

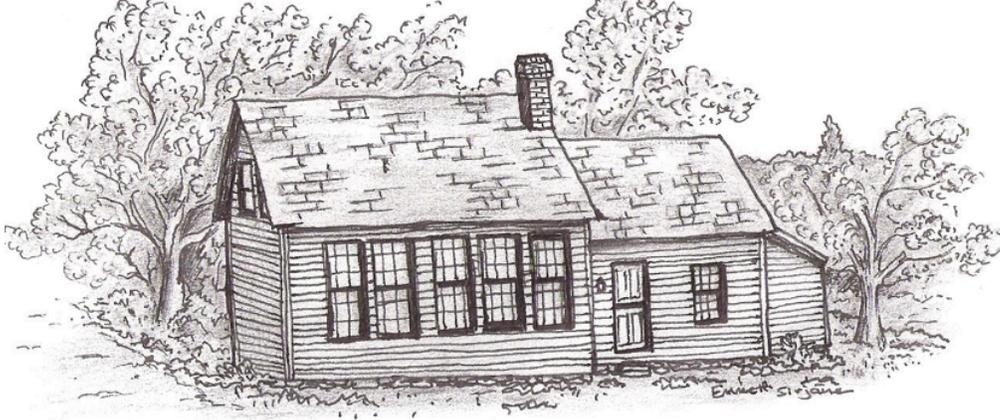


Times of Shrewsbury



February 2015

The Russellville Schoolhouse



The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education (SAGE) leases the Russellville Schoolhouse from Joan Aleshire, who bought the building in 2014 to be used for meetings, workshops, and community enterprises. The Schoolhouse was built in 1859, in School District No. 10, for children within walking distance.

When school operations shifted to Northam and Cuttingsville in the early 1950s, the Town sold the Russellville School to the neighboring Russell family. It was used as a home, summer camp and occasional dwelling over the years, and stood vacant after the deaths of the most recent owners, the Brien family. Joan Aleshire bought the building from the Brien Estate in 2014,

it had many of the original details -- flooring, blackboards, bead board, and windows -- but was in drastic need of cleanup and repairs. Terry Martin and his crew have been hard at work since last fall restoring and renovating the building; it will have the best features of 19th century Vermont schoolhouse architecture and be ready for the 21st century. --Text by Joan Aleshire and Drawing by Emmett Sirjane

Students will learn about the tools, techniques and preparations used for a small scale biodynamic garden. Attention will be given to building quality soils and compost using Barrel Compost Preparation (BC) and readily available local organic materials.

Robert King has been involved in biodynamic agriculture for over 40 years in New England, and has been a presenter at the National Biodynamic Conference. He lives in Putney, Vt. where he has worked with "Post Oil Solutions" a regional community-organizing organization with a focus on locally grown food, food security issues, as well as food access to the underserved. He is devoted to building a Community of Gardeners through, study, work and social activities to Heal the Earth.

Biodynamic Boot Camp

An introduction to biodynamics

Presented by Robert King

LOCATION – THE RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE

**Sunday February 22nd - Snow date March 8th
10 am. To 12 pm. – Potluck Lunch – 1 pm. Q & A**
Suggested donation of \$20 per Person – Limit of 25
Register by Feb. 20th - email Sagevt@gmail.com or
call 492-3377 (Martha or Podge Sirjane)

Brought to you by SAGE

The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education

**Annual Town Meeting
Informational Meeting and Election**

February 25 Last day to apply for addition to check-list (register) to vote for Town Meeting election

Monday, March 2

Informational Meeting starts at 5:30pm. School portion first, with Town portion to follow. Shrewsbury Mountain School will be providing refreshments between meetings.

March 3, 2015, Tuesday - Town Meeting Polls open for voting 10am to 7pm

Absentee / Early Ballot requests can be made anytime by contacting the Town Clerk:

- Phone 492-3511
- E-mail shrewsbueryclerk@vermontel.net
- Download form requesting Absentee Ballot: <http://shrewsburyvt.org/>Town Office>Elections and Voting> and mail it to 9823 Cold River Rd.

Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in working the polls or counting ballots.

Warnings and sample ballots will be available on the Town Website www.shrewsburyvt.org the first week of February.

2015 Dog Licenses are now due. Late fees are assessed after April 1.

Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Proofread Your Listing!

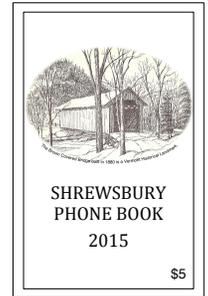
Residents can proofread their listing in the new Phone Book:

February 1 – February 7

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Pierce's Store and the Library

You will be able to indicate any errors at that time.



Additions to the Times!

New "staff" with the *Times*: Rich Biziak will be helping out with the financial part (and a little more later!) and Gerry Martin will continue to assist with proof-reading. It will be great to have both these helpers! As always the *Times* is dependent upon the submissions and suggestions we get from townspeople, so keep those emails coming in!

Chryl Martin

Times Financial Report 12/31/2014

Beginning Cash Balance	\$2,756
Receipts (donations & advertisements)	\$6,088
Expenses (printing, postage & supplies)	\$4,775
Year End Cash Balance:	<u>\$4,069</u>

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

Chryl Martin and Rich Biziak

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 are subject to editing for length and clarity and must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any opinion piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to the same guidelines previously described. All items including letters are printed at the editors' discretion. A 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 person 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-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 questions, call Chryl Martin at 492-2244 or email shrewsburytimes@gmail.com

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	1/4 page \$10
1/2 page \$25	Business card \$5
Classified ad (15 words) \$2.	

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb 1-7 Listings in the 2015 Phone Book can be proofread at Pierce's and the Library
- Feb 7 10-11:30am LEGO Club at the Library
- Feb 10 12noon Senior Lunch at East Asian Restaurant. Call Lillian Rohe: 492-2300 if you can attend.
- Feb 14 4:30pm Free Soup & Bread Community Supper by the Community Church at the Meeting House
- Feb 15 2pm Author Gary Shattuck will talk about his new book at the Library
- Feb 15 4pm Famous Books Book Club meets at the Library
- Feb 18 12noon Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Carol Goodwin
- Feb 22 4pm Science Book Club meets at the Library
- Feb 22 10am-12noon Bio-Dynamic Boot Camp sponsored by SAGE meeting at the Russellville School House
- Feb 22 12noon-1pm Pot Luck Lunch following Bio-Dynamic Boot Camp
- Feb 25 Last day to register to vote in March election
- Mar 2 5:30pm Informational meeting at the Meeting House, Lottery Road
- Mar 3 10am-7pm Polls open for voting at the Meeting House, Lottery Road

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details



TIMES OF SHREWSBURY
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www.shrewsburyvt.org

**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 Shrewsbury Center Church |
| Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg | 1 st Monday & 3 rd Tuesday—6:30pm |
| 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—5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road |

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

Window (Retail) Hours:

Monday-Friday Open 7:30am-10:30am and 1:30pm-4:30pm
Saturday 8am-11am

Lobby Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30am-5pm & Saturday 7:30am-11am

Meeting House 492-6050 (Reservations: 492-3361)

Health Officer Daphne LeaHemmer 773-7157

Emergency Management Bert Potter 773-2272

Ambulance 773-1700

GrMP power outage 1-800-451-2877

Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911

Rutland Hospital 775-7111

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LETTER S TO THE EDITOR

Leonard Korzun

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Lenny Korzun. He was Mr. History personified. At Historical Society meetings, he requested five minutes each meeting to be able to speak on the history of agriculture in Shrewsbury, family's roots, visiting of other historical societies, and of special books he had read. We will miss Lenny.

Ruth Winkler for the Shrewsbury Historical Society

Pożegnanie (farewell) Good Neighbor

Friend, neighbor and lifetime Shrewsbury resident, Leonard Korzun, passed away Monday, January 19th at the age of 83. Collecting information and making connections until his last day, Leonard had an insatiable desire to learn and stay current. I will miss our ongoing conversations on farm policy, politics, history, genealogy, and the changing face of the landscape and seasons. For the past 38 years he assisted Connie and me in so many ways as we became part of the landscape on the Korzun Farm. After completing his Masters degree, Leonard took over the family farm his parents purchased in 1930. During that time he served 27 years as Selectman, 14 years as Auditor, 3 years as Lister, Regional Ambulance board member and this year was serving his 34th year as a Trustee of the Shrewsbury Meeting House. That is an amazing legacy of community service. He was a man connected both to the earth and his community, and photographed everything he saw. Following his retirement, he did not rest, travelling to Poland several times, translating and publishing family journals, collecting information on Shrewsbury's first settlers and staying active in statewide farm policy just to name some of his interests.

Leonard will be sorely missed. We will not again see him slowly walking into the Meeting House with his cane and pad of paper, or stopping to share the birds he saw (he always remembered the date they first came in the spring) or commenting on the hay growth. He would always make a point to stay in contact with my folks and just recently called Connie's Mom regarding her upcoming 90th birthday. His body may have slowed down but certainly not his mind and that is something he was blessed with until the end.

A part of Shrewsbury's fabric has left but Leonard has provided many memories and lessons that will stay as part of this quilt we call Shrewsbury.

*Pozegnanie Good Friend,
Mark Youngstrom*

Open Letter to the SVFD

I want to thank you and your team, on behalf of the Bailey Family, for the amazing responsiveness, bravery, and professionalism exhibited on the morning of Christmas Eve 2014 in response to a fire at our home at 241 Bailey Road. Your efforts, and the efforts of all those who responded from the SVFD, not only saved a historic Shrewsbury home dating from 1857, but ensured the safety of 4 adults and 7 children who were in the home at the time of the fire.

On the morning of December 24, 2014 we awoke to the smell of smoke in our home and after discovering the source of the fire in the basement, beneath the fireplace, we immediately called 911 and within minutes the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department was on scene. Your team's training and professionalism was in full view as they first ensured our safety, and then combatted the fire with impressive precision, ensuring minimal damage, and allowing us to still enjoy a family Christmas in our home that is been in our family for five generations. Those who serve in the Shrewsbury's Volunteer Fire Department are a wonderful example of selfless service to one's community and provided us with inspiration on that memorable Christmas Eve.

It is a tradition in our family to pray for those members of the Armed Forces who are unable to be home for the holidays and express gratitude for their service. Unsurprisingly, at our Christmas dinner, all eleven of us expressed our gratitude for those members of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department who sacrificed their time on Christmas Eve to save our Christmas.

Thank you for all you do in service to others. With deepest respect and gratitude,

Nathaniel (Nate) Bailey

Shrewsburyrians

I am writing to tell the voters of Shrewsbury that I have put my name on the ballot to fill the vacant school board position of our Mountain School. For those who do not know me, my wife Helen, and I have lived in Shrewsbury for 30 years. I served on the Mill River school board for 9 years and was chair of that board for 3 years. Though I have been off the Mill River school board for 3 years I continue to serve on the board's finance committee. During the last year I have begun to think how I could again serve our town. When I was asked to consider filling the current board vacancy I welcomed the chance. My 9 years on the Mill River board have given me a extensive background in all things school related. If elected, I believe I will easily be able to step into this position and serve our town.

Thank you, Andy Richards-Peelle



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

There was no *Times* in January, so you have not heard from us in two months. The cold weather, downed power lines, prolonged electrical outages and emergency calls have kept your firefighter neighbors busy during that time. Two December structure fire calls stand out – one on Route 103, and a second on Bailey Road. We are pleased to report that both calls were met with quick responses, allowing our firefighters to contain the fires and save the residences. Happy endings in both cases.

Thermal imaging cameras are essential tools for fire departments today. In a situation such as the one on the Bailey Road (in which a fire initially confined to a fireplace and its chimney has extended into the walls and/or floor of the residence itself) the “imager” allows firefighters to see whether and how the fire is advancing behind walls, and to respond accordingly to keep the fire from spreading. It is an expensive piece of equipment but can save hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage over its lifetime.

SVFD’s first thermal imaging camera was acquired in 2002, paid for with donations received in response to our annual mailer. In recent weeks we again solicited help through our mailer to replace this piece of equipment, as necessary replacement parts are no longer available. Your generous donations received in response have allowed us to acquire a new camera and charger. We were able to acquire a gently used “demo” unit for “only” \$7,584.25. The camera is now installed and in service on our Cuttingsville fire engine. Thanks to all who generously contributed to this solicitation, so that we could again make this acquisition without expending tax dollars.

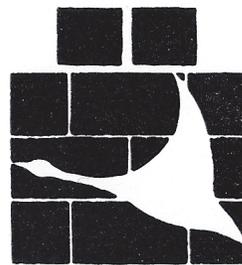
Your neighbors on the Fire Department will continue with their fundraising efforts – don’t forget to enter our Race Pool before the 2015 Sprint Cup season opens at Daytona on February 22! We look for every way we can to keep our annual funding request from the Town to the necessary minimum. That said, everything costs (much) more in 2015 than it did in 1997 – the last time we requested an increase in our funding from the Town.

An adjustment is necessary in the amount placed annually in the fire department equipment reserve fund. A new fire engine now costs about \$400,000 -- rather than \$125,000 we used twenty years ago when this fund was first established. A seven year lease-purchase agreement -- such as we have used

in the past -- would require annual payments of about \$60,000. We do not seek that amount, but do believe that the \$35,000 we are requesting to be added to that fund is an appropriate adjustment at this time. By way of comparison, the Town sets aside \$50,000 annually for the town road equipment fund.

We are also requesting \$27,000 from the Town to apply to our 2015 operating budget. This is the first time we have sought an increase since we requested a raise to \$26,000 in 1997. While we would be pleased if we could run our fire department on a fixed income forever, that is just not possible. All of us who volunteer our time on the fire department appreciate the support you have given us in the past, and again request your support on Town Meeting Day and beyond. Remember to STAY FIRE SAFE!

Submitted by Barry Griffith



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Dirk Thomas

2014 Town Report Coming in February

The 2014 Annual Town Report will be distributed to all households in Shrewsbury on or before February 21 in anticipation of the Information Meeting on Monday, March 2 and the Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 3. The Report will also be available at www.shrewsburyvt.org, the Town website.

The Report will contain the Warnings for the Town and the Shrewsbury Mountain School budgets, both of which will be voted on at Town Meeting. Reports from the Selectboard, the School Board, and various Town and out-of-town officers and organizations will also be presented in the Report. Town officers as of December 31, 2014, elected and appointed, are listed in the Report. Elections will be held March 3, 2015 for vacancies.

We hope you will review the Report to become knowledgeable about the activities and operating costs of our Town. You will have a chance before voting to ask questions and discuss any issues of interest at the Information Meeting on March 2, 2015.

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

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

❖ The Library is requesting \$7500 in Town funds again this year, although our operating costs have risen to \$11,276, up from \$7,822 in 2013. The costs of electricity, insurance, propane, and telephone service have all increased, but the Library has been successful in raising funds to cover the difference in these essential services, and to add to our collection of books and audio-visual materials, as well as expanding our programs.

❖ **NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN:** The Library is initiating a new 5-Year Plan to improve our organization and our offerings. Under the last Plan, begun in 2009, we began converting our VHS tapes to DVDs; created a reading corner in the Great Room; and added periodical subscriptions and downloadables. Now we are again inviting townspeople to fill out a short survey about their Library use (or lack of it); what they like or dislike about the Library; and what services they would like the Library to provide.

❖ **FIVE-YEAR PLAN COMMITTEE:** We are inviting volunteers to join a Five-Year Plan Committee to review the completed surveys and make recommendations for improvements to the Library Board. We estimate that this work will only take 2 meetings. Please contact Joan (492-3550) or the Library (492-3410) if you're interested.

❖ **MANY THANKS** to WOODY (John Wood) for getting and installing our new interior fire door; it's sturdy, accessible, and doesn't look like the usual fire door. The Library is warmer and more secure because of it!

❖ **FREE AUDIO CASSETTES!** We're discarding our audio book cassettes and will offer them **AFTER MARCH 1:** first come, first serve, free to anyone who wants them.

Coming Events:

Sunday, February 15 @ 2pm: GARY SHATTUCK presents his new book, *Insurrection, Corruption and Murder in Early Vermont: Life on the Wild Frontier*. Expect to hear stories of our wild history and how Gary discovered them!

Friday, March 13 @ 7:30pm: **GARDENERS' ROUNDTABLE:** Our annual panel discussion with Shrewsbury's market gardeners.

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, February 15 @ 4pm: Famous Books Book Club will continue to discuss *ULYSSES*.

Sunday, February 22 @ 4pm: Science Book Club will discuss: *Rethinking Aging* by Nortin M. Hadler M.D.

Alternating Thursdays 7-9pm: **WRITERS' GROUP.** Please contact Martha Izzi (492-3346) or Penelope Weiss (492-3345) for information.

Computer Tutoring: Please contact the Library if you're interested (492-3410).

New books include:

Three thrillers by masters of suspense

- ◆ *The Escape* by David Baldacci
- ◆ *Revival* by Stephen King
- ◆ *The Burning Room* by Michael Connolly
- ◆ *Preparation for the Next Life* by Atticus Lish. An acclaimed first novel about contemporary American struggles:

New DVDs include:

- ◆ "The Roosevelts": The new series by Ken Burns
- ◆ "Boyhood": Directed by Richard Linklater and starring Ethan Hawke, Ellar Coltrane and Patricia Arquette, this remarkable movie was filmed over 12 years of a boy's coming-of-age.
- ◆ "Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie": The thought-provoking documentary about Vermont's past, present and future directed by several filmmakers.



News from the Children's Room

There are many new additions of books and DVDs in the Ben Perry Room at the Shrewsbury Library. We now have more great picture books, easy reader non-fiction books and books about Legos. We have been replacing the old VHS tapes with new DVD's and adding new ones. Titles include: *The Lego Movie*, *Tangled*, *Air Bud*, *Dolphin Tale*, *Happy Feet* and *Veggie Tales*.

Submitted by Doris Perry



Trees Jailed????

What a strange term - Tree WARDEN; some sort of ruler of the trees in an area to keep them in place? Not so for trees are designed to stay in one place!!! The domain of the Tree Warden, by state statute, includes all shade

and ornamental trees within the limits of the public ways and places (roads and town owned land). In Shrewsbury those trees are generally included within a 25' right-of-way from road center or in many cases the area between the existing stone wall and the paved edge of the Town road. The trees are actually still owned by the landowner but "managed" by the tree warden as shade trees. Main responsibilities include deciding when old trees should come down (hazardous) and new trees should be planted; when insect or disease conditions warrant control; and to serve as advocate for trees in an official capacity.

Most of the law relating to trees is "common law", meaning that it is found in court cases, many of them

from the earliest Vermont Supreme Court decisions. The actual law relating to town tree wardens is found in Title 24 of Vermont Statutes Annotated; section 2502-2511 and Title 13, Sections 3601-3609. You can find them easily on line if a particular section interests you.

What should interest you is the purpose of the law which is to have the Tree Warden mediate between the public and private interests of shade trees. The public's interest includes safe road travel, provision of utilities, shade and beauty, and maintenance of town roads. Private interests include maintenance of a buffer between house and road, creation of a view of land beyond property boundaries, and the ability to choose the look of a property through landscaping. Much of the detail in this article came from "The Law of Trees" authored by Paul Gillies from the Vermont Institute of Government in 1998. He took the "legalize" out of statute and made it an understandable description of Tree Warden as mediator and protector of town trees.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden



The Library was full of children (13) and adults (9) at a recent Lego Club where they made lots of scenes like the one pictured above.

Join the Lego Club!

On Saturday morning, January 17 the Lego Club met at the Shrewsbury Library. A good time was had by the students and their parents. The students were very involved and ended up with some very creative projects!

Our next time to meet will be Saturday, February 7 from 10:00am until 11:30am, weather permitting. Younger children are welcome with their parents. Come join us and create with all the Legos we have at the Library!

Any questions contact Carol Goodwin at 747-0192 or Linda Olney at 492-3513.

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The Roving Reporter Asked:

What's the "worst" thing about a power outage and what is the "best" thing?

An interesting thing happened when all the responses were recorded....the "best" were longer than the "worst"!



Shrewsbury on December 9, 2014

The "Worst" things about a power outage are:

#1 Answer: "We can't flush the toilet." (But nobody wanted to be quoted about that!)

- "It would be nice to do the dishes." –GK
- "It seems like I have a lack of clear focus." –JW
- "Finding out that somebody down the road has power, and we don't!" –ME
- "Not having the internet." –BG
- "The disorganization. Santa needs to bring us a big bag of outage devices that lives in one place so we can find it!" –LC
- "Being told over the 6 day outage period that the power will be restored by 4:52pm, then by 11:18am, then by 3:26pm, then by midnight tomorrow night, and finally "we have no estimate when your power will be restored....." -RR
- "Well, for me it's not being able to cook a hot meal and having to go to bed early." –RB
- "Our horses don't like the generator." –LD
- "The worst fear is that the freezer will get unfrozen." –GB
- "Trying to find candles and the flashlights AFTER the power goes out. There are just a new set of chores; but I feel bad for people who don't have a heat source." –DS
- "No water. And that's the short list! What will we do when the phones are on fiber optics because I think we'll only have back-up power for about 10-12 hours?" -JD

The "Best" things about a power outage are:

#1 Answer: "We have a generator."

- "It's good to be "unplugged" and spend time with people instead of devices." –LC
- "It makes me be more in tune with natural cycles instead of relying on fossil fuels." –AV
- "After a while you don't miss it (*the power*) as much, because life just slows down....but after a while it becomes a pain in the neck!" –PG
- "It brings back memories of the crazy meals we've fixed when the power goes out. One time we rigged up a Girl Scout oven with biscuits on top of the stove with interesting results. This year we had an Army green concoction with a lot of brussel sprouts in it." - CY
- "We're off the grid, so we weren't affected!" –CS
- "Dinner by candlelight with my spouse by my side." -JG
- "It forces some downtime and unclutters my life a little; gives me time to think, meditate, etc." –RB
- "It's beautiful outside, absolutely gorgeous." –LV
- "I have a wood stove for heat, gravity fed spring for water, and time to read. And, the house does what it's done for the last 185 years!" –GB
- "Everything's copasetic here because we have a generator! -JS
- "It's the first time ever that I wrote my Christmas cards in daylight; I usually do them at midnight." –DS
- "Playing an acoustic instrument...I can play even when the power goes out!" -PM
- "It's a good break from the TV and the computer." –CG
- "The family comes together at our house because we have a generator....the best investment we ever made!" –LO (*Follow-up: The enthusiasm seemed to waiver after 6 days of outage!*)
- "It gives me a chance to do some casual, unhurried reading. It also allows for some thoughtful planning time which I normally wouldn't do." –GM
- "Before we had a generator there was lots of hustling around. We'd fire up the wood stove, then open up the door to let the smoke out and the cold in. I remember the kitchen was warm, the living room was cool, the computer room freezing, and the bathroom was icy--lots of fun memories." -JW

Two Shrewsbury Romantic Tales of Woe: Benjamin Philbrick's Lament

In the year 1852, Benjamin Philbrick of Shrewsbury penned a heartrending letter in verse to his wife, Lydia (Lord) and their children as he lay dying on board a ship headed for the gold rush in California. Philbrick owned the property next to the original Northam School and also the Northam blacksmith shop. At the age of 36, he left his family to try his luck in finding gold. The story was told that he worked his way down to the Isthmus of Panama, crossed it by mule, and boarded a ship headed for California. He contracted yellow fever on board ship and wrote the letter in shaky script as he was dying. The letter was entitled "The Dying Californian," and excerpts as written follows:

"Tis my wife I'll speak of now.
Tell O tell her how I miss her
When the fever burned my brow
Harken to me closely lisson
Don't forget a single word,
That in death my eyes did glisten
With the tears her memory stirred.
Tell her to kiss my children
Like the kiss I last impressed
Hold them as last I held them
folded closely to my brest.
Give them early to their maker
putting all their trust in God
And he never will forsake her
He has said so in his word
Oh my children Heaven bless them.
They were all my life to me
Would I could once more caress them
Ear I sink beneath the sea
Twas for them I crossed the ocean
What my hopes were I'll not tell
But they have gained an orphans portion
yet he doeth all things well."

Benjamin Philbrick died and was buried in the Pacific Ocean. The complete text of his letter is on file in the museum. In 1860 Lydia Lord Philbrick married for the second time to Alvin Finney Aldrich, son of Nathaniel and Polly Aldrich.

Excerpts from "Shrewsbury, Vermont – Our Town As It Was" by Dawn D. Hance

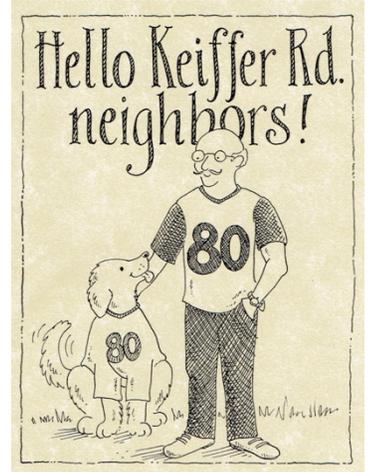
The sad epitaph on the grave of Adelaide "Taddie" Foster in Laurel Glen Cemetery (in Cuttingsville) pulls at the stoutest hearts. Carved in stone, it outlines the courtship of Taddie Foster and Marshall P. Spafford.

Carved on the 12' high polished granite stone, topped by a cloth draped urn, is a 7 stanza poem describing the courtship and engagement of the pair, separated by Taddie's untimely death at 27 years of age. Spafford never married and when he died in 1904, Charles Foster, Taddie's brother, had his remains buried beside Taddie's grave.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

"Hi Neighbor"

Shrewsbury is a very special place because of its topography and its eclectic mix of residents. We purchased our property 50 years ago and moved up permanently 35 years ago. We used to know many more local people than we do now. In fact, even on our short Keiffer Road two new homes have been built in recent years. We wave to all our neighbors as they drive by, season by season, but in fact Lee and I had not met some of them.



So, we decided to host a party on December 12th to welcome all our neighbors living on Keiffer Road to meet us and each other. The timing was opportune as it was my 80th birthday and holiday time as well.

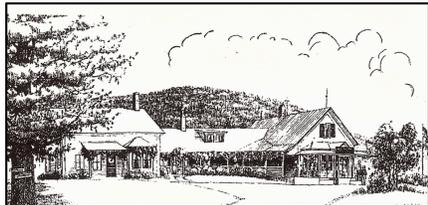
The invitation was personally delivered and everything was prepared and anticipated except that one variable that is always uncertain, weather. You guessed it. We had no power for several days including the Friday evening of the party. At the last minute we postponed the event until the following Saturday noon, when even if we didn't have power, we would have the benefit of daylight.

Due to the change of day and time two families had to cancel but we gained two others. In total Lee and I were delighted to welcome 19 of our neighbors, including one homeowner who drove up from Massachusetts to be with us. Yeah, we still had only generator power.

Every guest met a neighbor that they previously hadn't met. That was the purpose. Good food and home made chocolate truffles were enjoyed by all. Conversation, wine and punch flowed easily. And there was some talk about next year's party. Lee said we'll check the weather.

Lee and Dick Rohe

LIFE AT PIERCE'S



around the neighborhood. I wanted to renew this tradition.

So my Shrewsbury friends Gracie and Janet and I put together a last minute carol sing. And I mention this because I am not sure what was more fun; eating pizza and brownies, laughing and soaking up the excitement and enthusiasm on the Tuesday night as we planned it, or six days later seeing the magical results of what happened.

Twenty-one carolers gathered at the Pierce house and we visited four homes that Sunday! Each time, we belted out "Carol of the Bells", as the morning chorus had just learned it. But Gracie took the caroling to the next level and invited the whole community to a gathering at the meetinghouse that day at 5 pm. I was in awe how our community gathered at the last minute, bringing platters of holiday cookies and drinking Janet's homemade hot chocolate while Roxanne played the piano. From infants to older adults (the oldest I knew is eighty-four) and everyone in between, we all sang to our heart's delight. The little Shrewsburyites paraded around the group in a Christmas pageant and we even had a Santa Lucia. It was fun!

But the singing didn't end. Next, we took George to the Christmas Eve service where I was recruited or asked to join in the Christmas choir. We sang our way through the service that night. The highlight for me was singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Different families and friends would rise to their feet for each of the days, so exercise was involved. By the next day, Tim, my dad and I all had hoarse voices.

An organ used to sit in the parlor at the Pierce house which is now my office. And then a piano replaced the organ. And the Pierces were replaced by other occupants. But through it all, music has always been present here. Now, it's singing, as Tim and I sang our way through December. Somehow, I have discovered, the Pierce house is one of those places where music fills the rooms- even when it's silent.

My father, George, arrived for the week of the winter solstice and Christmas. Without his visit, I don't think I would have discovered how much Northam is a musical hamlet. It had never dawned on me before. Last year, I joined the Shrewsbury Singers. Unfortunately, with my work schedule, it's now hard for me to go, but Tim took over. He had never sung before in a chorus. He is now faithful to the Sunday gathering and positions himself between Avery and Manolo. While I worked, Tim took my father to the Sunday morning sing. I could just picture George sitting there in one of the pews just taking it all in, listening to the group learn and practice "The Carol of the Bells" over and over, feeling how his daughter's life has evolved and grown so deeply enriched within this community.

But on that day, the singing didn't stop there for George. That afternoon, I barrelled home from work and madly copied all my holiday songbooks as we had another adventure waiting. During my youth, every year, my family would join others in the neighborhood and carol to my Aunt Sylvia and others

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Carols at Dusk on the Solstice



On December 21 Wilder led the parade of seasonal characters around the Hall during a festive evening of caroling. Singing favorite carols included Eldred, Lily, Podge, Cedelle, Avery, Silas and Emmett. Over 50 Shrewsberries attended the joyful evening at the Town Hall. --Photos by Lisa Steckler

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And now we have switched over to skiing. But I would like to say Marjorie's house has always attracted music. Whether it was good conversation, laughter or even singing, it's present here. I have heard that after Marjorie's death there were musical gatherings in the house and that brings smiles to those who remember.

And then I started thinking about how good it feels to belt out a song in the car when no one is listening. And how on Sunday afternoons, we will walk by our neighbor who "jams" with his friends playing old rock and roll tunes. And then there's the Thursday morning group who play in the store. The music pleasantly and quietly wafts through the house. Music is everywhere and even in silence, there is music in the house filled with many memories for many of you. Tim and I feel that good energy.

"Joy, Joy, JOY!" I still can't get it out of my head, my fellow XMAS Eve choir members!

Stacy McKiernan



Spring Lake Ranch

Therapeutic Community
Working Toward Wellness

This past Halloween, in Shrewsbury, while people prepared bowls of candy for excited trick-or-treaters, or put the finishing touches on their costume or decorations, we at Spring Lake Ranch were getting ready for our unique fall holiday, Community Day.

Community Day, the celebration of our community and the communal spirit, is a day full of activities designed to bring us closer in friendship and healing, and to contemplate what it is about the community at Spring Lake Ranch that makes it such a special place.

Many past ranchers currently in Rutland taking part in our aftercare programs and friends from all over joined those of us "on the hill" for the day. We had fun playing indoor and outdoor games, including a raucous game of football in a foot of fresh snow. Creative workshops drew crowds as we attempted to put the feeling of community into words, songs, and art. The posters, songs, and plays created during this time expressed what community means to us and how we can strengthen and foster that community. At the day's end, after the songs were sung and the games were finished, everyone gathered for supper, a tighter kinship and connection felt by everyone in the room.

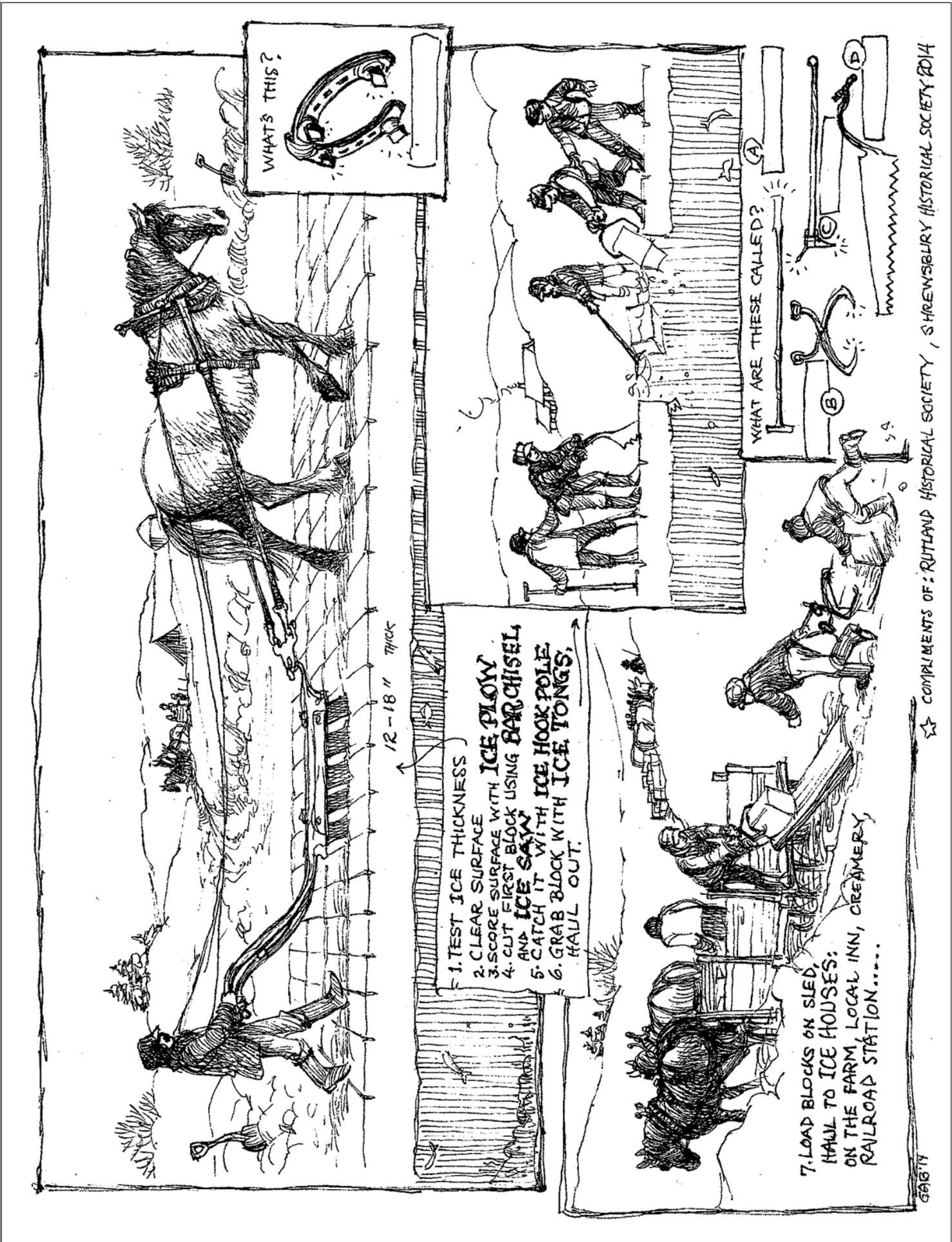
Much of the actions, considerations, and meditations we enhanced our community with throughout Community Day are relevant to communities outside Spring Lake Ranch – school communities, church communities, and our very own Shrewsbury community.

Our Community Day poster-making workshop designed a beautiful piece that depicted the many ways to build community. I think that any person putting into practice just one of the actions of the poster would enrich their own life and strengthen the many communities that we all depend on. I know that it has made a difference for me.

Submitted by Heather Brown, Spring Lake Ranch



- Be part of the Quilt*
- Be generous with your time*
- Give a helping hand*
- Welcome newcomers*
- Seek to understand*
- Take the time to listen*
- Accept people for who they are*
- Help chase the animals when they get out*
- Have good boundaries*
- Try new things*
- Try thinking in a different way*
- Be grateful * Be respectful*
- Laugh together*
- Don't be quick to judge*
- Don't take things personally*
- Love and respect yourself * Love and respect others*
- Don't be afraid to ask for help*
- Take pride in your work*
- Be accountable to yourself and others*
- Share your talents*
- Be there for others*
- Challenge yourself*



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2. CLEAR SURFACE WITH ICE PLOW
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5. CATCH IT WITH ICE HOOK POLE
6. GRAB BLOCK WITH ICE TONGS, HAUL OUT.

WHAT ARE THESE CALLED?

7. LOAD BLOCKS ON SLED, HAUL TO ICE HOUSES: ON THE FARM, LOCAL INN, CREAMERY, RAILROAD STATION....

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GABBY

Ice Harvesting

Before electricity became available for refrigeration (1930?) one of the ways Vermonters kept food from spoiling was to use ice, harvested in the winter. Before refrigerators and freezers, families had an icebox, a metal-lined insulated cabinet that held a block of ice, and food.

When railroads were built across Vermont (1840-1850) our good butter and cheese could be sent by train all the way to Boston and New York City. Ice harvesting became an important seasonal industry. Dawn Hance's book about Shrewsbury has a photo of Julianne Sharrow's father, Chandler Smith, as a child helping with ice cutting on the pond at the farm. We've heard that sixty tons of ice was taken of the mill pond in Russellville one year.

In January when ice on the Lake, pond or river was at least 12" thick, it would be cut into blocks and hauled to the ice house. There it was packed in sawdust to insulate it. Layers of ice and sawdust were piled in, until the building was full. Ice could last all summer, to be used as needed. Even now a days when conditions are favorable, the folks at Spring Lake Ranch harvest ice from the lake. They have an ice house, complete with sawdust. Students at the Mountain school have been able to share this experience numerous times over the years.

Back in the day, horses, oxen and people did all the lifting and hauling. Ingenious tools and machines made from wood, leather and metal were invented to help. The Farmer's museum at the Rutland Fair has some of these. Especially interesting are three Ice Plows. One came from McDermott's attic in Russellville. Recently yet another one was spotted at Mt. Holly's Historical museum. Each one is different. Shrewsbury Historical Society member Al Ridlon has a collection of draft Horse Shoes. Some are equipped with special caucks (or "corks") for traction on ice.

Artwork & Text by Grace Brigham



Power Parade!

Photo by Irene Gordon on December 9, 2014

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

“Invitation to the Community to Serve” for people of all ages who want to make a difference in the community by getting involved and realizing the satisfaction that comes with being a volunteer.

SOLE
HOPE

Sunday February 8th 1030 am-1200 noon at the Shrewsbury Community Church (the Center Church & Town Hall) the community is invited to participate in a new alternative service. This is different than a traditional worship service. We will watch a short movie explaining our mission and we will be cutting out shoe pieces for “Sole Hope”. The pieces will be sent to NC and eventually to Uganda. Shoemakers will make them into shoes, which help keep children jigger-free and give them freedom from foot related diseases. Shoemakers will be paid a livable wage and children will receive much needed medical care before they are given their pair of shoes. We can make a difference!

If you have any of these items please bring them: used Blue Jeans, fabric scissors, Large Safety Pins, Plastic-items such as milk jugs, thin plastic folders, laundry detergent bottles or 2 liter Soda Bottles. However, bringing anything is NOT required. Please just come and help. Refreshments will be provided.

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

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

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Free Soup & Bread Community Supper

Saturday, February 14 @ 4:30pm

Shrewsbury Town Hall

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Christmas Eve Service

We had a lovely Christmas Eve Service. Thanks to all who participated! The sanctuary was adorned with fresh balsam wreaths and our beautiful tree, decorated with white lights, gold and silver bells and a shining star. On Christmas Eve time stands still for a moment. It is the time when here and now drift away and everything is delightful, enchanting and even magical. It is story time. We are both in the sanctuary and on a lonely hillside outside of Bethlehem. We are with each other, neighbors, friends and family and we are with the Magi on a difficult journey. We listen to the choir and we listen to choirs of angels, a whole heavenly host of angels we have heard on high.

Christmas Eve, like every night, is new, a never happening before moment in time, and yet, we have been there before, done this before, told the Christmas Story before, and heard it before. Everything we do is steeped in ritual and tradition; yet each time we hear this story it is as if we are hearing it anew and we learn something new. The story we tell is always happening: birth, death, taxes, weary travelers without a place to stay, babies born, sudden signs of grace and glory and surprising generosity. The past and the present are closely woven and we sense the presence of our own eternal selves, our souls and our everyday selves.

At the end of the evening, we pass a visible sign of grace, the light of a candle, from hand to hand, we see radiance and beauty in one another, as seen through the eyes of a timeless love.

Community Church Calendar

Feb 1 @ 1030am: Worship Service and Holy Communion Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a non-erishable food item

Feb 8 @ 1030am: Community Service Project Making Soles for Hope All Invited!

Feb 14 @ 430pm: Free Soup and Bread Community Supper Town Hall All Welcome!

Feb 15 @1030am: Worship service Rev. Skip Dickinson

Feb 18 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Carol Goodwin. Please bring a bag lunch, dessert and drinks will be provided. Please call Carol 747-0192 to let her know if you can attend. All welcome!

Feb 22 @ 1030am: Worship Service Rev. Bob Boutwell.

Wallingford Rotary Club Pork Dinner will be Saturday, January 31 from 5 – 7pm at the Rotary Building, 96 North Main Street, Wallingford. Adults: \$12 Children: \$6 (under age 12). Proceeds Benefit Rotary Scholarships and Charities.

Tinmouth Contra Dance Schedule

All dances are taught, and you do not need a partner. If you are a beginner, come at 8. The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center, generally on the third Friday of the month. Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$9, \$7 for teens and free for children 12 and under. Refreshments will be available to benefit the dance fund. Info: 446-2928 or www.Tinmouthvt.org. Dates: February 20, March 20, April 17 , May 15, June 19

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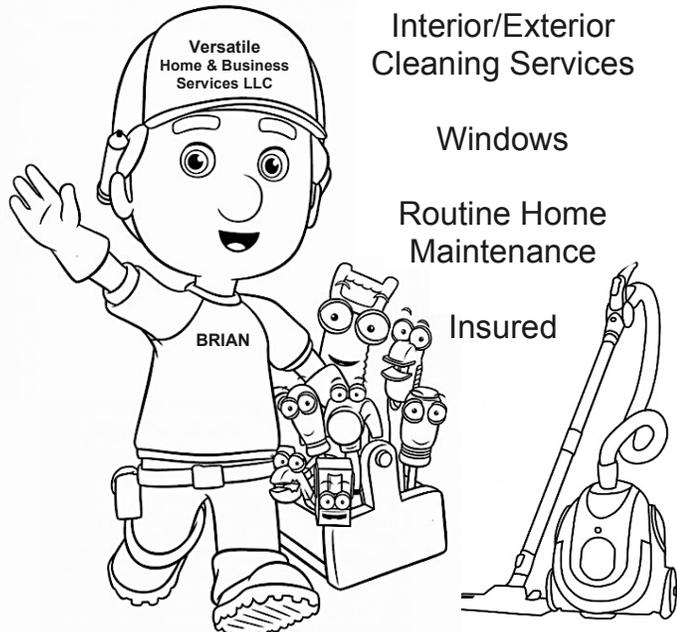


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MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

*A winter garden in an alder swamp,
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As near a paradise as it can be
And not melt snow or start a dormant tree.*
Excerpt from "A Winter Eden" by Robert Frost

With the lengthening of days and more sunshine to cast a glow upon the busy lives and accomplishments of Mill River's students, your board members are pleased to report the following:

New England Honor Music Festival: Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the prestigious New England Honor Music Festival: Brandon Bailey, tenor; Tara Beattie, soprano; Jake Bloomer, tuba; Aaron Botti, bass; Anna-Sofia Botti, soprano; Christian Brand, bass; Katherine Bullock, soprano; Arthur Conover, bass/trumpet; Ryan Darling, tenor; Isabelle Fontein, alto; Cameron Gilmour, bass; Elaine Hasenohr, alto; Timothy Hefernan, tenor; Caroline Lapp, soprano; Gabrielle Lazzaro, soprano; Jonathan Mackintosh, bass; Will Shorey, percussion; Rachel Uhler, clarinet; and Kyle Weeden, tenor. All MRUHS students who auditioned were accepted and will perform with nationally renowned conductors and hundreds of other student musicians in Keene, NH on March 19-21.

Singing Valentines: The Mill River Chamber Singers will be delivering Singing Valentines on February 12 with a snow date of February 13 at the school and throughout Rutland County. If you are interested in purchasing a Singing Valentine for someone "special", please see a member of the Chamber Singers or contact Kristin Cimonetti (775-1925 ext. 307 or kcimonetti@rssu.org). Singing Valentines are \$10 each if delivered at MRUHS and \$20 if delivered elsewhere in Rutland County.

The Green Mountain Music District Festival: This year's District 1 Festival featuring Middle School Chorus, Middle School Jazz Band, and High School Symphonic Band will be held on Friday, February 6 at The College of St. Joseph with a snow date of Saturday, February 7.

The second festival is on March 6 and will feature the High School Chorus, High School Jazz Band and the Middle School Symphonic Band. The musical groups will be rehearsing with conductors throughout the day and performing a concert at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door (Adults \$5, Children/ Students \$3, Seniors \$3, and Families of 4 or more \$15. Combining the two festivals, there will be 52 musicians representing MRUHS.

"Show Me Gala" Talent Show: On Friday, February 27 at 7:00pm, the Mill River community will present its 21st annual "Show Me Gala" talent show in the Mill River auditorium. This event is hosted by the Mill River Friends of Music and will feature performers of all ages. This is a fundraising effort to help support the music programs at MRUHS. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 per family.

MakerSpace: The library staff has been working hard to set up MRUHS's MakerSpace, an area stocked with supplies to encourage student creativity. Often, but not always, Makerspace projects use technology in their design and implementation. The school has a green screen recording area (for making videos, just like weather reports on TV), tripods, mics, and audio recording supplies. Students are using computers in the media lab for video editing. Several classes have been using the green screen to make videos. To learn more about MRUHS's MakerSpace, check out mrumakerspace.weebly.com. The library staff is looking for donations of supplies and tools, and will also happily take monetary donations. Grant funding is being pursued for a 3D printer, MaKey Makey kits, Arduino kits, and robotics supplies. In addition, the library staff is hoping to work with MRUHS's After School program to get students involved with technology and expand their creativity.

Showcase Night: A huge thank you to MRUHS's Communication Committee for planning the very successful Showcase Night held on January 15 for prospective students and their families. Faculty members were available to answer questions about our academic, fine arts, and unified arts programs, and students representing the music department gave a brief performance. Displays featuring clubs and organizations were also available for viewing. There are already plans for making this an annual event.

The Annual Meeting of Mill River Union High School District #40 has been set for Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 7:00 pm.

*Adrienne Raymond 492-3578
Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505*



Book Inspires Project

This fall I read the book 'A Long Walk to Water' by Linda Sue Park. It follows the lives of two children, both in Sudan. Nya is 11 years old and her days were filled with carrying water for her family, leaving no time for education. The other child is Salva, a "lost boy" who spent years walking from South Sudan to refugee camps in Ethiopia and then to Kenya searching for safety and family. In 1996 at the age of 22 he was chosen to come to the United States.



After reading this book I was struck by the need in South Sudan and decided to do something to help. The organization Water for South Sudan based out of Rochester, New York was founded

and is led by Salva Dut, the lost boy the book is written about. WFSS has drilled over 200 wells since it was founded in 2003. To drill one well costs \$15,000 - the benefit is huge, sometimes one well can serve several thousand people. The time saved allows women to grow more food and start small businesses, and gives children time for school. It is estimated that 50-60% of the population do not have access to clean water. South Sudan is the world's newest country, but also one of the poorest. It is estimated that 50-60% of the population do not have access to clean water. As of February 2014 230,000 refugees were displaced in South Sudan, coming from Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Uganda. And an estimated 740,000 native Sudanese people are also homeless.

My small way of helping is organizing a fundraiser, ordering seeds in bulk from Fedco Seeds and re-packaging for sale.

Seed order forms and more info are available on our website: Seedsworthsowing.webs.com. Forms are also available at locations around town. Order your seeds from: SEEDS WORTH SOWING - All profits go to: Water for South Sudan. Seed orders may be sent to seeds-worthsowing@gmail.com. or an order form may be mailed to: Seeds Worth Sowing c/o Cedelle Sirjane, 191 Button Hill Road, Cuttingsville VT, 05738. You may also call me at 492-3377. A planting guide and variety description are available on our website. All seeds are not knowingly GMO - some are even Organic! Check out Water for South Sudan's website for more information about them: waterforsouthsudan.org.

Cedelle Sirjane

Greetings fellow Shrewsbury residents,

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

Our Educational tax rate is derived from both elementary and high school per pupil spending. While our student count has been increasing at the elementary school it has been decreasing at Mill River. The financial challenge at the Mtn. School has been to keep expenditures from increasing while student counts grow. I think we have met that challenge. I also think Mill River has met the challenge of reducing expenditures in the face of shrinking student counts.

I'll get straight to the bottom line: I expect that our combined educational homestead property taxes will be a 2.05% increase over last year. The only variable (that affects the tax rate) that we as a Board and as voters have any control over is "educational spending" and thus "per equalized pupils spending". Our elementary per pupil spending is increasing this year by 1.15%. Our per pupil spending probably will be 15% lower than the state average, and 10% lower than Rutland City.

At the Mtn. School our expenditures are going up by \$37,281. Supervisory Union assessments are increasing \$21,000 and there is a \$17,000 increase in roof bond payments (totally offset by the \$18,466 saved due to the roofing project coming in under budget). The SU assessment increase is so large because as our pupil count grows and most of our sister districts' pupil counts have shrunk, Shrewsbury's proportion has jumped quite dramatically. We expect to save \$6,000 every year due to new solar panels (totally paid for from current budget savings and a 50% grant).

I am looking forward to seeing you at the informational meeting on Monday night, March 2 at 5:30. We will try to answer all your questions. Until then stay warm, and don't forget to vote on March 3.

Ed Hemmer, School Board Member

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Shrewsbury Community Sharing Project sponsored by Shrewsbury Community Church

Hospice Volunteer Training

Rutland Area VNA & Hospice (RAVNAH) will offer a free hospice volunteer training course for individuals who wish to become hospice and palliative care volunteers in Rutland County. There will be 8 three-hour sessions beginning in late March that will meet two times a week on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The content will cover many aspects of the dying process including spiritual and bereavement issues, patient privacy and confidentiality, cultural competence in different settings with diverse populations, and ways in which a volunteer presence can support both the hospice patient and the family or caregivers. Materials will be provided and there is no charge for the training.

The training sessions will be held at RAVNAH. To enroll in the training or to find out more info, call John Campbell, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 770-1683 or email jcampbell@ravnah.org.

Rutland County Democratic Committee Meeting Monday, February 2, 2015 at the Rutland Free Library 6:15pm doors open, refreshments; 6:30pm meeting begins

Shrewsbury Involvement

On December 7 Rip Jackson's 15th edition of Handel's Messiah was performed at Grace Congregational Church before two large audiences. While it is interesting to note this event what is more valuable is the number of people from Shrewsbury who were willing to sacrifice five weekends in a row (rehearsals) to be a part of this annual Rutland performance which actually started in the 1950's. So hats off to those Shrewsbury singers who have directly or indirectly spent part of their lives here: Laurel Joe Fretz, Kimberly Lanier, Vicky Arthur, Louise Duda, Marjory Pierce, Lynn Pilcher, Roxanne Ramah, Dale Janik, Ann Marie Ryan, Cedelle and Emmett Sirjane, Victoria Gillhouse, Ann Vanneman, Scott Garren, Avery and Seamus Martin, Manolo Zelkin, Gary Salmon, and Rip Jackson.

Submitted by Gary Salmon



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For Valentine's Day, he's offering Baked Chocolate Pudding and Pecan Tarts.

Please call ahead and let us know what you want and in what quantities.

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

Soups

Afghan chickpea w/ vegetabes	
Broccoli cheddar	
Cioppino Soup with clams & Italian sausage	
Clam chowder	
Corn chowder	
Corn & clam chowder	
Cream of mushroom	
French vegetable with cannellini	
Greek egg lemon soup	
Italian vegetable (minestrone w/out noodles)	
Lentil w/ Italian sausage & kale	2/11, 2/21, 2/28
Mexican corn & rice	2/14, 2/24
Mushroom barley w/ aromatic vegetable & leeks	2/6, 2/17
Polish borscht w/ kielbasa	2/12, 2/23
Potato leek w/ aromatic vegetables	2/5
Southwestern butternut squash	2/13, 2/25
Split pea w/ ham	2/4
Tomato cheddar	2/8
Yucatan chicken	2/9, 2/19

Dates

Date & Pizza Variety

2/4	Louisiana with Creole Marinara and Andouille Sausage
2/11	Greek with Kalamata Olives, Parsley, Tomatoes, Garlic, Feta and Mozzarella
2/18	Caramelized Onions, Gorgonzola & Mozzarella
2/25	Marinara, Sautéed Mushrooms and Mozzarella

Regular hot meals in the crockpot include:

Monday – Chili con Carne
Tuesday – Chicken Stew
Thursday – Pulled Pork Sandwiches

** Friday Meals

2/6 2/20 Lasagna
2/13 2/27 Mac & Cheese

Friday Night Dinners

February 13: Guest Chef Taffy Maynard will prepare chicken breasts stuffed with cheese, artichokes, sun dried tomatoes and basil with basmati rice, Caesar salad and a lemon bar.

February 27: TBA

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,

What's Going on at Pierce's?

There's a new face at the store: Bill Dake has joined our staff as a part-time assistant. Bill and his wife, Sharon, live on the Old Plymouth Road with their son, Noah. Bill, Donna and I will work out a schedule that I hope will see each of us covering a pretty regular set of hours from week to week. Some of our "old" volunteers will still work the register, too. In addition, other volunteers will be in the store to assist at non-register tasks throughout the day. Please join me in welcoming Bill to Pierce's! And as always, if you want to join the Pierce's team please contact me.

Sally Deinzer, Store Manager

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Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department 16th Annual Race Pool



GRAND PRIZE: \$4,000

From the driver value list, pick 8 drivers, no more, no less.
Your total must not total more than \$10,000. It is all that easy.
For official rules visit us at www.racingsvfd.com

When mailing your entry, please include: 8 Drivers, Team Name, Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address, User Name and Password.

Cost is a tax deductible \$30 donation to the SVFD.

Deadline for entering on-line is an hour before the start of the
Daytona 500 on February 22nd.

If you are mailing in your entry it must be in our hands before the start of the race.

2015 Driver Values

Kevin Harvick	\$2,200	A.J. Allmendinger	\$1,400	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	\$650
Ryan Newman	\$2,150	Greg Biffle	\$1,375	Trevor Bayne	\$500
Denny Hamlin	\$2,000	Kasey Kahne	\$1,350	Danica Patrick	\$450
Joey Logano	\$1,900	Aric Almirola	\$1,130	Michael Annett	\$300
Brad Keselowski	\$1,800	Kyle Larson	\$1,100	Alex Bowman	\$300
Jeff Gordon	\$1,775	Jamie McMurray	\$1,075	Cole Whitt	\$300
Matt Kenseth	\$1,700	Clint Bowyer	\$1,050	David Ragan	\$300
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	\$1,675	Austin Dillon	\$900	Reed Sorenson	\$300
Carl Edwards	\$1,550	Paul Menard	\$850	David Gilliland	\$300
Kyle Busch	\$1,525	Brian Vickers	\$825	Justin Allgaier	\$300
Jimmie Johnson	\$1,510	Martin Truex Jr.	\$800	Josh Wise	\$300
Kurt Busch	\$1,450	Sam Hornish Jr.	\$750		
Tony Stewart	\$1,425	Casey Mears	\$700		

Prizes!

- Grand prize \$4,000
- Top scorer for each week will win \$30.
- Halfway winner wins two tickets to the September's race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.
- Top 500 players will receive a SVFD Race Pool T-shirt.

1st—\$4,000	6th—\$225	11th—\$100	16th—\$50
2nd—\$500	7th—\$200	12th—\$90	17th—\$50
3rd—\$375	8th—\$175	13th—\$80	18th—\$50
4th—\$300	9th—\$150	14th—\$70	19th—\$50
5th—\$250	10th—\$125	15th—\$60	20th—\$50

ENTRY FORM 8 DRIVERS - NO MORE THAN \$10,000

1. _____	\$ _____	5. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____	6. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____	7. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____	8. _____	\$ _____
Total \$ _____			

Please Print

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