



# Times of Shrewsbury



December 2015

## MOOSE WITH A MESSAGE!

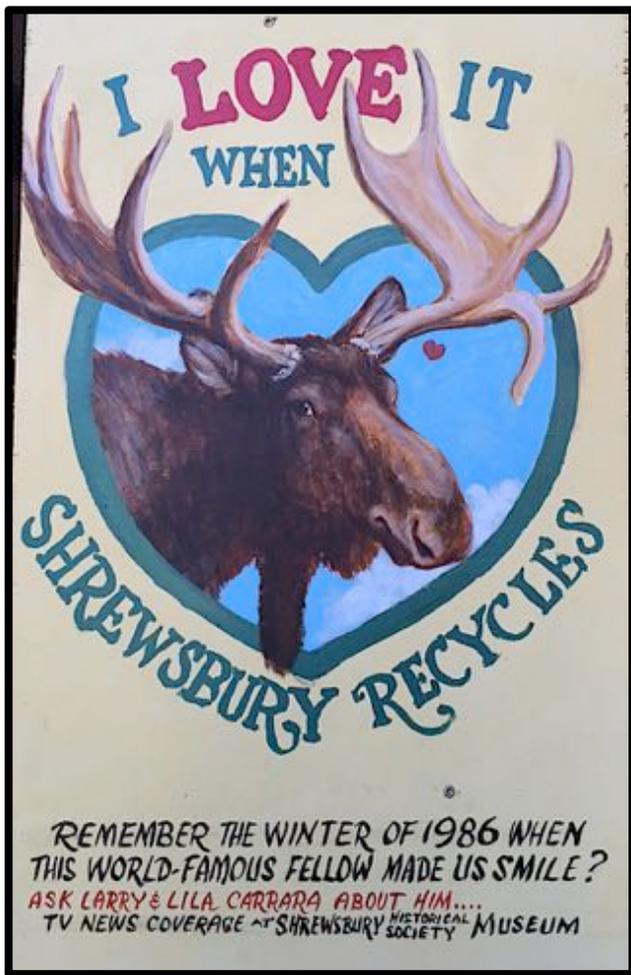


Back in winter of 1986-87, headlines around the country were focused on a romance in Shrewsbury, Vermont. *"It's No Bull - Moose Loves Cow"*, or *"It's No Use, Moose!"*, or *"Moose in the Mood for Love!"* All of us around Town at that time remember the crowds of curious fans and media clogging the roads up to Carrara's house to get a look at the moose that clearly was in love with a little cow.

Well, Grace Brigham has captured his likeness on two posters for the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission; one at the dump (*pictured elsewhere in this issue*) reminding us to recycle and one that will be popping up around Town to remind those that give in to the impulse to throw their beer cans or trash out the window that we love our Town and roadsides and to Please Don't Litter!

So many folks join in on Green Up Day and throughout the year to pick up litter after the winter snows melt, but it is disheartening to see the roadsides accumulating garbage again, deposited by just a few uncaring people. Our world is filled with enough hatred and uncertainty in recent days. We love our Town and homes. Please, resist the urge to toss trash out the window and keep our roadsides filled with beauty instead! Keep our world beautiful!

*Submitted by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission*



The next time you're at the Transfer Station be sure to notice the Shrewsbury Recycle poster painted by Grace Brigham....and don't forget to RECYCLE!

### Shrewsbury Mountain School Schedule

Dec. 10: Winter Concert at 6:30 (inclement weather date Dec. 12)

Dec. 21-Jan 1: December Break - no school



### Enjoy the Northam Trails This Winter!

Anyone wanting information about the trails in Northam call Lee Wilson, Tim Vile, or Andy Richards-Peelle.

### VACATION TIME!

The Times of Shrewsbury takes a vacation the month of January. The next issue will be February 2016.

### Snowmobile Safety Course



Shrewsbury Sno-Birds will hold a Snowmobile Safety Course on Sunday, December 13 from 8am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided. To register call Dave Bleich at 492-3782

## 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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## SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec 5	7pm	*Silent Auction & Cookie Swap Holiday Celebration at the Library
Dec 8	5pm	Conservation Commission meets at 450 Frank Lord Road
Dec 8	12noon	Senior Lunch at The Doll House in Stafford Tech. Call Bud Clark 776-1067 if you want to attend. Bring a fun gift no more than \$5
Dec 10	6:30pm	Winter Concert at the Shrewsbury Mountain School
Dec 12	10am	*Lego Club meets at the Library
Dec 13	8am-2pm	*Snow-Birds Snowmobile Safety Course; to register call Dave Blecich at 492-3782
Dec 21	TBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Singing on the Solstice; Watch for details on posters around Town
Dec 23	9-11am	*Speical Holiday Story Hour & crafts at the Library
Dec 24	7pm	*Community Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at Shrewsbury Community Church
Jan 13	12noon	Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Judy Pitts 775-0678
Jan 17	4pm	*Famous Book Discussion Group meets at the Library
Jan 22	7:30pm	*Program on New Developments in Solar Energy at the Library
Jan 23	6:30pm	*Dance Party at the Meeting House on Lottery Road
Jan 24	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Jan 25	5pm	*Paperwork due at Town Office to place name on March 1, 2016 annual mtg ballot
Jan 31		*Absentee ballots for the Town Meeting and Presidential Primary available.

\*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	Closed for season; to schedule access call 492-3324
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 11:30pm-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

10/20/15

## 2016 Annual Town Meeting & Presidential Primary

For those Townspeople who are considering running for an Elected Office for the Town or are interested in joining one of the Boards or Commissions of the Town, below is information as to what you need to do and the deadlines for submitting paperwork. If you have any questions or want more information, contact the Town Clerk.

### Elected Officers.

Requires a Nominating petition signed by nine (9) legal voters of Shrewsbury (5% of Checklist) as well as a Consent of Candidate Form by 5pm January 25, 2016 in order for the name to be placed on the March 1, 2016 Annual Meeting Ballot.

Moderator (1 yr.)  
Selectboard (3 yr.)  
Auditor (2 yr.)  
Auditor (3 yr.)  
Lister (2 yr.)  
Lister (3 yr.)  
Mountain School Director (3 yr.)  
Mill River School Director (3 yr.)  
Town Grand Juror (1 yr.)  
Town Agent (1 yr.)  
1<sup>st</sup> Constable (1 yr.)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Constable (1 yr.)  
Cemetery Commissioner (3 yr.)

### Appointed Officers

If you have interest in serving, please contact the chair of the Board / Commission or a Selectboard member in order to be nominated for an appointment by the Selectboard.

Animal Control Officer  
Conservation Commission (2)  
Development Review Board  
Development Review Board Alternate (2)  
Emergency Management Director  
Energy Coordinator  
Fence Viewers (3)  
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood  
Library Board  
Planning Commission (2)  
Reginal Ambulance Service  
Services Officer  
Solid Waste Alliance Communities Representative  
Tree Warden  
Trustee of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House  
Weigher of Coal

Annual Town Meeting and Presidential Primary Election will be Tuesday March 1, 2016. Polls Open at

10:00am – Close at 7:00pm. Shrewsbury Community Meeting House / 88 Lottery Rd.

*Please consider being a Poll Worker and or a Ballot Counter!!*

Absentee Ballots for both the Presidential Primary and the Annual Meeting Election will be available by January 31, 2016. Contact the Town Clerk at Shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or 492-3511 or at **My Voter Page** - <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> (**Note:** Military and Overseas Presidential Primary Absentee Ballots will be available 1/16/2016)

*Submitted by Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk*



## News from The Transfer Station



In order to prevent any confusion about how many punches are required, we would appreciate it if residents would have their cards stamped before they throw trash down the chute.

Also, please keep pets in the vehicle while at the Transfer Station.

*Bert Potter*

### 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.

### 2016 Dog Licenses will be available after January 1



License Fees have increased (State rabies contribution):

\$ 9.00 Altered (Spayed / Neutered)  
\$13.00 Intact

Late Fee (After April 1)

\$13.00 Altered (Spayed / Neutered)  
\$17.00 Intact



# **Shrewsbury Library's Holiday Celebration**

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Starting at 7pm**

## **Silent Auction**

**and**

# **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Swap**

Please support us by bidding on any one of our  
splendid donations found upstairs at the Silent Auction

**Bake your favorite cookie, the one you do best  
Bring 3-6 dozen to share with the guests  
What a wonderful way to mingle and share!**

Relish some music by Marcos Levy in the Great Room,  
while savoring some refreshments

For more information on the event  
or if you would like to support us by making a donation:

Email: [slibrary@vermontel.net](mailto:slibrary@vermontel.net) or

Call: 492-3410



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christmas arrived early for your volunteer firefighters this year. Craig Reynolds of Reynolds and Son, also a firefighter from Rutland Town, got to play the role of Santa Claus. On Thursday evening, November 19 Santa arrived at the Cuttingsville Station and made our wishes come true by delivering what we had asked for: new air packs meeting the most recent safety standards, to replace the 20 year old obsolete units presently on our trucks. The good news for taxpayers (all of us) is that FEMA has agreed to provide SVFD with \$52,381 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to largely finance the acquisition. Members introduced themselves to the new equipment that evening, and will continue training in December with the goal of having the new units in service by the end of the year.

Ah, training. On November 5, fourteen of our members completed a nine hour course entitled Introduction to the Incident Command System -- ICS 100 for short. All passed the course and received certificates. Others either have or expect to complete this course in the near future. Our certified instructor -- Lt. Timothy Oliver, Commander of the Vermont State Police Rockingham Barracks -- has agreed to return in January to provide us with an additional 12 hours of training building on what we have learned -- a course entitled ICS 200. FEMA mandates that all first responders take and complete both courses. What we are learning is interesting and worthwhile, but it involves quite a time commitment by volunteers with day jobs and families. Shrewsbury is truly lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers. When you see one of our members, thank him for his service. (New volunteers of both genders are welcome!)

Projects are also underway at both Fire Stations. A new furnace is being installed in Cuttingsville, which will burn propane rather than heating oil. Our Stations Committee recommended the conversion and replacement of the present furnace as a way of saving money. A propane-fired generator is also being installed at our Northam Station. Our volunteers have been working recently on these conversions, and hope to complete the projects in December. If you notice some activity passing by, now you will know what is going on.

Then there is time spent on fundraising. In December, we will get together and send out a mailer seeking tax-deductible donations to help us defray the cost of equipment not covered by our FEMA grant -- your con-

sideration will be appreciated. The NASCAR Sprint Cup and SVFD's popular Race Pool are coming to an exciting conclusion -- in December we will also convene to mail out checks and T-shirts to the winners. Good luck to all entrants. Thanks also to all of you who participated in our fall Fuel Raffle fundraiser. The winners: Shrewsbury's own **Karen Carrara** won a cord of firewood donated by **Severy Brothers**; **Joyce Brimley** of Rutland won 100 gallons of heating oil donated by **Johnson Energy**; and **Doug Andrews** of Chittenden won a ton of wood pellets donated by **Vermont Wood Pellet Co.** Special thanks to our generous sponsors.

What else? Oh, yes -- fighting fires and such. We responded to a house fire in September and large barn fire in October. Nothing so major this November -- at least, as of the time this article is submitted. We have been called to motor vehicle accidents. Please drive carefully and safely, especially with winter weather due to arrive any day now. Clean your chimneys. Make sure your alarms work.

Knowing how efficient our **Times** editors are, we expect a greeting of HAPPY THANKSGIVING will be timely. Likewise -- Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. Until the next edition of the **Times** arrives -- STAY FIRE SAFE!

*Submitted for SVFD by Barry Griffith*



*Eldred & Lily French and Podge Sirjane singing at last year's Singing on the Solstice*

### **Singing on the Solstice**

The Shrewsbury Community Carol Sing will be on the Solstice this year: **Monday, December 21**. Mark on your calendars! It will be fun and festive!!! More information will be provided via flyers, emails and word of mouth. Look for more information on the post office bulletin board, Pierce's Store and the Meeting House.

*Submitted by Stacy McKiernan*



“Nursery School” at the Town Office after renovation

**“NURSERY SCHOOL” RENOVATION**

Those of you who saw the “Nursery School” section of the Town Office prior to the renovation know that it was in great need of a facelift. The Nursery School serves as one of the two official emergency shelters for the Town of Shrewsbury (the Cuttingsville Fire Station is the other). In its capacity as a shelter, the Nursery School is tied in to the standby generator along with the Town Office, contains a bathroom and shower for use by residents using the shelter and has floor space for sleeping accommodations. It has been used as an office by the Emergency Management Director and Coordinator where it saw a lot of use during the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, and is used as a work area by the Board of Auditors during audits and preparation of the Annual Report.

The intent of the Nursery School renovation was to upgrade the space to the same standard as the Town Office. Work involved: carpentry work as needed, replacing the entry door, window repair for easy opening, removing old carpet and replacing with a wood floor, repairing and reinstalling the drop ceiling along with the ceiling lights, installing Exit and Emergency lighting, electrical work which also involved running data cable to the room, and finally dry wall patching and painting. Alternative funds from the Stoudt Bridge FEMA Work Project were used to help pay for the renovation. Local contractors Aaron Schneider, Greg Miller and Dan Sgalia performed the general labor, carpentry and painting tasks while Dave Hans did the electrical work; Tabita Souza of Cold River Services completed the clean-up work.

Now, in addition to use by the Office of Emergency Management and the Board of Auditors, the Town Treasurer’s office has been moved to the Nursery School so keep that in mind when you have an appointment with Linda; she will not be in her usual spot! --Submitted by Aaron Korzun and Rich Biziak; Photo by Rich Biziak

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Dear Shrewsbury Times Readers:**

I am so grateful for the wonderful cards, prayers, and messages of care as I underwent over a month of pain, successful spinal surgery, and an ongoing recovery.

Rene Pollock

**Hi:**

I’d like to put in an appreciation for the Transfer Station. They’re always friendly and helpful. Bob has been especially kind. As a newer Shrewsbury resident, I’ve greatly appreciated the support, education, and helpfulness. Thank you, Guys!

Lana Vanucchi

**Zoning Note:**

Dear Townspeople,  
Perhaps you have noticed the number of new storage buildings that have appeared now that the leaves have fallen, I have. Any structure on your property that is larger than 8x8 ft. needs to adhere to the property setbacks (different in each zoning district) and they need a permit. You may say, “But my storage building is really a shipping container or truck trailer, not a structure or my storage building is not permanent so it doesn’t need a permit”. In fact all of these are structures that most likely needed a permit. Please give me a call, if you think you may have needed one. I will be sending letters out in the New Year for buildings I see that have not applied for permits.

*Thank you, Adrienne Raymond, Zoning Administrator*

## MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

As the Legislature approaches our January start, many issues are part of our discussions right now. Our fiscal challenges are clear with annual commitments to fund pensions, education, and increases in Medicaid. The Budget Adjustment Bill will require nearly \$20 million dollars unless the end of December revenue upgrade is encouraging. The ongoing savings that we look for have been elusive. Any proposed reductions in spending have brought cries from each of those affected.

The Education Reform Bill that passed last May has caused much concern from our School boards trying to understand how to best utilize its incentives. At a time when they are working on next year's budget, it would make sense to delay implementation for a year. First, our boards were dealing with a lack of guidance, and second the spending cap penalties are likely unconstitutional. The absence of the requested study produces no information on the potential savings from mergers. We also need to allow more time with so little agreement on an issue like school choice.

My Committee on Government Operations plans to propose bills that address access to vital records and the creation of an ethics commission. The vital records bill is a renewed attempt to limit access to certified cop-

ies of birth and death records. We understand that 47 states already limit who can request certified copies and hope to get this finalized.

There has been a lot of discussion about how elected officials should handle issues that affect themselves. From voting on financial gain to helping a personal cause, we want to have a discussion about policing ourselves.

I want to promote a discussion about a pension plan for new employees to our three publically financed systems. There is a multi-billion dollar unfunded liability in our pension benefit and retiree health care benefit plans. My goal is to create a hybrid plan, similar to other states that will provide the best advice and keep management fees low to protect the investments.

Many issues will be confronted between January and May, and I hope you contact me about the ones important to you. You can contact me with a message at 802-259-2460 or [ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us)

*Rep. Dennis Devereux for  
Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury*

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### # 1 Again!

Defending 2014 Italian American Club Champs capture the 2015 Bocce Championship. Shrewsbury Women's Bocce Team won both the League and Championship Title with a 25-3 record this season. Pictured are team members Sharon Winnicki, Wendy Stewart, Lynn Hennessey, Susanna Jesser McGown, Teri Gildersleeve, Lisa King, Christine Stewart, and Betsy Jesser (Barbara Ferguson who wasn't present for the photo).

*Submitted by Betsy Jesser*



## Dance Party

at the  
**Town Hall/Meeting House**

**Saturday - January 23**  
**starting at 6:30pm**

**Bring the whole family and come dance to a mix of motown, hiphop, country, and more**

**Why? Because winter is long and sometimes you just need to dance**

*Organized by Gretchen Gould, Wilder & Minka*

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

**These items plus many more will be available at the Silent Auction & Cookie Swap on Saturday, December 5 at the Shrewsbury Library!**

- \$40 Gift Certificate--Thrive Center
- Winter keeper veggies--Caravan Gardens
- "Reader" Necklace--Farrow Gallery
- \$10 Gift Certificate--The Hanger Cafe
- \$30 Gift Certificate--Bald Mountain Farm
- \$40 Gift Certificate--Green Mtn. Fresh
- \$50 Gift Certificate--Cuttings in the Ville
- \$50 Gift Certificate--The Rustic Rooster
- Maple sugar, fudge, and sugars--Kruegar-Norton Sugar House
- Basket tote, alpaca wool hat, & knome--Liesbeth Van der Heijden
- Balinese Farmer's Hat--Sandy Bragg
- Boot Jack--Grace Brigham
- Burton Snowboard--Ed Hemmer
- Case of 12 jars of jam/jelly--Gloria's Pantry
- Catered and delivered meal for 8--Heather Shay
- Cherry Bowl--Nature's Turn
- Comfort Box Beef--Smith Maple Crest Farm
- Fermented local Cider--Sandy Bragg
- Four course dinner for 6--Sally Deinzer
- Four quarts sweet cider--Peter Grace
- Gift Certificate--Sal's South
- Hand Knotted 2'10" x 4'1" Herati--James McKain
- Hand Woven Table Runner/Scarf--Ginny Buckley
- Hand Woven Table Scarf or Kitchen Towel--Ginny Buckley
- Hand-made Pottery item--Carl Buffum
- Maple Syrup, popcorn and cream--Stewart's Maple
- Massage--Rachelle Patton
- Mug--Gretchen Gould
- Ninety minute Integrated Positional Therapy session--Vickie Gillhouse
- One hour Baroque Chamber Music--Roxanne Ramah
- Porcelain wood-fired mixing bowl--Maya Zelkin Pottery
- Several works of art --Penelope Weiss
- Three fabric bags--Doris Perry
- Three sets of metal maple leaves--Wayne Jones Creations
- Two Night B&B Stay--High Pastures B&B
- Two single-day 2015-16 Adult Lift Tickets--Okemo
- Vermont State Vehicle Inspection--Hillside Vehicle Services
- Zac Grace glass--Zac Grace

### Book Reviews from the Library—



Book lovers! Please share your book reviews by writing them in the journals kept at the front desk at the Library or e-mailing them to [maplesugar@comcast.net](mailto:maplesugar@comcast.net)

*Book reviews are compiled by Marilyn Dalick*

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

### Coming into the Country, Levels of the Game, A Sense of Where You Are, and The Pine Barrens

by John McPhee

★★★★★

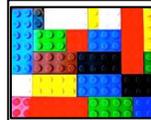
There is no better writer than John McPhee, so when I was in-between books recently, I found a copy of *Coming into the Country* on my book shelf and thought I'd re-read it. Its fifth printing was in 1978, but it still reads like silk. This book is about Alaska and Alaskans, and McPhee's visual precision and grace of language does its vast subject matter justice. It would be interesting to know if the Alaska of today still bears a resemblance to the Alaska of the 70s—or if indeed McPhee is even still alive. I have some Googling to do! John McPhee used to be a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, and he's a prolific author. One of the twelve books he has written was a fascinating one about tennis, called *Levels of the Game*. It focused on a match, point for point, between the liberal Arthur Ashe and the conservative Clark Graebner, and its premise was how their personalities showed up in their playing styles. He wrote another "sports book" about former basketball great Bill Bradley book about the famous Pine Barrens in New Jersey (*The Pine Barrens*). *The New York Times'* review said... "It will be a long time before another book appears to equal the literary quality and human compassion of this one..." Any of John McPhee's books would be a real treat to read. --Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

### Dorothy Canfield Books at the Library

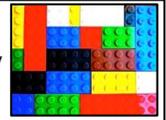


The Shrewsbury Library Children's area now has all 30 nominated books for 2015-2016. Come by the library and see the list of books on our new bulletin board.

The Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Book Award was created to honor excellence in children's literature. Each year since 1957, Vermont students in grades four through eight have selected their favorite book from a list of 30 nominees. It is recommended that students read at least five of the year's nominated titles before voting.



**Lego Club**  
At the Shrewsbury Library  
Saturday, December 12  
10:00-11:30



All school age children are welcome.  
Younger children are also welcome when accompanied by a parent.

**Come, discover, explore and create  
with Legos.**

Questions? Please call: Doris Perry 492-3440,  
Linda Olney 492-3513, or Carol Goodwin 747-0192

### Books & Magazines for Visually Impaired

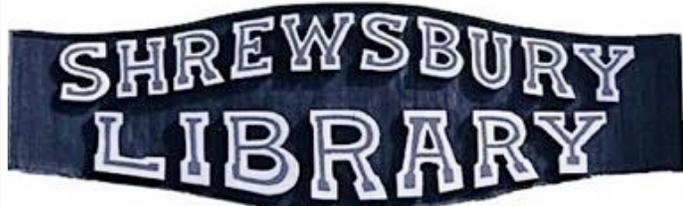
The Vermont Department of Libraries provides reading materials (at no charge) in alternate formats to individuals who are unable to read standard print materials because of a visual or physical disability. Services include digital audio books (talking books) and playback machines, large-print books, braille books and print-braille picture books, audio-described videos and DVDs. We also have a large selection of magazines in both braille and digital audio. All services are totally free. If you or any of your friends or relatives might qualify and benefit from these services, email the library at [lib.ssu@vermont.gov](mailto:lib.ssu@vermont.gov) or call 802-828-3273 or 1-800-479-1711 to get an application. Applications are also available at the Shrewsbury Library.



~~For Sale~~

Horse Drawn Sleigh  
\$400.00

Call 492.3662 if interested



Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

THANKS to everyone who donated to the COOKIE SWAP & SILENT AUCTION – coming up on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 -- with goods, services, and organization, especially Lisa, and Gail, her second-in-command. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

THE FIRST ANNUAL LIBRARY HAUNTED HOUSE was a great success! Thanks to everyone who decorated the building, created the maze for younger kids and the scary tent for older ones, dressed in costume (all those unrecognizable witches!), and came to join in. There were so many people of all ages that we don't have an accurate count, but are sure it had the best attendance of any children's event ever.

THANK YOU to MICHAEL WELLS for a wonderful talk about growing up in London during World War II: a story of courage, community effort, and resilience. Thank you to Shrewsbury Community Church for allowing us to use the church that evening, and to the Meeting House Committee for the use of the hall; we appreciated having the extra space!

**Coming Events:**

Friday, January 22 @ 7:30pm in the Library Meeting Room: DAVIS TERRILL, solar engineer, will talk about new developments in solar technology, funding, and small community projects. Please be aware that our seating is limited, and come early to be sure of a place.

**Continuing Programs:** (No Book Clubs in December)  
Sunday, January 17 @ 4pm: Famous Books Book Club: "KING LEAR" by William Shakespeare. Books are available in the Library; call Joan if we've run out of copies (492-3550). Readers may also be interested in The Year of Lear: 1606 by James Shapiro.

Sunday, January 24 @ 4pm: Science Book Club: Origins: Fourteen Billion Years of Cosmic Evolution by Neil DeGrasse Tyson Please

Alternate Wednesdays: QUILTERS' GROUP. All welcome; please call Donna for information (773-7403).

COMPUTER CHALLENGED? Please call the Library -- 492-3410 -- and we'll connect you to an instructor!

**New Books include:**

- ❖ *The Living Bird* by Gerrit Vyn of the Cornell Institute for Ornithology: beautiful photographs of birds, with essays by Barbara Kingsolver and other observant writers.
- ❖ *Dear Mr. You* by Mary Louise Parker, a memoir in the form of letters to the men in her life, including her father, by the acclaimed actress.
- ❖ *Avenue of Mysteries* by John Irving: another wild ride of a novel by the author of *The World According to Garp* and *The Cider House Rules*.
- ❖ *Bastards of the Reagan Era* by Reginald Dwayne Betts: one of the most powerful books of poems in years, by a poet who advocates for juvenile justice, and studies law at Yale.
- ❖ *My Kitchen Year* by Ruth Reichl: a memoir by the food writer, about finding a way forward after the loss of her job.

**New DVDs include:**

- ❖ *Homeland, Season 4*: the latest with Claire Danes.
- ❖ *I'll See You in My Dreams* with Blythe Danner: a late-in-life romantic comedy.
- ❖ *Mad Men: The Final Season, Part 2*: The very end of this addictive series. (A new season of *Downton Abbey* comes out early in 2016!)
- ❖ *Southpaw* with Jake Gyllenhaal: a gritty and moving boxing drama.

Submitted by Joan Aleshire



**Join one of the Shrewsbury Library Book Discussion Groups!**



Here's what they read and discussed in 2015:

**2015 Famous Books Discussion Selections**

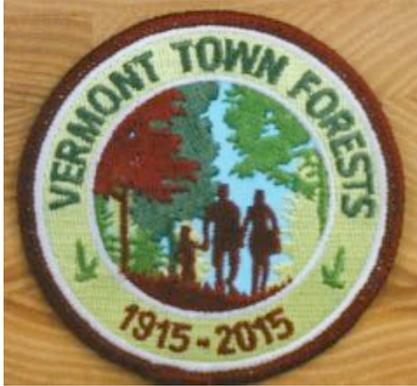
- Jan/Feb/Mar: *Ulysses*
- Apr: *The Confidence Man*
- May: *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*
- Jun/July/Aug: *Far From the Madding Crowd*
- Sept: *Go Set A Watchman* and *To Kill A Mockingbird*
- Oct/Nov: *Invisible Man*

**2015 Science Book Club Selections**

- Jan: *Inheritance: How Our Genes Change Our Lives*
- Feb: *Rethinking Aging*
- Mar: *Tale of 7 Elements*
- Apr: *Seeds of Deception*
- May: *The Hot Zone*
- June/Jul: *2014 Science Writings*
- Aug: *Taking Sudoku Seriously*
- Sept: *Sapiens--A Brief History of Humankind*
- Oct: *Survival of the Sickest*
- Nov: *Winter World*

## PLACES TO CALL OUR OWN

In the past, every year during our March trek to the voting booths there it was: a high numbered officially



warned article "Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire land for a municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation, and good forestry practices." This item first appeared in Town Reports in 1951 when

the Vermont statutes regarding municipal forests were changed to require it. But original interest in Town Forests legislatively began in 1915 with the passage of the Municipal Forest Law authorizing Towns to purchase land (at least 40 acres) for "growing timber and wood." The State Forester approved the purchases and his Forestry Department for years offered timber management assistance for Town Forests. When voting on Town Forest land purchase began each March, there were already 68 established Town Forests with 16,000 acres enrolled.

While the warned Town Forest article has disappeared from our March duties, the interest in Town Forests has not. Original objectives for a Town Forest (timber production and clean water) have been expanded and now include open space recreation, outdoor education, healthy wildlife habitats, and others that a Town may value, like being able to call a place "our own." Under this new expanded Town Forest definition there are now 168 Town Forests totaling 168,000 acres. Since 1992 Shrewsbury has added three parcels large enough to be called "forest" and "our own." Mandigo Meadows (18 acres), Warner Swimming Hole (17 acres), and Shrewsbury Town Forest 120 acres) are a part of this total.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> a statewide citizen gathering of Town Forest supporters met at Vermont Technical College to celebrate the "2015 Town Forest Summit-100 Years of Town Forests". The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions sponsored and hosted the event as a part of their annual meeting which included Conservation Commissions from across Vermont. Connie Youngstrom and Louise Duda attended the meeting to help celebrate Town Forests and returned to our Conservation Commission enthusiastic about celebrating, invigorating, and making greater use of ours. So stay tuned and celebrate a great program that has survived a century.

*Submitted by Gary Salmon, Tree Warden*



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## A Merry Christmas Greeting

The winds blow strong,  
the night is cold.  
The dark is filled with tears.  
The dear old World  
the worst, perhaps,  
its been in all its years.  
*The Winter Solstice*  
offers hope.  
The hours of light increase.  
Shine out, new light! Inspire the growth  
and bloom of *Truth and Peace*.

Drawing and poem by our President  
Grace Brigham circa. 2008

## Dedication of Museum to Anne (Nancy) Spencer

On Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2015, members, friends and family of Nancy Spencer gathered together in the museum to celebrate the dedication of the museum to Nancy. Nancy is a founding member and if we were not blessed with her, there would be no Historical Society.

Back in the early 1970s, Nancy and Arthur Patten started investigating the possibility of forming a Shrewsbury Historical Society and after many meetings and letters to the Townspeople; the Society was formed in 1971 with President Arthur Patten, Vice President Margaret Adams, Secretary Nancy Spencer, and Treasurer Fred Gressler. Directors were Sadie Hamilton, George Richards and Dorothy Turnbeau. Committee chairmen and some members at that time: Peg Patten, Phyllis Wells, Frances and George Brigham, Ann (Monte) Coffin, Jim McCullough, Ed Cook, Mitch Spencer, Tom Mitchell, Eloise Barber, Emily and Gloria (Benson) Korngiebel, Donna Smith, Cornelia Riddle, Mary Stapleton and Don Moore.

Whenever there is a question about the Town, invariably Nancy can help. She has given of her time, effort and energy, all voluntary, to the formation and continuing success of the Shrewsbury Historical Society and museum. We thank you, Nancy, from the bottom of our hearts.

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a  
Blessed New Year!**

*Submitted by Ruth Winkler*

## And from Trustee Fran Patten, written years ago

From our home on the mountain, tucked among  
trees  
We're nudged by the spring and summer breeze.  
We watch the wildlife and get lost in the view  
Watch the Hummingbirds arrive on cue.  
We see the leaves float to the ground  
And flowers that wore their colorful gowns  
Wilt and wither, lay down their heads  
In the spring they'll arise again from their beds.  
Then the air turns icy and snowflakes fly  
Stars look brighter 'gainst the cold, dark sky  
The mountains don a gossamer veil  
As lacy snow coats hill and dale.  
Suddenly it's Christmas, exciting and fun  
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## The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley



'Tis the season and exciting things are happening! We are preparing for Community Candle Lite Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm.

Come One, Come All! Christmas Eve at the Church is a very Special Evening. We gather with neighbors and friends to sing carols, hear the Christmas story, the choir, the organ, the bells and enjoy the candle light. The sanctuary is filled with the smell of balsam from fresh balsam wreaths and our amazing Christmas Tree. It truly is a wonder to behold! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Please join us for this magical evening. All are Invited to Attend and Participate. If you would like to sing in the choir call Roxanne 492-3675 or Rita 775-2578. If you would like to read call Sue 779-5241 or 492-3738.

We enjoyed a wonderful community supper on Nov 7. Great Mexican Food, Great Desserts, Great Music and Great Company! Thanks to everyone who cooked, baked, set up, decorated and cleaned up! Thank you to all who made donations to the Community Sharing Project!

## Community Church Calendar

Dec 6 @ 1030am: Worship Service & Holy Communion Rev Bob Boutwell. Bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf.

Dec 13 @ 1030am: Worship Service Rev Skip Dickinson

Dec 20 @ 1030am: Service of carols Rita Lane. Come & Request your Favorites!

Dec 24 29 @ 7pm: Community Christmas Eve Candle Lite Service.

Dec 27: NO SERVICE THIS DAY. Happy Holidays!

Jan 3 @1030am: Worship Service & Holy Communion Rev Bob Boutwell. Bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf.

Jan 10 @ 1030am: Worship Service or Community Service Project to be announced.

Jan 13 @ 12noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting @ the home of Judy Pitts 775-0678. Please bring a bag lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Call to let her know if you can come. All Welcome! Come and enjoy the fellowship and the mission.

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

Jan 24 @ 1030am: Worship Service or Community Service Project to be announced.

Jan 31 @ 1030am: Worship Service or Community Service Project to be announced.

The sanctuary will soon be adorned with beautiful poinsettias, fresh Shrewsbury balsam wreaths and our spectacular Christmas Tree. Come and see them!

If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the holiday season donations are \$10 for a poinsettia or \$12 for a wreath. Please make payment to the Shrewsbury Community Church and mail in care of Sue Kelley at PO Box 366 Shrewsbury Vermont 05738 Please indicate your preference for a wreath or poinsettia.

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During the Holiday Season we will be providing gift cards for holiday dinners. If you or a neighbor would like to be included, please call Rita at 775-2578 or Sue at 779-5241.

We continue to plan 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. Please send donations by mail payable to Shrewsbury Community Church in care of Sue Kelley PO Box 366 Cuttingsville, Vt 05738. Call Sue for details 779-5241.

**Shrewsbury Community Church  
Community Needs**

Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests:  
Contact Rita Lane 775-2578 or Sue Kelley 492-3738, 779-5241.

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

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

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If you have a neighbor who can't get out and may need some groceries call Sue at 779-5241.

**New Guide for the Giving Season**

The Vermont Community Foundation has published *Opportunity: 11 Critical Paths for Philanthropy in Vermont*, a resource to help guide potential donors as they consider which organizations or programs to support.

*Opportunity* identifies 11 issue areas that present especially strong opportunities for charitable giving in Vermont right now. These issues are the challenges that Vermonters think about every day and include bringing quality education to all residents, cleaning up our rivers and lakes, expanding affordable housing, and tackling substance abuse, among others. The 40-page publication offers a concise background on each issue and highlights some successful approaches already underway in towns and cities across the state.

*Opportunity* is available to view or download at no charge through the Vermont Community Foundation website [vermontcf.org/uv](http://vermontcf.org/uv). For any questions, or to receive printed copies, please contact Margaret Morris at [mmorris@vermontcf.org](mailto:mmorris@vermontcf.org) or 802-388-3355 ext. 285.



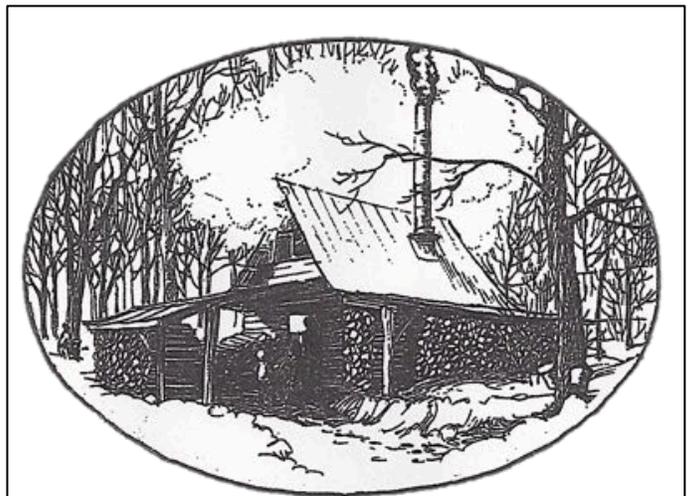
**Peregrin Falcon**

Brian Jelensits, a guest at Maple Crest B&B, sent this photograph to Donna Smith. He wrote "the peregrine falcon was perched above my head last summer while I was sitting out on your second story deck."

**DAR Honors Marjorie Pierce**

On October 25 the Ann Story Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), held a memorial service and marker dedication at the Northam Cemetery for long-time member Marjorie Pierce who passed away in 2001. A DAR grave marker was graciously given by Barbara Griffith. Among the memories shared that day of Marjorie was her taking school children to the Northam Cemetery to place flags on the graves of soldiers who had served in the Military which includes four Revolutionary War Soldiers. (There are also other Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the various Shrewsbury cemeteries.). The dedication was attended by Chapter members and one spouse. We are happy to honor Marjorie who was a Shrewsbury 'icon'!

*Submitted by Nancy West, Historian*



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### SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL NEWS

November is a busy month for this board. We are working on building the 2016/2017 school year budget which in normal years requires a fair amount of predicting our possible costs up to 18 months in the future. This year there is more guess work than usual. We have a Teachers' contract that is not settled, a para-educators' contract that is not settled, and the possibility of a consolidated board taking over July 1, 2016. If you have questions, suggestions or concerns about consolidation, our budget, or other school related issues, please email, call, or attend a regular board meeting. One last thing, don't forget the Winter Concert on Dec. 10 with an inclement weather (snow) date of Dec. 17. --Submitted by Adrienne Raymond

**The following is the same letter that will be sent out soon by the Consolidation Study Committee. The full governance proposal can be read on the [RSSU.org](http://RSSU.org) website.**

Dear Community Members

We hope that these letters are providing the answers you need to make an informed decision on the merger of governance for the school systems of Clarendon, Wallingford, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, and Mill River Union High School at Town Meeting this coming March. Concerns with the timing of both the proposal and the vote leads to this question:

#### What is the rush?

The answer, pure and simple: **We are not rushing, we are ready** and we prefer a district consolidation that we design ourselves to one thrust upon us by the State in 2018.

The Rutland South Supervisory Union (RSSU) has been working for the last decade on various consolidations of functions that have made our supervisory union more efficient and pushed our elementary schools to provide a more equal preparation for kids attending Mill River. These consolidations have included:

- Curriculum Alignment at SU level
- Combined Professional Development at SU level
- Consolidated Special Education at SU level
- Combined Teacher Contracts at the Elementary Level that includes all Special Education Staff
- Consolidated Transportation at SU level
- District-wide Personnel Evaluation System
- Consolidated Financial Systems at SU level

Even functions that have not been consolidated at the SU level like individual building staffing levels or building improvements and maintenance have seen SU involvement and help. So when Act 46 was enacted, the RSSU Board decided that we should look at what it might mean for us to consolidate fully. We won't say that we embraced consolidation with great enthusiasm (Who wants to lose any of their autonomy?), but the Board decided that it was an idea worth further study, if only because that study was required by Act 46. When the Study Committee looked hard at what were still independent functions and what was already consolidated and how those consolidations functioned, we were surprised at how little would really change in our schools on a day-to-day basis. We saw that there were some things that may work better for us. Our smaller schools should not have to be as worried about the financial implication of yearly ups and downs in population. We will be able to offer more choice amongst our elementary schools to parents to fit their family's needs. All in all, we were surprised that what we first perceived to be a great loss to our individual Towns may in fact work in our favor to increase our students' educational opportunities.

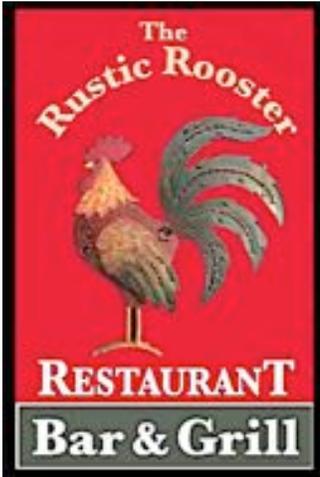
We are under no misapprehension that this will be free of difficulties, especially in the budgeting process in the near future, as board members move away from thinking "my school" and "my Town" to a more inclusive "our schools for our kids", but this will improve every year. The process of combining all of the staffing contracts will be slow and not much fun, but it will be accomplished. The Articles of Agreement for the new district include very strong protection for our smaller schools. Despite consolidation, no elementary school can be closed without approval of the individual town in which it is located.

All in all, we are ready to move to this new level of consolidation and given the financial advantages to doing it sooner rather than later the decision to do it now became clear. **We are not rushing, we are ready!** --Sincerely, The RSSU Study Committee (George Ambrose, Tammy Heffernan, Grant Reynolds, John McKenna, Ken Fredette, and Adrienne Raymond)

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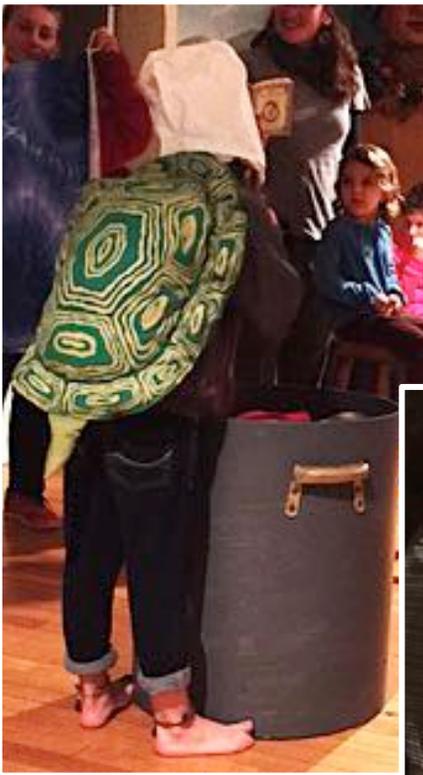
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Scenes from the entertainment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner



The Harvest Dinner was gay, the food was so nice, but the play was spectacular about chicken soup with rice!

### Upper Cold River Road Landslide Update

Recently there has been a lot of communication among Town, State FEMA representatives, VTrans and others regarding FEMA's not funding any landslide repair work that extends beyond the Town's 50 foot right of way. FEMA insists it cannot fund improvements beyond right of way limits despite easements having been granted by adjoining landowners. However, FEMA may be open to approving the original stone buttress / stone ballasted slope repair as originally proposed and approved by the State DEC and Army Corps of Engineers. Perhaps FEMA's new openness is due to a similar landslide in Richmond which FEMA refused for funding and is now in legal appeal in Washington. Or, perhaps it is the recent repair of the Brown Bridge with Federal funds and it's recent designation as a Natl. Historic Landmark. Or, it might be that State and Federal dignitaries will be at the bridge dedication in the spring and it will be embarrassing to see that it can't be easily accessed or used. We are hopeful that the landslide can be repaired next summer and our newly restored, and nationally recognized, covered Brown Bridge can again be used for what Nicholas Powers intended it for in 1880 when he built it.

*Mark Youngstrom*

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Ranchers will celebrate the Yule on Monday, December 14, this year. Until then, make the most of the short days and know that most light is just around the corner!

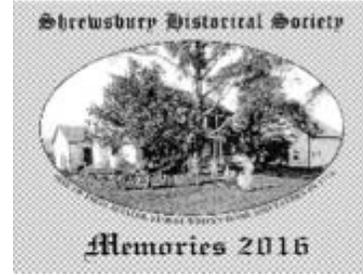
*Submitted by Heather Brown*

**Update on #118**



The racing pigeon that took time off to visit the Sharrow farm was nursed back to health by a fella in Rutland. Then his new owner from New York City picked him up and took him to his new home....by car. He had proved he wasn't trustworthy in the air!!

**Shrewsbury  
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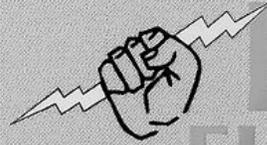
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### The Shrewsbury Variety Show

Sponsored by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**



We are looking for music, short skits, the spoken word, comedy, etc. No auditions. Everyone welcome. This is a community spirit builder!

Let's see what you can do!



### HOLIDAY STORY HOUR

Special holiday story hour/craft time!  
Kids of all ages welcome.

**Wednesday, December 23**  
**9:00am - 11:00am**

Join us for a festive gathering to celebrate winter and the holiday season! There will be reading, crafts and refreshments.

**NOTE: Story Hour meets every Wednesday in December from 9am-10pm**





## NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

Sally Deinzer, Manager

**Pierce's Store will be closed both Christmas and New Year's Days and we will close early on Christmas Eve.**

We'll have special order items for Christmas that I'll announce throughout the month. Please watch at the store, in your email or on your Facebook feed. You can always phone the store at 492-3326 or email to pierces.store@gmail.com if you have questions.

I am pleased to announce that we have two new part time employees in training now. Elana Levin and Ronnie Bowers have joined the Pierce's staff and will soon be greeting you when you come in the door. We now will have four part-time employees to staff the store, meaning that no one person has to work an undue number of hours during holiday times, in particular. Volunteers are still a vital part of the staffing equation and if you have any interest in getting involved please contact me at the store.

Here's the anticipated menu for December and January. If there's something particular you're looking for please call ahead (492-3326) to be sure there wasn't a menu change. The menu will always be posted daily 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	December	January
Split Pea	1, 10, 19	2, 11, 20
Italian Vegetable	2, 11, 20	3, 12, 21
Butternut Squash	3, 12, 21	4, 13, 22
Clam Chowder	4, 13, 22	5, 14, 23
Yucatan Chicken	5, 14, 23	6, 15, 24
Creole Lentil	6, 15, 24	7, 16, 25
French Vegetable	7, 16, 26	8, 17, 26
Cream of Mushroom	8, 17, 27	9, 18, 27
French Carrot	9, 18, 28	10, 19, 29
Potato Leek	29	30
Shrimp Bisque	30	31
Broccoli Cheddar	31	

### Regular Meals in the Crock Pot

Monday	Chili con Carne(Smith Maplecrest Farm Beef)
Tuesday	Chicken Stew
Thursday	Pulled Pork Sandwiches on Rob's Home made buns.

As you think about holiday gifts, consider items from Pierce's consignment area as well as our products. Connie Youngstrom has again offered to make up an attractive basket with items of your choosing. Just come to the store and fill out a form that will tell her what items you want and when you'll need it.

### Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties

12/2	Sausage & sweet peppers
12/9	Columbus dry salami
12/16	Butternut squash, gorgonzola, mozzarella
12/23	Puttanesca -- Tomato sauce with olive oil, parsley, anchovies, capers, garlic, mozzarella
12/30	Sfincione -- Sicilian New Year's Pizza
1/6	Andouille Sausage, marinara sauce, & mozzarella cheese
1/13	Feta, kalamata olives, marinara sauce & mozzarella cheese
1/20	Caramelized onions, gorgonzola and mozzarella cheeses
1/27	Pesto, chopped tomatoes & mozzarella

### Friday Night Dinners

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

**Dec. 4 & 18, Jan 15 & 29:** Rob's Lasagna  
**Dec 11, Jan 8 & 22:** Rob's Mac & Cheese

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

**December 4** – Taffy Maynard will prepare Loin of Pork with Fennel Stuffing, Applesauce, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes and a Kale Slaw.

**January 8** – Carol Calotta, guest chef, menu TBA

**January 22** – Galen Miller, guest chef, menu TBA

Meals will be available on Fridays 5:00 to 7:00pm...and on Saturday until they run out. It's best to call ahead and reserve your order @ 492-3326.

Interested in making a meal? Contact Heather Shay @ 492-2284 or Sally Deinzer @ 492-3326

If you would like something we generally don't carry, call the store to see if we can order it for you and at what cost. Many locals are saving money by purchasing by pre-order.

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