



Times of Shrewsbury



May 2015

Shrewsbury Mountain School Solar Array Project

News from the School Board

The Shrewsbury Mountain School Solar Array was installed during spring break the week of April 13. After a major effort to remove the glacial deposits that remained on the school grounds, the crew was able to complete the installation within a very busy week's vacation. The 25 kW system with 90 roof-mounted panels is expected to produce approximately 30,440 kW of electricity annually, meeting about 50-60% of our current electricity needs. The system will provide the school an annual savings of slightly over \$6,000 per year (conservatively \$160,000 over the 25 year warranted period). The system has been paid for in part (approximately 40% of the total cost) by a grant for the Vermont Department of the Public Service Clean Energy Development Fund.

The staff and students will be learning in more depth about the mechanics of the system in the coming weeks. The contractor will be working with staff for part of their next professional development day, teaching them how the solar array functions and how to utilize the monitoring system that students can access right in their classroom. The system has an online meteorological monitoring system that the students can use to check the daily efficiency of each individual panel based on shading, snowfall and/or position of the sun in the sky.



Solar panels on the Mountain School

We encourage you to stop by the school next time you in the area and check it out. We look forward to many years, at least the next 25 years, of generating a significant portion of our electric usage through the POWER OF THE SUN!

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SOLAR IN SHREWSBURY!



Solar Reflections

If you are curious about solar installations to supply your home with clean, cheap energy, we have compiled a list of Shrewsbury residents who have already taken the leap.

They have all agreed to be a resource in Town to answer questions and share their experience. If you have solar panels at your home and are not on the list below, please contact Lily French or the Times to be included on our "Solar Honor Roll" next month.

Shrewsbury Solar Users

- Joan Aleshire
- Sandy & Kristi Bragg
- Louise & Stan Duda
- Lily & Eldred French
- David & Laurel Fretz
- Scott Garren & Heather Shay
- Mark & Carol Goodwin
- Gretchen Gould & Davis Terrill
- Mark & Licia G. Hamilton
- Art Krueger & Trish Norton
- Randy & Deena Page
- Podge & Martha Sirjane
- Sharon & Roger Winnicki
- Ryan Wood-Beauchamp
- & Kara Fitzgerald

Submitted by Lily French

LETTERS

Town Report Dedication Thanks

We want to extend a warm thank you to Jonathon Gibson and our daughter Jill for the kind words in the dedication in this year's Town Report. It brought back many happy memories as well as creating new ones. Shrewsbury is such a special town and is the best place on the planet to live and raise a family! We were very surprised and honored to receive this dedication. Thank you Jonathon and Jill.

Hull and Taffy Maynard

Many Thanks

A million thanks wouldn't be enough for me to tell all the people in Shrewsbury how I feel. I can't begin to tell you how great you all are for helping me out of this mess I was in. This is a great little town to live in. People helping each other is what it is all about. I only hope that someday I can pay it forward to help someone like I was helped. I don't have much but what I have I would be glad to share. Lots of hugs to all and I shall never forget what you have done for me.

Irene Regimbald

To the Good Vermonters at the Pierce Store

I am a 98 year old Vermonter living in Pennsylvania and I just "Googled" the Pierce Store, Vermont, where really nice pictures and information came up about past history and current activities the co-op runs in Shrewsbury. Pictures of the Pierce family, the Pierce Store and all of the wonderful things you bake and do for the community came up. I have always had a very

special place in my heart for the Pierce family and their store there in Northam.

You see, my late husband, Bob King, and I skied there in the 1930s and with my brother and two friends eventually built a cabin on 100 acres for skiing and other visits off the CCC Road not far above the Pierce Store. Our home at the time was on a farm in North Springfield, VT. One winter in 1938 we, a party of 18, were on a skiing trip in Shrewsbury. A heavy snow storm came up during our fun and when it looked as though we should leave we skied back down the CCC road to our cars and found them too deep in snow to get them out. We then skied further down the road to Pierce's store to see if we could telephone home. Mrs. Pierce, Marjorie's mother, (Marjorie was teaching school at the time in Attleboro, Mass.) let us use the telephone to call home and tell our folks we were trapped by the snow fall as we were told that the plows wouldn't arrive to clear the roads until 5am the next morning. Typical of the Good Vermonter she was, she invited all 18 of us to spend the night sheltered from the weather in the store! We found places around the interior and slept on the floor, a real luxury considering the conditions. Mrs. Pierce also fixed hot soup and crackers for all of us which we purchased and really spent a memorable night that to this day I still recall with gratitude, and consider that adventure and graciousness of Mrs. Pierce as a page in the Pierce Family's and their store's past history. It most certainly is a part of mine.

*Doris King McCullough
Warminster, PA.*

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.	

Payment is due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

Chryl Martin ~ Rich Biziak

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 1 8:30-11:30am *Pre-school and Kindergarten registration at Shrewsbury Mountain School
- May 2 8am-Noon *Green Up Day meet at the Meeting House/Town Hall
- May 5 7pm *Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at Museum
- May 8 7:30pm *Program by Forrest Hammond on Black Bears at the Library
- May 9 10-11:30am *Lego Club meets at the Shrewsbury Library
- May 9 7pm *Benefit at the Meeting House/Town Hall
- May 12 12noon Senior lunch at The Doll House, Stafford Tech. RSVP to Penelope Weiss 492-3345
- May 17 2pm *Herbalist to give talk sponsored by SAGE at the Russellville Schoolhouse
- May 17 7pm * Famous Books Book Discussion Group at the Library
- May 18 12noon *Theatre talk at the home of Phyllis Wells
- May 20 12noon *Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Fran Patten 492-3706
- May 20 7pm *Informational meeting regarding changes at the Transfer Station at the Meeting House
- May 22 5-7pm *Wine tasting at Pierce's Store
- May 23 5:30pm *Free Community Supper by the Church at the Meeting House/Town Hall
- May 23,24 10-5pm *Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio weekend
- May 24 4pm *Science Book Club meets at Library

* see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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Is online at the town website at
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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| <p>Board of Selectmen Meeting
Bone Builders
Library Trustees' Meeting
Mill River Union School Board Mtg
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals
Planning Commission
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Shrewsbury Community Church Worship
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.
Conservation Commission</p> | <p>1st & 3rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office
Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House
2nd Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library
1st & 3rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School
Friday nights
1st & 3rd Mondays—7:30pm at Town Office
Sundays—10:00am at Shrewsbury Library, upstairs
Sundays—10:30am at Shrewsbury Center Church
1st Monday & 3rd Tuesday—6:30pm
2nd Tuesdays—7:00pm at Southside Restaurant, Rutland
Thursdays—7:00pm at Cuttingsville Station
1ST Tuesday—5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road</p> |
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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)

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

2/27/15



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Friday afternoon, April 3, the SVFD responded to one of the most difficult calls in the history of the department. It was a response to the structure fire at the home of David Rice and Lavinia Seide. When a call is received for a structure fire, it triggers an automatic mutual aid request to the Towns of Clarendon, East Wallingford, and Mount Holly. Because of the scope of this fire, with a reported possibility of someone trapped inside, additional help from Ludlow, Rutland Town, and Wallingford were summoned along with the Chief of Rutland City. This aid was requested because of the need for additional manpower, specialized equipment, support vehicles, and tankers for shuttling water from the dry hydrant at the pond near the Mountain School. Chief Russell Carrara headed up a "Herculean" effort to stop the fire, which was already at the state of full involvement when the call went out. Vermont State Fire Investigators were summoned immediately, and after extensive and detailed searching, determined that the most likely cause of the fire might have been the explosion of an oil fired boiler. This has happened in other places including Ludlow last winter when a boiler blew the windows and doors completely off a stone house in the middle of town. In that situation, no one was at home, but the house was severely damaged. Usually, oil burners are a very safe means of heating; however, if the relief valve should become stuck, it can be very dangerous.

It was reported that upon hearing the explosion and seeing smoke, there were folks who immediately called 9-1-1 and some who attempted to call Chief Carrara directly. Like all other Shrewsbury citizens, the SVFD members are out and about with work, hobbies, yard maintenance, etc. Department members all carry pagers 100% of the time. By calling 9-1-1, all Shrewsbury and mutual aid firefighters will be dispatched immediately by pager as they were in this situation. Time is of the essence in a fire. It means that trucks will start rolling, firefighters will begin responding from wherever they might be, and time will be saved. Any call that reached Chief Carrara would have required him to place a 9-1-1 call himself, which would have taken critical minutes. If there is any suspected emergency, do NOT call individual firemen; please call 9-1-1 and report your concern. If it is nothing, responders do not mind. Calls can be cancelled just as quickly as they were called out, but if it is a true emergency, seconds matter and the response will start immediately. The department appreciates the

vigilance and quick reports from all neighbors in every emergency. Your eyes, ears, and calls make a difference.

The members of the SVFD and Auxiliary would like to extend their deepest condolences to Lavinia for the sad loss of her husband, David Rice, her pets, and her home. We would also like to thank the members of the mutual aid departments for their assistance in fighting the fire and helping deliver 48 tanker truck loads of water (over 100,000 gallons) to the scene of the fire. They also thank community members, the American Red Cross, Regional Ambulance, the State Police and the Vermont State Fire Investigators for their assistance in this Shrewsbury tragedy.

On April 27, SVFD members will attend a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing to be held at the Clarendon Fire Station. It will be an important meeting for all firefighters who responded to this fatality. It gives responders an opportunity to discuss issues regarding response to a traumatic situation and will be led by a person who has been trained in dealing with such incidents.

In other SVFD business, responses were made to reported grass fires, and grass fires threatening structures in Clarendon. These situations were quickly addressed with little or no damage. As of this writing, things are quickly drying out in the fields and forests. A dry field is a "tinderbox" ready to burn. Please remember that you must obtain a burn permit for open burning when there is no snow on the ground. Grass and brush fires have been rampant in neighboring Towns, and even a "little fire" can quickly get away and become a "big fire". Your Fire Wardens are Kevin Brown, (775-6194 or 775-5518 during work hours, or 345-8668 cell) and Al Ridlon Jr. (492-2055 or 383-3642). Please call either of the Wardens the day before your planned burn to obtain a permit and advice before burning. Remember that the Fire Wardens must confirm your permit before you burn. Do not leave a message as that is not a confirmation. If the Wardens have not issued a permit and your burn is reported, a full department response will occur. Be safe, not sorry.

Finally, as we enter the late spring and pre summer periods, the SVFD asks once again that everyone be careful with barbeques, campfires, late season wood stove burnings (i.e. creosote in chimneys), and any other potential hazards. Until next time, BE FIRE SAFE! And, in an emergency, ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1.

Submitted by Bob Snarski, SVFD Safety Officer

Lincoln Hill Short Term Road Closure

During the summer of 2015, the Vermont Agency of Transportation will replace the bridge/culvert located at the bottom of Lincoln Hill Road, near the Fillmore property. Casella Construction of Mendon has been contracted to perform this work. Motorists can expect to see crews on the road in the project area sometime in early June.

Casella Construction is scheduled to begin preparations for demolition and construction about June 1, 2015. Preparatory activities will include mobilization of equipment to the site, tree trimming/cutting, installation of erosion control measures, and the installation of a temporary water service.

During the actual replacement of the existing culvert, Lincoln Hill Road is scheduled to be closed to through traffic at this location. This closure is expected to begin about July 6, 2015 and will remain closed for 28 consecutive days. Through traffic will be permitted along Lincoln Hill Road from June 1 until the time of the closure. Please be aware that during the time period where through traffic is permitted, crews will be out working along the roadway, and flaggers and traffic control may be present in order to assist in the flow of traffic during construction activities. When driving through the construction zone, please reduce speed and use caution.

Once the road has been closed, Casella will begin excavation in order to remove the old culvert and install the new concrete arch. In order to minimize the impact to the stream and the local ecosystem, a diversion flume will be installed to temporarily redirect the stream away from construction activities. Erosion control measures, project demarcation fencing, tree protection zones and other environmental protection measures will be taken before, during and at the completion of this project to ensure as minimal a disturbance to the surrounding area as possible.

Understanding the impact of total road closures, the Agency of Transportation has determined that the long-term environmental and cost-saving benefits of this closure outweigh the short-term inconvenience. In order to keep Lincoln Hill Rd. open to traffic during construction, a temporary bridge would have been necessary, costing the Town of Shrewsbury and the State both time and money. The disturbance to the surrounding environment would have been increased as well, and finally, the overall time it would have taken to complete the project would be extended. These and other factors have contributed to the decision to close the road and complete the project in an accelerated manner. VTTrans and its employees thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to get this project completed, and increase the safety and welfare of the traveling public.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation throughout this upcoming construction season. You may contact Public Outreach Coordinator Natalie Boyle at 802-310-7822 or email at nboyle@gpinet.com with any questions, comments or concerns.

Natalie Boyle,, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

NEW HOURS

Cuttingsville Post Office
Effective May 16, 2015

Window Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30am-10:30am
and 11:30am-2:30pm
Saturday 8:00am-11:00am

Lobby Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:3am-5pm
Saturday 7:30am-11am

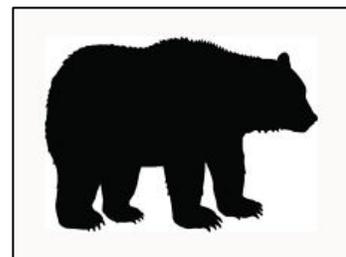
Seed Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchased seeds or donated money to Seeds Worth Sowing (to benefit Water for South Sudan) every little bit counts!

If you are still interested in buying seeds or making a contribution, there are order forms on my website: seedsworthsowing.webs.com, or you can purchase seeds at Pierce's Store. Seeds will also be available for direct purchase at Caravan Gardens beginning mid-May.

Thanks Everybody!

Cedelle Sirjane



Black Bears in Vermont

Presented by

Forrest Hammond,
Vermont Black Bear Project

Shrewsbury Library

**Friday, May 8
7:30pm**

Fiber Optic Battery Concerns

VTel provides phone service to about 13,000 homes in Vermont and about 400 of those are in Shrewsbury. At the recent program sponsored by the Shrewsbury Library, VTel representatives informed the group about many aspects of the new fiber optic system which will “significantly increase communication speed and clarity.”

The representatives said that the fiber optic cable will be pulled through the existing copper wire conduit thus eliminating the need to dig a new line on people’s property. VTel expects to begin installing the new fiber optic system into Shrewsbury homes beginning June 2015 and estimates that all homes will be connected by the end of the year.

One of the major concerns expressed by the group attending was about the accessibility to hard wired phone service if electrical power goes out. Currently our phone service is not affected by power outages. That will no longer be the case with fiber optic lines. The phone service will be reliant upon a battery to provide power for your phone during a power outage. The battery only supplies power to the phone system when the power is off. Therefore, if you have a generator to supply power to the phone, you will not lose phone service.

The current copper system that brings phone service to homes in Shrewsbury is being decommissioned. There will not be an option to have both the copper system *and* fiber optic system through VTel. VTel will not be able to service any system other than fiber optic, and the customer will have to find a company who can supply the copper system for landline service if they choose not to access the fiber optic system.

The following Q & A is from VTel’s website:

- Why do I need a battery in my home? *The fiber optic network is passive. This means that unlike copper, the fiber network does not power itself. A battery is required in case of power failure. In this regard, VTel’s new network is similar to most cable, satellite TV, and wireless networks.*
- How long will the battery last when there is a loss of power at my home? *Under continuous use,* the battery is rated to last eight hours. The battery is rechargeable; therefore once the power is back on it should immediately begin recharging itself. However, aged batteries require replacement.*

*Editor’s Note: VTel’s Jessica LaPatta stated that continuous use is measured from the time

that the power goes out. Three options exist to extend the telephone usage time: (1) Use a generator to supply power to the phone system; (2) Have a backup battery on hand; (3) Turn the battery off except when using it to either make or receive a call; this will give you eight hours of in-use time.

- Will I be responsible for the battery placed in my home? *Battery replacement is the customer’s responsibility and can be purchased at hardware stores or online.*
- Can I choose not to have a battery? *No. The optical device on the outside of your home is connected to the battery. You must have the battery as a power supply (when there is a power outage), and cannot connect the optical terminal to a different power source (i.e. generator).*

For more information about the battery, go to www.vermontel.com/battery-information. If you have additional questions, contact VTel Customer Service <http://vermontel.com/fiber>, (802) 885-9000, or (800) 279-4049.

Article by Chryl Martin

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Transfer Station Informational Meeting

The May 20 meeting to discuss the future of our Transfer Station is an important event. It will provide a chance to learn about the waste disposal changes that Act 148 - Vermont’s Universal Recycling Law - will require, beginning on July 1. There are different approaches our Town can take to comply with the new law. The public meeting will allow for an informed and thoughtful discussion of various options and will give all residents a chance to express their opinions about what system will work best for Shrewsbury. Recycling is a goal that all of us can support. Let’s have a good turnout on May 20 and let our Selectboard know how we want to see this goal achieved.

Jonathan Gibson



802-492-3782

Tues-Fri 9-5

Sat by Appointment

HILLSIDE SERVICE

Servicing Honda, Toyota, Subaru, & Newer Domestic

In business for 30 years

David Blecich
Owner

5593 VT Route 103
Cuttingville, VT 05738

MAY 2 GREEN UP DAY 2015

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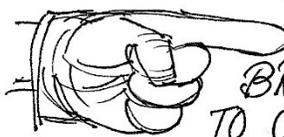


YOU TO 
SHREWSBURY MEETING HOUSE
8:00-10:00 AM

1 REFRESHMENTS

- A. SELECT YOUR GREEN UP ROAD ON THE OFFICIAL MAP
- B. TAKE BAGS

2 GREEN UP! AS YOU COLLECT, PLEASE PUT RECYCLABLES IN ONE BAG, TRASH IN ANOTHER. RECYCLABLES WILL BE SORTED AT TRANSFER STATION.

 WATCH FOR TOKENS ON EVERY ROAD: BRING ONE TO THE TRANSFER STATION TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE.

3 10:00AM-NOON
BRING BAGS
TO TRANSFER STATION
FOR SORTING,
AND BESTOWING OF



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SPECIAL PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING DILIGENCE & ACHIEVEMENT

♡ THANK YOU FROM YOUR CONSERVATION COMMISSION ♡

Transfer Station Informational Meeting

to explain the changes required by Vermont Legislature Act 148.
Shrewsbury residents will learn how to comply with the new regulations including:

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

7:00pm

at the Meeting House/Town Hall on Lottery Road

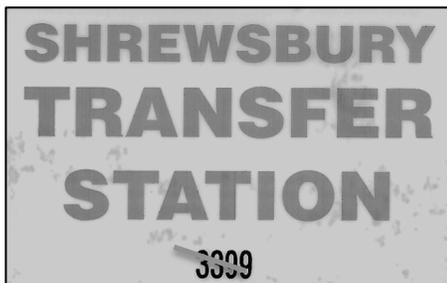
Door prizes

(Two \$20 Punch Cards and Two \$10 Punch Cards)

- **Vehicle Stickers:** Each vehicle utilizing the Transfer Station will be required to have a sticker on the windshield of the vehicle. Stickers are free and can be picked up from the Town Clerk (Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm). Two stickers per household. Please bring a copy of your vehicle registration.
- **Punch Cards:** Cards are \$20. They will be on sale at the meeting and afterwards at the Town Clerk's Office and Pierce's Store. By State law they cannot be sold at the Transfer Station.
- **Trash Bags:** Size of bags will determine how many punches are required.
 - \$1.00 for 13-gallon bag
 - \$2.00 for 30-gallon bag
 - \$4.00 for 55-gallon contractor bag
- **Sunday, June 14, 2015:** Automobile stickers and punch cards will be required. All bagged trash will be charged.

SEPARATE YOUR TRASH AND SAVE!

>>> No charge for recycled items that are placed in the designated areas. This includes <<<
paper, magazines, newspaper, cardboard, glass, plastic, metal



Transfer Station Stickers

Stickers for your vehicle will be required after June 14, 2015, to use the Shrewsbury Transfer Station. Stickers can only be obtained from the Town Clerk with a copy of the vehicle registration (two stickers per household). Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8am until 3pm. Stickers can also be obtained by mailing a *copy* your vehicle registration to the Town Clerk, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

Shrewsbury Mountain School

Preschool & Kindergarten

Registration

Friday, May 1, 2015

8:30 – 11:30am

At the Shrewsbury Mountain School

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

For admission into Kindergarten, a child must be at least five (5) years on or before Aug. 31st of the year of entrance. Children who are currently in our Pre-K program will automatically be registered into our Kindergarten. You don't have to do anything.

Please call the school at 492-3435 to schedule an appointment time. If you can't make it on this day, please call the school to make other arrangements. A parent and the child need to be present at the appointment. The parent should bring the child's immunization record, official birth certificate, proof of Shrewsbury residency (ex. a utility bill with a Shrewsbury address on it), and be prepared to fill out registration forms.

Tree Planting 101

Trees have always played an important role in religious and mythological history. Many ancient superstitions and religious beliefs evolved regarding the supernatural powers of trees and the spirits which supposedly dwelled in them. Modern day folks are not exempt from a certain amount of tree hugging either. See any of the Hobbitt movies to watch trees be empowered or read the Lorax and watch Avatar to realize the mystical power of one tree to an entire civilization. It was and is also common for births and marriages to be celebrated by planting trees (beats throwing confetti or releasing balloons). SO: if you are going to plant do it right.

Successful tree planting requires keeping roots moist at all times and not planting the tree too deeply.

1. Space: Find enough space (they do get large after all) with adequate soil (a 10" tree needs about 1200 cubic feet for root development) to provide tree needs for years to come.
2. Look Up and Down: Power lines can be both above and below ground and you don't want your tree involved in either one.
3. Planting Hole: It's better to plant a \$50.00 tree in a \$100.00 hole than the other way around. Dig the hole wider than what is being planted (so you can share the hole with your feet to remove the container) and *never* deeper than the root flare (where trunk and roots intersect). You need not add fertilizer or top soil to the hole and can use what came out of the hole to fill in around the tree making sure to avoid air pockets and adding water. Make sure the tree is straight before backfilling as well.
4. Pruning/Mulching: Prune out only the dead wood/broken branches that came on the tree (let's hope that it was minimal) and mulch 3" deep around the root ball but not touching the trunk.
5. Staking/Watering: Unless it's a very windy site staking is not necessary for the health of the tree (but it does tell people that it is newly planted, is under care, and to keep away from the roots). Watering is necessary every day for the first week or so; and then weekly after that (minus any rainstorms that occur). A green Gator Bag (irrigation bag) is a handy tool because the water is slowly released to the roots rather than being soaked by you with a garden hose. Keep the soil moist but not soaked. **Enjoy your tree!!!!!!**

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden

Vermont Arbor Day Steeped in History

We all know the name of J. Sterling Morton (salt family) for his efforts in the mid-1800's to start a tree planting movement. An 1872 resolution to the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture asked that a day in April be set aside for tree planting. A million trees were planted that year, Arbor Day became a fixture, and within 20 years nearly all states celebrated Arbor Day. Vermont came aboard when it established the first Friday in May as Vermont's Arbor Day.

Vermont had its own tree planting promoter when George Perkins Marsh published *Man and Nature* in 1864. The Woodstock born, Dartmouth trained, U.S. diplomat, congressman, and conservationist saw first-hand what happens when forests are removed from an ecosystem in many parts of the world including Vermont where by 1850 or so about ¾ of the Vermont landscape had been converted from forest to agriculture. By tying together several scientific disciplines into an overall view (fore-runner to modern day ecology) his book was one of the most significant advances in geology, ecology, and resource management of the 19th century. The Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller estate (Vermont's only National Park) is the living testimony to the conservation movement and contains a wealth of information on the lives of these conservationists.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden



Benefit

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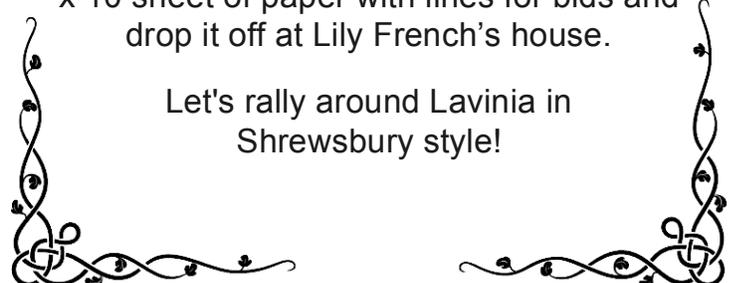
Lavinia Szidz

Saturday, May 9 @ 7pm
Shrewsbury Town Hall/Meeting House

Concert ~ Silent Auction ~ Desserts

If you would like to make a donation to the silent auction please type your offer on an 8 x 10 sheet of paper with lines for bids and drop it off at Lily French's house.

Let's rally around Lavinia in
Shrewsbury style!





The Roving Reporter's Results of the Reading Room Opinion Survey

Number of surveys completed: **67**

- How often do you visit the Reading Room? **38 every time** 9 once a month
11 at least twice a month 9 never
- How often do you find something you take away? 15 most of time **31 sometimes** 15 seldom 6 N/A
- What's the most important thing(s) to you in the Read Room: **38 Books** 15 Clothing 2 Dishes
16 Nic Nacs 11 Small appliances 17 Toys 19 Furniture 21 Gardening items 8 Other 8 N/A
- Do you contribute things in the Reading Room? **60 Yes** 5 No 2 N/A
- Would you help with its upkeep and oversight on days the T.S. is open? **34 Yes** 28 No 3 Maybe 2 N/A
- Would you as a taxpayer support it with extra fees/taxes to maintain it? **29 Yes** 13 No
(Note: This question was added after 24 people had completed the form)
- On a scale of 1-10 how important is the Reading Room is (1=least & 10=most):

Rating:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Other
to Shrewsbury Community	1				10	1	7	7	1	30	10
to you (and your family)	6	6	6	2	5	1	1	10	2	19	9

- **Comments:** *(most of them are printed here)*
- "I know other family members that live in other parts of the country are amazed by the idea of the R.R. and would love to transfer the idea to their own community."
- "I've heard many people who get useful items there, including myself! It's important to our community."
- "A unique aspect of Shrewsbury that contributes to "community."
- "A priceless contribution to recycling. I have sent over 300 lbs of book from there to Africa."
- "I think the R.R. allows us not to feel guilty when we want to get rid of something. We personally get the impression we are recycling our junk."
- "It's an important opportunity for exchange."
- "I am certain it embodies a mixture of type of people rubbing elbows as they "shop." Very good for the Town."
- "Anything that can be recycled should."
- "It adds to the flavor of the Town; I can't imagine Shrewsbury without it."
- "Every time I need something I find it in the R.R. and it cost \$.0"
- "Simple...It's a great way to reduce trash and recycle useable items...at a community level."
- "Great way to recycle household items in our own Town. The alternative requires a trip into Rutland instead of just checking out the R.R. while at the dump."
- "It offers an additional avenue to encourage and facilitate recycling of usable tems."
- "Seems to add to the community spirit and is great for recycling. I also think folks with less means can use it."
- "Let's us recycle, reuse things too good to throw away."
- "It teaches all of us particularly our children to recycle things and share with others."
- "The key issue is how to pay for disposal, including the per bag rate and/or property tax mechanisms; how to maximize recycling; and how to enforce and police to ensure proper compliance."
- "It is used by a great many people & the cost should be minimal."
- "Another way of providing items to each plus a way to meet and chat with neighbors—'shopping' here can be a bonding experience."
- "We need it!"

A Place with a History

The Transfer Station has a history of being more than just a place to throw our trash. It has been a place to meet our neighbors, get the latest news, exchange one treasure for another, leave items for someone else, and find just that one item that someone else has tossed that makes our day a little brighter.

It's not just a place to conduct the business of discarding but a place to rekindle that feeling that "Shrewsbury is a very special place" while meeting the goals of Recycling, Re-using, and Reducing consumption. The Transfer Station has been an important part of the community from the days of Chet Brigham's "Dumping Days" to the days when Dick

Adams declared how much we had all saved when we followed his advice to "Shop Here First." Dick calculated one year that we saved \$31,000 by recycling items in The Reading Room!

One thing that won't change is that we will need to be even more attentive to separating our trash as Chet and Dick encouraged. The question is "how can we best continue the tradition of sharing treasures and trinkets in the Reading Room!" --CYM



Chet Brigham



Dick Adams

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Listen to the Radio! Some days Bert will be listening to the ballgame on the radio at the Transfer Station, but once a month he'll be playing Country & Western music in memory of Dick Adams so be sure to listen up!

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**SWAC Public Hearing
and Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 7 at 6pm
Rutland Town Offices downstairs**

Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) work together to manage solid and hazardous waste issues in an economically and environmentally friendly manner. Shrewsbury is one of the member communities.



The Shrewsbury Library Offers Digital Newspaper Collection

The Shrewsbury Library is pleased to announce the immediate availability of its new digital newspaper collection. Titled **Access NewsBank**, this collection is free to library patrons and is updated daily. Access NewsBank provides Web-based access to current and archived issues of 4540 full-text newspapers.

Access World News:

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In addition to using workstations at the library, patrons can access the collection from home by going to our library website: shrewsburylibrary.org and click on *Access NewsBank*. Patrons will need to have their 13-digit library card number to access NewsBank.

For more information on this collection, contact the Shrewsbury Library by calling 802-492-3410, emailing shrewsburylibrary492@gmail.com, or visit shrewsburylibrary.org.

Submitted by Lisa Sharrow

Herbalist to Give Talk

On Sunday, May 17 at 2pm at the Russellville Schoolhouse, herbalist and acupuncturist Timothy Scott, author of *Invasive Plant Medicine: The Ecological Benefits and Healing Abilities*, will talk about his work, especially the treatment of Lyme disease with Japanese knotweed. Scott has a master's degree in traditional Chinese medicine. He has a private practice in Vermont and gives workshops on the cultivation of native medicinal plants as well as the benefits of invasive species.

The program is sponsored by SAGE (The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education), and is free and open to all. The Schoolhouse is located at 18 Crown Point Road. For more information, please call Joan Aleshire, 492-3550.

Theatre Talk

Steve Stettler will be talking at our home at noon on Monday May18 about the play, *The Glass Menagerie*, which will be performed in Weston this summer August 27 thru September 5. All are welcome for a brown bag lunch at the home of Phyllis and Michael Wells 429 Spring Lake Rd (phone: 492-3348)

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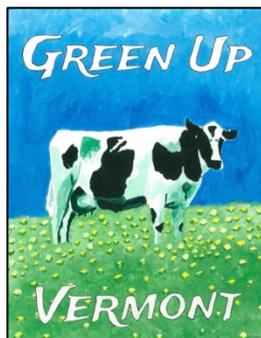
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SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

- * PHONE BOOK SALES have netted an impressive profit of over \$2,500, proving to be a fine one-time fund-raiser, thanks to the tireless efforts of Chryl Martin, Donna Swartz, with help from the whole committee: Dianne Barclay, Debbie Blechich, Pam Grace, Linda Olney, Doris Perry, and Heather Shay. Special thanks to Cedelle Sirjane for selling Phone Books along with Seeds for Sudan on Town Meeting Day!
- * THE LIBRARY SURVEY has had very few respondents to date, but has already yielded compliments, good suggestions, and volunteers for staffing and for the 5 Year Plan Committee. If you would like to fill out a survey, have suggestions, or want to volunteer (as a staffer, trustee, committee member, and/or program presenter), please call the Library: 492-3410.
- * THE LIBRARY'S ANNUAL MEETING for the election of officers and trustees is Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

Coming Events:

Friday, May 8 @ 7:30pm at the Library: State Wildlife Biologist FORREST HAMMOND will discuss VERMONT'S BLACK BEARS: Their Habitat, Habits, and How Best to Co-exist with them. The program is free and open to the public. Our seating is limited; please arrive early to be sure of a place.

Friday, June 26 @ 7:30pm at the Library : SCOTT DARLING, Shrewsbury's own wildlife biologist and bat expert will give an update on VERMONT'S BAT POPULATION.

Saturday, July 18 @ 7:30pm @ SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL: THE METTAWEE THEATRE COMPANY presents its 40th (and possibly last) touring production, "OUT OF THE PAST: Celebrating 40 Years of the Mettawee Journey." Save the date!

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, May 17 @ 4pm: *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie: The VT Reads 2015 selection. All ages would enjoy this book, and are welcome at the discussion. Books are available at the Library

through a grant from the VT Humanities Council, and the efforts of Chryl Martin. Many thanks!

Sunday, May 24 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston. Books will be available at the Library. Please call Joan to order more: 492-3550.

Mondays TBA: QUILTING GROUP. Please contact Gail Hartigan for information: 492-3605.

* THE WRITING GROUP is taking a break from regular meetings. Please contact Penelope Weiss (492-3345) or Martha Izzi (492-3346) for information.



New Books include:

- * *Leaving Before the Rains Come* by Alexandra Fuller: an insightful memoir about the end of a marriage, and a vivid remembrance of a vanished Africa.
- * *Becoming Steve Jobs* by Brent Schlender and Rick Tetzell: A biography of Apple's founder before he became an iconic CEO.
- * *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine: Clear, sharply observed poems about racism by an African-American poet; winner of this year's Book Critics' Circle Award.
- * *The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses and Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History* by biologist Thor Hanson.
- * *Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Biography* by Laura Ingalls Wilder: the beloved writer's own story, with notes by her daughter, Rose Wilder Lane.

New DVDs include:

- * "Keep On Keepin' On": A documentary about the legendary trumpeter Clark Terry, directed by Ethan Hawke.
- * "Call the Midwife Season 4": More of this popular series.
- * "Justified: Season 1": The first in this acclaimed new series set in Appalachia.

We're in the process of converting all our VHS tapes to DVD discs; if you have a VHS player, there will be some great films for sale. More information TBA!

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club will meet Saturday, May 9 from 10:00-11:30am at the Shrewsbury Library.

A Time for Remembrance

In March of 1999 the Shrewsbury Historical Society was busy transferring the museum from the second floor of the Library to the new quarters in the wonderful historical Cuttingsville Church. It took many volunteer hours to transport all the artifacts and papers to their new home and many volunteer hours to set up exhibits for the grand opening of the museum on August 14 and 15 to all Shrewsbury Townspeople.

Exhibits included: the making of butter, Shrewsbury Grange artifacts, the Cuttingsville Church building itself, and memorabilia of Majorie Pierce and family. Favorites also in place included: Doris Erb's shadow box figurines showing Town Board members, Patrick Farrow's sculpture "The Castle Tree," and children's toys. Over 100 people attended and enjoyed both the museum and special refreshments prepared by members. A gift of six mum plants arrived to decorate the front steps and a bouquet of gladioli graced the foyer.

The president at that time was Con Winkler, Vice-President Fran Patten, Treasurer Bud Clark, and Secretary Ruth Winkler. The Trustees were Gloria Benson, John Elwert, Don Butler, Al Ridlon, Sr., Paul Anthony and Liesbeth van der Heijden. A special title of Honorary Trustee was bestowed on Marjorie Pierce.

The first year in the museum the various Society committee members were busy applying for grants, preparing new video tapes to add to the collection, planning Plant and Bake Sales, and performing various building repairs and upgrades. The repairs and upgrades included: repair of a leak in the steeple, installation of a new heating system, necessary electrical system rewiring, chimney repair, insulating all the walls and ceiling, creating a moisture barrier shield in the basement (which necessitated the removal of an old boiler and a ton of rocks), construction of a physically challenged ramp, and painting of the outside of the building. A committee met to study plans for a sign for the front of the museum.

In August, Richard Wiedmann coordinated a visit to the Windsor Machine Museum and the historic Constitution House and the members and guests enjoyed the tour. Nancy Spencer, Fran Patten and Liesbeth van der Heijden attended workshops regarding the care and nurturing of a museum. In October, the Ann Story Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution visited the museum. Julanne Sharrow of Shrewsbury arranged for the DAR's visit. Nancy Spencer handled approximately 20 requests for ge-

nealogy information that year. The museum closed for the season the end of October.

In December of 1999, the Society prepared its first newsletter of the year, *Times Past*, which was a single 8 ½" x 14" page, printed on both sides, with its logo: Grace Brigham's sketch of the Cuttingsville Church. Its cover story: 1999 - The Year in Review.

In December of 2014, the newsletter *Times Past* was an eight page 8 ½" x 11", newsletter, and its cover story was the Brown Bridge, a National Historic Landmark. The Society's president: Grace Brigham.

Since the *Times Past* was first printed, the Society has endeavored to present various programs for our members and Townspeople. They included: Witchcraft - Beliefs or Unbeliefs (Sept. 2000), Quilts by Lucille Fiske (Aug. 2001), Logging in Aldrichville and S. Wallingford by Michael Barbieri (Sept. 2001), Green Mountain Railroad by Mary Ashcroft (Oct. 2002), Autumn Festival and Quilt Show at the Town Hall (Oct. 2003), Co-chaired with the Shrewsbury Community Church a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Meeting House (Nov. 2004), Crown Point Road by Barbara and Barry Griffith (Oct. 2006), Unofficial Cemeteries in Shrewsbury by David Rice (Oct. 2007), Bears by Nancy Bell (Sept. 2008), Rescued Horses at Ludy Biddle's Beaver Meadow Farm (Aug. 2012), and "Good Vermonters: The Pierces of N. Shrewsbury" by Karen Lorentz (Oct. 2013).

Earlier Historical Society programs in the 80's and 90's included: two visits from members of Living History in costume (In answering a question about the term, "flash in the pan", one of the Living History members pulled the trigger of their musket and the smoke that came from the barrel set off the alarm system and we were visited by our Volunteer Fire Dept. It was quite exciting!), a program by a member of the Abenaki Indian Tribe of New England, and a speaker featuring architecture through the years (only problem was that the speaker forgot the slides, and spoke without visual aids!). In addition, the Society was happy to welcome Abraham and Mary Lincoln who showed a slide program, a speaker who came to tell us about canoeing down the Connecticut River, and a program about the pre-Civil War underground railroad for runaway slaves in Vermont.

An absolute favorite of mine was the NBC TV program when host Dave Garroway of *Wide World* featured Robert Frost visiting Shrewsbury

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Center in March, 1957; showing the Town Hall, the Willard Smith sugar house, and a square dance in the Town Hall. It took quite a few years for the SHS to obtain this film. The Society rented a huge TV screen and placed it on the pulpit exactly where Robert Frost stood in 1957. The church was filled with Townspeople - many of whom attended that '57 visit by Frost. Volunteers of the Fire Dept. helped carry the TV screen into the Town Hall for this program and helped return it, which was appreciated.

We look forward to this year's opening of the museum on Sunday, July 5 from 1 to 3pm.

Next Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, May 5 at 7pm in the museum. All are welcome. We are always hopeful that we attract new members; especially younger people who would like to be involved and give the Society a hand.

In Memoriam

One of our members, Shirley J. Tinker, 90 years old, passed away on April 6. She was very interested in history and genealogy and had donated items to the Society in the past. In her later years she lived at the Maples in Rutland and kept in touch with the Society with her occasional hand-written notes along with her dues.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



Visiting the Sugar House

The first day of sugaring season, our family visited Orville and Marcia Woods who showed Saoirse 10, Fitz 5, Darby 4 the sugar house in all its glory. They thoroughly enjoyed it and Saoirse loved her free sample! Thanks to Orville and Marcia for a great showing!

Lenny Wellenius



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Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

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Community Church Calendar

May 3 @ 1030am: Worship Service, Baptism and Holy Communion Rev. Bob Boutwell.

May 9 @ 1pm-3pm: Visitation Workshop Rev. Bob Boutwell. Open to the Community. Training for folks who would like to do visiting in the community on behalf of the church. Refreshments will be provided.

May 9 @ 7pm: Fund Raiser Benefit Concert of live music in the sanctuary followed by a silent auction, desserts downstairs in the Meeting House/Town Hall.

May 10 @ 1030am: Worship Service Mother's Day Donna Smith "the Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World."

May 17 @ 1030am: Worship Service Rev. Skip Dickinson.

May 20 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Fran Patten. Please bring a bag lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Please let Fran know if you can attend 492-3706. All Welcome! Come and Enjoy the fellowship and the Mission.

May 23 @ 530pm: Free Community Supper Town Hall. All Welcome!

May 24 @ 1030am: Worship Service David Rice.

May 31 @ 1030am: Worship Service David Rice.

• Community Needs

- Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Rita Lane 775-2578 or Sue Kelley 492-3738, 779-5241
- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Rita Lane 775-2578 or Donna Smith 492-3367
- Care, Home, Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests: Contact Rita Lane 775-2578, Roxanne Ramah 492-3675 or Ruth Kinne 775-5318

As we celebrate **Mother's Day on Sunday May 10 and Father's Day on June 21** we are honoring and remembering Mothers and Fathers by designating these two days as "Community Sharing Days". We are accepting donations of \$5 in memory or in honor of Mothers and Fathers. Donations will go to the Community Sharing Project. All remembrances will be listed in our Sunday Bulletins on Mother's Day and Father's Day and in a future edition of the Shrewsbury Times. The Community Sharing Project helps Shrewsbury Folks Young and Old in need. The ability to help members of our community is totally dependent on the amount of donations received.



Send your check made out to Shrewsbury Community Church to: Shrewsbury Community Church, c/o Sue Kelley, PO Box 366 Shrewsbury VT 05738.

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A happy rider on Toby the Welsh Cob pony

Reinbow Riding Center volunteer training

On Saturday, May 23rd from 10-12, The Reinbow Therapeutic Riding Center will be holding a volunteer training class. Anyone interested in helping with our therapeutic riding program by assisting with classes, grooming, tacking horses and other tasks, should attend. For more information, please call Mary Jane Osborne at 259-2282 / 492-2226. The Center is located at 430 Robison Rd. in Shrewsbury.

The Reinbow Therapeutic Riding Center is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and adults with special needs. Therapeutic riding improves the strength, coordination, and self-esteem of these individuals and provides many other benefits. Website- www.reinbowridingcenter.org.

Submitted by Alec McCallum



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Area Lecture/Discussion Programs

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May 6 @ 7pm: Vermont Humanities 1st Wednesday Program @ Rutland Free Library. Topic: The Buildings of Rutland.. (No Fee)

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



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MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

In the last line of "Ode to the West Wind", Percy Bysshe Shelley asked, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Well, if you ask someone from Shrewsbury, he/she would probably tell you that it was VERY far behind this year. However, the late Robin Williams probably said it best: "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" So, in honor of a season we thought would NEVER come, please party with friends, twirl around in the muddy back yard, pick a bouquet of daffodils and C E L E B R A T E !

Stage 20 Production: The 7th&8th grade Stage 20 production will be performed on May 8&9 at 7:30pm in the school's theatre. This year's show is a production of "Fox Hunt". The play, written by Slawomir Mrozek, is a political parable about the shifting tides of power and the fate of those caught in the middle. All seats for the production are \$5.

Loyalty Day Parade: This year's Loyalty Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 3, beginning at 2pm. The 100 members of the marching band are memorizing "Tribute to America" (a medley including "This is My Country" & "God Bless America"), and "Marches of the Armed Forces".

All State Parade: The marching band will also participate in this year's All State Music Parade on Wednesday, May 6. This is the grand opening of the All State Honors Music Festival that will be held in Middlebury this year.

Celebration of the Arts / Art Work: This year's art show will feature senior exhibits, a variety of pottery, color study and design work, studio projects, photography and middle school art work. All exhibits will be open from 6:30pm Tuesday, May 19-Thursday, May 21 at 9:00pm in the library.

Celebration of the Arts / Vocal Concert and Art Show: The first night of this year's Celebration of the Arts will be held on Tuesday, May 19 from 7-9pm. The senior chorus will be performing the *Regina Coeli* by Mozart. This is a large choral work with complex melodic lines and rhythms. There will also be a choral piece featuring every vocalist in the choral program called "Can You Hear?" by Jim Pappoulis. The text reminds all those who perform or hear it that each person deserves to be "heard" and is valuable.

Celebration of the Arts / Instrumental Concert and Art Show: The second

night of this year's Celebration of the Arts will be held on Thursday, May 21 from 7-9pm. The senior band's performance will include one or more of the following: a medley of Eagles tunes, the music from "Jersey Boys" and a salute to the music of Dick Clark's Bandstand. The junior band's concert material will feature the clever "Rock, Paper Scissors", while the jazz lab's performance will include "My Favorite Things". The jazz band material will be an arrangement of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" featuring senior trumpeters Arthur Conover and Christian Brand. The concert will conclude with the marching band performing the two titles played in this month's parades.

The Prom: The MRUHS Prom will be held on Saturday, May 23, from 8:00-12:00 at the Holiday Inn. Family and friends are invited to stop by at 11:30 pm to see the crowning of the king and queen and the announcing of the court.

Memorial Day Parades: The MRUHS marching band will appear in Memorial Day parades on Sunday, May 24 in Middletown Springs at 3:00pm and in Wallingford on Monday, May 25 at 10am.

With an art show, choral concert, band concert, and stage production in addition to baseball and softball games etc., May provides our community with many wonderful opportunities for visiting the campus and enjoying the multitude of impressive things being done by the students at our school.

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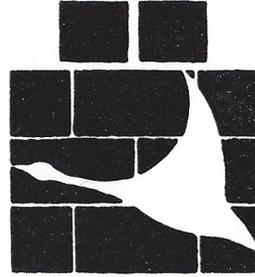
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Sunday 8am-5pm**

Wine Tasting

Friday, May 22 from 5-7

Sandy Bragg will host a wine tasting featuring 3 luscious California Pinot Noirs from Napa Valley, all reasonably priced thanks to a recent wine expo arranged by one of Pierce's wine distributors.



Whether you already love pinot noirs or don't know one wine from another, stop in to taste and learn. Light snacks will also be available.

In June Sandy will be featuring Pinot Gris wines at a wine tasting.

New in the store!

****Marc Cimonetti & Copperas Hill Farms' Italian and Breakfast Sausages and Pork Chops.**** Stop in and get some.

As always, if you want to become involved in the store, there are lots of ways you could help – just give me a call and we can chat. ~ *Sally Deinzer*

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

Soups

	<u>Dates</u>
Asparagus leek	5/3, 5/14,
5/31	
Black bean & corn	5/15
Broccoli cheddar	5/4, 5/16
Chicken gumbo	5/2, 5/13,
5/30	
Cream of mushroom	5/10, 5/22
French carrot	5/28
French vegetable with cannellini	5/6, 5/21
Italian lentil w/ sausage & kale	5/5, 5/17
Italian vegetable (minestrone w/out noodles)	5/26
Mexican corn & cabbage	5/7, 5/19
Mushroom barley w/ aromatic vegetable & leeks	5/1, 5/29
Potato leek w/ aromatic vegetables	5/25
Scotch broth	5/9, 5/18
Southwestern butternut squash	5/8, 5/20
Split pea w/ ham	5/27
Tomato cheddar	5/12, 5/24
Yucatan chicken	5/11, 5/23

May Specials from Rob's kitchen will include

~ Cinco de Mayo 5/5: Mexican Chicken Stew
~ Mothers' Day 5/10: Cherry Tarts
~ Memorial Day 5/25: Chili, Potato salad, Guacamole, Salsa
Watch the Store's Facebook page or our email postings for details.

**** Friday Meals**

5/1, 5/15, 5/29 Mac & Cheese
5/8, 5/22 Lasagna

Regular hot meals in the crockpot will include:

Monday – Chili con Carne

Tuesday – Chicken Stew*

Thursday – Pulled Pork Sandwiches*

*Depending on the weather, a special salad may be prepared instead of the hot meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties

5/6 – Peppers & onions

5/13 – Butternut squash, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and mozzarella

5/20 – Italian sausage

5/27 – Greek with Kalamata olives, feta and mozzarella cheese

Friday Night Dinners

May 15: TBA

May 29: Guest Chef Sally Deinzer will prepare Roast Chicken with Spring Vegetable

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,

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