



Times of Shrewsbury



September 2015

SVFD WINS MUSTER COMPETITION

At the recent Firefighters Association Annual Convention SVFD participated in six events. They placed first in five events and second in one event!



Water Polo Team members: Jesse Dambrackas, Seth Creed, Russ Carrara, Elliott Stewart, and Phil Severy



Muster Team members (standing): Jared Rau, Tanner Stewart, Seth Creed, Evan Robinson, Elliott Stewart, Mark Stewart, Jon Lees, Jesse Dambrackas, Jack Perry; (kneeling) Russ Carrara and Phil Severy

Photos by Gina Stewart

(See related article by Barry Griffith on page 4)

LETTERS AND NOTICES

Annual Ham Supper

The 62nd Annual Ham Supper put on by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be held Saturday October 3 starting at 4:30pm. Any questions call Catherine Carrara 492-6137.

Shrewsbury Democratic Party Meeting

Every two years law requires that Town political parties 'reorganize' and elect new officials. This is the year and the Shrewsbury Democratic Committee will be meeting at 135 Spring Lake Rd - the home of Scott Garren and Heather Shay - on Monday, September 21 at 6pm for an election. The next two years, with primaries and general elections for President, Governor and a host of local positions, will define our country and state's future. We invite all to join us in organizing for these important events. Light dinner will be provided. Please call 492-2284 for more information or to RSVP

Submitted by Scott Garren

Conservation Commission

There will be no Conservation Commission meeting on September

Mountain School is Open!

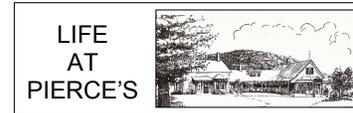


School starts on August 26th. School hours are 8:15am - 3:15pm and Pre-school is 8:15 - 11:30am. School has off September 4-7 for Labor Day.

To the Town folks of Shrewsbury,

Thank you for your out pouring of support these past few months. It is much appreciated and means so much to me.

Very Truly Yours,
Lavinia



Dear Readers,

I will be in school until next April. I have enjoyed writing "Life at Pierce's" and when school has slowed down some, I will once again pick up the pen and paper and write. As you know, Marjorie is a firm believer in education and her influence has my nose buried in schoolwork.

Sincerely, Stacy McKiernan

Volunteers needed

I have just completed a Wellness Coaching Course through the Mayo Clinic. I am looking to coach a few individuals who are willing to commit to six (one hour) sessions. Is there something in your life you would like to work on? Some examples include weight loss, stress management, work-life balance, etc. The U.S. Surgeon General states being happy is the best way to stay healthy and live a long life. Let's work on something in your life that will make you happier! Please contact me at smlis11@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Stacy McKiernan

The Times of Shrewsbury

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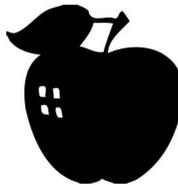
Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept 1	7pm	Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at museum
Sept 4	7:30pm	*Outdoor Film Festival behind the Meeting House
Sept 5	7:30pm	*Outdoor Film Festival behind the Meeting House
Sept 8	12 noon	Senior Lunch at Café Provence, Brandon. Call Fran Patten 492-3706 to reserve.
Sept 11	7:30pm	*Sail away program with Scott Garren & Heather Shay at the Library
Sept 12	1-3pm	*Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Transfer Station
Sept 13	11am-3pm	*SAGE workshop on farm tractor basic maintenance (fee)
Sept 16	12 noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets. Call Roxanne (492-3675) for meeting place.
Sept 20	10am-1pm	*SAGE workshop on intermediate dairy processing (fee)
Sept 20	4pm	*Famous Books Discussion Group at the Library
Sept 26	9am – 2pm	*Shrewsbury Library Bake, Book & Tag Sale at the Library.
Sept 27	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Oct 3	4:30pm	SVFD and Auxiliary Annual Ham Supper at the Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road.

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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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

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House
Library Trustees' Meeting	2 nd Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals	Friday nights
Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd Mondays—7:30pm at Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays—10:00am at Shrewsbury Library, upstairs
Shrewsbury Community Church Worship	Sundays—10:30am at Shrewsbury Center Church
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Opens Sundays from 1:00-3:00pm until October 25
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	1 st Monday & 3 rd Tuesday—6:30pm
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 nd Tuesdays—7:00pm at Southside Restaurant, Rutland
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 7:30am-10:30am and 11:30am-2:30pm
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

8/10/15



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Vermont State Firefighters Association Annual Convention convened on the weekend of August 7-9 in Rutland. Our firefighters -- and their families and friends -- took advantage of the nearby venue to turn out in large numbers to enjoy the event. (Special thanks for our wonderful Auxiliary for hosting a barbecue for us at Cuttingsville Station Saturday evening.) The so-called muster events are always the most fun. They are also important, because they test skills relating to what we do as firefighters. For many years now, these events have demonstrated that the skills and training of your Shrewsbury Volunteers are second to none. This year was no exception. The Shrewsbury team finished first in five of the six events (second in the other), and again received the muster events championship trophy to add to our collection.

The head-to-head water polo elimination tournament (again won by Shrewsbury) is always the most exciting event, as shown in one or more pictures herein. However, potentially more significant in real life is the timed SCBA Endurance event, wherein a team of four firefighters dons air packs, enters a simulated building on all fours (keeping low to minimize exposure to heat and smoke), locates a "victim" (a heavy dummy) and drags the heavy victim out of the burning building to safety. Shrewsbury was led this year by Team Captain Jesse Dambrackas. At age 24, Jesse is already a veteran firefighter -- he joined SVFD as a Cadet when he was 14! Elliott Stewart is only 21, but likewise was a junior firefighter now with years of training and experience. Joining them on the endurance team were Jared Rau and Evan Robinson -- Mill River classmates of Elliott who joined our Fire Department just this year. This was the first muster competition event for Jared and Evan, but they have worked hard to

learn firefighting skills. The young Team Shrewsbury finished with the best time in the endurance competition -- a wonderful transition to a new generation!

Speaking of air packs (SCBA) -- you may recall that in December 2014 we submitted an application to FEMA for a \$50,000+ grant which would assist SVFD with purchase of newer, safer air packs to replace our now obsolete SCBA units. On July 21 we received a telephone call from FEMA that our application had been reviewed and "recommended for funding." However, as they say: the devil is in the details. There are now at least half a dozen relevant federal or national databases, and it seems that all of the information on all of them has to mesh before a grant can be finalized. For example -- because one database says "Cuttingsville" and the other "Shrewsbury," that is enough to bounce things back and hold up the award. We have spent the past month trying to get everything ironed out. We were hoping to have good news to announce in this month's edition of the *Times*, but it seems we will have to wait until next month. Stay tuned -- and STAY FIRE SAFE.

Submitted by Barry Griffith, SVFD Secretary/Treasurer



Air Pack Endurance Event

Above: Jesse Dambrackas and Elliott Stewart

Left: Jesse Dambrackas, Elliott Stewart, Jared Rau and Evan Robinson

Photos by Gina Stewart



Saturday September 12 ~~~ 1-3pm

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

at Shrewsbury Transfer Station

Free service to residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend any of in the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven (not just the one scheduled for Shrewsbury). Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. Please call 802-775-7209 for more information. Proof of residency required and is free to SWAC residents. SWAC contracts with the Rutland County Solid Waste District for hazardous waste services.

Below is a list of some of the materials you might consider taking to the event:

Arts and Crafts Supplies	Pool Chemicals	Paint Thinners
Carburetor Cleaner	Radiator Flusher	Pesticides
Chemistry Kits	Rodent Killer	Photo Chemicals
Creosote	Herbicides	Roofing Tar
Drain Cleaners	Insect Sprays	Rug/Upholstery Cleaners
Engine Degreaser	Latex Paint	Rust Proofers
Fertilizer	Lead and Oil-Based Paints	Solvents/Varnish Sealants
Flea Powder	Lighter Fluid	Toilet Cleaners
Floor Cleaners	Lithium, Mercury, Ni-CAD Batteries	Used Motor Oil (only accepted in container; no pouring off of oil accepted)
Fluorescent Bulbs (Unbroken)	Metal Polish	Wax Polish
Furniture Polish	Mothballs	Wood Preservatives
Gas Treatments	No -Pest Strips	Wood Strippers and Stains
	Oven Cleaners	

Not accepted at the events:

- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors: Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors are accepted for disposal with regular trash.
- Many manufacturers of smoke detectors have voluntary take-back programs for safe disposal of these items. Be sure to verify current packaging and shipping requirements directly with the manufacturer.

Limitations, regulations and other specifications: Ionization smoke detectors do contain a small amount of a low-level radioactive isotope, but the material is not considered hazardous to people or pets at the levels present in household smoke detectors.

- Car batteries: Most service stations will take used car batteries.
- Tires: are also accepted at the Gleason Road facility for a nominal fee.



PLEASE NOTE:

#5 bags (including horse feed, pellet, and dog food) are NOT recyclable.. Even though they have a #5 symbol on them, the Materials Recovery Facility in Rutland is not able to recycle them. They go in the trash.



Cardboard and Boxboard: Currently there is a limit to the percentage of boxboard allowed in a bale with cardboard. Put boxboard (cereal, pasta boxes, etc) in the the cardboard for now.



The First Punch Day

- First person to get their card punched was Christina Clarke

Note from Bert:

Please welcome new Transfer Station attendant Gary DuPree who has joined me and Bob Perry. We are all trying to adapt to the new regulations affecting the Transfer Station. There seems to be an increased amount of recycled items which is the goal of Vermont 's Act 148, and the punch card system seems to be working well for us. Thanks to all who have been cooperative, it makes our job easier!

Bert Potter

Selectman & Transfer Station Administrator

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

By the time you read this, the Annual Haystack Dinner & Street Dance will be a memory - of generous help, delicious food, great music, and friends -- but now we'll thank some of those who made it possible: Mastermind DONNA SWARTZ; LISA and all the Trustees; Shrewsbury farmers from Alchemy Gardens, Caravan Gardens, and Evening Song Farm; area businesses, including Pierces' Store; and everyone who came to enjoy the evening! (A complete list will follow next month.)

THE ANNUAL BOOK, BAKE & TAG SALE will be Saturday, September 26th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We welcome books (in good condition only!) after September 1. NO textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or books damaged by water or mold, please! We'll be calling our list of supporters for donations of home-baked goods. Tables for the TAG SALE on the Library lawn are \$10 each for the day. Please call DONNA (773-7403) or the Library to reserve one.

We're getting new book shelves in the Great Room, thanks to Woody! Please excuse the temporary disruption, and ask for help finding children's non-fiction.

Coming Events:

Friday, September 11 @ 7:30pm: Sail away with SCOTT GARREN & HEATHER SHAY on their winter adventures to southern seas!

Saturday, September 26 @ 9am to 2pm: BOOK, BAKE & TAG SALE!

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, September 20 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: *Go Set a Watchman* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, both by Harper Lee. Please call Joan for more copies (492-3550).

Sunday, September 27 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Harari. Copies will be available at the Library.

Alternate Mondays: QUILTERS' GROUP. Please call Donna Swartz for information. All welcome!

Want Computer Lessons? Please call the Library (492-3410), and we'll connect you.

New Books include:

- ❖ *Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life*, by William Finnegan: A memoir by the international correspondent that almost puts you on the waves;
- ❖ *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*, by J. Ryan Stradal: An acclaimed novel about a young woman who becomes a star chef;
- ❖ *Voices in the Ocean: A Journey into the Wild and Haunting World of Dolphins*, by Susan Casey;
- ❖ *The Market Gardener: A Successful Grower's Handbook for Small-Scale Organic Farming* by Jean-Martin Fortier;
- ❖ *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel*, by Carl Safina; and
- ❖ *Among the Ten Thousand Things*, by Julia Pierpont: a spot-on novel about a contemporary urban family.

DVDs:

It's been a slow month for new releases; more are on-pre-order. Please check out the DVD conversions from VHS tapes of classic films!

SAGE

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and SPRING LAKE RANCH

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802 345-5207

Please bring a bag lunch, and be aware that
Spring Lake Ranch is an alcohol-free therapeutic
community.

Shrewsbury Historical Society



Memories 2016

Available Early September

at:

Pierce's Store

and

Historical Society Museum

(Sundays 1 to 3 pm)

Calendars are \$15 each

By mail add \$2 for postage, send to:

**Shrewsbury Historical Society
5419 Route 103, Cuttingsville, VT 05738**

All proceeds go to the maintenance of the SHS Museum Building

Shrewsberry's Part of Austrian Concert Tour

July 23, 2015--We're back from Austria, having survived our first European concert tour. All the hard work paid off. Shrewsbury was well represented by eight singers, including myself: Margery & Gary Salmon, Scott Garren, Roxanne Ramah, Anne Marie Ryan & Dale Janik, and Jo Fretz.

Our trip was amazing—we saw many wondrous things, both manmade and natural—castles, monasteries, palaces, fortresses, lakes, mountains (we took a breathtaking cable car ride in the Alps). I fell in love with Austria all over again—so clean, charming, and beautiful. My grandmother was Austrian, and I travelled there three times before—but a very long time ago and never as part of a singing group headed by the remarkable Rip Jackson, Minister of Music at Grace Church-Rutland. There were 58 singers in his choir.

We sang in the Salzburg Cathedral (acoustics to die for), Poestlingberg Church—perched high above the city of Linz, Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial, St. Florian's Monastery (also heard the famous Bruckner organ there...Rip had the great privilege of playing it!), and in Vienna at the Schönbrunn Palace, Rip's favorite performance of ours. We also had a few impromptu concerts—for staff at our hotels, in a vineyard restaurant where we had dinner one evening, at a small chapel (the Silent Night Chapel), and a few other places at the whim of Rip, and by requests from local people and hosts. Our music was well received...most often people would tell us that they got "chills" or "goose bumps." A couple of people at the Salzburg Cathedral actually came up to me afterwards and thanked me personally, which was a real thrill. Rip prepared a varied and demanding program—all American music and in English except one piece in Latin. We also sang two shape note pieces. Our full concert took approximately one hour to perform, and we did abbreviated programs in some places—for instance, the death camp, where our joyful songs were excluded out of respect. I found it hard to choke out the notes there, and our usually boisterous group was very quiet at that evil place in the gorgeous Austrian countryside.

We had the opportunity to attend concerts by world-class musicians and singers, thanks again to Mr. Jackson. One of my special memories was the concert in Salzburg at the fortress high above the city. We lucky people who chose this concert went up (and down) by funicular. The concert was thrilling, and we watched the mountains from open windows until it grew dark. After the concert, we had a magnificent view of the city below—all lit up like a fairyland. Visiting Mozart's birthplace/home in Salzburg was another

treat. The most moving place for me was the death camp. Gerti Schmidt, our fabulous Austrian guide, told us of the horrors of that place, and to see it in person is something I will never forget.

En route to Linz, we travelled through the beautiful Salzkammergut (lake region) to Hallstatt, a lovely little town with the world's oldest working salt mine. "Hall" means "salt," Gerti informed us. It was a spectacular, twisty, winding ride on our bus. The color of the lakes was a hue that I've never seen before. I have to say that I was disappointed in the apple strudel I ordered there—too much cinnamon on the apples. *Not* the way my Nanna used to make it for me. The only other food complaint was at the Hofbrauhaus in Munich where we all left an inedible "dumpling" on our plates. It was the size of a tennis ball. All the rest of the food in Austria was fresh, abundant and varied, and absolutely delicious.

I could go on and on, but I won't. What a trip...but it's good to be home.

Heartfelt thanks and love to Rip and also to Diane Chartrand, the best dotter of i's and crosser of t's I've ever met! And lastly to my teacher, voice coach, and friend, Roxanne Ramah.

Marilyn Dalick

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“The Week That Was”

The Historical Society was informed that we might be interested in some of the Pierce's artifacts stored in the back garage at Pierce's Store. So, on the 6th of August, we went up and did find some wonderful interesting objects to be added to the museum's every widening collection of the Pierce family. Thanks to Peter Grace, Sally Deinzer and Kristi Bragg, we were able to retrieve a desk top that would stand on a table, complete with space for an ink bottle, that perhaps belonged to the Post Office that was located there with Eaton E. Lord as Postmaster, until it was discontinued in January of 1907, according to our Town's history book, *Shrewsbury, Vt., Our Town As It Was*. In 1911 he sold the store to Jasper Aldrich who owned it until 1918 before selling it to Willie E. Pierce.

We were also able to retrieve various photographs on the walls of the garage which will be copied and sent to the Cooperative, a splendid little caned seat chair to go with the desk top, and several military uniform jackets, military pamphlets and manuals, men's assorted jewelry, posters, old photos of Jim Jeffords, and more.

The Society is very grateful to the Vermont Preservation Trust and to the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store in Northam. *Thank you.*

Saturday, August 8, 2015 was a busy one for Shrewsbury.

The Society held its Bake Sale and we thank all those who baked and brought, and all those who came in to buy. It is always a fun, social time for the Shrewsbury Historical Society members to visit with friends and neighbors. Mr. O'Dowd, a new neighbor, walked over to visit. He and his wife are the owners of the former "Parrish" house in Cuttingsville. The cakes, coffee cake buns, berry squares, pies, cup cakes, cookies, breads, muffins, popcorn and preserves (both sweet and pickled) were wonderful. Special thanks to Ann Ridlon and Fran Patten for overseeing the goodies and to Marguerite Ponton, our intrepid cashier. *Thank you.*

Later, our member Grace Korzun and her family hosted a Photography and Model Plane exhibit at the Town Hall in honor of Leonard Korzun, who pursued these hobbies in his lifetime.

And, the same day, at the Rutland Diamond Mall, the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department were engaged

in the various contests given each year between several fire depts., with a pot luck dinner in the evening.

Also on this weekend, the famous Arts in the Park was going strong in Rutland. Oh to have time to shop!

Museum's Visitors

The majority of visitors to the museum so far this summer have been tourists. Thank goodness for them. They seem interested in stories about our lovely Town and we are grateful to them, one and all. If you do have company this summer, perhaps you could tell them about our museum and maybe, even, come with them to see for yourself. Our volunteers, who take turns to staff the museum, are anxious to see more Townspeople attending. The wonderful album that Kim Ridlon made and presented on behalf of the Ridlon family to the John C. Stewart and Son, Inc. on their 100th anniversary of a family-run business is really very interesting and is the main piece in our exhibit. Then there is the Castle Tree, created by the famous sculptor Patrick Farrow. Children, and perhaps the "child" in you, would love to try to "see" the tiny figures welded into this magical tree.

The museum is open on Sundays from 1 to 3pm and will close its doors for the winter on October 25th.

We look forward to seeing you on some Sunday, be it sunny or rainy! Of course we will always open our museum to those who cannot visit on Sunday. Just call me, Ruth Winkler, at 492-3324 to make an appointment.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler



Ann Ridlon (left) and Fran Patten arrange the "goodies" at the Historical Society Bake Sale on August 8, 2015.

A Global Network

You can take a forester to Austria to sing but you can't keep him away from trees and the opportunity to learn. So with one "free" day to explore, the Botanical Garden in Vienna seemed the perfect place. The day solved one of the more common mysteries (for me) regarding Sycamores, plane trees, and genetics.



American Sycamore is native to North American and found naturally along slow moving low elevation rivers from the Mississippi to New England. It is found in Rutland County scattered along river banks including Otter Creek and over toward Poultney. It can become a huge tree with massive trunk, beautiful multi colored flaking bark, large maple like leaves, and a seed pod full of seeds

about the size of a golf ball. There are two trees planted in Rutland that fit this description, Route 7 in front of Chaffee Art Gallery and half way up high street.

In the botanical garden (and throughout Austria) I encountered its native European counterpart – Oriental Plane tree. Again a huge tree with similar leaf/fruit pod although the bark is a duller yellow green and less flaky. Two trees that evolved independently in different continents and popular enough to be planted as street trees in cities on both sides "of the pond." However the horticultural history of tree planting usually involves cross-pollinating popular trees to see if an "improved" tree will result and as far back as the late 1700's these two trees, continents apart, had been joined creating a third species - London plane tree. It proved wildly popular and has been planted all over England and in many of the larger cities in America (New York, Philadelphia, Boston for example). It has characteristics more like Oriental plane tree (lacking bright flaking bark) but seems better adapted than sycamore to the urban landscape as a street tree. So you will find neither in Shrewsbury; sycamore's in Rutland, and London plane trees along our streets and in our parks in the larger North Atlantic cities.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden



Spring Lake Ranch
Therapeutic Community
Working Toward Wellness

Spring Lake Ranch's Latest Support Group: "The Hub" LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer or Questioning Intersex and their Allies. Adopted first in the early '90s simply as LGB and evolving over the years to what is more commonly known as LGBTQIA+ today, this term has been adopted by the majority of gender identity based communities throughout the United States and various other English speaking countries such across the world.

On June of 2015, the United States Supreme Court ruled the legalization of same-sex marriage across its 50 states. This marked the beginning of a new era for the US and also for LGBTQIA+ communities. Right around the same time at Spring Lake Ranch Therapeutic Community, a group of House Advisors and residents began to form the LGBTQIA+ support group on the hill. Through the weekly meeting, held on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm, this group of dedicated and highly diligent individuals provide a safe space for its members in an accepting and diverse community while cultivating education and support.

Driven by the joint effort of residents and staff, the group had its first meeting on July 27th, 2015. Founded as a response to the lack of space for LGBTQIA+ culture on the Ranch and the need to address issues related to mental health and/or substance abuse within the LGBTQIA+ community, "The Hub", the official name of the support group, is the first of its kind at SLR; the reason being because of the progressive culture of the current group of staff and residents.

"The Hub" creates a space for a myriad of issues, some of the topics to be covered this fall will be: substance abuse and LGBTQIA+, LGBTQIA+ in the media, Trans-Ally Training, etc.

The goals of the group are first to set up a safe space for the community and second to set up a learning experience. This encompasses developing a language as allies, putting dialog into perspective and empowering each other in ways that's not exasperating: to build a community.

It has been fully embraced by the Clinical Director and other higher level staff as well as residents. The hope is that it will continue even when its current facilitators depart.

*By Nahita Zafimahova,
Intern at Spring Lake Ranch Therapeutic Community*

COMMON GROUND
COUNTRY FAIR

September 25, 26 & 27, 2015
Unity, Maine





Got Monarchs?

Have you seen any monarch butterflies in Shrewsbury this year? If not, it's probably because they have been so badly affected by herbicides. Along with their good work on in-

vasive plants, members of the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission have been researching the negative effects of herbicides. Monarchs – the beautiful black and gold butterflies that we all have seen migrating in late summer and fall - especially need our help.

Biocides, particularly the herbicide glyphosate, a Monsanto product sold as Roundup, are not only endangering human health, but they are also having adverse effects on the environment, including on pollinators like honeybees and on monarch butterflies. Roundup kills milkweed, the only food source for monarch caterpillars. Without milkweed, monarchs cannot complete their life cycle.

The population of over one billion monarchs in 1997 has dropped to 56.5 million in the 2014 winter survey. This precipitous decline closely follows the enormous increase in glyphosate use from 10 million pounds in 1993, when EPA reregistered the herbicide, to today's 300 million pounds annually, largely used in combination with herbicide-resistant GMO crops like corn and soybeans.

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading national environmental organization, petitioned EPA in 2014 to review glyphosate use in light of the severe monarch decline and to require measures to mitigate its harm. Such measures would include use of buffer zones around cropland for milkweed and other wildflowers and a ban on the application of glyphosate on roads and powerlines. Although EPA refused to act, NRDC has continued its effort with a lawsuit over EPA's registration of a new, more powerful biocide, Dow AgroSciences' Enlist Duo, which is a combination of glyphosate and the weed-killer 2, 4-D.

If you want excellent information based on reliable research or to support the campaign to protect monarch butterflies and their habitat, go to the blog of NRDC's senior scientist for wildlife conservation, Sylvia Fallon: <http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/sfallon/> Excessive use of herbicides by agriculture and homeowners will change only if all of us inform ourselves about the consequences and take effective action.

Submitted by Eliza Mabry

Photo by Rich Biziak



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

Dead Wake—The Last Crossing of the Lusitania *by Erik Larson*

★★★★★

This is another page-turner by Larson, this time about the Lusitania, one of the great transatlantic “greyhounds” that sailed out of New York harbor on May 1, 1915 headed for Liverpool, England. The voyage took place 10 months after the start of World War I, but its captain, William Thomas Turner, relied on the gentlemanly rules of warfare that had kept civilian ships safe from attack. Walther Schwieger, the 32 year-old captain of the German Unterseeboot-20, was about to change the rules.

Schwieger was already considered one of the German navy’s most knowledgeable commanders. He was tall and slender and described as a “particularly fine-looking fellow” with “pale blue eyes that conveyed coolness and good humor.” It was said that he “couldn’t harm a fly.” Just off the coast of Ireland, with no warning and just one torpedo, Schwieger sank the Lusitania, left vulnerable by various circumstances—the delay in leaving New York, the weather, and miscommunication of orders. She went down in 18 minutes and everyone on board with her.

Those who didn’t drown outright were killed by hyperthermia, especially infants and children. In the water, survivors realized their fate. They saw no boats coming to their rescue. The large cruiser, Juno, that could have gotten to them in less than one hour was en route but was called back by the Admiralty. “Never go to the aid of submarine victims” was the rule. The risk was too great that German submarines might still be present, waiting to sink ships as they came to the rescue. Hundreds of passengers and crew were left adrift in 55-degree waters, but the Admiralty deemed the loss of its big warships more important.

If Captain Schwieger felt any sense of remorse, his own war log did not express it. In fact, just five minutes after taking his last look at the Lusitania going down, he spotted a large steamer and prepared to attack it. This was a British tanker, the Narragansett,

racing to the scene in response to an SOS from the Lusitania. The ship’s first officer had spotted the periscope, and its captain had ordered a sharp turn and maximum speed. The torpedo misfired, and the Narragansett escaped—its captain now suspecting that the SOS had been faked by the German sub to lure his ship in.

Finally, after three hours, a rag-tag armada of trawlers and small fishing boats was on its way to help. There was no wind that day, and some rescuers rowed frantically for 14 miles to get to the scene before dark. Of the 1,959 passengers and crew, only 764 survived. Only six infants out of 33 survived; 618 passengers were never found. Among the dead were 123 Americans.

The story does not end here—far from it. In the courts, the captain of the Lusitania—Captain William Turner—not the Germans—was blamed for the disaster. In fact, the elite British intelligence unit, “Room 40,” wanted to avert attention from their own culpability in not sharing top-secret information that could have saved the grand ship and all aboard. It was vital to them that the Germans not know of this coveted war-time intelligence, so they shifted blame to the innocent captain. Even the mighty Winston Churchill was involved in this nasty scheme. Captain Turner was eventually exonerated, but he was treated harshly during the trial.

The lingering question remains to this day: Was this disaster the result of gross negligence—or a plot to sacrifice the Lusitania in order to persuade President Woodrow Wilson to involve the United States in the war? On April 6, 1917 at 1:18pm, two years after the sinking of the Lusitania, the United States declared war on Germany. American ships never seen in those waters before were described by the British locals as the “...descendants of the colonials returning now at Britain’s hour of need.”

Isaac’s Storm *by Erik Larson*

★★★★★

This is another page-turner by Larson, this time about the 1900 hurricane that turned Galveston, Texas into Atlantis. This hurricane remains to this day our nation’s deadliest natural disaster—killing more people than the Johnstown Flood and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake combined. Without warning, 10,000 people lost their lives—all hapless victims of the ignorance, presumption, and criminal neglect of the Weather Bureau’s obsession with controlling hurricane forecasts. Forecasters were even forbidden to use the word, “hurricane,” without permission from the higher-ups at the Bureau. Also lost were captains and

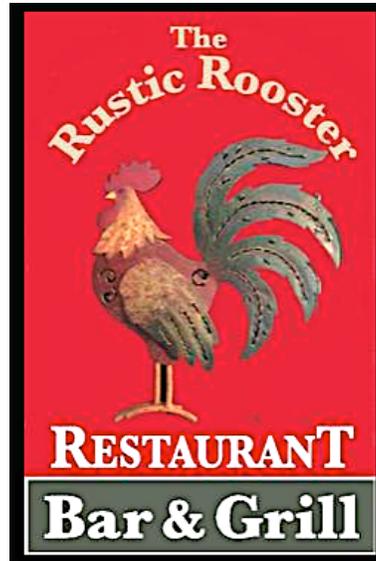
sailors on ships at sea, all who put their trust in the weather forecasting of the day.

Isaac Cline was a young scientist who believed he knew all there was to know about the behavior of storms, but he tragically underestimated the severity of this storm (winds at 200 mph!). Even though Cuban weathermen had long pioneered hurricane science, their alarm about this ferocious storm was totally ignored and quashed by the U.S. Weather Bureau. The Cubans predicted that Galveston was a direct hit and would have given the people crucial time to evacuate had this information been shared. In fact, even when Galveston was totally submerged by the raging sea, the last transmittal to Houston by the Bureau demanded that the information not be shared by the general public, as their misplaced sensitivity about Houston as a “rival” of Galveston’s deep-water port was sadly still in tact. Six days after the storm, the War Department, finally fed up by the Bureau, revoked the ban on Cuban weather cables.

The horrors of that day are vividly brought to life—very scary and heart-breaking but masterful writing. (*Note: Years ago, I was a fan of the Chad Mitchell Trio, and they did a classic song about this event, called “Mighty Day.” I have to dig that LP out again.*)

Reviews by Marilyn Dalick

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- September 5: Sky Blue Boys (This one is Saturday, all the other concerts are on Fridays).
- September 11: Swing Noire Plays Gypsy Jazz
- September 25: Woods Tea Company Rattles the Rafters
- October 9: Martin and Susanne Bring the Blues and Other Old-time American Music
- October 23: Irish and Scottish Music on The Irish Harp and Fiddle with Dominique Dodge and Robert Ryan

The Old Firehouse is in downtown Tinmouth at the intersection of Vt. 140 and Mountain View Road, five miles west of the US 7 stoplight in Wallingford. Doors open at 7pm. Suggested donation \$10; 90% of the donations go to the performers; 10% to the Town for building maintenance. Local groups furnish refreshments to raise funds for their activities.

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### **Basket Weaving Course**

A basket weaving class will be Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10am to 4pm at Black River Academy in Ludlow, led by Mary Coonradt. Participants will create a Country Counter Basket, an all purpose basket with a pretty pattern of dyed stakes and weavers. It also features decorative leather handles and a filled base. The fee is \$65 per person and students are asked to bring clothespins, pencils and a ruler as well as their lunch. Responses are needed by September 1. For more information call 802-228-5050, or send an email to [glbrehm@tds.net](mailto:glbrehm@tds.net).

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Wallingford "SecondTuesday" Open Mic

The Second Tuesday Open Mic Night will take place on Tuesday, September 8th from 7 to 9pm at a special location for this month only. It will be held at Wallingford Lodge off Waldo Lane. Musicians, poets and storytellers are invited to take the stage to perform in front of an enthusiastic audience of friends and neighbors who may sing along, dance or just relax and enjoy the show. A sound system is available. Performers may contact the Town Administrator at (802) 446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com for more information. You can sign-up in advance or the same night. Delicious desserts and beverages will be available.

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### **"A Night at the Museum"**

On Saturday, September 12, from 6pm to 8:30pm Black River Academy, 14 High Street, Ludlow will host "A Night at the Museum". Wine, generous hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and live music will make for a festive evening. Tickets are \$30 per person and in-

clude one complimentary glass of wine (refills may be purchased), hearty hors d'oeuvres and live music.

A rich array of silent auction items will be offered; a sampling includes Okemo lift tickets, ski lessons, one full day at Snow Stars for a young skier, and a lobster dinner for four with all the trimmings from Black River Produce. Also, tickets for a Weston Playhouse main stage production coupled with tickets to their after theater Cabaret. For more info: 802-228-5050, email [glbrehm@tds.net](mailto:glbrehm@tds.net) or visit [www.bramvt.org](http://www.bramvt.org). Tickets will be available at the Wine and Cheese Depot, The Book Nook and the museum.

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New Exhibit: World War I Exhibit in Ludlow

The Black River Academy Museum in Ludlow has opened an exhibit on World War I as seen through the thoughtful eyes of the lithographer Theophile Alexandre Steinlen. Steinlen (1859–1923) was born in Switzerland where he studied art at Lausanne. In 1882 he moved to Paris and became a leading illustrator for popular French journals for whom he produced over four hundred lithographs. As an artist he was not merely a commercial success but showed great sensitivity toward social issues and with the outbreak of World War I he adapted his work to reflect the agonies and sufferings of the soldiers and civilians.

For more information call 802-228-5050 or visit the museum's web site, www.bramvt.org. The museum is located at 14 High Street in Ludlow, VT and is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4pm or by appointment.

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### **Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl a Success**

The 62nd Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl was held on August 1 at the wonderful facilities of Castleton University. There was a very large Shrine parade down Main Street, food carts, vendors and a very large crowd at the game. It was a tribute to the alumni and players of this fraternal event. Please view a documentary at [www.maplesugarbowl.com](http://www.maplesugarbowl.com)

*Submitted by Bob Ferguson, Sr, PP*

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PEGTV Open House

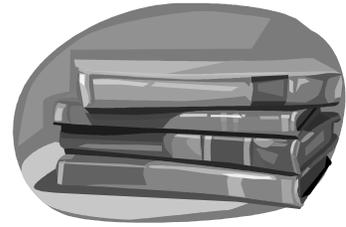
PEGTV, Rutland County's public access television station, invites the public to their open house on Thursday, September 10 from 11am to 1pm at Building 24 in the Howe Center located on 1 Scale Avenue in Rutland. PEGTV is comprised of Channels 15, 20 and 21 and is available to all cable subscribers throughout Rutland County. Streaming programming, video on demand services and hyper-local weather forecasts are also available online at www.pegtv.com.

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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

What happens in September you ask? We leave the Northam Church and return to the Center Church on the 2nd floor of the Meeting House for Sunday Services @ 10:30am. We enjoy the summer in Northam, however, tis the season to return to electric lights, heat that comes on when needed and that wondrous organ! The center church features a significant and very rare historic Johnson Opus 235 Pipe Organ. Come and listen to it! The music is spectacular!



A little history: in 1868 Henry Smith gave the Town of Shrewsbury the gorgeous organ that is in the Center Church. We never knew much of Henry until the computer was invented!

Henry Smith was born in Shrewsbury on July 15, 1826 the son of

Nathan & Nancy (Powers) Smith, and the grandson of Nehemiah & Lydia (Warenton) Smith of Smithfield R.I. (who were early settlers of Shrewsbury). His early education consisted of irregular attendance at the district school (probably the one at the base of Adams Road).

While a young man, he left Vermont and began business for himself in the manufacture of tin-ware in Templeton, Massachusetts. Here he manufactured tin articles on a large scale, and employed nearly a hundred men as selling agents. He represented the town of Templeton in the Massachusetts House of

Representatives, in the State Senate, and he also served on the Governor's Staff.

After leaving Templeton, he established himself in Dorchester and was prominent in securing the annexation of Dorchester to Boston. He was one of the organizers of the Home Savings Bank, of which he was President. He was also active in the organization of the Central National Bank. While a resident of Boston he served again in the Massachusetts Senate. He was a life member and benefactor, elected in 1870 to The New England Genealogical Historical Society. In 1879 he started Oakland Garden in Roxbury, an outdoor amusement park with a summer garden theatre which had nightly theatrical presentations.

He married Abby B. Whitcomb of Leominster, MA on May 31, 1853. He had no children of his own, but left an adopted daughter. His death was caused by a carriage accident on May 7, 1881 in Boston. Henry probably went to Princeton, MA to visit his Mother's family and ended up finding a job. Brother Willard (5 years younger) also visited and married his cousin, Sarah Jane Chandler, whom he brought home to the farm in Shrewsbury.

Community Church Calendar

Sept 6 @ 10:30am: Worship Service & Holy Communion Rev Bob Boutwell Center Church. Bring a non-perishable food item.

Sept 13 @ 10:30am: Worship Service - Donna Smith Center Church.

Sept 16 @ 12noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting. Please bring a bag lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Call Roxanne (492-3675) for meeting place. All Welcome! Come and enjoy the fellowship and the Mission.

Sept 20 @ 10:30am: Worship Service - Rev Skip Dickinson Center Church.

Sept 27 @ 10:30am: Worship Service - David Rice Center Church.

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Floyd L. Yeomands 1947

*(Poem submitted by Shrewsbury Conservation
Commission)*

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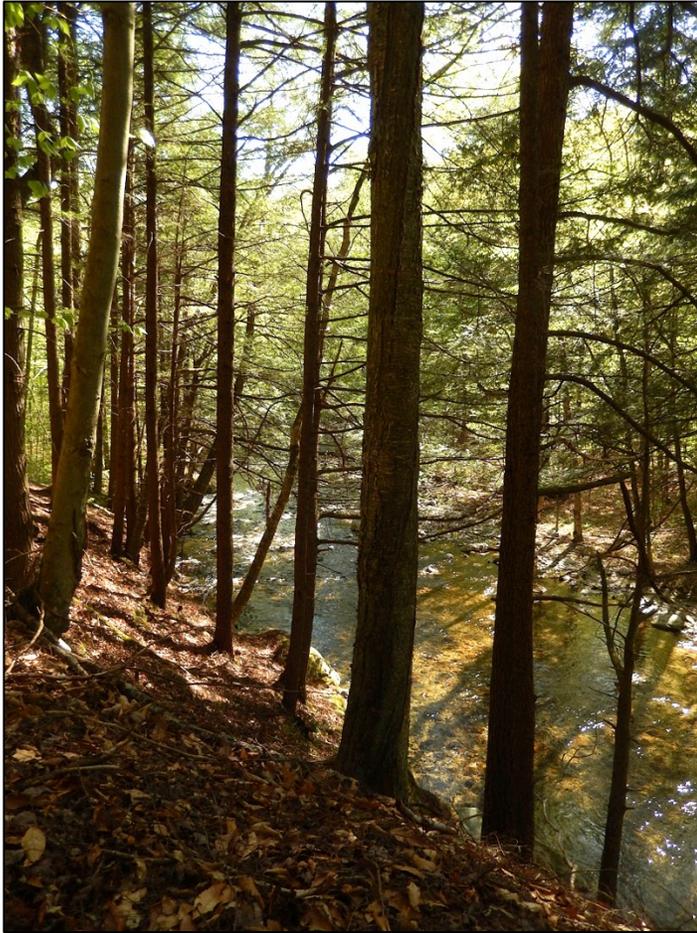
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### **JIM JEFFORDS STATE FOREST IN FINAL STAGE OF FUNDRAISING**

The two-year effort to secure funding to establish the Jim Jeffords State Forest in Shrewsbury and Mendon is nearing completion. In mid-August, The Trust for Public Land announced a \$40,000 challenge grant by Green Mountain Power and VELCO to encourage other individual and corporate donations to the project. A recent matching gift of \$15,000 from the Fields Pond Foundation further advances the project. Only \$28,000 now remains to be raised to provide a permanent memorial of conserved land to honor our U.S. Senator and Shrewsbury resident Jim Jeffords. Information sheets and pledge forms are available at Pierce's Store for anyone who wants to make a financial contribution, large or small, to this effort. Donations can also be made online at;

[support.tpl.org/JeffordsStateForest](http://support.tpl.org/JeffordsStateForest).

As reported in the March 2015 edition of the Times, The Trust for Public Land is working in partnership with the State of Vermont, the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, and the communities of Mendon and Shrewsbury to purchase and conserve three properties along Shrewsbury's northern boundary that will become the new Jim Jeffords State Forest. To date, the partners have commitments from public and

private sources in excess of \$1,109,500. The remaining \$28,000 needs to be raised from individual donors.

Connecting the 17,211-acre Coolidge State Forest and the 918-acre Aitken State Forest, the 1,346-acre Jim Jeffords State Forest will serve as a crucial link for wildlife movement, especially for black bears that use Aitken State Forest as a key fall feeding area. Together with other state, private, and federal land, including the Green Mountain National Forest, the Jeffords Forest will be part of a connected landscape of some 188,000 acres of conserved land.

Conservation of this land will also protect wetlands and riparian areas along Mendon Brook and the North Branch of the Cold River. This additional protection will increase flood resiliency upstream of Rutland to reduce damage of the kind caused by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Achieving these public benefits is dependent on successful completion of the fundraising campaign by October 1.

Kate Wanner, project manager for The Trust for Public Land, offered appreciation to Green Mountain Power and VELCO for their challenge grant: "I want to thank Mary Powell and Tom Dunn, the Presidents and CEOs of GMP and VELCO respectively, for their leadership and vision in helping to protect Vermont's most precious asset – our land – and for doing so in a manner that so generously honors Jim Jeffords, who loved Vermont and his hometown of Shrewsbury."

Once acquired, the property will be owned by the State of Vermont with a conservation easement held by the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board. The property will be managed by the State to protect wildlife habitat, water quality, and for recreational uses including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and hunting. The central location of the Jeffords Forest in the state's second most populous county will afford enhanced access to these recreational opportunities for Vermonters and visitors alike.

For further information on the land acquisition and how you can support it, you may contact Sandy Bragg (492-2143) or Jonathan Gibson (492-3665). Sandy and Jonathan have assisted with fundraising and have led a number of hikes and snowshoe outings on the property to introduce the proposed Jeffords Forest to regional recreation groups and to Shrewsbury neighbors. To learn more about the project and to contribute to it, visit the TPL website:

[support.tpl.org/JeffordsStateForest](http://support.tpl.org/JeffordsStateForest).

*Submitted by Jonathan Gibson,  
and by Kate Wanner, Trust for Public Land*



# THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT JIM JEFFORDS STATE FOREST

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All gifts payable to **The Trust for Public Land** should be mailed along with this contribution form to our VT/NH office listed at the bottom of this form.

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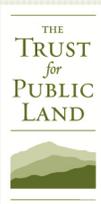
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*All donations to the Jim Jeffords State Forest Campaign are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.*

**For questions or information about the campaign, please contact:**



Betsy McGean  
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Recently Peter Grace and Lee Wilson led a Green Mountain Club hike in Shrewsbury. The group hiked up the Tin Shanty Road and then bushwhacked to a large pond which has been divided by three very large beaver dams. Interestingly the water at each end of the pond drains in a different direction....could it be there's a "Shrewsbury Divide"? (Pictured: Peter, Cynthia Thornton, Sue Thomas, Gerry & Chryl Martin, and Lee. Photo by Sandy Bragg)

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Thur, 9/17, Rutland, Maple Village, 10am  
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## NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

Sally Deinzer, Manager

Thank you, Shrewsbury, for supporting Pierce's Store! The month of July was very good. And so far August is also being good. More of you are coming into the store, and you're buying more too.

Since we started selling the Dump Punch Cards, many new customers have come into the store. If you've not yet taken a moment to look around and see what Pierce's carries, do so the next time you come in. You may be surprised at what's available!

Throughout the month, we'll feature special foods or meals on certain days. It might be apples, or zucchini, or other produce items that will be bounteous in our gardens. Or it might be a feature on vegetarian or quick & easy meals. Watch our Facebook page, e-mail, and sandwich board for details.

On two Sundays, we'll feature a special "Feed a Family of Four for \$20" meal. We'll have bags all packed and include a recipe if it's needed. All the key ingredients will be included. We'll announce these ahead of time.

September is a transition month, as we all know and can include some scorchers and days when we light the first fires in the woodstove. Rob has not planned a menu of soups for the month, but will decide as the weeks turn what he'll prepare. Daily lunch specials will be announced no later than the morning of the day, earlier if possible and will feature Rob's homemade Soups and/or Salads. Please call the store (492-3326) if you're wondering what's on the menu. It will always be posted on our Facebook page and sent out to the daily e-mail list. If you want to be included on the e-mail distribution please let me know at pierces.store@gmail.com.

Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll have some pre-order items from Rob's kitchen. He will make

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| Guacamole   | Salsa        |
| Cider Beans | Potato Salad |
| Cole Slaw   |              |

Orders will be due by noon on Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> for pickup on Monday. Watch for sign-up forms at the Store.

### Regular hot meals in the crockpot:

#### Monday

Chili con Carne (Smith Maple Crest Farm beef)

#### Tuesday

Chicken or Smith Maple Crest Farm beef Tacos

#### Thursday

Pulled Pork Sandwiches on Rob's homemade buns

### Pierce's will continue The Tuesday Ten

Purchase at least \$20 worth of full-price items and receive a 10% discount off your purchase. This offer excludes consignment items, tobacco products, special orders, and newspapers.

### Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties

9/2 Pesto, Chopped Tomatoes & Mozzarella Cheese

9/9 Caramelized Onions, Mozzarella & Gorgonzola Cheeses

9/16 Greek Pizza – Kalamata Olives, Feta Cheese, Marinara Sauce & Mozzarella Cheese

9/23 Marinara Sauce, Italian Sausage & Mozzarella Cheese

9/30 Hard Salami, Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella & Parmesan Cheeses

### Friday Night Dinners

*Mac & Cheese and Lasagna meals are available from about 11a.m. each Friday until they are gone.*

**September 4 & 18:** Rob's Mac & Cheese

**September 11 & 25:** Rob's Lasagna

*Friday Take-out Dinners are available by reservation. Limited quantities are available. Please call ahead.*

**September 11th** - Guest Chef Connie Youngstrom will make Ricotta Stuffed Eggplant with Grilled Tomato Sauce, Orzo with Scallion, Butter & Herbs and a Warm Beet, Swiss Chard and Hazelnut Salad.

**September 25th** - Guest Chefs Heather Shay & Scott Garren will make Smoked Pork Chops with Herbed Summer Squash & Potato Torte and a Caprese Salad (Tomatoes, Mozzarella and Basil).

A limited number of meals will be available. Reservations are a must!

*Call ahead and reserve your order! 492-3326*

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