

# Times of Shrewsbury

March 2016

## SHREWSBURY LEFT OUT?

Let's face it Anything with the adjective "big" attached to it, like sales or cars or fish caught, or trees (grown, looked at or harvested) tends to draw attention As consumers we just seem to be wired that way When it comes to big trees the response is similar but the wiring becomes one of respect rather than consumption.

In 1940 the American Forests organization with a national following started a search for America's biggest trees in an effort to find and save and honor the biggest tree of each species. The class of 1941 had 77 entries and it has now grown to over 800 different tree species in all 50 states. The computer age now makes the entire list available; just google *National Big Trees*. Vermont got interested in the program in 1973 with 27 entries and has since grown to the current list of 112 tree species. Again the list is viewable electronically when you google *Vermont Big Trees*.

Rutland County has 36 official Big Trees growing among 16 Towns and one City. This includes seven champions growing in Rutland City and the largest tree in Vermont which is an Eastern Cottonwood in Hubbardton. Shrewsbury did not have a tree listed! Are there no candidates growing here? Do we not have the sun, soil, water, space, time, and climate to grow big trees? I think we do

Big trees are found by interested citizens and there was a "full house" of them at the Shrewsbury Library on February 19 for a talk on big trees. Many knew of large trees growing in Shrewsbury and there are likely many more trees to be discovered. The score for any Big Tree is the sum of:

- one point for each inch of circumference
- one point for each inch of the tree's height
- one point for 1/4<sup>th</sup> the tree's average crown spread

Wouldn't it be nice to have a Shrewsbury list of Big Trees which might or might not have a Vermont Champion as well? It's an open winter; can't ski, can't snow shoe, but can look for big trees! Next month I'll mention likely places to find them.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden



*Large Norway Spruce growing in Shrewsbury*

**LET'S FIND OUR BIG TREES IN  
SHREWSBURY!**

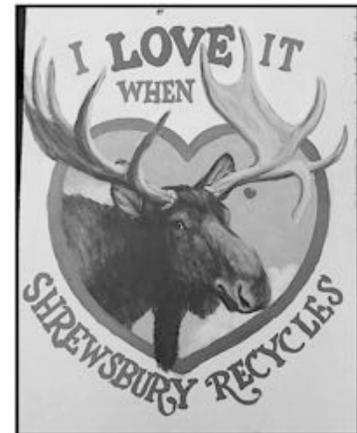
## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### To our wonderful Shrewsbury neighbors:

Barb and I want to use this forum to thank all of you who had us in your thoughts and reached out to us with calls, cards, visits, food, prayers and more in recent weeks following my fall. I am now home and on the mend, looking forward to getting out and about and seeing all of you about Town soon. We have long known what a wonderful community we have here in Shrewsbury; these recent events have only served to reaffirm that. See you soon! --Barry Griffith

*The 2015 Annual Report has been mailed to all residents. Be sure to take a look at it and bring it to the Informational Meeting on February 29.*

Town of  
Shrewsbury, Vermont



2015  
Annual Report



## 2016 Annual Meeting and Presidential Primary Elections

Informational Meeting Monday February 29 starting at 5:30 PM

**Election March 1, 2016**

**Polls open at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM**



If you intend to vote in the Presidential Primary, you will be asked to declare which ballot; Democratic or Republican you would prefer.

Please consider counting ballots at the close of polls Tuesday evening.

## 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.

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## SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb 29	5:30pm	*Annual Town Informational meeting following School District meeting
<b>Mar 1</b>	10am-7pm	<b>*VOTE in Presidential Primary Poll at Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road</b>
Mar 8	12noon	Senior Lunch at The Doll House; Call Penelope Weiss 492-3345 if you can attend.
Mar 11	5-7pm	*Wine Tasting at Pierce's Store
Mar 11	7:30pm	*Gardener's Round Table discussion at the Library
Mar 12	10am	*Lego Club at the Library
Mar 13	2am	<b>*SPRING FORWARD</b> - Daylight Savins Time begins.
Mar 16	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Carol Goodwin
Mar 20	4pm	*Famous Books Discussion Group meets at Library
Mar 27	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at Library
Apr 2	8am-1pm	*Benefit Pancake Breakfast at the Meeting House
Apr 2 & 3		Vermont Maple Sugar Open House Weekend
Apr 8	7:30pm	*State Biologist Doug Blodgett presentation on Vermont's Snakes, at the Library.
May 14	11:00am	*Memorial Service for Donna Marzilli at the Shrewsbury Communiy Church

\*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

### TIMES OF SHREWSBURY

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



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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
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> Thursday at the school—4:30pm
Shrewsbury Singers	Every Sunday 9-10:15am upstairs at the Community Church
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 1608 Lottery 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

*Revised 2/20/16*

## REMEMBRANCE

Donna Marzilli worked at the Shrewsbury Co-op at Pierce's Store for the past five years, where her loyal patrons say she was always cheery, chatty, and more than willing to lend a hand.

Shrewsbury resident Martha Izzi said, "I had many encounters with Donna, usually after a frantic call [to the store]. She was always there, it seemed, and always accommodating, always willing to have a word. She usually found what I needed, or she suggested a substitute. I often liked a dress she had on and would ask where she found it. It usually came from some consignment store. She knew them all, and they were fun to talk about...To say that she was the heart of Pierce's in my mind is not an overstatement."

Weezie Duda, a co-op volunteer who occasionally prepares take-out meals to be sold on Friday nights, said that Marzilli was "unfailingly helpful." She added, "Each time I arrived to drop off a prepared Friday night take-out dinner, Donna would be there to calmly figure out which cartons to use, how to best divide and serve the meals, where to locate a sharp knife- whatever needed to be done, she was there being cheery, helpful, and kind."

Beyond the regular duties of her job, Marzilli is said to have always made herself open and available to her customers. Aaron Schneider and Greg Miller play music every Thursday morning at Pierce's store, and both can attest to Marzilli's moxie.

"She always had a line or two, whatever tune we were playing," said Miller, "She was a great aficionado of all these old tunes. She always had some lines kicking around when we couldn't find them."

"I thought she was perfect for the store. I always kind of felt better when I saw Donna coming in the store," Schneider said. "You felt like she was engaging with you, you know? I can be kind of sarcastic, and some people don't get it, but Donna was always right there...She was a person of the world."

Marzilli's body was recovered by Vermont State Police late Monday night, Feb. 15 at the home she shared with her long-time boyfriend, Frank Weir. Weir plead not guilty to charges the following Wednesday.

A memorial service for Marzilli is in the works for the Spring. Pierce's Store has suggested that donations in Donna's memory can be made to the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter (a 501(c)3 organization), PO Box 313, Rutland, Vt 05702. Please indicate that the donation is in memory of Donna Marzilli on the check.

*Article by Christopher Biddle*



We mourn the death of Donna Marzilli, a resident of Shrewsbury and a good friend to so many of us. Many of us knew her through her cheerful service at Pierce's Store.



When they helped out with the Friday Night Dinners Donna, Lavinia, and Penelope wore aprons and chef's hats that Lavinia made for them. Lavinia called the trio *The Three Abuelas*.

Donna made the sandwiches at Pierces. She also loved to cook at home and was proud that she made her own noodles for her pasta dishes.

In light of the recent tragedy, many in our community felt the need of comfort that might be found in gathering with one another. The Shrewsbury Community

Church invited all in the community to come to the sanctuary on Sunday, February 21, to gather, meditate, share thoughts and feelings.

At Pierce's Store an old milk pitcher has been set out to collect change or other donations. This money will be used to fund a memorial in the Spring. Tentative plans are to have a community-wide gathering in May. A special space may also be created outside the store in her memory.

Also at the store is information on making a donation in Donna's name to the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter.

A Memorial Service for Donna Marzilli at the Shrewsbury Community Church is planned for Saturday, May 14, at 11:00am with a reception following.

*Compiled from communications from Roxanne Ramah, Sally Deinzer, Penelope Weiss, & Lavinia Seide  
Photo provided by Penelope Weiss*



## HOMESTEAD DECLARATION

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 should also be completed.

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

### **2016 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim Filing online is EASY, QUICK, and FREE! 2016 Vermont Homestead Declaration Form HS-122**

Vermont resident homeowners must annually file a Declaration of Homestead on their principal dwelling as of April 1, 2016. Eligible Homestead owners must annually file a claim to receive an adjustment to property tax.

You may be eligible for an adjustment if:

- You have filed a valid Vermont Homestead;
- You were a Vermont resident all of calendar 2015; and
- You are not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer for tax year 2015.

Documents you will need to file:

- Copy of 2015 property tax bill (call the town 492-3558 if you need another copy)
- Income information for you, your spouse/civil union partner, and all other members of the household such as W-2, 1099, SSA-1099, SSA-1042S, RRB-1099, RRB-1045, business income informatio.

*Submitted by Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer*

## **Upper Cold River Road Landslide Update**

Finally... almost five years after Tropical Storm Irene caused a section of the Upper Cold River Road to landslide into the Cold River, and almost tore the Brown Covered Bridge from its foundation; FEMA has given the go ahead to make the necessary roadway repair. This has been a long, arduous and costly dialogue with FEMA which, until recently, left the Town with no assurance that a practical solution could be gained. At issue for the past two years was the fact that FEMA does not pay for improvements outside the Town right of way which it considers improvement to private property. In landslide situations, and especially this one, there is no practical long term solution which would confine all construction within a 50 foot width, especially when the roadway itself has gone downstream and the river continues to eat away at the slope.

The Town reiterated again and again that: 1) considerable Federal money was used to restore the Brown Bridge (which would have ended up being a bridge to nowhere), 2) the fact that the Brown Bridge has been declared a National Historic Landmark (one of just a few in Vermont) and 3) VTrans, in writing, stated clearly that the Town's design was the only sensible (and least costly) solution. Unexpectedly, FEMA changed its previous stance in a December letter to the Town. With further clarification on a few points the Town now is free to continue with the design originally developed.

So, close to the time you get this issue of the Times, the Town will sign a \$582,000 contract with Casella Construction to move the Cold River back to its original channel and construct a stone buttressed slope from the edge of the river up to a new section of roadway, restoring access to the bridge from the Cold River Road side. This will be an interesting project to watch. Specially sized rock will be custom blasted from a quarry in Wallingford and trucked to the site and carefully placed to rebuild the slope. A temporary bridge will be constructed across the river for construction equipment. The construction period will be three - four months.

A critical item in the schedule was the State's recent approval allowing construction in the river when normally it is prohibited until summer. This will allow construction to begin immediately and be complete by summer, allowing the Town to meet FEMA's construction deadline and to allow for the planned dedications of the Brown Bridge and the Jeffords State Forest to happen this summer, without being surrounded by a huge construction project.

Irene was certainly a disaster in many ways but the Town now has several new bridges, a rebuilt covered bridge and some new Town road equipment, all for a small fraction of what it would have eventually cost taxpayers. However, with the opening of the closed portion of the Upper Cold River Road this summer, we can finally bid a fond adieu to Irene.

*Submitted by Mark Youngstrom*

## **Note from the Selectboard**

The Selectboard is scheduled to sign the contract with Casella Construction of Mendon on the 29th of February to repair the landslide caused by Tropical Storm Irene by the Brown bridge on the Upper Cold River Rd. Construction should begin sometime in March and be completed before the end of June.

*Submitted by Steven Nicholson*

## Message from the Legislature



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The journey bills take to become laws is seldom straight. This has been the case for the Education Governance, Act 46, and the Earned Sick Leave (H.187) bills. When the Governance Bill left the House last spring it contained spending thresholds with penalties, and carrots to push school districts into merging. It is interesting that when we have all summer and fall to discuss the impact, and learn more about the unintended consequences there is always room for improvement. Placing spending caps on our school boards that try to create a budget where they are limited by our actions is not helpful. But it has moved discussions about areas where a merger with incentives makes sense, and has also helped limit increases in spending for many districts. I have wondered why incentives are necessary if it makes sense. The real issue is the declining enrollments caused by the loss of families.

There have been missed opportunities to lower the cost of education. During our debate about healthcare, we heard it was important to move large groups into the new Vermont Health Connect Program to lower the cost to those people already enrolled. An example given was that the movement of all school employees would take their healthcare cost off the property tax. This is something that would have helped every school district in the state.

The Education Committee has received many ideas, and I hope some can be placed into a miscellaneous committee bill. I am a sponsor of a bipartisan bill to increase the ratio of students to teachers. We now have the lowest ratio in the country, and about the highest per pupil cost.

The Earned Sick Leave bill has been voted out with agreement with the Senate version. Many of us supported an exemption for businesses with less than five employees. No one is against allowing employees to earn sick leave, but it places a huge burden on small businesses. The main difference between the final version was that the full effect of the bill would be delayed for two years. There are many mandates already on businesses, and we heard from some that this might be the last straw. There was even an attempt to first study the impact on small businesses. So here we were voting on a bill that no one knew how it would impact our small businesses.

Please contact me at [ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us) or 802-259-2460 about the bills that concern you

*Rep. Dennis Devereux*

This winter's "snow drought" in Shrewsbury has been a silver lining for the SVFD. It has meant very few calls for fires, car accidents, or other emergencies. It does not, however, mean that the SVFD has not been ready to respond. With only a few minor calls since January, the SVFD has taken advantage of this opportunity to catch up on some much needed training, with most members attending Incident Command System (ICS) Classes Levels 100 and 200 over a period of seven weeks. Members learned how command situations at emergencies should be set up, whether working within our little Town at "Level 4 or 5" incidents, or working at a higher scale up to Level 1, such as during Hurricane Irene when local, state, and federal resources were called upon.

The instruction was provided by highly trained FEMA instructors who put the department through slide/lecture and practical exercise situations using simulated emergencies of differing scales. When asked at the end of the classes, SVFD members felt that this was certainly worthwhile training for our own cohesiveness as a department and for mutual aid situations. This FEMA training is now required in order to apply for federal emergency grants. It was a FEMA grant requiring two years of work that provided a majority of the money to purchase new SCBA (air packs) for the department this past December.

Other training was presented by Craig Rabideau, a sales representative for the MSA Company and Reynolds Corp in Rutland, who sold us the SCBA packs. Craig provided initial training for use of the new RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) pack which can be used to assist an injured or trapped firefighter whose air supply is about to run out. The RIT pack comes in a self-contained unit which can re-supply air directly to a firefighter, or even replace his entire mask system in a situation where there may be a failure of a mask or regulator. At this time, all new air packs and the RIT pack are aboard the trucks and will be available for use by the firefighters when needed.

In other business, by the time this article is published, the annual NASCAR Race Pool will be under way. This is a major fundraiser for the SVFD under the direction of Mark and Gina Stewart. The SVFD wishes good luck to all participants and thanks them for their support.

With the lack of snow, and as March and April breezes dry things out, the department will once again be facing

the grass and brush fire season. We ask that everyone be very careful when burning with no snow cover. Burn permits are required and may be requested from fire wardens Kevin Brown 775-6194, or Al Ridlon Jr. 492-3642 Without a permit, burning is illegal.

Finally, your vote matters to the SVFD, which has been termed one of the best emergency teams in the area for the dollar. The SVFD responds 24/7 to nearly every emergency of any type within Shrewsbury and will be at your home within minutes, The SVFD currently has 22 well trained and equipped members throughout the Town thanks to volunteerism and the support of our community. Most citizens who have called us realize the value of the SVFD service through lives and property saved. In a cost analysis, the operation of the entire SVFD would be about equal to the salary/benefits of just one full time professional firefighter...without equipment. Your support of the department helps everyone.

Thank you, Shrewsbury! Until next time, remember...**Stay fire safe!**

*Submitted by Bob Snarski, SVFD Safety Officer*



## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

### Dear Citizens of Shrewsbury:

This letter regards the ballot item on school consolidation that will come before you at Town Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Study Committee and our Superintendent have done excellent work in developing the proposal that we will vote on. We the undersigned believe that a "Yes" vote for consolidation is in Shrewsbury's best interest.

The impetus for this is Act 46, which requires consolidation of school districts and their governing boards. Because the current RSSU schools have fewer than 900 students, we do not meet the requirements of Act 46. We are fortunate, however, in that the State Board of Education has approved the Study Committee's plan, which allows us to comply with Act 46 by consolidating under the earlier Act 153.

The new governing structure will combine the four elementary boards and Mill River board into an 11-member board for the "White Rocks Unified School District" (proposed name). Member composition would be as follows: four members each for Wallingford and Clarendon, two for Shrewsbury and one for Tinmouth. You will have an opportunity to elect Shrewsbury's two representatives to this new board on March 1.

As we see it, there are several compelling reasons for a "Yes" vote. First and foremost, voting "Yes" allows us to exercise local control in determining our future, including what member Towns and boundaries will initially make up our larger school district. If we do not act now, a much less acceptable structure can be forced on us by the State.

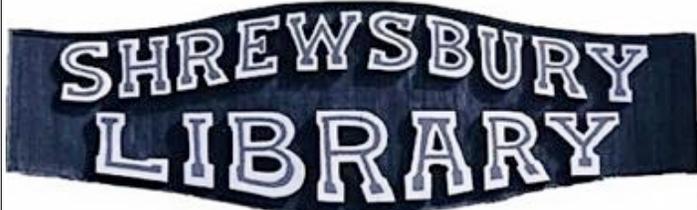
If we move ahead with consolidation, we will receive over \$167,000 in small school grants and \$150,000 in organizational costs. We will also receive a tax incentive in terms of a reduced State education rate over the next four years. The Year 1 reduction will be \$.08 per \$100, declining to \$.02 in Year 4. In the first year, our overall school tax rate (elementary plus high school) is projected to increase by 4 cents per \$100, but our rate would achieve parity with the other Towns over the coming years. There is no mistaking that taking no action will certainly increase our tax rate and take control out of our hands.

One final point: in previous consolidation discussions, Townspeople have been concerned that the Shrewsbury Mountain School might be closed because it serves a small number of students. One of the two Articles on March 1 specifically addresses this problem. It says that no elementary school can be closed unless the new 11-member board votes unanimously to close the school AND the voters of the affected Town also vote to close their school. This provision is included in the articles of incorporation and provides a legally-binding barrier to closing our school. But we will ensure this protection ONLY if we approve the consolidation. A State-imposed solution will not include this safeguard.

Additional explanatory material is available at the website [RSSU.org](http://RSSU.org). Please consider all of this information closely or speak with any of the undersigned. We urge you to join us in voting "Yes" on school consolidation on March 1.

*Thomas and Gail Hartigan  
Eliza Mabry and Jonathan Gibson  
Grace B. Korzun  
Daphne Leahemmer  
Sharon Winnicki  
Stan and Louise Duda  
Lily and Eldred French  
Rachelle and Doug Patton  
Letter with signatures  
submitted by Jonathan  
Gibson & Thomas Hartigan*





Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

The Library is requesting level funding at \$7,500 again this year to help pay for operating expenses. Please read the Town Report, come to the Information Meeting on February 29th and VOTE!

We'll be raffling off the beautiful quilt made by the Library Quilters' Group on Mother's Day, May 8th. We'll be selling raffle tickets at the Library, through the mail, and at the Town Hall on Voting Day, and appreciate your generosity.

We remember DONNA MARZILLI, who helped make Pierces' Store such a welcoming place. Donna was exceptionally helpful, kind and cheerful; her sudden death touches all of us.

**New Books include:**

- ❖ *The Stargazer's Sister* by Carrie Brown: a new novel based on the life of astronomer Caroline Herschel, by the author of *Lamb in Love*.
- ❖ *The Black Calhouns: From Civil War to Civil Rights with An American Family* by Gail Lumet Buckley: A family history by Lena Horne's daughter.
- ❖ *Even Dogs in the Wild* by Ian Rankin: the new Inspector Rebus crime novel.
- ❖ *The Iceberg* by Marion Coutts: a thrillingly honest, beautiful, moving memoir by a young wife and mother whose husband is dying.
- ❖ *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism* by John Donvan: based on new discoveries.
- ❖ *Lights Out: A Cyberattack, A Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath:* by Ted Koppel.

**New DVDs include:**

- ❖ *Bridge of Spies*, starring Tom Hanks: the acclaimed thriller.
- ❖ *Chi-Raq*: Spike Lee's riff on "Lysistrata," set in present day Chicago, starring Wesley Snipes and Samuel L. Jackson.
- ❖ *The Crash Reel*: the documentary about local snowboarder Kevin Pearce, his devastating accident, his supportive family, and his eventual rehabilitation.

**More DVDs coming soon!**

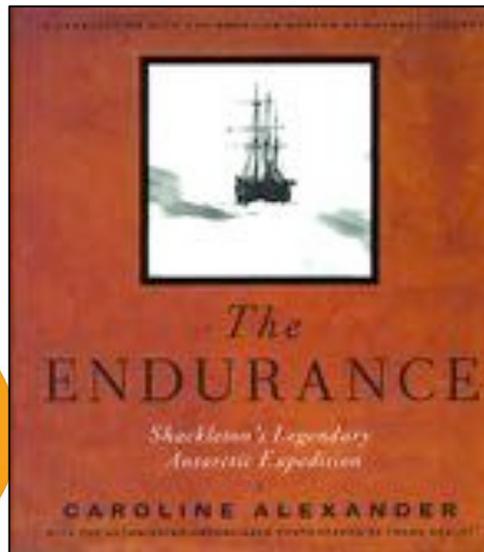
**Coming Events:**

Friday, March 11 @ 7:30pm in the Meeting Room: GARDENERS' ROUND TABLE with CSA growers. Veterans or novices, come with questions and stories of successes as well as "learning experiences."

Friday, April 8 @ 7:30pm in the Meeting Room: State Biologist DOUG BLODGETT on Vermont's Snakes.

**Continuing Programs:**

Sunday, March 20 @ 4pm: Famous Books Book Club: *The Endurance* by Caroline Alexander: the Vermont Humanities Council's selection for 2016, about Shackleton's legendary Antarctic expedition. We have copies donated by VHC, thanks to Chryl Martin for her grant writing!



Sunday, March 27 @ 4pm: Science Book Club: TBA. Please call Margery Salmon for information: 492-3315.

Books for both Book Clubs are available at the Library; please call Joan (492-3550) if more copies are needed.

Alternate Wednesday evenings: QUILTERS' GROUP. Please call Gail (492-3605) for information. Next project: TBA!



**Lego Club**

at the Shrewsbury Library  
Saturday, March 12,  
from 10am to 11:30am

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: Carol Goodwin 747-0192

# Shrewsbury Historical Society

[www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)

## Unsolved Mystery at Old Brick

*Times Past,*

The SHS annual newsletter for the year 2015 was mailed to all members in December last. The front page story was devoted to the unsolved mystery of the charcoal drawings found on the third floor of the Old Brick in Cuttingsville. According to the book, *Shrewsbury, Vermont – Our Town As It Was* by Dawn Hance, on page 190, the Old Brick was probably built in the spring of 1845. It passed down through the years and around the 1860's, George Wellington Foster owned it, and later passed it down to his son, Fred. We all remember the building being used as the Post Office before moving to the Olde Barn Yard, across the bridge. The building is now owned by Al Ridlon, Jr.

Lots of research has been going on as to who might have drawn the wonderful three to four foot tall characters mimicking Tamany Hall, and Nast and Nasby political satirists of the time. No one seems to have any knowledge of the artist. The owner of the building at that period of time, George Wellington Foster, returned from serving nine months of duty in the Civil War. Foster was an artist himself, so we are now looking into family members' memories. For the complete story and color photos of the drawings, go online at: <http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

## The Mile Square

On page three of our history book, Dawn Hance related that in 1823, a petition was filed by several Plymouth residents named Wilder and Abner Aldrich requesting the General Assembly to annex a section of Plymouth (hereafter referred to as the Mile Square) to Shrewsbury. The petition read as follows, misspellings and all: ". . . they live in the Southwest corner of said Town Remote from the Other inhabitants of Said Town That they have to Travil to attend town and Freemans Meetings Seven Miles over a Road that is almost Impassable and have to Travil the Same Road Eight Miles to attend Company Trainings that they have no advantage of Schooling in Said Plymouth and on Account of the poorness of the Land there is no probability of the Land in that Quarter of the Town being Inhabited That they do all their Business of Every Description with Merchants, Mechannicks, & obtain milling in town of Shrewsbury that They are Situate only four Miles from The Center of the Town of Shrewsbury and that the Town of Shrewsbury contiguous to the west Line of Plymouth is Settled with Inhabitants . . ."

Their petition was granted in 1823. However, many of this Town's citizens were concerned with a possible

redistricting of schools and petitioned against the move. All of this came to naught, and the Mile Square is still a part of Shrewsbury and is still sparsely inhabited as the early settlers said it would be.

## Town's History Book

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is proud to offer for sale the Town's history book, *Shrewsbury, Vermont – Our Town As It Was*, written by Dawn Hance. It costs \$20 and can be found at the Pierce's Store in Northam or can be mailed, by sending \$26 which includes shipping and handling, to: Treasurer John Elwert, Shrewsbury Historical Society, 499 Shunpike Road, Cuttingsville, VT 05738. –Submitted by Ruth Winkler

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## 2016 Dog Licenses



This is a reminder that it is a State Law: **20 V.S.A. § 3581** A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause it to be registered.

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You can register by mail Current rabies certificate must be on file.


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**The Roving Reporter Asked:**

**What can you tell me about the moon?**

- “My favorite moon is the fingernail moon...the real skinny one.” CG
- “It’s a three-day space flight from here.....well, 3 or 4 days.” DB
- “I’ve never seen a cow jump over the moon.” KP
- “Sometimes I wish I was a wolf, and I’d howl at the moon!” RM
- “♫..I see the moon, ♪ the moon sees me ♪...” LO
- “When I was teaching you could always tell when it was a full moon by the kids’ activity level.” JL
- “I got fined for it one time!” LA
- “When the moon phase is full, there’s more buck activity...especially in the rut. That’s why they call it a Hunter’s Moon. Actually, fish do the same thing.” JP
- “I like it when it’s a full moon; it puts me in a good mood. If you don’t believe me, just ask my wife!” ES
- “Somebody told me that you’re supposed to plant root vegetables on the waxing moon and above-ground crops on the waning moon.” GK
- “You can see a halo around it sometimes which means there could be a weather change.” SD
- “The moon has been following me ever since I was born.” ML
- “It’s 238,00 miles to the moon which I’ve always thought to be a good reference for the life of a car.” PM
- “Well, I read a book that told about a comet accelerating thru the galaxy and it has picked up speed...and some day it will strike the moon right where we’ve built a moon base.....It was a fiction book!!” AS
- “The first full moon of the New Year is called the Wolf Moon, and there’s a Worm Moon in March, and a Harvest Moon in September!” ME
- “Frank Zappa’s daughter is named *Moon* which is short for *Moon Unit*.” AS
- “When it’s very bright you don’t have to turn on the bathroom light at night.” KP



**“Autumn at the Courthouse”**

The Shrewsbury Library Quilters are excited to present their newest quilt project. The pattern started out being a wall hanging with only four leaves. It expanded to a Queen size quilt using lots of donated fabrics. It was longarm quilted by Cathy Solsaa. The Library Quilters who made this quilt are pictured above from left to right: Debbie Blecich, Donna Swartz, Donna Reay, Gail Hartigan, and Judith Thomas.

Tickets can be purchased at the Library or you can mail in the ticket below. The raffle drawing will be held on Mother’s Day, May 8, 2016.

*Photo by Lisa Sharrow*

Shrewsbury Library Quilter’s Raffle Ticket  
“Autumn at the Courthouse”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

1 ticket \$5       6 Tickets \$25

Drawing on May 8, 2016

Mail the filled out tickets and check to: **Shrewsbury Library, P.O. Box 396, Cuttingsville, VT 05738**

## The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley



### DO YOU HAVE PRESCHOOL CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE SOCIAL TIME ON SUNDAY MORNING?

Please consider joining us at 10:30am-12pm Sundays at the Shrewsbury Community Church. We will have story time, coloring, activities and snacks. Your 1-4 year old is very welcome to be part of this new program. Starting March 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30am. Any questions please call Lynette Over 775-0853.

“Invitation to the Community to Serve” for people of all ages Sunday February 28th 1030 am-1200 noon at Shrewsbury Center Church & Town Hall. We will be making Adult and Infant Bibs and Burp Cloths for Elders and Infants in Rutland County. If you have fabric scissors please bring them. However, bringing anything is NOT required. Please just come and help. Refreshments will be provided.

### 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.

### Community Church Calendar

Feb 28 @ 1030am: Community Service Project Making Bibs and Burp Cloths. All Invited!

March 6 @1030am: Worship Service & Holy Communion Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the food shelf.

March 13 @ 1030m: Worship Service Terry Hanley.

March 16 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Carol Goodwin. Please bring a bag lunch, dessert and drinks will be provided Call Carol 747-0192 to let her know if you can attend. All welcome! Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you.

March 20 @1030am: Worship Service Rev. Skip Dickenson.

March 20 @ 1030am-12pm: Preschool Program.

March 27 @1030am: Easter Worship Service

March 20 @ 1030am-12pm: Preschool Program.

### FREE COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

**@ the Library in the front entry way.**

All are Welcome to Come in and Help Yourself any time the Library is **OPEN**

## Happy Easter!

Sunday, March 27



### Shrewsbury Singers

After almost a year's hiatus, the Shrewsbury Singers are now meeting regularly on Sunday mornings, from 9:00-10:15am in the sanctuary of the Shrewsbury Community Church (upstairs). The group is led by Licia Gambino Hamilton. We sing rounds and songs that have originated from throughout the world, spanning centuries and musical styles. Our goal is to gather and sing in harmony! Please join us and spread the word!

For more information, please contact Licia @ 492-3792 or hamgam@vermontel.net



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**Coconut-Blueberry Cheesecake Bars**

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- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 ground pecans
- 1/4 + 2/3 cup sugar
- 12 oz. cream cheese
- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; lightly grease a 13x9 inch baking pan and set aside.

For crust: in a small saucepan heat butter over medium heat until the color of light brown sugar; remove from heat and set aside.

In medium bowl stir together graham crackers, flour, coconut, pecans, and 1/4 cup sugar; stir in butter until combined; evenly press on bottom of prepared pan; bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Meanwhile, in large mixing bowl beat cream cheese and 2/3 cup sugar on medium until combined; add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat until combined; pour over hot crust and sprinkle with blueberries.

Bake 18-20 minutes or until center appears set; cool in pan on rack; cover and refrigerate then cut into bars  
Makes: 32 servings

*Submitted by Heather Brown, Spring Lake Ranch*

**Family Pancake Breakfast**  
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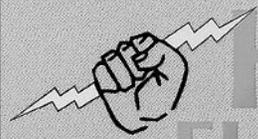
**Saturday - April 2, 2016**  
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The Shrewsbury Library is pleased to announce the immediate availability of its new digital newspaper collection. Titled **Access NewsBank**, this collection is free to library patrons and is updated daily. Access NewsBank provides Web-based access to current and archived issues of 4540 full-text newspapers.

### Access World News:

Find current and archived articles on issues, events, people, government and more with the world's largest collection of full-text news sources. Includes local news, editorials, announcements and other sections from more than 4,700 sources.

### Rutland Herald /Vermont Newspapers:

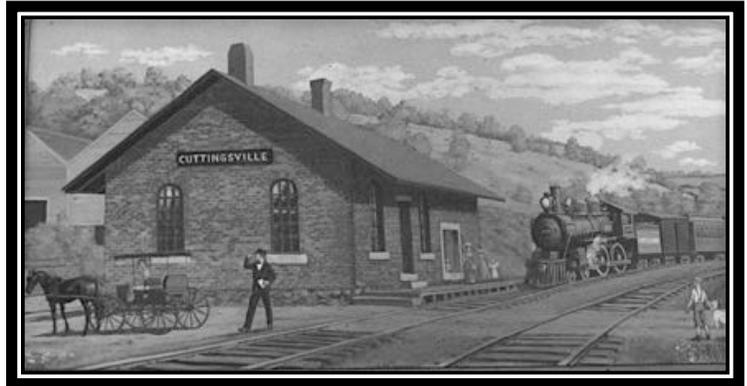
Find full-text articles on local news, issues, events, people and much more from current and archived issues of Vermont Newspapers. Updated daily, they include obituaries, editorials, announcements, sports, real estate and other sections.

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

For more information on this collection, contact the Shrewsbury Library by calling 802-492-3410, emailing [shrewsburylibrary492@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburylibrary492@gmail.com), or visit [shrewsburylibrary.org](http://shrewsburylibrary.org).

*Submitted by Lisa Sharrow*



### It's Still There!

Cuttingsville Train Station "as it was" painted by Grace Brigham can be seen at the Rustic Rooster.

### Test Your Balance

1. Stand in front of a sturdy chair for safety.
2. Have someone use a stopwatch or clock with a second hand to time.
3. Cross your arms across your chest.
4. Lift one leg off the floor about 6 inches and start timing.
5. Time the test in seconds until you can no longer balance on one leg.

Stop timing if you have to put your foot down, your legs touch each other, if you uncross your arms, or lean over. Repeat the test on the other leg. You should be able to balance for at least 15 seconds on each leg to avoid falls. Advanced: Do the same test again, but with eyes closed

Norms established for different ages are:

| Age Range: | With Eyes Open: | With Eyes Closed: |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 20-29      | 29 seconds      | 21 seconds        |
| 30-39      | 29 seconds      | 14 seconds        |
| 40-49      | 29 seconds      | 10 seconds        |
| 50-59      | 28 seconds      | 8 seconds         |
| 60-69      | 26 seconds      | 5 seconds         |
| 70-79      | 14 seconds      | 4 seconds         |

## BONE BUILDERS

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00am – 10:00am

New people joining all the time. Weights provided by RSVP and are free!

Join this friendly group to increase your balance and keep your bones healthy.



# **The Shrewsbury Variety Show**

Sponsored by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission



**Saturday, April 9, 2016 @ 7pm**

Desserts and beverages will be available.

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

Proceeds will go towards an informational kiosk in the parking lot of the new Jim Jeffords State Forrest and to support the numerous other community projects sponsored by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission such as Green-up Day, education and management of invasive species, GMP herbicide line spraying information, trail mapping, etc.

For more information call Lily French 492-3304

**Let's see what you can do!**

### Tinmouth Old Firehouse Spring Concert Series

The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to announce its Spring 2016 dates. We have some amazing musicians performing on our small stage this spring. We hope to see you at all of them.

All concerts are on Friday nights at 7:30 PM in Tinmouth village. The Old Firehouse is on Mountain View Road just a few hundred feet south of the intersection with Vermont 140. Park on the road or on the Town Green in front of the church; suggested donation of \$10; 90% goes to the musicians. 10% goes to the Town to support maintenance of the Old Firehouse. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

- The Old Firehouse Opens April 8 with Bluegrass by Possum Haw
- Hilton Park Comes Over From Maine with Roots Music for the Old Firehouse April 22
- The Crew Welcomes the Great Bill Staines to the Old Firehouse on May 13
- House Blend to Rock the Old Firehouse on May 27
- Jenni Johnson Returns to the Old Firehouse with the Jazz Junketeers June 10



### March Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. For more information please call 775-0568.

- Wed, 03/02/2016, Wallingford, Wallingford House, 10:30am
- Thurs, 03/03/2016, Rutland, Parker House, 10 am
- Mon, 03/09/2016, Rutland, Templewood Court, 10 am
- Thurs, 03/10/2016, Benson, Benson Heights, 10 am
- Wed, 03/16/2016, Rutland, Sheldon Towers, 9 am
- Wed, 03/16/2016, Rutland, Linden Terrace, 11 am
- Thurs, 03/17/2016, Rutland, Maple Village, 10 am
- Wed, 03/30/2016, Rutland, Godnick Center, 12:30 pm
- Thurs, 03/31/2016, N Clarendon, N Clarendon Community Center, 12:30 am

Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.

RAVNAH also offers Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month:

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday - call 802.775.0568 for an appointment

### Travel Well with RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic!

RAVNAH is the region's resource for comprehensive and safe travel health services including vaccines and individualized disease prevention plans to international travelers. For more information call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for a personal appointment or email [gohealth@ravnah.org](mailto:gohealth@ravnah.org).

### Vermont Ostomy Group

A support group for individuals with bowel and bladder ostomies and continent diversions will meet at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice on Saturday, March 12th from 10:30 am until noon. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN RN CWOCN at 802-770-1682.



### Award for Excellence

On January 28, 2016, VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region which includes (Rutland Area VNA & Hospice, Bennington Area VNA & Hospice and Dorset Area VNA & Hospice) received a 4 star rating on a 5 star scale in the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services first patient experience of care star ratings, landing in the top 26% of home health agencies in the country to receive that score or better. The Survey star ratings measures and evaluates patients' experiences with home health agencies and will allow consumers to compare and choose among home health agencies. VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region is also the first and only agency in VT to achieve a 4.5 star rating for Quality of Patient Care which is in the top 8% nationally. This rating is higher than the national and state averages, which are 3.0 and 3.5 respectively.

This marks the first time that patients and their families can go one step further and compare information on patients' experiences of home health care agencies through HHCAHPS Survey star ratings. Individuals will be able to view the following five HHCAHPS Survey star ratings for each home health agency listed on the website:

- 1) Care of Patients
- 2) Communication Between Providers and Patients
- 3) Specific Care Issues
- 4) Overall rating of Care Provided by the Home Health Agency
- 5) Survey Summary star rating

For more information on this announcement or if you are looking for a home healthcare agency to compare, please visit:

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/mediareleasedatabase/fact-sheets/2016-fact-sheets-items/2016-01-28.html>



**Second Sunday in March:**  
Spring Forward, The U.S. begins daylight savings at 2am

**First Sunday in November:**  
Fall Back--The U.S. ends daylight savings at 2am



## Mill River Union High School News

*"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade..."* Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the MRUHS community is to maximize each student's learning.

As we put this together on the morning of February 19, the temperature on Copperas Hill is 34.5.

That is 8.5 degrees warmer than it was on this day last year. In 2015 we spoke of the snow that was falling and commented that winter had reached its peak. Not so much in 2016 when only sparse patches of snow can be found in the pastures. Certainly, there weren't a lot of typical midwinter outdoor activities to enjoy during this year's February break from school.

**New England Honors Music Festival:** Congratulations to Brandon Bailey (bass); Dylan Beebe (bass); Grace Powers (alto); Kayla Purinton (soprano); Collin Stoodley (bass); and Rachel Uhler (clarinet) who were selected by audition to participate in this year's New England Honors Festival, March 17-19.

**Music in Our Schools Day:** On March 16, Clarendon, Wallingford and Shrewsbury Elementary School chorus and band students will join the Mill River 7<sup>th</sup> grade student musicians for a day of making music together! The combined band and chorus will give two concerts for the sending elementary schools during the day. The Cantiamo and Vivace vocal ensembles and Jazz Lab will also perform. This is a wonderful celebration of the importance of music education for our students.

**Bistro 2016...Songs of the Silver Screen:** Direct ALL ticket sales/requests to the following: Melissa Rosenberg: melissarosenberg@greenmtn.edu (802) 353-5807 or Angie Lanfear: lovebugghunter@yahoo.com (802)353-7713. (Mrs. Cimonetti will not be handling any ticket sales.) Performances are Friday, April 1 at 5:30pm, and Saturday, April 2 at 11:30am and 5:30pm. Dinner tickets are \$33 and luncheon tickets are \$23 adult, \$19 senior and \$16 student. All ticket orders must be received by March 18. Please join MRU's talented choral students for a performance of beautiful vocal music and fine dining at the Brandon Inn!

**The MRUHS Board:** Information re. board actions can be accessed on line at [www.rssu.org/millriver](http://www.rssu.org/millriver). Regular board meetings may be accessed on the PEGTV website.  
*Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505*



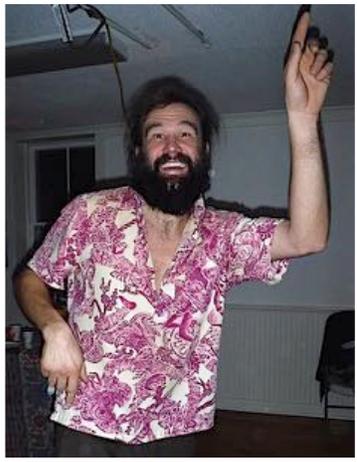
## Shrewsbury Mountain School News

For those that can't get to the Informational Meeting, I would like to explain a bit further on what you will see on the three school related ballots that you will be handed in your "pile" of ballot sheets on March 1st. The two ballots that you regularly receive for the Mountain School and Mill River Union will each contain new wording regarding changes in "equalized pupil spending" amount. What this number describes is the spending the State of Vermont attributes to each of our "equalized" students at the elementary and secondary level. It is not the increase or decrease in the school budgets and while it does affect our tax rate, it is a highly volatile number that, especially in small schools, is hugely affected by minor changes in school spending and population. Otherwise those two ballots are the same as usual and should be voted regardless of what you intend to vote on the consolidation ballot.

This third ballot contains the questions of whether to consolidate our four Towns' school districts and the Mill River district into one with a single board, budget, and tax rate and the question of who, (only) if consolidation is approved, will represent Shrewsbury on that new board. A budget for the new consolidated district does not need to be voted in this first year because the articles that the district will follow describe that the first year's budget will be the combined, approved budgets voted on by each individual district. After the first year, the budget will be voted on by all taxpayers in a comingled vote similar to how Mill River's budget is voted on now. The reasons to **vote yes on consolidation** are many. The most important of which is that the State Legislature is **not** going to roll back Act 46 and **we will** be consolidated into a larger district without input from us on who that would be with, how big that district would be, and without any protections on whether our school could be closed. This proposal **protects** our school against unwanted closure and joins us more closely with Towns we **know and trust** and protects us from the tax penalties that we will incur without an approved consolidation plan.

In closing, your school board supports "**yes**" votes on the budgets of the Mountain School and Mill River and to the question of consolidation We hope you will, too.

*Submitted by Adrienne Raymond 492-3578*



A Shrewsbury Saturday Night Fever



## 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         |

### **Mrs. Mike**

by Benedict Freedman

★★★★

The book that I read recently, *Mrs. Mike*, is actually a novel (fiction), but it just felt so real! A 16 year-old gal from Boston is sent to her uncle's home for rehabilitation. It is there that she and a Canadian Mounty fall in love. He takes her to his home in Alberta where they face many hardships but remain in love with each other and in love with their surroundings. --Reviewed by Fran Patten

### **Into the Abyss**

by Carol Shaben

★★★★

This IS a true story about a young pilot who is carrying three passengers in a small plane-- a politician and a detective who is handcuffed to his "perp." The plane crashes in Victoria in a blinding snow storm, and it is the perpetrator who becomes the "hero." The book is written by the politician's daughter. And, as I mentioned, this one is true. I read it at the beginning of summer so have forgotten many details, but it was a good one! --Reviewed by Fran Patten

### **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**

by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

★★★★★

This is a unique story set in WW II about how a group of neighbors in the occupied Channel Islands outwit the Germans by providing an absurd alibi after they are discovered out one night after the curfew. Their alibi is that they are members of a book club and have simply lost track of the time. Actually, they had been feasting on roast pork that they managed to purloin (pun intended) from their captors, and some of them have never even picked up a book before! They evolve into readers and become quite passionate about their books. The group is an odd assortment of neighbors that fate has thrown together. One of them discovers a name and address in a book he has found on the island and writes to the former owner, a young writer, Juliet, living in bombed-out London. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* is comprised of the

delightful correspondence between the Islanders and Juliet. It is oftentimes laugh out loud funny and always charming. A Shrewsbury friend of mine recommended this book to me several years ago, and I have finally had the good fortune of reading it. He and his wife actually travelled to this place based on the merits of this book; they were so smitten with it. I love it, too, and want to share my favorite line by Isola Pribby, a member of the Society: "Reading good books ruins you for enjoying bad books." --Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

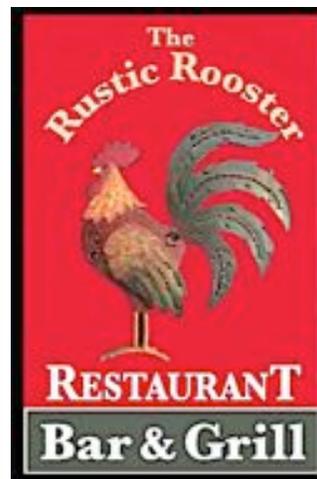
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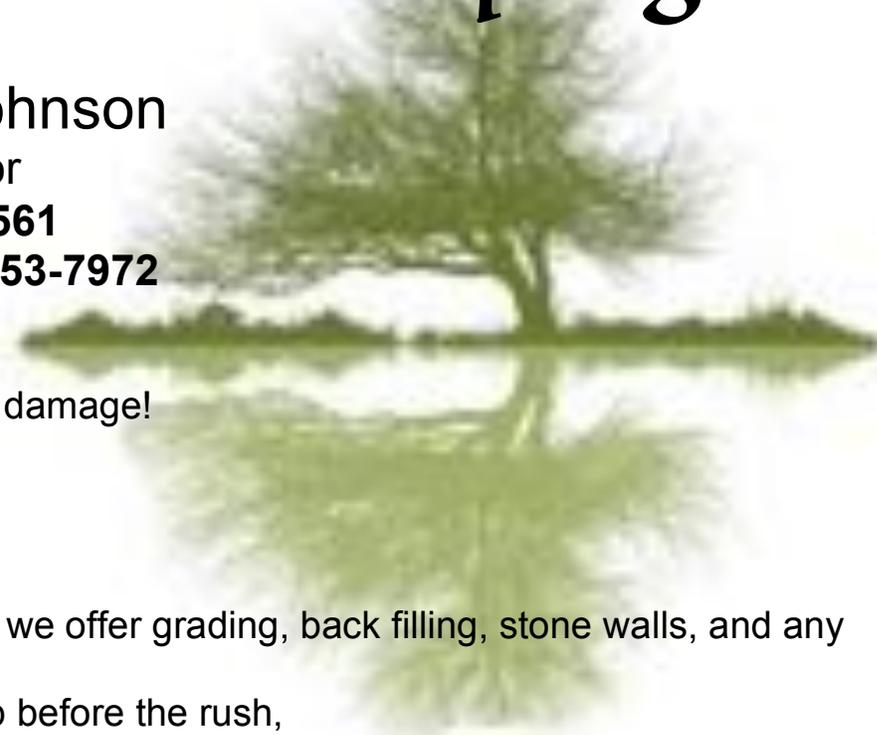
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### Hospice Volunteers needed

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse and Hospice (RAVNAH) will be holding its Spring Hospice volunteer training course at the RAVNAH offices on Albert Cree Drive, across from Rutland Regional Medical Center starting in mid-March. We are recruiting people of all ages and backgrounds for this important work with patients and their caregivers. Most of the visiting will be in patients' homes, although some patients reside in assisted living or nursing facilities

The FREE classes start on Thursday, March 17 and will be held over eight sessions through four weeks, meeting Thursdays from 4:30pm-7:30pm and Saturday mornings from 9am-Noon.

The training sessions will explore in depth the subjects of personal death awareness, planning and preparation for critical health care changes and dying, physical aspects of disease and dying, spiritual and emotional support to patients and families, cultural awareness, privacy and confidentiality when serving as a volunteer, and unique ways to assist patients with life limiting illness and disabling conditions.

To enroll in the free Hospice Volunteer Training Course or for more information about volunteer opportunities with Hospice, contact Hospice Volunteer Coordinator John Campbell at 770-1683 or by email at [jcampbell@ravnah.org](mailto:jcampbell@ravnah.org).

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### Open Mic

Tuesday Open Mic Night will take place on Tuesday, March 8, from 7:00 to 9:00pm at Wallingford Town Hall. Musicians, poets and storytellers are invited to take the stage to perform in front of an enthusiastic audience of friends and neighbors who may sing along, dance or just relax and enjoy the show. A sound system is available. Call (802) 446-2872 for more info.  
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In March the full moon is called the Worm Moon because earthworm casts appear when the temperature begins to warm and the ground begins to thaw. Sometimes it is also known as the Full Sap Moon because it marks the time of tapping maple trees.



## Rabies Clinic

Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, from 10am to Noon at the Wallingford Town Hall, All dogs must be on leashes and all cats must be in carriers.

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What you can find on the Town Website:

- *The Times of Shrewsbury*  
(Including back issues)
- **Minutes of the Selectboard Meetings**
- **Community Calendar**

If you have something to submit for the calendar, please call (492-3511) or email Mark Goodwin at the Town Office.

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

## Friday Night Dinners @ Pierce's Store

Mac & Cheese and Lasagna meals are available from about 11 a.m. each Friday until they are gone. Occasionally, Rob will make Baked Ziti instead of the planned item.

**March 4:** Rob's Mac & Cheese

**March 25:** Rob's Lasagna

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

**March 11:** TBD

**March 25:** Marc Cimonetti will prepare Maple/Mustard seasoned Copperas Hill Farm Chicken over vegetable brown rice.

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

**492-3326**

if you are interested in making a meal, please contact either Heather Shay at 492-2284 or Sally Deinzer at the store,

### Wine Tasting at Pierce's



Join us for a wine tasting at Pierce's Store Friday March 11, from 5pm to 7pm. We'll be sampling good value Italian wines made from the Sangiovese grape. Sangiovese, the key ingredient of Tuscan Chianti, derives its name from the Latin *sanguis Jovis*, "the blood of Jove." Young Sangiovese has fresh fruity flavors of strawberry and a little spiciness, but it readily takes on oaky flavors when aged





## NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

Sally Deinzer, Manager

**Rob will be on vacation** from March 10<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. While he is gone we will provide alternate baked goods from a couple of sources. Soups will continue since Rob is making extras that we'll store in the freezer. There will also be pizzas and other regular weekly hot crockpot meals available for at least a part of the time he's away.

Details on what's available will be posted at the store and sent to our mailing lists on a regular basis. You can always phone the store at 492-3326 or email to pierces.store@gmail.com if you have questions.

This vacation period will help us prepare for May, by which time Rob will be spending an additional day in his garden. He has asked to cut his hours back so he only works five days rather than six in the store. He says that this will be the beginning of his ultimate retirement from the store, which he thinks will stretch out for a while.

As I write this, most of us are still struggling to understand the tragedy that took our Donna Marzilli from us early in the week. It makes no sense at all. We have identified a few ways that might help.

~ At the store, we've set out an old milk pitcher to collect your change or other donations. This money will be used to fund a memorial in the spring. Tentative plans are to have a community-wide gathering in May. We may also create a special space outside the store in her memory.

~ Also at the store is information on making a donation in Donna's name to the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter (PO Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702). Be sure to include Donna's name on your check.

~ Finally, plans are underway for a Shrewsbury Memorial Service to be held in May. More information will be made available as things are finalized.

**Pierce's Store is now a member of the in-town buying club** and as such has access to the UNFI catalog. This is an amazing resource for organic and natural products. I will be slowly adding a few products from this source to our shelves. But the greater benefit is to those of you who want to preorder items at a discount from the price I would have to charge if I put in on our shelves. Some items recently ordered include gluten free flours, Bob's Red Mill cereals, and Kevita drinks.

Each month UNFI offers some super discounted items. For March, these include frozen fruits and vegetables, Silk almond milk, Annie's dressings, Jovial organic tomato products and Jason shampoos and conditioners.

Let me know if you are interested in any of these or any other specific items. I'll get you pricing and detailed information. Orders go in once a month so contact me early if you're interested.

*Here's the **anticipated** menu for March.* 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 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

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Creole lentil     | 1, 10, 19, 28 |
| French Vegetable  | 2, 20         |
| Cream of mushroom | 3, 12, 21, 30 |
| Potato leek       | 4, 13, 22, 31 |
| Split pea         | 5, 14, 23     |
| Minestrone        | 6, 15, 24     |
| Butternut squash  | 7, 16, 25     |
| Clam chowder      | 8, 17, 26     |
| Yucatan chicken   | 9, 18         |
| Broccoli cheddar  | 11, 29        |
| Chicken Gumbo     | 27            |

### Regular hot meals in the crockpot:

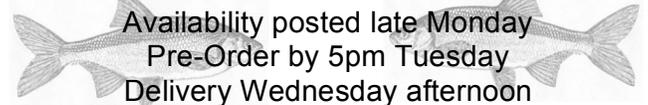
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| Monday   | Chili con Carne (Smith Maple Crest Farm beef)  |
| Tuesday  | Chicken Stew                                   |
| Thursday | Pulled Pork Sandwiches on Rob's home-made buns |

### Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties

|      |                                                                |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/2  | Italian sausage with sweet peppers                             |
| 3/9  | Marinara sauce, kalamata olives, feta cheese, and mozzarella   |
| 3/30 | Butternut squash, caramelized onions, gorgonzola, & mozzarella |

### Pierce's Store Seafood Pre-Orders

Availability posted late Monday  
Pre-Order by 5pm Tuesday  
Delivery Wednesday afternoon



### Saturday Morning at Pierce's: Vermont Croissants



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