branch from the tree to bring away."

Foster went on, "I found the little old house where I was stationed for two days and two nights and what pleased me more, I went into the house and found the old lady who occupied the house at the time of the fight. She is 82 years old and I made her almost know me. She remembers the soldier who lighted her to bed and tried to comfort her by advice when the shells were tearing her devoted domicile to pieces. She also remembered of my helping her down cellar one afternoon when the bombardment was most furious, and also of the drummer boy that was with me putting the red flag on top of the house so the rebels would know it was a field hospital and not shell it." Foster went on about some very sad sights and his helping to "pile the dead near a picket fence." He wrote he drank from the spring of water where they got the water all from during their stay at the house.. He said, "It did seem as if I was on hallowed ground and wished for some of my old soldier companions to enjoy it with me."

Foster related he went up to Culps hill where some heavy fighting was done. Saw the very place where Gen. Meed fell and while delivering his dying message to Lieut. Haslett, Haslett was shot dead and fell across Meed's body and they died together.

Foster wrote he "went back to Hotel by the celebrated peach orchard and by the brick house owned by Nicholas Codon. Here was some of the hardest fighting. Just back of Codon's house near an umbrella shaped clump of bushes is where Longstreet made his famous charge."

Foster also visited the National Cemetery "and saw the names of some of the 14th boys who once he knew."

As a transcriber of many of the letters to home from Foster, this last letter really affected me. He hid from his wife many of the horrors he endured during the 9 months of service . . . except for this one written July 12, 1874. He last letter to home was written on July 29, 1863, from Brattleboro, Vermont, where he was mustered out the following day. One can only guess as to why he chose to revisit Gettysburg some eleven years later. He had an 11 year old son, Fred, by this time and was owner and proprietor of the Old Brick Foster Store in Cuttingsville, which was later owned and operated by his son.

FYI: An album which holds all transcribed 64 letters written by George Wellington Foster, is on view in the museum. Originals are properly stored at the Town Clerk's office.

Recent Acquisitions

The SHS acquired many artifacts from the Russell house of Russellville, which will be catalogued and tagged this summer for future exhibit. The Society also received 7 postcards showing the 1927 flood in Cuttingsville, which will be added to the flood album. Sarah Gibson prepared a CD of oral interviews with Bill Tabor, Donna Smith, Leonard and Grace Korzun, Nancy Spencer and Larry Carrara which she donated to the Society.

Historical Society Meetings

The Historical Society is skipping the meeting for the month of July. Our next meeting will be held on August 5 at 7pm in the Museum.

MUSEUM OPENS

Sunday, July 6 from 1 to 3 pm

and will be open every Sunday from 1 to 3 from July to October 26th. Now is your chance to bring your family and visitors to check out the Pierce Collection, in case you did not see it last season. We look forward to greeting you.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



Year for the Red, White, and Blue



Praise for old glory AND for three of the colored spruces growing in our Green Mountain State. Red and White spruce are Vermont natives growing, as they always have, on the cooler moister sites with red mixed in with Balsam Fir and white growing in the lower elevations. White has also moved from the forests into our yards as a landscape and x-mas tree. Both have a natural resistance to a whole host of native insects and diseases and thus help retain the "green" within our forested landscape. Blue spruce, our third flag color, is a Colorado native but popular with the yard crowd and NOT found in our forests. The "blue" is its main attraction but you can't shake hands with it (very stiff foliage) and it is not resistant to some of our native pests.

Just when we are celebrating our nation some blue spruce leaders (very top vertical branch) turn brown and die due to white pine weevil larvae that emerge from feeding in those leaders. Only this leader dies but who wants a brown tip to a blue tree. So cut it out, select a new leader from the many that will try to be, and cut out the rest. The result is a blue tree that retains its vertical form and remains an asset to your landscape instead of a conversation piece. The same treatment can be used for yard growing weeviled white pine and norway spruce as well. So while you are celebrating the Fourth this year think of the reds, whites, and blues that help keep Vermont green.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden

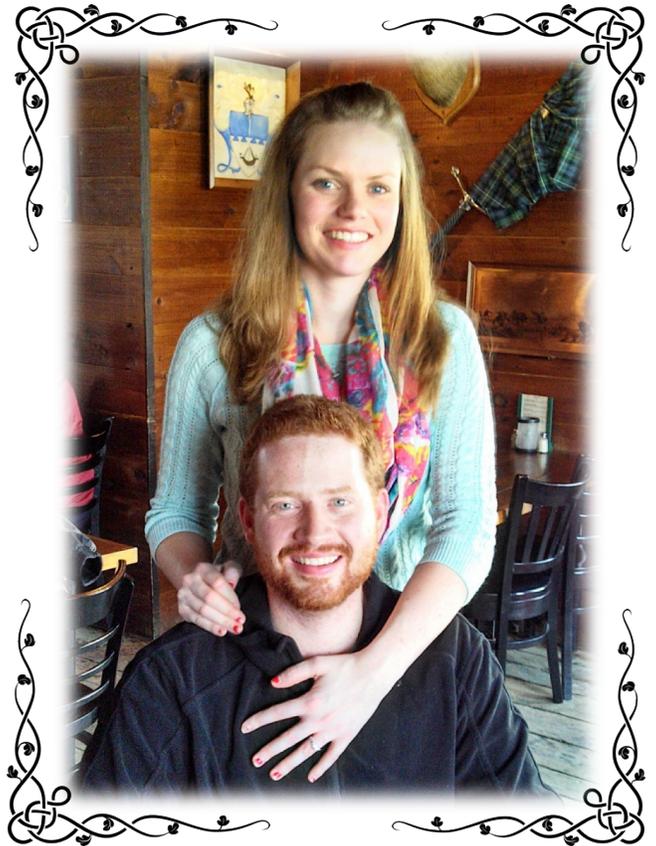
First Annual Paddle Battle Fund Rasing Event



Spring Lake Ranch is having its First Annual Paddle Battle fundraising event on Saturday, August 2, from 11am to 3pm at Camp Plymouth State Park in Ludlow. There will be live music, a canoe race on beautiful Echo Lake, a silent auction, cookout and award ceremony. It's \$35 per person (children age 12 and under are free) and an additional \$25/boat to participate in the race. RSVP by July 25. All funds raised tp benefit the Sarcka Scholarship to support Ranch residents who might not otherwise afford the opportunity.

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Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis of Shrewsbury, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia Christine Davis to Thomas Richard Guerra, son of James Guerra and Deborah Brown of Chester, VT. Olivia graduated from the University of New England with a Marine Biology degree and is currently working for MRAG Americas in Falmouth, MA. Thomas graduated from RPI with an Electrical Engineering degree and is currently employed with Hitachi in Albany, NY. The wedding is set for August 2015 and will be held at French's Point Estate in Stockton Springs, Maine.

Call me if you have any questions.....

Elizabeth Davis 492-3720

CCC Road OPEN!!!!

The CCC Road opened May 21, 2014 after Tropical Storm Irene caused its closure 983 days before!!! --Mark Youngstrom

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

A Message From the Pastor:

Love is all around--do you feel it?
Buzz, hum, rumble, whoosh--do you hear it?
Sky, sun, bush, flower--do you see it?
In your heart and soul--do you know it?
Love is all around--believe it!

Note: Services move to the Northam Church for July and August

The Northam Church is the lovely white church with the tall steeple next to the Town Office on the Cold River Rd.

- What's New at the Northam Church You Say? Cushions on the pews! What a treat it will be to have a comfy seat as we enjoy services this summer! Come and try them out! Thanks to Juleanne for altering the cushions which were original to the Cuttingsville Church.

- The community is invited to attend the annual pilgrimage to the Meeting House Rock for church service July 27 at 1100am. Located at the base of Shrewsbury Peak on the CCC Road, approximately three miles east of Pierce's Store in North Shrewsbury on the right side of the road. You can park at the Stone Chimney, just past the Rock on the left side of the road. Come and sing with us and the birds. Casual dress is suggested. You may also bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, or take advantage of the logs and natural stone benches. The music is particularly special in this natural amphitheater cushioned by moss and ferns. The public is also invited to share in the fun of a potluck picnic, following the service on the grounds of the Northam Church. In case of rain the Rock Service will be held at the Northam Church.

- You are cordially invited to attend the Shrewsbury Meeting House Book Study led by Rene Pollock on Mondays @ 200pm. *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller is an indepth study of the prodigal son parable. Call Rene 492-3559 to receive a book (no charge). All are welcome!

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". In addition to the donations listed last month.....

In honor of Mother's and Father's the following donations were made to the Community Sharing Project: In Memory of Fred Lorentz & in Honor of John Lorentz by Karen Lorentz; and In Memory of Family Members who have passed by Lucile & Pam Fisk; Fathers George E. Richards & George Curtis Over by Lynette Richards Over; Fathers Joseph D. Patten & Arthur Betelli by Fran Patten and Rich Bettelli; Fathers Charles & Burnham & Grandfathers Paul, Sam & Burnham by Dino & David Rice; and, Rene Lincoln by the congregation. A donation was made by Louise & Stan Duda. Thank you to all ! What a wonderful response to the New Community Sharing Project!

Community Suppers

What a Delicious Dinner we had on May 31 at the Community Supper! We had a good time listening to music and visiting with our neighbors. Thank you to the cooks, the delivery drivers, the set up and take down crew and all who made those scrumptious desserts! Mark your calendars! August 2 Free Community Supper. Stay tuned for Menu details.

Community Church Calendar

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

July 13 @ 1030 am: Worship Service @ the Northam Church-Rev. Skip Dickinson.

July 16 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Roxanne Ramah 492-3675. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert and Beverage will be provided. Please let Roxanne know if you can attend.

July 20 @ 1030am: Worship Service @ the Northam Church-Pastor Rita Lane.

July 27 @ 1100am: Worship Service @ Meeting House Rock CCC Rd. - Pastor Rita Lane.

August 2 @ 5:30pm: Free Community Supper Shrewsbury Town Hall.

Free Community Food Shelf

The free community food shelf is at the Library in the front entry way. All are Welcome to Come in and Help Yourself any time the Library is Open.

News from the Shrewsbury Mountain School:

Hard to believe it, but another school year is over. The sixth graders have returned from NYC, the moving-up celebrations are done, and the classrooms have been cleared out of all the paper that accumulates over the course of the school year. We graduated nine students who are ready to begin at Mill River next year: Shea Butler, Megan Chapin, Talia Hutt Vater, Caleb Page, Hannah Page, Madison Parker, Alex Ritter, Liam Ritter, and Olivia Suker. Congratulate them when you see them around.

We've said goodbye to a few of our staff and hello to new staff: Elisabeth Bailey our SLP is moving to NH to be closer to her husband's work at Dartmouth- RSSU has hired Nicole Mauro for her part-time position. Jen Cohen has taken a full-time math teaching position at CES- Tom Neeson will be our new music teacher. Christy Johnson is planning on moving to Colorado- we are still interviewing for her part-time kindergarten position. Katie Rogstad is moving to the Barre/Montpelier area and will be teaching at Randolph Elementary School- we have hired Lauren

Piechota to fill her place. We thank them for their time with us and wish them well in their new positions.

Now that the building is empty the roofing project has started in earnest. Materials were moved in the week of the 16th and stripping of the two layers of shingles and roofing will have begun by the time you read this. We are hoping for a relatively dry summer so that all the work can be fully done by the time school starts back up in August. Areas around the building will be marked off as needed so that visitors will know where not to be. Generally speaking anywhere close to the building should be avoided for the summer. The gate at the end of the school drive will be locked in the evenings and over the weekends to protect the equipment and job site, but that is only to prevent vehicles from accessing the area. **The playing field and the playground will be open for use all summer, but please exercise caution.**

Submitted by Adrienne Raymond



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Local Artist to Exhibit Paintings at Chaffee

This painting entitled "Joy" will be exhibited at the Chaffee Museum in August. She was a dancer in the Independence Day celebration in Cartagena, Columbia. The elaborate pageants that the people of South America and the Caribbean put on are filled with color, music and the joy of living. Every one in the community participates from the young to the very old--and not only those in the parades but in the audience as well. The music and the rhythms resonate in everyone.

Submitted by Heather Shay

Shrewsbury resident Heather Shay is a member of E.M.M.A. (Eastern Mountain Mentoring Artists) whose members will exhibit their work during the month of August at the Chaffee Museum in Rutland August 1-30. An Opening Reception will be held 5-8pm on Friday, August 1 at the Chaffee.

Vermont Reads Program

"I've written a lot of poems about my own experience as a person with a disfigurement/deformity. I thought Shrewsbury readers of the Vermont Reads book Wonder might be interested in these, which are from my book, Happily, published in 2012."

—Joan Aleshire

Artificial Ones

Ten to my nine, Louisa impressed me
when we first met, flinging herself
from her bike, playing dead.
When I didn't cry out or run
for her mother, Louisa grinned,
got up; I'd passed her test.

In sailing class, she always chose me
as crew to her skipper, and once,
as I threaded the jib before a race,
the girls in the next Bullseye
asked Louisa, not me, "What happened
to her hands?" Looking up the mast,
as if to find the answer there,
Louisa said, "Oh, she'll get artificial
ones when she grows up,"
and I gripped my strangeness
hard, to feel the pulse in it.

Joan Aleshire

(from Happily. Four Way Books, 2012)

Fire Drill

Lined up by grade and height, girls
for some reason separate from boys,
I stood near the end, between ELeonor,
the tallest girl, and EleaNOR, an inch shorter,
(whose names alone showed how hard
spelling is), when a child I'd never seen
before, who must never have seen me,
stepped from her place in another grade's line,
and stared as if I were something non-human.

What happened to your hands? she asked,
with an edge of blame, as if I'd chosen
to offend her sense of what was right,
and asked again, as I tried to explain
what was to me too, inexplicable.
On the offensive, she moved close,
violating the line's order and the silence
we were bound, in drills, to maintain.

Lost in my own ignorance, as I hesitated,
I was saved, by EleaNOR, who drew herself
up like the great-granddaughter of a president
that she was, and said with disdain, as if everyone
should know what she was proud to proclaim:
"She was born that way," with such force
that the other, nameless, child, retreated
to her own line and out of my life,
where I felt elevated by my own
difference, as if it were a privilege.

Joan Aleshire (from Happily, 2012)

MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL

A Message from MRUHS Principal Pomeroy:

As our year started, we were looking at a lot of changes. We had the computing 1:1 program, a new position (Dean of Students) and the possibility of Wednesday morning PLCs. (Note: PLC is an acronym for Professional Learning Communities. The purpose of PLC's is to provide opportunities for groups of educators to focus upon ways to improve learning through brainstorming and exchanging ideas.) The 1:1 iPad program allows students to connect with the material, each other and their teachers in ways that would not have been possible in the past. Twice a month, faculty members are presenting at staff meetings on ways to better use these devices in our classrooms. Our dean, Jodie Stewart-Ruck, has done an excellent job of defining what a great dean can do for a school. Sadly, due to family commitments, Jodie will be leaving us this year. Now that the school community has seen the efficacy of this role, it will be a less difficult transition. The Leadership Team worked to create a PLC pro-

gram that would meet the need of the faculty to have more time to plan and assess instruction and learning while also being mindful of students' and parents' needs and concerns. Our system is working. Each Wednesday, our teachers have been meeting and planning assessments that they will use to improve instruction.

And now, as we leave our year, we are looking at still more changes. As you can see from the list of those retiring, many excellent faculty and staff members are leaving us to start a new chapter in their lives. The nine retirees have over 200 years of combined educational experience. They will all be missed. But school has become a place where change is our only constant. This is because we always need to be moving forward for our teachers and communities, and, most importantly, for our students.

MRUHS Principal Pomeroy

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Submitted by Melody Squier

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

Below Stairs by Margaret Powell

★★★

A memoir by a feisty maid in England who describes the changing times of the life downstairs. Although many things changed, she still only wanted to get married. This is a lighthearted and entertaining book. The author of *Downton Abby* used it for inspiration for his drama.

Anonymous Reviewer

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

★★★

A very creepy story—good read.both books.

reviewed by Pam Grace

The Headmaster's Wife

by Thomas Christopher Greene

★★★★★

Set in a Vermont private school and written by the founder of Vermont College of Fine Arts, this novel is beautifully surprising. It is a coming of age story, of a marriage, of death, mystery, madness but ultimately survival and hope. I loved it!

reviewed by Judy Emerick

American Canopy by Eric Rutkow

★★★★★

Resilient Forests and Resourceful People: Before Columbus visited us, an estimated one billion acres of this country were covered in forest ready to serve as a resource to the population that would create our United States. It took 300 years of forest conversion/removal (in a wave that spread across America's forestland) to create the population centers, agricultural base, and infrastructure that begins to resemble today's country. This cutting to meet population needs began to slow in the late 1920's and reduced America's forest land to about 800 million acres.

A fascinating book, Eric Rutkow's *American Canopy*, combines in an entertaining way the history of our use of wood over this time period. He includes

(just a few topics here) beautifully crafted accounts on; early American efforts to survive, English policies that influenced forests, lumber exploitation on a national scale, important people from Johnny Appleseed to John Muir, the impacts of devastating tree diseases (Chestnut blight and Dutch Elm Disease); forest fire control, two World Wars and their required forest product needs, and the myriad other constant challenges to keep growing forests while meeting the demands of a society's use of wood.

Surprisingly the amount of forest has remained almost constant over the last century thanks to an emerging forestry profession, resilient forests, resourceful policy makers, combined with alternative uses and better utilization of wood. Rutkow marches us through our own history of forest use since the 1600's luring us from our New England hardwood roots to the huge pine lands of the upper Midwest, to the southern pines of the southeast, to the Rocky Mountain and West Coast forests. He shows us clearly the demands we have put on forests as a society, the resiliency of these great forests, and the people that shaped the way to both meet those demands and preserve forests as well. A must book for those readers interested in the forests of America, how we changed them, and have been changed by them.

reviewed by Gary Salmon

Note: **American Canopy** is the July book discussion selection for the Science Book Club

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•How about playing or learning to play Cribbage? Neighbors Aimee and Ralph Congdon have agreed to spend some of their cribbage playing time at the store. Stop in and let me know if you're interested in playing and when would be good for you! We can pull together an afternoon of play.

•Have you checked out the stereograph at the store? Perhaps your kids or grandkids have if you haven't. It's on the end of the candy counter near the front of the store. This viewer is part of the history of the store and allows the viewer to have a stereo view of images.

If you have any cards for this old-time form of entertainment and would be willing to donate or loan them to the store, we'd love to see them! Ralph (who repaired the unit) had the idea of putting together images from town – shots of the same location from, say, 1900 and 2000 – to see the changes.



Join us for a summer wine tasting **July 11 from 5-7pm**. We'll be featuring fresh, easy drinking (and affordable!) whites from Portugal, Italy and California.

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners

July 11: Louise Duda will prepare her Dabie's Sweet's Heart Stoppingly Good Ham and Cheese Casserole (Wallingford Locker Ham), Summer Salad, and Great Aunt Ida's Carrot Cake for dessert.

July 25: Dianne Barclay will prepare Jamaican Jerk Chicken Breast with Watermelon Jicama salad with chili-lime dressing and

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, call Heather Shay 492-2284 or Sally Deinzer the store,

Save the date!!

Saturday, Sunday August 30 & 31, 2014

Pierce's Store will celebrate the 5th Anniversary in its new incarnation.

Rob's menus for the month

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.

Soups

	Dates
Afghan chicken soup w/ squash & tomatoes	7/16
Butternut Squash	7/13, 7/23
Chilled Avocado	7/2
Chilled carrot soup w/ cumin & lime	7/6
Creole gumbo (chicken, Andouille & okra)	7/4, 7/25
French vegetable w/ cannellini	7/19, 7/30
Fruit soup w/ pureed watermelon, blueberries, cantaloupe & sour cream	7/20
Gazpacho	7/11, 7/27
Italian lentil w/ veggies & sausage	7/12
Mexican corn & cabbage soup w/ pinto beans & potatoes	7/26
Split pea w/ ham	7/5, 7/18
Yucatan fish soup w/ cilantro & lime	7/9

	Bread	Soup or Hot Meal*	Scone, Muffin, Other Baked goodie
Sunday	French	Soup	Scones & Coffee Cake
Monday	Wheatberry or Sunflower Seed	Chili	Scones / Sticky Buns
Tuesday	Egg or Sesame Seed	Beef Tacos	Scones / Muffins
Wednesday	Hamburger Buns	Soup & Pizza*	Scones / Sticky Buns
Thursday	Anadama	Chinese Chicken Salad or Pulled Pork Sandwich	Scones / Muffins
Friday	Sourdough	Soup & **	Scones / Sticky Buns
Saturday		Soup	Vermont Croissants

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

** Friday Meals

7/4, 7/18 Mac & Cheese
7/11, 7/25 Lasagna

Date & Pizza Variety

7/2	Greek Pizza with Marinara, Olives, Feta & Mozzarella
7/9	Asparagus with Leeks & Mozzarella Cheese
7/16	Butternut Squash, Gorgonzola, & Caramelized Onions
7/23	Creole Marinara, Andouille Sausage & Mozzarella
7/30	Marinara with Artichokes, Olives & Mozzarella

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