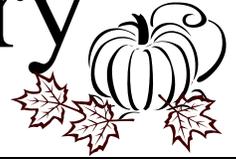


# Times of Shrewsbury



October 2015

## Pigeon Vacations in Shrewsbury!

Just when most birds are beginning to think about flying South for the winter, one pigeon decided to take a vacation from racing and landed at Julanne Sharrow's dairy farm--not exactly the best place for a lost bird when there are a dozen or more cats around who would like to eat a bird on foot!



A yellow band on the pigeon's right foot reads: #118--the bird's identification number; AU--the racing association; 2014--the year he was born; FL--where he lives, and LIN--the club's name

#118 is a friendly bird and very comfortable with people. He

seemed to prefer to walk rather than fly, and he even wandered under vehicles when their motors were running which could be a problem! Julanne says he liked company and when the guys were working on a tractor, #118 followed them into the shop to get a part and then back out to the tractor to supervise the work.



When she googled "lost & found pigeons" Julanne discovered all kinds of pigeon association info. She entered the numbers from the yellow band which said the owner of #118 is (or was) a chef who works in an Orlando, Florida, sushi bar. Through correspondence on Facebook he said "don't worry about him. Just take him four miles from the farm and he'll fly back to Orlando." That didn't happen.

Julanne says she has too much to do around the farm with calving season in full swing and the birth of a new grandchild to be dealing with a wayward bird. So she called the American Racing Pigeon Union for help. They put her in touch with someone in Rutland

who also races pigeons. He said he would keep #118 for two weeks and then send him to his right home....using airplane wings instead of bird wings!

Turns out the original owner of #118 sold the bird to someone in New York City so he just might be confused about where "home" is. One thing for sure though, #118 needs to readjust his internal GPS because a bird with his sense of direction is never going to win a race! *-The Roving Reporter*

## The Roving Reporter Asked:

### "What's your bird story?"

- "When I was driving over the CCC road yesterday, a beautiful black hawk swooped across the road and into the trees." -PD
- "Our camp is in a bird sanctuary." -BP
- "I remember early bird sounds at 4:30am when I pulled all-nighters in college." -GM
- "My husband had a pet crow that was missing one eye; he called him Moshe Diayan." -JE
- "One time a hawk came down and scooped up one of my brother's chickens. He shot at the hawk & missed, but the hawk dropped the chicken, so my brother got the chicken back!" -BP
- "One time a chickadee flew into our window. He clamped onto a branch and slowly swung upside down until he recovered and flew away." -JW
- "When I was paddle boarding at Spring Lake last week there was a Great Blue Heron that flew about 10' above the water." -DT
- "I like the sound of Mr. Ridlon's rooster crowing at 5am. It's a nice start to the day." -AM
- "We have a laying hen we named Houdini because we haven't found a fence that will hold her." -TN
- "Every year the bluebirds come to our feeder, but one year the swallows got there first. The bluebirds got into a fight with them and won! Even though they've been coming back for 10 years, neither of the birds came this year." -GF
- "I used to raise Silver Bill Finches; I had 19 of them at one point. Very sweet birds!" -DM
- "Fifty years ago I accidentally stepped on a baby bird when I was barefooted, and I can still feel it squishing thru my toes." -ME

## Due Date for Taxes

Tax payments are due by:  
**October 9th, before 8:00 pm**

Payments can be mailed to:  
**9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738**

Treasurer's office hours are **Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.** at the Town Office. Additional days for tax collection will be:

<b>October 3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Noon to 3:00pm</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5pm to 7:00pm</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>2pm to 8:00pm</b>

As usual, cash payments to be accepted by the Town Treasurer only. Credit Card payments will be accepted this year through Official Payments with the deadline of October 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a processing fee for this convenience payable to Official Payments. The website is <https://www.officialpayments.com> which is listed on the Treasurer's page of the Town website <https://www.shrewsburyvt.org/treasurer.php>

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

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

## Homestead Exemption

**Please be sure to file the Homestead Declaration** (State website is [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov)) and the Property Tax Adjustment form if you qualify.

Vermont State phone at 802-828-2865 or 866-828-2865 (toll free in VT) for information or help.

2015 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim Filing online is easy, quick, and free!

## 2015 Vermont Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 Section A

Vermont resident homeowners ***must annually file*** a Declaration of Homestead on their principal dwelling as of April 1, 2015. Grand list classification does not change after October 15, 2015.

## Rabies Reported

Dr. Bob Johnson, VT Dept. of Health, notified Town Clerk Mark Goodwin it has been confirmed that a skunk found in the 6400 area of Cold River Road has tested positive for rabies. It had been acting aggressively towards a domestic dog.

All dogs need to be licensed; rabies vaccination is required. Owners of other outdoor animals (cats, goats, etc.) should be aware of this rabies report also. For more info on rabies and reporting, go to:

<http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/rabies/Rabies.aspx>  
*Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk*

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 \$35	Business card \$5
Classified ad (15 words) \$2.	

Payment is due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

Chryl Martin ~ Rich Biziak

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Online: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

# SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept 26	9am – 3pm	Shrewsbury Library Bake, Book & Tag Sale at the Library
Oct 3	4:30pm	*SVFD and Auxiliary Annual Ham Supper at the Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road
Oct 3 & 4	10am-5-m	*Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend
Oct 6	7pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society Annual Meeting at the Museum
Oct 9	7pm	*SAGE program on High Bio-nutrient Crop Production
Oct 9	By 8pm	<b>*Property Taxes Due!</b>
Oct 13	12 noon	Senior Lunch at The Doll House. Call Fran Patten 492-3706 to make a reservation
Oct 14	12 noon	*Prayer Shawl Group meets at Fran Patten's home. Please call Fran at 492-3706
Oct 16	7:30pm	*"16 years in the Middle East: A Teacher's Perspective", Erika Berner at the Library
Oct 18	4pm	*Famous Book Discussion group meets at the Library
Oct 25	1 – 3pm	*Brown Bridge presentation by Nicholas Olsen at the Historical Society Museum
Oct 25	3pm	*Historical Society Museum closes for the season
Oct 25	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Nov 7	5:30pm	*Free Community Supper at the Meeting House; 88 Lottery Road

\*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

**TIMES OF SHREWSBURY**  
Is online at the town website at  
[www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)



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

## REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House
Library Trustees' Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School
Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals	Friday nights
Planning Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 July 5, 2015, 1-3pm; Closes for the season Oct 25, 2015
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday—6:30pm
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays—7:00pm at Southside Restaurant, Rutland
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm at Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday—5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road

**Shrewsbury Town Website: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://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

9/20/15

*Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire  
Department and Auxiliary*

*invite you to the*

# Annual Ham Supper



**Featuring delicious Wallingford Locker ham and Jones' Donuts dinner rolls.**

**Plus delicious potato salad, creamy coleslaw, sumptuous  
desserts, zesty pickles, glorious baked beans and more—**

**homemade by our neighbors!**

**Saturday, October 3rd, 2015**

Continuous seating 4:30 till we run out of ham

**At the Shrewsbury Town Meeting Hall**

Adults (12+): \$10 Kids 5—11 \$5

4 and under eat free

**Bring the whole family!**

Take home some ham for breakfast—sold in pound packages.

Dessert auction (depending on availability).

Auxiliary members will call for donations of side dishes and desserts.

If you don't receive a call by the last week in September,  
please contact Catherine at 492-6137.



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The month of September has been quite busy for the SVFD. We responded to an automobile accident on Route 103, a skidder fire on Spring Lake Ranch Road, and a structure fire on Eastham Rd. The structure fire was slowed quickly by the crew with a portable extinguisher and then eliminated using a minimal amount of water thus saving the structure from additional damage.

Vehicle maintenance on Engines 1 and 2 has been completed. An equipment repair vendor travels to the fire house for maintenance of the vehicle and checks valves, seals, and pump systems to ensure all systems are operating at peak efficiency. This takes about eight to ten hours per vehicle depending on the amount of wear and tear on the valves and seals. Since we are in a rural area, the pumps, valves, seals and packings can wear significantly due to sediment in the water. If a defective valve or seal is found, they are rebuilt onsite, and a vacuum test is performed on the components to check for leaks. When this is completed, the trucks are brought to an actual pumping location, connected to a water source, and the intake and discharge pressures are verified.

The SVFD has been awarded a \$47,315 grant from FEMA for the purchase of eight new self-contained breathing apparatus, eight air bottles and eight face-masks. The SVFD is responsible for 5 % of the total purchase price in support of the FEMA grant. Barry Griffith and Bob Snarski have been working on this grant for two years, refining the request, and researching and collecting all the needed data. Just when they thought all was good; FEMA would request more clarifying information. Barry and Bob truly had their hands full, but in the end, all the hard work has paid off!! Many thanks to Barry and Bob for their dedication to acquiring this grant for Shrewsbury.

We love to see the fall colors, but with fall colors comes heating season! This is the time to change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, clean and inspect chimney and exhaust piping, and check all fuel-burning equipment for proper operation.

The SVFD is sponsoring the Fall Fuel Fundraising Raffle. Johnson Energy has donated 100 gallons of fuel oil (delivery in their service territory-Rutland County), VT Wood Pellet has donated 1-ton of pellets, and the SVFD's Adam & Phillip Severy have donated a cord of firewood. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and can

be purchased from any SVFD member. The winners will be drawn at the SVFD Annual Meeting which will be held on Thursday, October 15.

What would fall be without the SVFD's Auxiliary's Annual Ham Supper on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>! Come and enjoy Wallingford Locker Ham along with many community prepared side dishes, and homemade desserts. Hope to see you there, always remember...

**STAY FIRE SAFE!!**

*Submitted by Jack Perry*

### Win A Punch Card!

As a thank you to Town's people for cooperating so well with the new Transfer Station regulations, the Selectboard will have a drawing the first meeting of each month to give away a free \$10 punch card. If you would like to participate, write your name and telephone number on the back of your used up card and drop it into the bucket near the chute. Good luck!

*The Selectboard*



Please have your recyclables sorted before you come to the Transfer Station. It helps to move the traffic thru the parking area.



If you bring your pet(s) to the Transfer Station, please keep them in your vehicle.

### Donation Time!

The Times is mailed to all residents of Shrewsbury and is also available online at the Town website. The cost of printing and mailing is made possible through advertising and your donations which are very much appreciated!

Donors are recognized for the remainder of the calendar year in which their donation is received. However, if you contribute between now and the end of this calendar year, you will be recognized for the remainder of this year and all of next year!

You determine the amount--any and all donations are appreciated! *-The Editors*

# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

Special thanks for all the supporters who made the Shrewsbury Library 2015 Haystack Dance/Dinner such a success. We extend a special thanks to: The Shrewsbury Community Blues Band, Alchemy Gardens, Caravan Gardens, Evening Song Farm, Hannaford, Price Chopper, and Saw's.

THANK YOU to HEATHER SHAY and SCOTT GARREN for a fascinating talk on their sailing adventures in the Caribbean, including ship-board life, visits to tiny ports, encounters with pirates, and more. We hope they'll return next year with a report on the indigent people they met on the Atlantic coast of Central America.

THANKS IN ADVANCE to everyone who helped with the BOOK & BAKE SALE this year: callers, bakers, book haulers, book sorters, and buyers, as well as the Trustees staffing on site!

As we plan programs for the coming year, we're always open to suggestions from Townspeople. If you'd like others to know about your areas of expertise and enthusiasm, and/or your discoveries in your backyard or on your travels, please contact a member of the Program Committee: Joan Aleshire (492-3550), Marge Benini (492-3926), Pam Grace (492-3529), Chryl Martin (492-2244), Cedelle Sirjane (492-3377), or Dirk Thomas (492-3549). Or if you know a friend or neighbor whose art, craft, or experience you think would make a good program, please let us know.



## New Books include:

- ❖ *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. In this short, passionate book, framed as a letter to his young son, The Atlantic columnist articulates what it was like to grow up black in Baltimore. An eye and mind-opening reading experience.
- ❖ *Make Me* by Lee Child: The latest Jack Reacher nail-biting thriller.
- ❖ *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff: an acclaimed novel about a contemporary marriage.
- ❖ *The Girl in the Spider's Web* by David Lagercrantz: The continuation of Stig Larsson's trilogy, with the same compelling characters. See what you think!

## Coming Events:

Friday, October 16 @ 7:30pm: "16 YEARS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE" with ERIKA BERNER, who worked in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. She and her husband Bruce Dobbins bought the Kingsley Grist Mill in Clarendon last year. At the Library.

Dr. Erika Berner lived in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia from 1998 – 2014. During that time, she worked at several start-up and established universities in various positions ranging from faculty member to Director of Campus. She has somewhat unique perspective of the Middle East as she lived and worked with the local population first as a single American woman for 13 years than as a married woman for the last three years.

On October 16 she will be discussing her experiences working with colleagues and teaching students from various cultures including the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America.

Friday, November 6 or 13 @7:30pm (definite date TBA!): MICHAEL WELLS on growing up in London during WWII!

Saturday, December 5: COOKIE SWAP & SILENT AUCTION: SAVE THE DATE!

## Continuing Programs:

Sunday, October 18 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison. Please join us in reading this great novel about African-American experience. Books will be available at the Library; please call Joan for more: 492-3550.

Sunday, October 25 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Survival of the Sickest* by Sharon Moalem. Books will be available at the Library; please call Joan for more.

Alternate Mondays: QUILTERS' GROUP. All welcome! Call Donna Swartz for information: 773-7403.

Want Computer Lessons? Please call the Library and we'll connect you to a teacher.

## New DVDs include:

- "True Detective": Season 1: The highly praised TV series with Woody Harrelson and Matthew McConaughey.
- "Empire": Season 1: Another much-talked-about new TV series, about a Motown-like family-run record company in Detroit

## From Green to Gold

We tend to take them for granted since they only get part time work; May to August for most of them. One color is all they come in but subtle differences can give them fifty shades of green. Unless it's hot we ignore them and unless and until they all fall off we don't even "see" them. And yet the simple leaf is the building block of a tree's life. Pluck one off and look more closely at it. You are looking at green solar collectors and the bottom of a very large food web.



One shape per tree species helps the dendrologist in all of us and that shape, multiplied by many thousands of times per tree, has absorbed sunlight all summer creating food for the tree (sugars) and oxygen as a by-product. Of course 6.5 million acres of them pretty well cover the Vermont forest landscape, and maybe

it is the color; black versus green, that sets apart our more modern counterparts growing now in open areas and roof tops to do much the same thing, collect energy. Those same leaves from spring to early fall have also provided energy to countless insects feeding and living on them.. It is nearly impossible in summer to look at a leaf without finding some evidence of an insect that has shared its life with it and then perhaps gone into feeding an entire suite of bird species (next up the food chain). My morning coffee was made more enjoyable a Spring or so ago by watching chickadee parents constantly making the trip from nest to nearby oak tree to collect insects for the babies, a process maintained all summer long by multiple other species of birds.

So as fall enters our lives so do the leaves. They have kept their surprise for us carefully hidden all summer long and with hopefully sunny skies, cool nights, and warm days will shortly present their true colors. Our hillside greens will be replaced with yellows, oranges, reds, purples and even some browns and I'm not referring to the colors of the cars with funny plates that shortly will be parked at Pierce's Store, near the Brown Covered bridge, and any and all wide spots in our roads. Again it is a process, from green food making (which has hidden the fall colors beneath it), to fall colors and the gold it brings to the state coffers, to the ultimate preparation for winter – piles of leaves for kids to jump into and a new set of leaves carefully stored in buds for emergence next Spring. Enjoy the fall and the leaves that bring it to us.

*Gary Salmon, Tree Warden*

## SAGE

(Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education)

presents

**DAN KITTREDGE**

of the Bionutrient Food Association

on

**HIGH BIONUTRIENT CROP PRODUCTION**

(How to have crops with better taste, nutrition and resistance to pests and disease)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 @ 7:00 p.m.**

RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE.  
18 CROWN POINT ROAD, SHREWSBURY

**FREE: ALL WELCOME,**  
especially gardeners and farmers!

Check [www.sage.vt.org](http://www.sage.vt.org) or [www.bionutrient.org](http://www.bionutrient.org) or call Joan @ 492-3550 for information

## Position Available

**Pierce's Store** is seeking an additional part-time employee to help staff the store, manage inventory and generally assist the manager. Must be computer literate, personable, able to multi-task and be available to work some evenings and weekends.

Send expressions of interest with resume as soon as possible to:

Applications, Pierce's Store,  
2658 Northam Road,  
N. Shrewsbury, VT 05738,  
or

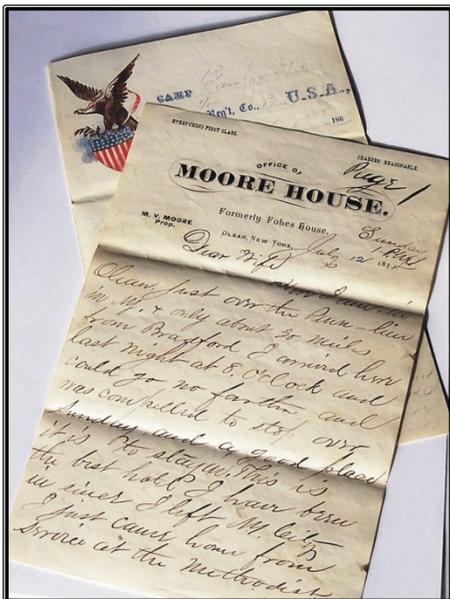
email to [Pierces.store@gmail.com](mailto:Pierces.store@gmail.com)

# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## Did you read the Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Rutland Herald*?

The Shrewsbury Historical Society (SHS) exhibit on George Wellington Foster's "Letters to Home" from the Civil War was featured. It was gratifying to read the story by Emily Cutts and to see the photos by Anthony Edwards. They arrived at the SHS museum on Monday, the 31st of August and Fran Patten and I were



happy to greet them with the box of original letters which they requested be shown. The letters are kept for safe keeping in the humidity controlled fire safe at the Town Clerk's office and were returned after the visit. It was a pleasure to talk with them and answered many questions.

Cutts did a fine job in interviewing Carole Hass, Ed and Irene Cook's daughter, who together with her sister Nancy Eddy and her son Nathaniel, all of whom are descendants of Foster, transcribed some of the 46 letters which were kept safe all these years by Ed Cook and eventually donated to the Society by him and his family. I then had the pleasure of transcribing many of them. Cutts also interviewed noted Civil War author Howard Coffin and included his thoughts and knowledge of the role Foster's 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment played at Gettysburg.

The day after the article in the *Herald* appeared, I received a phone call from Dawn Hance, the author of "Shrewsbury, VT - Our Town As It Was" and she enjoyed the article as well as the Cooks. We were discussing the difficulty in reading letters written so long ago, especially with a pencil. Dawn gave me a wonderful tip: when copying a difficult to read handwritten letter on a copy machine, do it on yellow paper, not white, and most times you can make out the words.

### A Sunday Visit with Mary Pratt

Recently while staffing the museum on a Sunday, we had the pleasure of meeting Mary Pratt of Clinton, MA. Mary's parents owned the farm near the Pinkowski

farm in North Clarendon. She admired the various exhibits and when shown the file on the Pratt family, she was delighted to see the 8 x 10 black and white photo of her grandfather, John Holden Pratt and his sister, Lois C. Pratt, dated 1887. They were very young and dressed in brother/sister outfits which were hand made using homespun and handmade lace. She explained that at that moment, the two children's outfits, which were framed by her mother, are now hanging on her bedroom wall. Then we toured the museum and at the Town Clerk exhibit she said, "Oh, there's my great Aunt Lois, she was Shrewsbury's Town Clerk from 1930 to 1960,"(the same little girl in the above mentioned photo).When Lois Pratt married she became Mrs. Thomas Gleason Russell. Mary also related she had waitressed on Sundays during her college years at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA, owned by Jane Pratt Fitzpatrick and husband, Jack. Mary explained that her father, Richard Holden Pratt and Jane Pratt Fitzpatrick were first cousins.

### 2016 Memories Calendar

The new Memories 2016 calendar should be available by the time you read this. It includes 14 vintage photos and one recent photo showing a hidden architectural jewel in Cuttingsville. The calendar is \$15 and makes a great gift for the coming holidays. They can be purchased at Pierce's Co-op Store during store hours, and at the SHS museum which will be open from on Sundays from 1-3pm until October 25<sup>th</sup>, at which time the museum will close for the season. For more information about the calendar, please call Ann Ridlon at 492-2018.

The SHS Annual Meeting will take place on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Museum.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

## COMING BACK TO SHREWSBURY!!!

We are honored to have Nicholas Olsen give another interesting talk about the Covered Brown Bridge that crosses the Cold River. This National Historic Landmark was built by Nicholas' great, great, great Grandfather, Nicholas Powers in 1880. Mr. Powers was Vermont's most famous bridge builder. Please join us for this wonderful presentation at:

**Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum**

**When: Sunday, October 25, 2015**

**Time: 1pm – 3pm**

**Refreshments will be served**

**BRING THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE KIDS**



# Spring Lake Ranch

Therapeutic Community  
*Working Toward Wellness*



## Colors of the Ranch

Only through the experience of sorrow, loss, and feelings of insignificance can you realize beauty, joy, and your own magnificence. These are all aspects of the self: some shadows and others light but neither one can exist alone. Sometimes, we even let ourselves go to fully embrace our identity and sometimes we let things and people go so that they may also thrive. This month, let's keep one thing in mind: summer has to conclude for autumn to reveal her true colors and before winter surrounds us with its sparkling beauty. Shadow or darkness is often characterized by continual change which is not something we should fear, rather welcome with open arms. It is the opposition of these dual forces that transforms our lives.

*Change* is all encompassing of opportunities to grow and thrive, recovery as well as transformation. All themes we experience on the Ranch and themes we assimilate from our environment. This autumn will certainly be a mixture of comings and goings, progress, and accomplishments. New residents will arrive on the Ranch in hopes to thrive and others will leave feeling transformed; staff will arrive in hopes to transform and some will leave having flourished.

Through the joint efforts of the community, apple trees will feel recognized for each of their fruits we pick to press for apple cider, bake sweet maple & apple cake, etc. As for the work program, gardens crew will continue harvesting various vegetables; "we're always harvesting tomatoes," says Kyle (a house advisor) amongst other things: cucumbers, summer squash, rutabaga, more tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, etc. Shop crew carries on with the new hay barn in hopes to finish it before the winter. Woods crew will haul the wood to keep the ranch and our homes warm this winter. Farm crew is constantly shifting animals from one field to another; continues fencing, haying, etc.

All in all, just like the season, we are transforming and as a community we'll welcome the autumn phenomenon together.

P.S.

This is my last article for the Spring Lake Ranch Therapeutic Community and I would just like to thank the Shrewsbury Times for the opportunity to write the SLR piece. Second, I'd also like to express appreciation to the Ranch community for their everlasting kindness, genuine hearts, and always open arms. I wish you all the best on your journey.

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

**Shrewsbury Historical Society**  
**2016 Memories Calendar**  
 Now Available at:  
**Pierce's Store**  
 and  
**Historical Society Museum**  
 (Sundays 1 to 3 pm)  
 or Call Ann Ridlon at 492- 2018  
*Calendars are \$15 each*  
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### Barn Swallows Warning!

Julanne Sharrow says the barn swallows left early this year which means we're going to have a "good" hurricane. Usually they leave about August 29-30 when there's cloud cover.

## MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**Mission Statement:** Our purpose is to maximize each student's learning.

One lone hummingbird feeds greedily at the feeder in preparation for the next "hop" in its flight southward, the squirrels gather acorns and seeds to fill their storehouses, a blush of red is seen on the maple trees, and there is a palpable change in the air. These observations are a clear indication that fall is upon us. Mill River Union High School is beginning its **40<sup>th</sup> year!** It seems like yesterday that brightly colored, brand new desks were moved into the classrooms, and thus began this wonderful journey.

**Enrollment:** While enrollment tends to vacillate throughout the school year, MRUHS opened with 478 students. The current number of Shrewsbury students by class is as follows:

Grade	# of Students	Grade	# of Students
7	6	10	6
8	7	11	10
9	6	12	7

**Total Shrewsbury Students:** 42

**New Assistant Principal:** Tyler Weideman has joined MRUHS as the assistant principal for grades 7-12. Tyler comes to MRU from the Rutland City Public School District where he taught several different classes at the high school. Most recently, Tyler taught civics and economics. He was also the head coach of Rutland High School's Alpine Ski Team for six years, and his teams won several district and state championships. His responsibilities at MRU are varied, and he is spearheading the staff's curriculum work, which is an area where he has previous experience at RHS. Tyler is a graduate of Castleton University where he completed his Master's Degree in educational leadership. He is extremely excited about his work at Mill River and is looking forward to the challenges ahead. Please stop by or contact him at [tweideman@rssi.org](mailto:tweideman@rssi.org) if you would like to introduce yourself.

**Faculty and Staff Hires:** We are pleased to welcome the following faculty and staff members to the Mill River family: Jim Helfin & Tom Pound, high school math; Wendy Savery, high school English; Katy Arend & Roxanne Johnson-DeLear, high school science; Devon Lane, 7/8 English; Jonathan Taylor, art; Peter Roach, instrumental music; and Catharine Cooke, foreign language.

**Sports:** The 2015-2016 sports season is underway. With 12 teams, this fall season is a very exciting time

to be a Minuteman! The season opened up with the football team traveling to Woodstock for a game under the lights on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Since then, the Minuteman have played Spaulding and Oxbow. Mill River coach, Jon Walleth, got his first win when the team beat the Crimson Tide of Spaulding at home on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The Girls Varsity Soccer Team is off to a great start, as well. They have a 4-2 record and will be top contenders for the MVL League Championship this season. The Boys Varsity Soccer team has nine freshman players, and they have had a rough start. However, the talent is there, and they will likely surprise a lot of teams down the road. The Boys and Girls Cross Country Team will host a home meet on September 22. Emerald Trapeni, Jessica Audy, Tara Beattie and Hayden Stafford all placed in the top ten in their meet at CSJ.

**Homecoming Week:** The week of September 28-October 3 is Homecoming Week. The Boys Soccer Team, Girls Soccer Team and the MRU Football Team are all playing that week under the lights at MRU! The schedule of games is as follows: Girls Soccer vs. Rutland on Monday, September 28 at 7pm; Boys Soccer vs. Leland & Gray on Thursday, October 1 at 6pm and football hosting Springfield on Friday, October 2 at 7pm.

**Music Department Showcase Concert:** The annual Showcase Concert featuring all (11) of Mill River's vocal and instrumental ensembles will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 7 pm in the Mill River Auditorium.

**Message from Principal Pomeroy:** *"Mill River has opened once again. The custodians did their usual amazing job of getting the building back to looking shiny and new. Teachers and staff came back reenergized after a summer spent revamping teaching strategies to make sure we achieve our mission of maximizing each student's learning. I was also pleased to see the students as they entered the school excited for what this year will hold. Of course, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders were nervous about the unknown, and the seniors were already talking about June! Some time was spent that first day seeing old friends and talking about summer, but then, the bell rang, and everyone got right to it. There were, as ever, a few minor glitches to be sure, but people demonstrated patience and understanding as those were worked through...All in all, I would say this has been the best opening in my six years at MRUHS! As always, I am honored and humbled to be the principal of this fantastic school."*

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

## From Monarch to Viceroy to Swallowtail?



Monarch

It is often said that one learns by making mistakes. That observation has taken on new meaning after the September issue of the *Times of Shrewsbury* when we proudly placed a photo of “a butterfly” on an article about a “specific butterfly” and in this case not the

“intended butterfly.” So here’s what we learned:

The article was about monarch butterflies, and a photo was added of what was thought to be the same. However, it was later realized it was a viceroy. But wait! It turned out it *wasn't* a viceroy....it was an Appalachian tiger swallowtail. At least that’s what we now think.



Photo in the September of the Times of Shrewsbury



Appalachian tiger swallowtail

Nevertheless, the article about monarchs brought awareness of their scarcity in recent years and how we might affect some change in that status. Thanks to Eliza Mabry for bringing that awareness to us all. Our exuberant efforts to provide a visual taught us the differences in a few butterflies which we share with you here!



Monarch



Viceroy

To the untrained observer, viceroy butterflies look like monarchs (not like the Appalachian swallowtail). Although the coloring and pattern of monarch and viceroy wings look nearly identical a viceroy has a black line crossing the postmedian hindwing. For more than you ever thought you could learn about Monarchs go to [www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch).

--The Editors

## Book Reviews from the Library—



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Book reviews are compiled by Marilyn Dalick

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

## In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson

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Yes, yet another book by Erik Larson, this time about the Nazis.. Our “hero” is a 62 year-old academic, William E. Dodd, a “mild-mannered” professor at the University of Chicago. Dodd longs for the time to complete writing his life’s work, a four-volume book about the American South. He is eager to give up his demanding job at the university and in 1933 accepts President Roosevelt’s offer to become America’s first ambassador to Germany. Dodd happily remembers his studies in Germany as a young man and also speaks German, and so he is excited about being able to spend time writing in a country he loves in addition to performing his new duties. He is accompanied by his family—daughter, Martha (a real “piece of work”), a son, and his dutiful wife. It turns out, of course, that he has even *less* time to devote to his book, as he enters one of the darkest times in history.

It was Hitler’s Berlin, and sociopaths Hitler, Goring and Goebbels were drunk with power and committing inhuman atrocities upon the populace, in particular the Jews. The United States had taken an isolationist stance, and England and France were also sitting on the sidelines, thinking they could reason with Hitler. Our State Department’s main concern was Germany’s huge debt to American creditors. There was nothing that the increasingly exasperated Dodd could do or say to convince President Roosevelt about the extent of evil and the escalating horrors he has witnessed.

Dodd devotes his entire four years in Berlin trying to convince Roosevelt that the world is headed for war. Even his daughter, Martha, becomes a Nazi sympathizer, enjoying the company of the handsome young men of the Third Reich. Of course, in hindsight, Dodd can be credited with the ultimate “I told you so,” but it is meaningless. History might have been so different had the more civilized nations realized the true nature of the beasts.

This is not as much of a “page-turner” as Larson’s other books, but it is still a good read.

Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

## The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*

Happenings: We've moved back to the Center Church above the Town Hall for Sunday Services and Fall is in the air.

**Mark your calendar for Saturday November 7 for our next Free Community Supper @ 5:30pm.** We are currently working on a scrumptious menu. You won't want to miss this! If you have a neighbor who can't get out let us know and we will deliver dinner to them.

We are also making plans for our Community Sharing Project which will provide gift cards for basic necessities such as; winter boots and clothing for children in Shrewsbury to be distributed during the holiday season. Our ability to provide gift cards is dependent solely upon donations. Donations will be collected at our next supper and by mail payable to Shrewsbury Community Church in care of Sue Kelley PO Box 366 Cuttingsville, VT 05738. Call Sue for details 779-5241.

### Autumn

There's crispness in the air that greets the morning sun, a feeling of anticipation, a new day has begun.

Harvest days are ending, winter is drawing near, yet in between is surely the most special time of year.

They call it Indian Summer, and it seems to fit the bill, for it's as if the Lord took a feathered brush and painted all the hills.

Now as I sit contented, atop of one of these, a book in hand to pass the time, the sound of a gentle breeze, I can almost imagine an Indian child upon this mountaintop, looking down at the land of her forefathers, lost within her thoughts.

For in every person's lifetime some heartache may occur, but on these hills in quiet solitude, God helps us to endure.

So I say that the eyes are a window, beauty is found within the soul, and upon the hills of Autumn, that are strewn with red and gold.

*By Julie O'Connor*

## Community Church Calendar

Oct 4 @ 1030am: Worship Service & Holy Communion Rev Bob Boutwell Center Church. Bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf.

Oct 11 @ 1030am: Worship Service David Rice.

Oct 14 @ 12noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting @ the home of Fran Patten. Please bring a bag lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Call Fran (492-3706) to let her know if you can come. All Welcome! Come and Enjoy the fellowship and the Mission.

Oct 18 @ 1030am: Worship Service Rev Skip Dickinson Center Church.

Oct 25 @ 1030am: Worship Service David Rice Center Church.

Nov 7 @ 5:30pm: Free Community Supper at the Meeting House



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### Community Needs

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- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Rita Lane 775-2578 or Donna Smith 492-3367
- Pastoral Care, Home, Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests: Contact Rita Lane 775-2578, Roxanne Ramah 492-3675 or Ruth Kinne 775-5318.



*Eliza Pearl Sharrow*

Our Little Star was born and the cow flipped over the Moon.. Eliza Pearl Sharrow was born on Tuesday, August 25th 2015 @ 11:22pm; weighing seven pounds, ten ounces and 18 Inches long. Heavenly Dazed Parents are Chad and Angie Sharrow. Big Brothers are Mason and Silas Sharrow. Grandparents are Earl and Julanne Sharrow of Shrewsbury and Ron and Kathy Westney of Springfield, VT.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Nostalgic Visit**

What a pleasant surprise to visit my parent's graveside last week to find, in the beautiful manicured cemetery, flowers on my mother's stone. The anniversary of my mother's death was close at hand, and I imagine some lovely soul took a moment from their day to remember her. I have my suspicions who it was, but would like to know for sure. Anyone willing to share and speculate? In any event, many thanks for knowing that her time in Cuttingsville made an impact.

It was a nostalgic visit and we enjoyed seeing the lovely deck on the back of her house. We felt so good that Cuttingsville looked the same and had weathered the previous year's floods.

And on a final note, how wonderful, to find the Times of Shrewsbury, so lovingly typed years ago by John Barber, in such a great form.

*Richard and Ann Wakefield Lustgarten*  
robinsmom@aol.com

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## NEWS FROM THE SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD

The Mountain School year has fully begun. Classroom rules have been established and kids are back in that “school mindset”, although this continuing summer weather has certainly made that difficult. The school board is continuing to focus on making our school the best it can be for the kids of Shrewsbury. We will be starting the budgeting process soon for the school year starting next July (crazy system, isn't it) and would be happy to have some Townspeople come to our meetings with their input. Check our Agendas online ([www.rssu.org/shrewsbury/](http://www.rssu.org/shrewsbury/)) for what topics are planned to be discussed at our monthly meetings.

You may have heard of Act 46 which was just passed by our legislature or this maybe a 1<sup>st</sup> introduction for you. Whatever the level of your familiarity with Act 46, you will be hearing a good deal more about over the next several months. Enacted this year by our legislature, it was their attempt to reduce education taxes by pushing school districts to consolidate, the theory being fewer school districts will mean reduced overhead and greater efficiencies which will then translate to lower taxes. At least that is the theory. But we will leave it to others to debate this. It is the law and it will have an impact upon our schools, Towns and us. The school boards of all four member Towns of the Rutland South Supervisory Union have voted to form the required study committee that will look at how our districts (including Mill River Union HS) will respond to the new law. The study committee has written a letter introducing their role and the planning process for a consolidation plan. This letter will be sent to all households in the four Towns as well as being included in this issue of the Times. Please read it. Public participation is needed by the committee so that when a plan is presented to all the Towns' voters they understand the implications of the changes that will be proposed.

### **To the voters of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, and Tinmouth:**

The Vermont Legislature recently passed Act 46 and has ordered Town school districts to consolidate into Supervisory Districts (SDs) with at least 900 students. The SDs will have a single school board for pre-K through 12, with representation based on population, and a single tax rate. Our Towns are already organized as Rutland South Supervisory Union with finance, transportation, special education, and curriculum managed by the superintendent and his staff. Each Town has its own school board and representation on the supervisory union board. So why change?

The Legislature has provided carrots and sticks – more like whips. **The Carrots:** If we voluntarily reorganize as

an SD, within the allotted time period, our tax rate is reduced by 10¢ the first year, 8¢ the second, 6¢ the third, and so on for five years. Tinmouth and Shrewsbury's small school grants, totaling approximately \$170,000, instead of disappearing, will be paid to the SD as long as those schools stay open. **The Stick or Whip:** In 2018 the state will produce its own plan for school district consolidation for any districts that have not consolidated voluntarily. They will have no limits on their plan, we can have no idea at this point what it would be and we will have little or no control over the outcome. Rather than take our chances on Montpelier's understanding our educational geography, and to receive the financial benefits of consolidation, our school boards have formed a Study Committee to attempt to find the best possible scenario for our schools before we are told what to do without any say in the process.

The Study Committee will try to come up with the best solution for the Rutland South Towns. It will write a report for the State Board of Education on the outcome. The report will go to our local school boards and the Vermont Agency of Education for comments. Then the Vermont Board of Education will decide if that plan meets the Legislature's desire for a larger district with a single board that will save money and improve educational outcomes. If the Vermont State Board approves the plan, it will go to the voters of each Town for approval.

**Please be clear: This is NOT about consolidating schools. All four elementary schools and Mill River Union High School will continue to operate.** It is about consolidating school boards. There would be just one school board for pre-k through 12 instead of the existing six school boards.

The Study Committee meets on alternate Thursdays, starting September 10th, at Wallingford Elementary School at 7pm. The public is welcome. If you have questions or concerns, please call your Study Committee members, whose contact information is listed below.

*Submitted by*

*George Ambrose, Chair (Clarendon; Mill River Board)*

*Tammy Heffernan (Wallingford; Mill River Board Chair)*

*Adrienne Raymond (Shrewsbury Chair)*

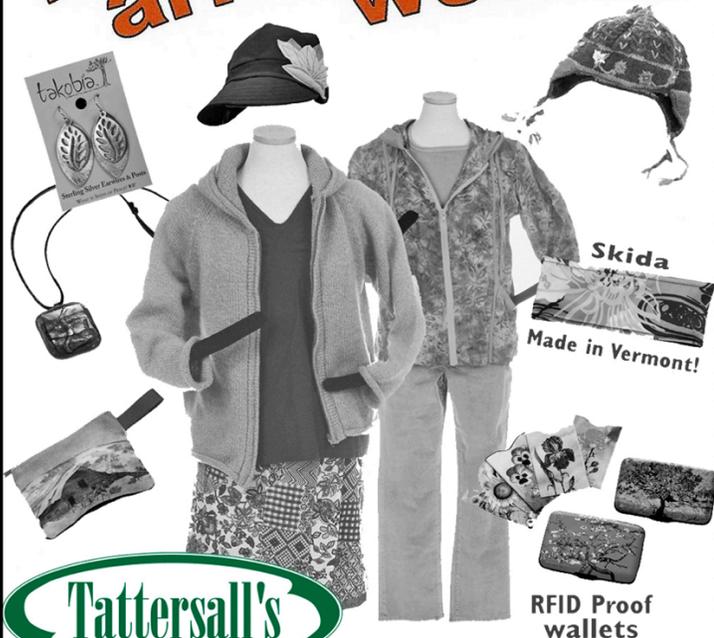
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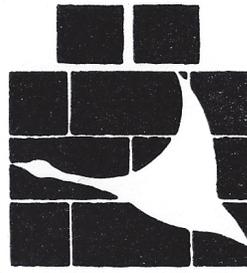
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### Grocery Bingo in Clarendon

The Clarendon Fire Association Auxiliary is hosting a benefit Grocery Bingo on Friday, October 9, at Clarendon Elementary School. Doors open at 6pm and Bingo starts at 7pm. Cost: One strip \$4 and Four strips \$12. Specials also. Refreshments will be available.

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### Area Lecture/Discussion Programs

- October 7 @ 7pm: Vermont Humanities 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Program @ Rutland Free Library. Topic: "On Gentleman Johnny Burgoyne's Trail" (No Fee)
  - Each Friday in October @ 1:30pm: Osher Lecture Series @ Godnick Center in Rutland (Fee)
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## Champlain Philharmonic

The Champlain Philharmonic will be performing concerts on Saturday, October 10, 7:30pm, at Mill River Union High School, and Sunday, October 11, 4:00 PM at Middlebury Town Hall Theater. Each spring and fall, this community orchestra with musicians from Rutland, Middlebury, and surrounding areas provides symphony concerts at modest ticket prices for very appreciative audiences. The upcoming concerts will include Richard Wagner's Prelude to "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg", Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major, and Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D Major. Tickets will be available at the door: \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, and \$5 students. For more information, go to:

[www.champlainphilharmonic.org](http://www.champlainphilharmonic.org)

*Submitted by Roxanne Ramah*

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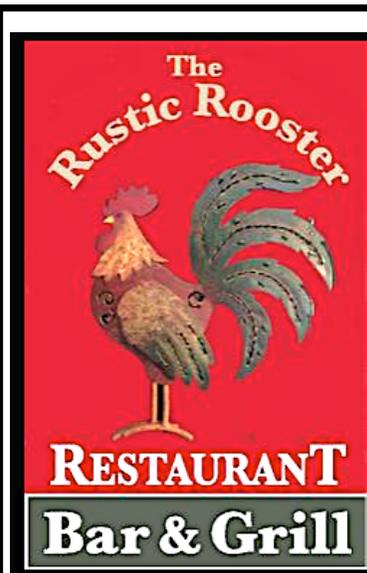
### Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts

Concerts at Tinmouth's Old Firehouse are on Friday nights at 7:30pm; Doors open at 7pm. Suggested donation \$10.

- 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
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*PP Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland*



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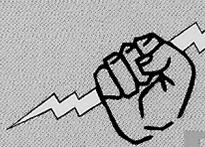
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Pictured here is one of the many airplane models in Leonard Korzun's collection which were exhibited along with his photography and other memorabilia at the recent event hosted by his family to celebrate his life. *Photo by Brian Winkler*



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Sally Deinzer, Manager

**Do you know that fresh seafood is available by preorder through Pierce's Store?** Look for a list of selected items at the beginning of each week – always by the end of the day on Monday and often earlier. A copy is available at the store and is emailed to people who have said they want information on special orders. Write to pierces.store@gmail.com if you want to get that info.

Speaking of special orders, we'll have Holiday turkey information available by the end of September or early October. Watch for it and place your order!

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.

### Hot Soups

### Dates

Split Pea	10/1, 10/11, 10/21, 10/31
Italian Vegetable	10/2, 10/12, 10/22
Butternut Squash	10/3, 10/13, 10/23
Clam Chowder	10/4, 10/14, 10/24
Yucatan Chicken	10/5, 10/15, 10/25
Creole Lentil	10/6, 10/16, 10/26
French Vegetable	10/7, 10/17, 10/27
Cream of Mushroom	10/8, 10/18, 10/28
French Carrot	10/9, 10/19, 10/29
Chicken Gumbo	10/10, 10/20, 10/30

### Regular hot meals in the crockpot:

Monday	Chili con Carne (Smith Maple Crest Farm beef)
Tuesday	Chicken Stew
Thursday	Pulled Pork Sandwiches on Rob's home-made buns

### Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties:

10/7	Butternut squash, caramelized onions and gorgonzola
10/14	Pesto, chopped tomatoes & mozzarella cheese
10/21	Marinara sauce, Italian sausage & mozzarella cheese
10/28	Caramelized onions, gorgonzola and mozzarella

## News from Pierce's Store

As you know, the board of SCPS earlier this year set a goal to increase sales 10% over last year. We also announced that similar growth would be necessary in succeeding years to meet mandatory payroll increases as well as discretionary ones intended to bring our employees' compensation more in line with where they should be.

Unfortunately, the mid-year numbers show us falling behind our goal even though we had some tremendous sales during the height of summer. Unless the final months of 2015 are equally strong there will probably be a loss for the year.

What can you do? Well, shopping more is one, but not the only thing. You can tell your friends and neighbors about Pierce's and suggest they stop in if they don't already. You can volunteer at the store – once a week or once a month – this can help reduce our costs. You can order a quantity of something you use regularly, whether that's a 5# bag of coffee, a 25# bag of organic oats, a case of wine, paper towels or tomato sauce. These are just a few of the items we've purchased for customers. Just ask if we can get the item you want.

Elsewhere in this issue there's an ad for a part-time employee for Pierce's. Bill Dake, who joined us back at the beginning of the year, has asked to work fewer hours. Between his other job and his work at Pierce's, Bill was spending less time with his family than any of them wanted. So we're looking for another person to pick up some of Bill's time. Weekend and weekday hours will be required. If you're interested or know of someone who would be please contact me at the store.

--Submitted by Sally Deinzer

## Friday Night Dinners

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

10/2, 10/16 10/30  
10/9, 10/23

Rob's Mac & Cheese  
Rob's Lasagna

October 9 – TBA

**October 23rd** - Guest Chefs Kristi Bragg and Doris Perry will make Norwegian Meatballs and Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables and Maple Apple Cake.

A limited number of meals will be available.  
Reservations are a must!  
Meals will be available on Fridays 5:00 to 7:00pm...and on Saturday until they run out.

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