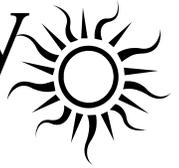




Times of Shrewsbury



August 2014

Possible Changes in Postal Service in Shrewsbury

In June postal patrons of zip code 05738 received a letter from the U.S. Postal Service asking for input regarding the future of the Cuttingsville Post Office. We hope all have filled out and returned the survey. In addition it is important that residents turn out for the meeting on Tuesday, July 29 at 4pm at the post office to express your concerns and desires regarding the future of this important asset to the community.



To ALL Residents of Shrewsbury

**Please attend the meeting at the
Cuttingsville Post Office on**

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 @ 4pm

**Call your neighbors, friends, acquaintances
and bring them too!**

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

The essence of the options offered by the postal service include:

1. Keep the office open with "realigned" weekday window service hours based on workload. The hours would be changed from 7 to 6 hours each weekday. Current Saturday hours would not change and delivery service would not change. Buying stamps and mailing items from our Post Office increases utilization/workload which is very important to the decision of keeping the Post Office open.
2. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and provide roadside mailbox delivery; retail land delivery service would be provided through a rural carrier.
3. Conduct a discontinuance study for office and find alternative location operated by a contractor usually at a local business.
4. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and relocate P.O. box service to a nearby post office.

C. Martin

After School Program Director Position

Shrewsbury Mountain School is looking for a dynamic, child-centered Director or two Co-Directors to oversee daily operations of the "Camp SMS" After-school program.

Responsibilities include program development of activities that inspire learning, recruiting staff to lead programs, and completing related administrative tasks. We are hopeful for activities that include local farmers, merchants, and craft persons.

We seek a passionate, organized leader with proven skills in education and/or recreational programming with youth.

Hours, Wages and Benefits

- This is an hourly position for up to 18 hours per week (or a portion, if interest in "Co-Directing)
- Hourly wage is \$22-25per hour depending on qualifications

Experience Required

- Experience working with students grades K-6
- Caring, enthusiastic, highly organized self-starter
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Bachelor's degree preferred, but not required

To apply, please send a resume listing 3 references to: Carrie Becker, Director, RSSU After-school CBecker@rssu.org or call 802-558-1640.

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL Proposed Grant Funded Solar Project

The Shrewsbury Mountain School Board of Directors is thrilled to announce that we recently received a **\$32,250 matching grant** from the Vermont Public Service Department's Clean Energy Development Fund to support the installation of a 25 kW solar panel system on the school's roof. While this system will be roof mounted, non-penetrating fasteners will be used to attach the panels to the new standing seam roof and our new roof warranty will still be fully intact. The electricity generated from the proposed design **will meet approximately 50-60% of the school's current electricity needs**, and help defray the cost of our electricity use for at minimum the next 25 years. As a Board, we have been discussing solar energy for the school since last year's Conservation Committee seminar on the increasing affordability of solar power. We are thrilled to have received this grant that allows us this opportunity and owe many thanks to Davis Terrell for his help in designing the system and throughout the grant writing process.

The Board is in the process of putting the project out to bid, hoping that the bids will be competitive enough that we can proceed with the project by paying for the required cash match through our approved budget. Hopefully by the next issue of the Times we will have more information for you. As always, please be in touch with any questions.

Sarah Bolster



School Starts August 27

Shrewsbury Mountain School starts back to school on August 27. Letters will go home prior to that with exact details. 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.

All submissions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the submitting person. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing for length and clarity. If Letters to the Editor exceed 350 words, they will be subject to editing for length. Any opinion piece will be deemed to be a Letter to the Editor subject to this policy. All items including letters are printed at the editors' discretion. A letter writer of any letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to that resident or organization and to the *Times* by the 10th of the month prior to publication or it will not

run. If the named individual or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the *Times* that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

There is no charge for: jokes, poems, essays, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are non-political and non-commercial.

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's *Times*. If you have any questions, please email shrewsburytimes@gmail.com or call Chryl Martin at 492-2244.

Best Formats: *Articles:* Word or in an email message with no formatting. *Photos:* JPG. *Ads:* PDF file or Word document.

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

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Email: shrewsburytimes@gmail.com

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

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jul 29	4pm	*Meeting regarding future of the post office at the Cuttingsville Post Office
Aug 2	5:00pm	*Free Community Supper Shrewsbury 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
Aug. 5	7pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at museum
Aug 12	12noon	Senior Lunch at Willie Dunn's at Fox Run Golf Course just off Route 103 in Ludlow. Call Judith Webster at 773-3527 to make a reservation.
Aug 12	7pm	* Ad Hoc Mitigation Plan Committee meeting at Town Office (Cold River Road)
Aug 13	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Judy Pitts (775-0678)
Aug 16	6:30pm	*Haystack Dinner (6:30pm) and Street Dance (7:30pm) at the Shrewsbury Library
Aug 17	4pm	*Famous Books Discussion Group at the Library
Aug 17	8pm	*Outdoor Film Festival in the Meeting House amphitheater
Aug 24	4pm	*Science Book Club group at he Library
Aug 24	8pm	*Outdoor Film Festival in the Meeting House amphitheater
Aug 26	10am-7pm	*Vote; Vermont State Primary election at the Meeting House
Aug 27		*Shrewsbury Mountain Schools starts classes
Aug 31	12-3pm	*Barbecue at Pierce's Store as part of 5 th Anniversary Re-Opening celebration

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

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

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: 492-3361)
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

7/20/14

Homestead Property Tax Adjustments

At the time of this notice, 2014 tax bills are being prepared and will be mailed as soon as possible.

Letters advising of homestead property tax adjustments from the State have been mailed. If you have not received an expected tax adjustment letter, contact the state at 1-866-828-2865 or website at <http://tax.vermont.gov> for information. Deadline this year is October 15th for adjustment claims.

Tax payments are due by Friday October 10, before 8:00pm. Payments can be mailed to: 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Treasurer's office hours are Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the town office.

Additional days for tax collection will be:

October 4 Saturday Noon to 3:00pm
October 9 Thursday 5pm to 7:00pm
October 10 Friday 2pm to 8:00pm

As usual, cash payments to be accepted by the Town Treasurer only. Credit Card payments will be accepted this year through Official Payments with the deadline of October 8th. There is a processing fee for this convenience payable to Official Payments. The website is <https://www.officialpayments.com> which is listed on the treasurer's page of the town website <https://www.shrewsburyvt.org/treasurer.php>

The drop box to the left of the town office front door is available at all times tax payments. Please call if you have questions or concerns.

Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer, Office 802-492-3558; Home 802-492-3487

VERMONT STATE PRIMARY

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Vote at the
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House,
88 Lottery Road

Polls open at 10:00AM and close at 7:00PM

Early voting at the Shrewsbury Town Office 9823 Cold River Road during regular business hours.

Absentee Ballots available by contacting the Town Clerk shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or 492-3511.

Last Day to Register to Vote in the Primary:

Wednesday August 21, 2014. The Town Office will be open until 5:00 PM

Volunteers are needed as Poll Workers and Counters. Please contact the Town Clerk.

Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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The Cuttingsville Post Office

To insure that our post office remains open, please:

- Buy stamps from the Cuttingsville post office
- Send your mail from the Cuttingsville post office

USE IT.....or lose it!

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

July 17, 2014

Dear Shrewsbury Citizens,

Because of FEMA and State of Vermont Requirements to handle emergencies, the Town of Shrewsbury must now prepare a Single Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The goal of this plan is first to identify potentially hazardous Town conditions in terms of storms, flooding, bridge and culvert vulnerability, power outages, landslides, medical emergencies, and other potentially dangerous situations. Secondly, the Town must plan and initiate proactive programs to mitigate these hazards. Without this plan in place, FEMA and the State of Vermont cannot assist the Town to meet expenses in case of a major storm or emergency. The Shrewsbury Office of Emergency Management is responsible to develop this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Much of the preliminary planning has been initiated by the Town of Shrewsbury and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The planning will be continued by an Ad Hoc Mitigation Plan Committee of the Office of Emergency Management with representatives from the Road Crew, the Fire Department, the Selectboard, and the Office of Emergency Management and interested townspeople.

The Ad Hoc Mitigation Plan Committee will next meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 7:00pm in the Town Office on Cold River Road to continue to identify Hazard Areas and Situations in Shrewsbury. Our agenda will include:

1. Introductions;
2. Review of Annex U (Shrewsbury) of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan ;
3. Identification of any additional hazards.
4. Adjournment.

Any interested townspeople are invited to attend and participate. I

f you have any questions, please call David Rice at 492-3488

David Rice

Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator

SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Hi All, The roof project is going well and is on track for completion before school's start. The insulation is down on the multipurpose room roof and they've finished the metal roofing on most of the old section. It looks wonderful. Thank you all so much for supporting this project. The south facing roof sections are getting reinforced so that we can put solar panels on them- the older section this year (see Sarah Bolster's note) and the multipurpose roof sometime in the future. As many of you may have noticed the gate has been locked in the evenings and on weekends, but the playground and athletic fields are available for use any time. We do ask that you take care to avoid the construction areas.

Since this is the August issue I feel obliged to announce that the first day of school (sorry kids) is August 27th. There will be a Parent Breakfast that first morning at 8:15 so that parents can meet each other as the kids get acquainted or reacquainted with each other. That's it for now. Enjoy the rest of our glorious summer!!!

Submitted by Adrienne Raymond



News from The Transfer Station



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

Joe Carrara has been hired as the new Transfer Station Attendant. Please introduce yourself to Joe the next time you are at the Transfer Station. Also, be sure to help him by not coming to the dump right at closing time to allow Joe plenty of time to close up.

Beginning October 1, 2014, we plan to begin monitoring vehicles for a sticker to use the Transfer Station. Stickers are free to Shrewsbury taxpayers and can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

The Reading Room will remain the same for now but there may be fewer items to insure neater space.

There will be many changes coming to the Transfer Station but not until July 2015 when Act 148 must be implemented throughout the state of Vermont.

Bert Potter



A Healthy Crown Does Not Always Equal A Healthy Tree

The photos and articles from the recent summer hail and wind storms in Poultney and Rutland show what mother nature can do during severe weather events. I noticed that several photos included large "older" trees apparently snapped off with parts of their crowns lying on the roof of a house. A closer inspection of these trees would reveal I'm sure a very healthy live crown of very green leaves and below it a trunk either completely or partially hollow. That trunk, in addition to holding the live crown up, grows the annual ring of wood that keeps the relationship between crown and tree diameter constant. In other words the crown can only get as large as the tree's ability to hold it up and this works very well while obeying the laws of physics completely UNTIL the strength of the tree is compromised by becoming hollow. Think of trying to hold something heavy up with a drinking straw instead of a solid steel rod. Most of the wood in a tree trunk is heartwood and has nothing to do with keeping leaves green and everything to do with holding that crown up.

Since this is heartwood's only function the tree can exist nicely without it and many trees in a given forest have some degree of "hollowness" that provide shelter for several species of birds and mammals. It is a natural part of how forests grow and as trees age and get ever larger they do fall down just as described above. But a large tree in your yard is more vulnerable to these storms since it is usually standing alone without nearby forest neighbors to help break up the force of the wind; has a larger crown than a forest tree of similar height; and is more vulnerable to trunk wounds that would allow it to become hollow in the first place. So as you admire the trees providing shade in your yard this summer be relieved that all of the leaves are green and that the tree appears healthy. But wander over and take a closer look for cracks in the bark, piles of sawdust at the base, or perhaps an old branch that did not fall off and allowed decay to start into the tree at that point. All are signs of a tree in some state of losing the wood that is holding it up. The wood decay process is a very slow one, especially in larger trees. But it is a process worth looking for to insure that the trees providing the beauty to our homes are healthy.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden

The Shrewsbury conservation commission Invasives Corner

Your neighbors in this photo spent the morning on June 28th as part of the Vermont Forrest and Parks Habitat Restoration team. They applied their muscles and brawn trying to eradicate a cluster of phragmites along the CCC Road. If heading over to Plymouth, you will notice sand filled bags holding down black plastic on the left which covers a wetland area that previously harbored the roots of the phragmites and will try to contain further growth of this persistent invasive plant.



We Want You!

Why is your Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC) focusing increased efforts on invasive species? Both insects and plants cause serious environmental problems by killing or crowding out native inhabitants and completely altering the whole ecosystem. Some, like the Emerald Ash Borer, will kill a whole species of Ash trees, while others, like Wild Parsnip, choke out native growth and create painful and serious blistering in people who unknowingly pick its pretty flowers.

The small team of Vermont Forest, Parks, and Recreation employees designated by the state to deal with invasive problems cannot possibly eradicate the problem sites, nor can your SCC. BUT – spreading awareness to our residents CAN help! In upcoming months, we hope to help our neighbors become more aware of different invasive problems in our town – and will provide you with links that will describe what they look like as well as information on

how to eradicate the invasive if possible.

Early detection of invasive plants and a rapid response to remove them is crucial. If property owners would walk their property and everyone would keep an eye out for roadside areas with problems, that would be an important first step.

Notifying a member of the SCC about the invasives you find will help us be aware as we begin mapping out problem areas. Becoming familiar with the following links will help you identify invasive plants and give you detailed information on how to get rid of them. Each plant has a prescription for the method and time of year that is most effective to eradicate it.

Cutting at some times of the year can remove the problem – but cutting at all, or at the wrong time of the year for that plant, can actually spread it. It is important to treat each invasive plant according to its prescription.

For a super link on invasive plant treatment information, go to vtinvasives.org, click on "Plants," click on "gallery of invaders", click on the species you're interested in, and look at the bottom left corner of that page for the brown "fact sheet" button (you may need to scroll down the page to see it). Then, click on the brown button to access detailed treatment information.

On our Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org, if you visit the SCC page (under dropdown tab Town Departments), you will find numerous links that are interesting and helpful. One page, called Tutorials and Quizzes for Vermont Invasive Species, is a fun site that provides you with information and a 10-question quiz afterward to help you see if you understood the info provided! On a rainy day, stop by and browse the sites! And don't hesitate to contact Colleen Balch if you have hard-to-answer questions. She is friendly and knowledgeable! Email her at

colleen.balch@state.vt.us.

Submitted by Louise Duda



SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

•Thank you to Rene Pollock for the beautiful flowers she brings every week!

•We're very pleased to announce that Judy Emerick has been elected to the Board of Trustees for a full-year position. Judy, a dedicated reader and Library staffer, will fill the term just vacated by Larry Williams.

•Many thanks to Larry for his years as a trustee: drafting meeting Room policies, helping with events, staffing, and more. We thank him, too, for letting us know promptly that he no longer has time to serve.

•*With these changes, we now have an opening for a trustee willing to serve from October until May to alternate with Turiya Levy, whose teaching commitments limit her service to the summer months. If you're interested in small libraries, can attend meetings the second Tuesday of every month, are willing to staff during Library hours, and want to be part of a dynamic community organization, please call a member of our Nominating Committee: Gail Hartigan (492-3605); Lisa Sharrow (492-3732); or Dirk Thomas (492-3549).

Coming Events:

Saturday, August 2 @ 7:30pm, Shrewsbury Mountain School (rain or shine): METTAWEE THEATRE COMPANY presents a revival of "The Dancing Fox: Wisdom Tales of the Middle East." The production draws on the folk tales, fables, and shared traditions of Jews and Arabs including the Sufi mystics. Admission: adults \$8, children \$1 (under 12). Gingerbread will be for sale before and after the show.

Saturday, August 16: The ANNUAL STREET DANCE & HAYSTACK DINNER: See our ad in this issue of the Times.

Continuing Events:

Sunday, August 17 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB discusses Anton Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya," which will be performed at the Weston playhouse later this month. Books will be available at the Library; please call Joan for more copies (492-3550).

Sunday, August 24 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan.

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

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

By appointment: COMPUTER OFFICE HOURS. Please Scott Garren: Scott@GarrenShay.com

New Books include:

- *Diary of the Dark Years, 1940-1945: Collaboration, Resistance, and Daily Life in Occupied Paris* by Jean Guehenno. A classic act of witness.
- *Landline* by Rainbow Rowell: Adult fiction by a popular YA author.
- *Factory Man: How One Furniture Maker Battled Offshoring, Stayed Local and Helped Save an American Town* by Beth Macy.
- *California* by Edan Lepucki: A futuristic first novel by an anti-Amazon author.

New DVDs:

- "Mad Men: Season 6" The latest in the popular TV series;
- "Le Weekend": The highly praised new feature film;
- "Freedom Summer": The PBS documentary on the Civil Rights movement.



NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

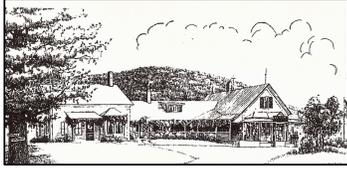
Well, summer has arrived in Shrewsbury! Being outdoors is a pleasure, and there are so many wonderful things to do. It is also a time to kick back and read for fun, so come in and browse our selection; we have something for everyone.

On Wednesdays, during the month of August, beginning August 6th, I will be offering a story hour at the Library from 11a.m – 12p.m. Any age is welcome. I love reading to kids, and will pick out some of my favorite books. As always, I am open to any suggestions.

We are still re-organizing the Ben Perry room, but it will soon be done. So stop by some time and look around. If it's on a Wednesday, you can settle down for some good listening. I hope to see you there.

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

LIFE AT PIERCE'S



Today as I was working in the house with the doors and windows wide open allowing the warm air to filter in, I heard the clip-clop of a horse's hoof. I looked out to see a woman on a horse sauntering away after a trip to the General Store! People arrive at the store via foot, bike, motorcycle, 4 wheelers/ATV's, snowmobiles, oh, and automobiles. Pierce's Store begins to come alive around 5a.m with the arrival of Rob, the baker and soon thereafter, the delivery trucks begin to appear. The day lasts until well after 7p.m when the rotating crew finishes up with the closing duties.

During the Pierce's time, Marjorie would leave to make dinner and the store would close down for an hour while they had their meal together. Today, we call it lunch and the store remains open. The store is still the hub of the community. As I stood there watching the woman on the horse, I thought how many places in this country would I see this nowadays?

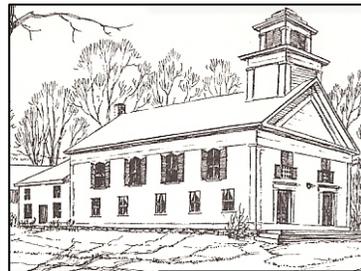
Although the store remains active during the day, we still have the luxury of having the house and store to ourselves in the evening. Tim and I love sitting on the front porch. Most evenings, we will have our dinner out there. Three hummingbirds battle the feeder. One will sit in the old rosebush awaiting the other two. That rosebush amazes me. Just yesterday, hydrangeas popped out with the beauty of the old garden still lasting. The timing was perfect as my father (still emptying out his house) just gave me my mother's special vase. The perfect flower for the keepsake vase! The arrangement was beautiful.

The porch at first looked so sad and barren in the beginning of the summer. I purchased four beautiful hanging baskets of pansies which I managed to over hydrate tenfold in less than a week. We hung them out in the sun on the old clothesline but it was too late. Dr. Joyce came over to evaluate as Professor Lee researched life expectancy of over hydrated pansies. There was no cure. So, I had a "do over". This time with hanging begonias who need little sun and even less water. Tom, the farmer, who sold me the begonias told me to report back in a week as I was sure I would do these flowers in too. Instead, two days ago I brought him a photo of my beautiful begonias. Please check them out on your next trip to the store.

The garden in front of the porch is a community effort. Connie weeded. I am sure a few mysterious volunteers helped. I believe some plants were there from

years before and I added in a few more. Several came from a box of mystery seeds embossed in clay given to me two years ago with the idea that it was a box of chocolates. Nasturtiums amazingly popped up from these. Many a friendly conversation has resulted from that garden. It has created community. And then, there is the bird's nest under the eaves which has now just birthed a second batch of babies.

We had a really nice gathering of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC) with friends for pizza on the porch. The VYCC are a group of 16-22 year olds who spend the summer in the woods fixing trails here in Vermont. We kept Pierce's pizza baker busy that night! We have had friends stop for a late afternoon visit on the porch. But mostly, Tim and I sit together and watch those incredible sunsets as we say good bye to another glorious summer's day here at Pierce's.
--Stacy McKiernan



Meeting House Reservations

To reserve the Meeting House, call Julanne Sharrow 492-3361

The Hungry Heart Documentary

As you are no doubt aware, Vermont has an opiate addiction crisis. The Hungry Heart is a documentary film chronicling the lives of those addicted to opiates in St. Albans, VT and the doctor who helped them lead lives of sobriety.

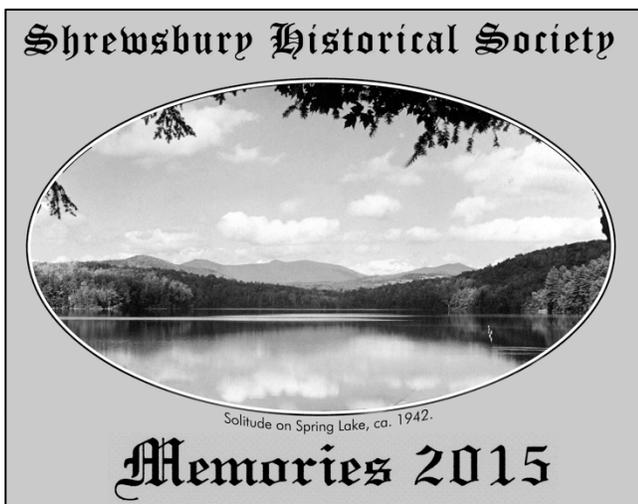
Having seen The Hungry Heart, two things stood out. First, that the young people (and not so young people) who became addicted were not monsters. They may have done horrible things to maintain their habits, but they are not the other; they are everyday people from our communities: some poor, some successful; some educated, some not; some from strong families, some not. Two that recovery is hard, regardless of how motivated the individual is. Motivation is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for recovery. It requires support and treatment, and treatment doesn't always take on the first try. And the film also points out the general unavailability of treatment in Vermont.

Submitted by Sue Ransom-Kelley

TIMES OF SHREWSBURY
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www.shrewsburyvt.org

Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com



Memories Calendar 2015 Notes:

The 2015 Memories Calendar will be available in August at the museum on Sundays from 1 to 3 pm, and at the Pierce's Store and Town Clerk's office in Northam. The calendar is \$15 each. If you want a copy mailed to you, please send check for \$17 which will include mailing charge, made out to the Shrewsbury Historical Society and mailed to Ann Ridlon, PO Box 355, Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

Along with her order for a calendar, we received a lovely note from Mary Ann Pratt Snyder of Largo, FL, as follows: "I always look forward to receiving the calendar. My thanks to the volunteers who spend their time and talent to produce this calendar. You create many memories for me. Shrewsbury holds a place in my heart. It was wonderful to grow up in your town. Thank you. Mary Ann Snyder."

One of the photos chosen for the 2015 calendar is of Peter Lovejoy and wife at home. Recently on TV's "Antiques Roadshow" a copy of one of John George Brown's paintings came to light and it reminded me of the 3 very important framed prints that hang on the museum's walls which were painted by the famed artist, John George Brown. It was through the graces of Nancy Spencer and Ms. Gina Greer, Associate Director of the Spanierman Gallery of NY that the SHS is able to show these wonderful prints. Brown was an esteemed artist and well known for his particular use of country folk and everyday life

In the late 1800s Brown toured Vermont and upstate NY and spent several summers in Cuttingsville at the Union Hotel. Across the road from the hotel, he found a perfect barn in which to paint his subjects. One print is of two local men, Peter Lovejoy and John Smalley playing checkers and the other, the

same two men discussing race horses. The third is a print of a woman named Mrs. Boutwell quilting in her apartment above the horse shed which was just east of the Old Brick Store in Cuttingsville at that time.

Won't you come to visit YOUR museum this summer. Bring your guests and your children. We have exhibits that are of interest for all ages.

On Friday, July 4 at 2pm, several members of the Shrewsbury Historical Society rang the church bell atop the museum three times commemorating Independence Day. According to a recent article in the newspapers, it was on July 4, 1963, that President John F. Kennedy proclaimed the ringing of bells nationwide with the words, "Let's ring freedom bells!" And so a joyful noise was heard throughout the hamlet of Cuttingsville..

The Museum is Open on Sundays from 1pm to 3pm until the last Sunday in October.

We are open and we welcome you to visit and catch the special exhibit on the Statue of Liberty. Back in 1985, Marjorie Pierce prepared a recitation all about the statue. Grace Brigham made a huge cut out replica of the statue and when Marjorie presented the program to the children of Mountain School, she hid behind the statue and pretended to be the Statue of Liberty speaking and explaining when she was born and all the facts about her getting ready to celebrate her 100th birthday.

The cut out replica of the statue prepared by Grace had been lost until recently and we were able to retrieve it. Marjorie's voice is strong and clear and in her wonderful way of telling stories, tells this one with sincere conviction. The children of Mountain School are grown up now and I am sure that they still remember that program.

Fortunately, Marjorie's recitation was audio taped. It was recently restored by Ahmet Baycu for the Society and can now be heard at the museum.

Another New Audio CD

was donated to the Society by Sarah Gibson. Last fall, she prepared and interviewed (with her father, Jonathan's help) the following Shrewsbury folks: Bill Tabor, Donna Smith, Grace Korzun, Leonard Korzun, Nancy Spencer and Larry Carrara.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



The Senior Lunch Group had a fun group of 11 at the Fairhaven Inn on July 8. From left to right; Linda, Doris, Donna, Rene, Rita, Penelope, John, Heather, Judith, Lucille and Edie. The group enjoys a meal together once a month at area restaurants. Newcomers are always welcome.

Submitted by Heather Shay



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First Showing

Saturday. August 17 at 8.00pm

Rain date: TBD

Seven Chances, a classic 1925 American comedy silent film directed by and starring Buster Keaton

Second Showing:

Sunday. August 24 at 8pm

Rain date: Friday August 29

The Gold Rush, a classic 1925 American silent comedy written, produced, directed by, and starring Charlie Chaplin

Donations are voluntary

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

A Message From the Pastor:

May we walk in the sunshine of bright summer days..
May we dream in the moonlight of warm summer nights..
May our souls be filled with loving spirit as the rain soaks the earth..
May we have peace in our understanding and love in our hearts..
So be it!

Summer Services Are at the Northam Church

The Northam Church is the lovely white church with the tall steeple, fresh paint and lovely flowers out front; next to the Town Office on the Cold River Rd . Mondays at 2:00 pm at the Center Church – Book Study led by Rene Pollock at Center Church. “The Prodigal God” by Tim Keller. This book is an in depth study of the prodigal son parable. Call Rene at 492-3559 to receive a book (no charge).

Thursday evenings in July and August, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Join together at the Northam Church and do chanting from around the world. Led by Dino Rice and Janet Pelletier. All are welcome!

Mark your Calendars! August 2nd 5 pm Free Community Supper Live Music Fun! Come One Come All! Scrumptious Menu: Crispy Baked Chicken, Rolls w Butter & Jam or Jelly, A variety of Fresh Summer Salads w Veggies from local Gardens, Assorted Desserts made by talented towns folk. Do you have a neighbor who can't come out? We will make a To-Go Plate to deliver to them.

Opiate Addiction? What's that got to Do With Us you Say? Come and Find Out! Come to the Shrewsbury Community Church & Meeting House. Date and Time to be Announced Soon.

Community Needs

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

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

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

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

Community Church Calendar

- July 27 @ 1100am: - Annual Worship Service at Meeting House Rock on the CCC Road-Pastor Rita Lane. In case of rain, we will worship at the Northam Church. Pot Luck Lunch to follow.
- August 2 @ 500pm: Free Community Supper at the Meeting House All are invited.
- August 3 @ 1030am: Worship Service and Holy Communion @ the Northam Church- Rev. Skip Dickinson. Please bring a non-perishable food item.
- August 10 @ 1030am: Worship Service @ the Northam Church-David Rice.
- August 13 @ 12noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Judy Pitts 775-0678. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert and Beverage will be ed. Please let Judy know if you can attend. Come knit or crochet for those in need. Don't know how? We will teach you!
- August 17 @ 1030am: Worship Service @ the Northam Church-Rev. Bob Boutwell.
- August 24 @ 1030am: Worship Service @ the Northam Church-David Rice.
- August 31 @ 630pm: Evening Vespers Service @ the Northam Church Rev. Cindy Yee

Time for another FREE Community Supper Saturday, August 2 at 5pm at the Meeting House!!

Awhile back there were several community sessions about how to make Shrewsbury a better place to live. The Shrewsbury Community Church decided that meeting & greeting folks over a good dinner would be something they could do. SO the suppers began, AND they have really been a fun affair, not only for those making the food, but for those eating it while chatting with their fellow townsfolk, and listening to the music. The menu this time will be

- crispy baked chicken
- a variety of rolls with butter & jam or jelly
- Summer Salads, a buffet of different salads, especially those with fresh
- garden vegetables, plus others
- Dessert Table
- A choice of drinks.

The time was set so that those paddling at Spring Lake would be exhausted and wouldn't have to make that night's dinner AND those going to the Library's Mettawee Theatre could dine out before the performance at 7:30.

Rene Pollock, SCC Chairman of the Supper

FREE COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF @ the Library in the front entry way. All are Welcome to Come in and Help Yourself any time the Library is Open.

Mettawee River Theatre Summer Production

The Mettawee River Theatre Company will be performing *The Dancing Fox: Wisdom Tales of the Middle East* at Shrewsbury Mountain School on Saturday, August 2 at 7:30pm, a program sponsored by the Shrewsbury Library.

The Dancing Fox, a reprise of a 2003 Mettawee production, is gathered from the shared folk traditions of Jews and Arabs, including the writings of Sufi mystics, along with fables and folklore of the region. In these tales we encounter some clever foxes, dim-witted fish, a vengeful snake and other colorful creatures, as well as a number of wise and foolish humans. New perspectives emerge from the comic twists and tragic turns of their adventures. A variety of masks, puppets and giant figures will be used to flesh out the particular realm of each tale. The Dancing Fox is recommended for audience members eight years and older.



Under the Artistic Direction of mask maker, designer and director Ralph Lee, the Mettawee River Theatre Company, founded in 1975, creates original theater productions that incorporate masks, giant figures, puppets and other visual elements with live music, movement and text, drawing on myths, legends and folklore of the world's many cultures for its material. For more info on Mettawee River Theatre Company, and full schedule of this summer tour, visit www.mettawee.org.

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Some of the creative Mettawee puppets

Mettawee River Company

presents

THE DANCING FOX

Wisdom Tales of the Middle East



Saturday, August 2

7:30pm

**Mountain School Lawn
Shrewsbury**



Benefit of Shrewsbury Library

Suggested Donation: \$8 Adults, \$1 Children

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Chair Caning Workshop

The Black River Academy Museum, 14 High Street in Ludlow will hold a chair caning workshop on Saturday, August 2 from 10am to 4pm at the Museum. The fee is \$60.00 per person and it includes caning materials for the chair the participant brings to the workshop to cane.

The craft of chair caning was brought to the Northeast with the arrival of the Colonists who preferred the bark of black or brown ash. Today rattan is the most common caning material and rattan will be used in the workshop. To register, please call 802-228-5050 or email glbrehm@tds.net. Please visit our web site, www.bramvt.org for more information and directions to the Museum. Class size is limited, so please register promptly.

Library Book & DVD Reviews—



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 Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

★★★★★

This book is about the disappearance of a small oil painting called, *The Goldfinch*, by Cael Fabritius (1622-1654). The unwitting thief, a 13 year-old boy named Theo Decker, becomes simultaneously obsessed with the painting and ridden with guilt that it is in his possession. Keeping the tiny masterpiece (13-1/4 x 9") hidden and unharmed becomes an enormous burden for him as he jockeys its care while living an unstable life of loss, abandonment, drugs, and danger. Theo wants to do the right thing and return the painting, but even this becomes complicated, as he is fearful that the antique-dealer who has befriended him would immediately be suspected as an accomplice should he step forward and return the masterpiece. This is a suspenseful, wild ride, and you will be amazed at all the twists and turns. I really loved reading the beautiful descriptions about the painting and its special place in the world of art. It really exists! This is an extraordinary book and is about so much more than just the painting. (The author is a graduate of Bennington College and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for *The Goldfinch*.)

reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

The Shack by Wm. Paul Young

★★★★★

A very good read—enjoyable, funny, sad, and exciting! A must read. reviewed by Pam Grace

Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup

★★★

This nonfiction work was originally published in 1853 and is still regarded as one of the best accounts of American Negro slavery ever written by a slave. Brought to light again by the recent Academy Award-winning movie of the same name, this true story is about a free black man who is abducted

from upstate New York and forced into a life of slavery in the Deep South. The hope that sustains him over these cruel 12 years is that of seeing his wife and three children again. Solomon is a remarkable man—strong, intelligent, and resourceful. The writing style is very elegant and seems, at times, to soften the harshness of his masters' inhumane, brutal treatment of their "chattel." I was afraid to see the movie but am glad I read the book.

Anonymous Reviewer

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Tastings at Pierce's

At a recent Wine Tasting at Pierce's Store Heather Shay, Kristi Bragg, and Lavinia Seide prepared delicious hors d'oeuvres as a complement to Sandy Bragg's wine selections. Lavinia prepared this lobster mold from a recipe for "Salmon Mousse!."

Haystack Dinner

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**Historical Society
2015 Memories Calendar**

Shrewsbury Historical Society



Memories 2015

Available in August

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Historical Society Museum

(Sundays 1 - 3 PM)

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paintcare.org



Stacy & Tim recently organized an impromptu pizza party on Pierce's Porch for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC). The group is working on trails in the Shrewsbury area for the summer.

Photo by Barbara Griffith

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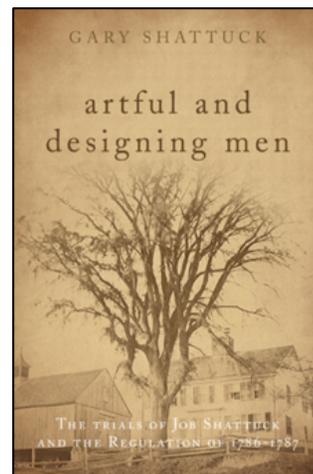
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Vermont Historian, Gary Shattuck To Give Talk

The Black River Academy Museum and The Book Nook, both located in Ludlow, VT, will host an early American history talk, "You Can't Understand the Constitution Without Understanding Shays' Rebellion" by VT historian and author Gary Shattuck. The talk will take place on Thursday July 10 at 7pm at the Black River Academy Museum, 14 High Street, Ludlow, VT, For further information please call the Museum, 802-228-5050, email, glbrehm@tds.net or visit the Museum's web site, www.bramvt.org.

[Gary Shattuck is author of *Artful and Designing Men: The Trials of Job Shattuck and the Regulation of 1786-1787*]



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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

What's in Store in August?

- Five years ago at this point (I'm writing this in mid-July) all the pieces were coming together as a group of Shrewsbury residents worked toward the planned reopening of Pierce's Store on August 25.
- These pieces were held together with a lot of faith. Faith that our vendors would deliver to our corner of Vermont. Faith that our new managers would be able to figure out everything that needed to be done. Faith that the tobacco and alcohol sales licenses would be issued in time. Faith that the decisions being made on what to put on the shelves would appeal to our customers. And on and on.

Sunday, August 31

Barbecue at Pierce's from 12noon to 3pm

We will celebrate 5 years since those days of so much uncertainty. Folks can stop in and eat on site or take it home to eat. A suggested donation will help cover costs. We'll have a tent and some games set up to encourage lingering and visiting with community members.

There won't be any speeches! Details of the day are still being worked out but at this point you can plan to help us celebrate 5 years' of operations on Sunday August 31!

Pierce's Store Friday Night Dinners

August 8: Weezie Duda is making Dabie Sweet's Heart Stoppingly Good Ham and Cheese Casserole (Wallingford Locker Ham), Summer Salad, and Great Aunt Ida's Carrot Cake for dessert.

August 22: Heather Shay is making BBQ pork chops with potato salad, baked beans and cole slaw.

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,

Special Events in honor of the 5th Anniversary of Pierce's Store's reopening.

* *Classic Film showings August 17 and August 24*

* *Barbecue behind the Store August 31*

See further information elsewhere in the Times.

Rob's menus for the month

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

	Bread	Soup or Hot Meal*	Scone, Muffin, Other Baked goodie
Sunday	French	Soup	Scones & Coffee Cake
Monday	Wheatberry or Sunflower Seed	Chili	Scones / Sticky 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 August is:

Soups

Afghan chicken soup with squash, peppers and tomatoes	8/2, 8/20
Chilled avocado soup	8/3
Chilled cucumber soup	8/27
Creole gumbo with chicken, Andouille and okra	8/8, 8/17
Creole lentil with Andouille and kale	8/29
French carrot soup	8/15, 8/24
French vegetable with cannellini	8/31
Gazpacho	8/16
Italian lentil with sausage and vegetables	8/10, 8/23
Mexican corn and cabbage soup with pinto beans and potatoes	8/1
Pumpkin coconut soup	8/6
Southwestern butternut squash soup	8/13
Split pea	8/9, 8/22
West African peanut soup	8/30

** Friday Meals

8/1, 8/15, 8/29	Mac & Cheese
8/8, 8/22	Lasagna

Date & Pizza Variety

8/6	Sausage & Peppers Pizza
8/13	Greek Pizza with Marinara, Olives, Feta & Mozzarella
8/20	Creole Marinara, Andouille Sausage & Mozzarella
8/27	Marinara, Italian Sausage and Sweet Pepper Pizza

Sally Deinzer, Manager

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